



Crofton

Residents Association

Welcome to the Summer 2026 edition of the CRA newsletter

Crofton Residents Golf Day 2026



The CRA Golf Day was enjoyed by just 10 of us. The day was well organised and we were looked after very well by the staff at High Elms Golf Club.

Our chairman Chris Ford attended the breakfast prior to tee-off to present Ted Fenwick with a tankard, recognising his 30 years on the committee.

The course was difficult due to the current spell of very hot weather. Fairways were hard and dry, but the greens were in good condition.

Following the golf and lunch prizes were presented:

- 'Nearest the pin' prize on the 16th green went to **John Greeves**.
- Team prize was won by **Colin Goodwin, John Dorling and Michael Dower** with a combined score of 86 points, second place was **Chris Mullender, John Greeves and Malcolm Stephenson** with a total score of 82 points.
- The main competition for CRA's Champion Golfer of the Year was won by **Ash Jeraz** scoring 33 points, runner up was **Michael Dower** and third was **Malcolm Stephenson**. Our congratulations go to all three of them.

The CRA golf competition is open to golfers of golfing abilities; it's competitive but also a fun day, meeting old and making some new friends.

No one should be deterred from participating; hopefully next year we can get out a bigger field, come along and get involved.

Thank you to everyone who supported this year's event making the day the success it was and played in a great spirit.

Ted Fenwick

Chairman's Letter

Dear Residents, welcome to your Summer 2026 Newsletter which we hope you enjoy.

Our AGM in April was well attended, and we are grateful to those that joined us and participated. I hope it provided an opportunity to learn more about the CRA team and the work we undertake on your behalf.

We were privileged to be joined by our local MP Gareth Bacon, our GLA representative, Mr Thomas Turrell, our retiring Councillor, Robert Evans and the Farnborough and Crofton Police Team.

The minutes of the AGM can be found here:

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My fellow committee members provided me with reports on their activities which are contained in the AGM minutes, and I hope you will enjoy reading about the work we undertake on your behalf. We welcome any feedback which helps us effectively represent your interests. Our principal activity this year was to endorse the amalgamation of the Oregon Park Residents Association with CRA which increases our community households to just over 2,700.

We have had our challenges but risen to them to represent residents' interests as best we can. The verge wilding of Crofton Road has attracted debate as has the filming on Crofton Heath. Biggin Hill operations, planning and infrastructure issues continue to be monitored and actioned when necessary.

We concluded the formal business with a presentation of a floral tribute to our retiring PCSO Julia Smith (see page 10).

I would also like to thank our Road Stewards who work very hard to deliver this Newsletter through your door. I would like to make reference to **Anne McIntyre** who has reluctantly retired due to ill health, for her sterling work in keeping the residents of Oakwood Road/Gardens and part of Crofton Road informed. We wish her well. A warm welcome to Mark Ashley and Glen Salmon who have joined the team.

We held an introductory meeting with our newly elected Councillors and have established an excellent working relationship.

If you would like to know more or can help, please get in touch at:

info@croftonra.org.uk In closing I would like to thank you as residents for supporting CRA with your contributions which is much appreciated.

Christopher Ford, Chairman.



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Dr Robert (Bob) Hadley



It is with sad regret that we inform you that our previous Chairman and President, Dr Robert Hadley passed away. We attended his funeral on the 14th May. We learnt that Bob had an adventurous spirit excelling in the sciences and sport, particularly swimming. His claim to fame was his film debut playing cricket alongside the actor Richard Attenborough in the 1948 film, *Guinea Pig*.

Bob trained as a doctor at St Bartholomew's Hospital in London where he developed his A&E skills including repairing the handy work of the infamous Cray twins. Whilst on the neurological ward at Barts, he wanted to check-up on a patient who had moved to a rehab Physio unit which is when he met his wife, Jean. It was not long before they moved to Orpington and along came 3 children.

Bob's work continued at Bart's where he developed his passion for surgery. Progressing his career, he took their young family to live in Jamaica. It was here he could perform surgery that was the domain of the senior consultants back in the NHS, including helping those with machete and gunshot wounds.

Following the passion for adventurous travel they purchased a new VW camper van, travelling around Jamaica. Bob's next job was on Vancouver Island: the van and family were shipped to Miami, then they set off with their 3 children on what Bob said would be a short drive to Vancouver, only 5000 miles!

Retirement provided Bob the opportunity to indulge his love of sailing and adventure, embarking on many courses and purchasing his beloved sailing yacht, 'Tamasis'.

Another example of Bob's determination was to install central heating with the aid of a Readers Digest Manual in hand, saying 'it's easy, it's just like the plumbing in a body'. For months, with the industrial pipe bender in the hall and lifted floorboards Jean reports her concern for the children tripping at night. No accidents happened and the heating was turned on just as summer arrived.

Many of you will remember his devotion to the CRA. As Chairman he worked tirelessly for residents, establishing and maintaining contacts with LBB, developing the filming protocol which we still rely upon today. He chaired the Bromley Residents Federation, supported residents on the Biggin Hill Consultative Committee and many peripheral committees. We send our deepest Condolences to Jean and his three children, Sarah, Claire and Andrew.

The CRA Committee.

Oregon Park Residents Association Focus



Whether you're meeting friends, having a spot of lunch or taking in some fresh air, a bench is more than piece of wood but a symbol of our community.

When our bench on the Kelvin Parade green was mysteriously removed by the council, we knew we had to take action!



A year later, we've invested our savings and worked with Bromley Council to find the most robust, sustainable and comfy bench for our neighbours to enjoy.

It was really important for us to add a plaque to celebrate Oregon Park Residents' Association and the community connection that has been building since 1937 when the very first houses on the estate were built.



As we evolve with Crofton Residents Association, we hope to welcome our new neighbours to the area and we may even catch up for a chat on the bench!

Alexandra Lewis.

High Elms Country Fair – Participation

Sunday 6th September 11am – 3pm

A country fair is planned at High Elms Country Park. They are looking for the following: Live Music Band, Childrens fairground rides, Stall holders (£15 per pitch) Archery and outdoor activities; dog agility or similar, or group demonstrations for the arena. Childrens activity stalls (e.g. face painting). Wildlife groups and charities. No food stalls. If you'd like to get involved, email: beeche@ideverde.co.uk

Station Road Yellow Box Cameras

- Don't Get Caught Out!

The Council have advised that the yellow boxes on Station Road at the junctions of Tower Road and Tubbenden Lane will soon be monitored by CCTV cameras, with fines being issued to vehicles stopping in the yellow boxes. There is an exception for vehicles turning right out of Tower Road or Tubbenden Lane if they stop to await a clear exit. Apparently, the Council carried out monitoring of these junctions for one week and observed 851 vehicles stopping in the yellow box in Station Road/Tubbenden Lane and 1,528 vehicles in Station Road/Tower Road. On the basis of those figures, it is easy to see why the Council would regard this as a lucrative source of revenue from the potential penalties. It is much less easy to see how this type of enforcement will actually improve traffic flow.



Very few vehicles actually stop in the yellow boxes in such a way as to cause an obstruction. The main cause of congestion in this area is the narrowness of the road, the positioning of the bus stops and the fact that there are three side roads, a pedestrian crossing and the station in close proximity. Nevertheless, we have been warned, so please take extra care at these junctions in future.

John Perkins

Nature Friendly Verges – Your Feedback is Needed

We are now well into the second year of the Nature Friendly Verge trial in Crofton Road (between Newstead Avenue and Crofton Avenue). There is much unsightly long grass and very few wild flowers. At the end of the year the Council will be making a decision on whether to make this a permanent Nature Friendly Verge. So far, 96 responses have been made to the Council's online questionnaire - 76 opposed the scheme, 19 were supportive and 1 was neutral. However, this is a very small proportion of Crofton residents. If you have a view on whether this scheme should continue in Crofton Road we encourage you to complete the survey at <https://uk.surveymonkey.com/r/naturefriendlyverges>.



You could also consider emailing our ward councillors whose comments will be an important consideration on whether or not the scheme will continue.

Friends of Tugmutton Common

inc. Farnborough Recreation Ground

How the year is rushing on; it appears to go more quickly which is obviously a sign that we are getting older! Although we all look forward to the sunshine and heat, the current heat wave being experienced appears to be too much for most people. Hopefully the forecast is for a more acceptable temperature to enable us to be more comfortable.

Thanks to the efforts of our committee member, Elizabeth Thornton, the grass areas beyond the cricket outfield are now being cut more frequently, in line with the schedule agreed with idverde for the cricket club. This will enable the park users to be able to use these areas straight after the first cuts in future without there being a lot of residual grass cuttings which have been experienced in the past.

Unfortunately, the little seesaw has been condemned due to the cost of any repairs. We have been advised that the item will not be replaced as the Council budget for this year has been exhausted. We have approached LBB and suggested that a provision for a replacement be written into next year's budget as the seesaw was very popular with the toddlers, bearing in mind that the items available for them are very limited. We will obviously pursue this matter to reach a satisfactory conclusion that enables our youngsters to enjoy the facility again.

On a more positive note, we have asked for costings on a proposal to install a basketball hoop, with a hard standing area, positioned between the overflow car park and the playground. This would be suitable for older children to hone their basketball/netball skills whilst still being within sight of their parents/family.

Regarding the drainage ditches, further to our last report we had a site meeting with idverde in May and it was agreed that something needed to be done but, as the situation had been left for so long, it would need to be addressed in three stages. A plan was to be drawn up to ensure that any work was done in time to ensure that the ditches were functioning before the bad winter weather arrived. We have chased up the production of this plan, pointing out that the condition of the ditches is now also dangerous to children or residents with sight problems as it is difficult to identify where the ditches are in some places. We will keep pressing to resolve this situation.

Also, thanks to our group member Richard Bush, the notice boards are being repaired and will once again be fit for purpose.

Once again, a big "Thank you" to all our volunteers.
Do hope everyone enjoys the rest of the summer.



Mike Titheridge, Chairman Friends of Tugmutton

Contact us via email: tugmuttonfriends@yahoo.co.uk

The Walnuts Sports Centre

The £17m transformation of the Walnuts Leisure Centre has now been completed. After promising to reopen in Spring 2026, doors were finally opened on 2nd July.



The Walnuts budget was supported by £3.4m from the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme, £296k grant from Sport England, and £125k from the London Marathon Foundation.

Activities and classes will be available to book in the usual way via Mytime Active, the borough’s longstanding leisure provider.

A new competition-length swimming pool and training pool, new reception and café areas, refreshed and newly marked sports hall, a children’s splash wall for more family fun, new sauna and steam room, for a relaxing post-workout, expanded two-level gym, complete with a functional training area and brand-new fitness equipment, state-of-the-art EGYM smart strength training equipment, allowing adjustable workouts and supporting rehabilitation and completely new heating system to ensure reduced running costs.

Membership Type	Price per month
Adult Leisure Membership	£52.50
Primetime (67+) Membership	No price listed
Junior Membership (0-10)	No price listed
Junior Membership (11-15)	£28
Health Membership	No price listed
Student Membership (16+)	No price listed
Adult Leisure & Golf Membership	£98.25
Young Adult (16-21)	£48.75
Under 30s Membership	£55.25
Adult Golf Membership (5-day)	From £82
Gym-Only (Birmingham)	From £33.25
Free Registration (Pay & Play)	£0 (no monthly fee)

[Walnuts2026](#) | [Mytime Active](#)

John Greeves

Park User Satisfaction Survey

A survey you may wish to consider completing is the Bromley Park User Satisfaction Survey see: <https://www.bromley.gov.uk/ParkUserSurvey>.

This survey is open until 4 September 2026.

Biggin Hill Airport Update

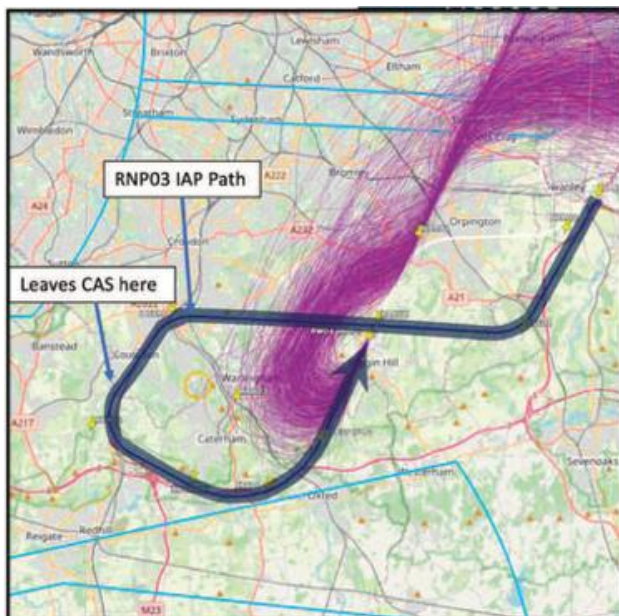
At the CRA AGM I reported on the new Aircraft inbound route.

The graphic below shows the existing Instrument Landing System approach in mauve with the new R03 RNP approach in blue.

The latter is still in the trial phase, and I would like residents to appreciate that the uptake is limited due to the process of training Pilots and Operators. Many residents were hopeful that this summer we would see the benefit in our outside spaces but unfortunately the assessment is ongoing.

What I can report is that the trial has entered Phase C which exists from the 30th April to the 14th October, following this the airport are required to issue their report by the 11th December.

The CAA will then reach a decision whether to approve the R03 RNP, there is no date for this, but I suspect in early 2027 so fingers crossed we get some respite next Summer.



Christopher Ford

Scottish Dancing in Orpington

Beginners Class starts Monday 14th September, Mondays 8-9.30pm

Venue: Petts Wood War Memorial Hall. £10 per session

No partner needed, for more information and to reserve your place contact:

Ginny: 07751303610



Come along, give it a try, you'll be welcome!
For further information visit our website:

<http://www.orpingtonscottishdancing.com/>



Friends of Crofton and Sparrow Woods (FoCSW)



Crofton Woods Summer Walk

Saturday 22 August 2026 2pm

**Meet: Petts Wood Recreation Ground car park,
off Eynsford Close, BR5 1DP**

Free & suitable for all ages.

A stroll through the woods identifying trees, birds and wildlife.

Support your local wild space!



Other news:

It is a first for Crofton Woods! Jane led the Bromley [RSPB Bromley Local Group](#) on a walk around Crofton and Sparrow Woods Thursday 16th July and thanks to all the extra eyes we found the first Brownstreak Butterfly ever seen in the area. It was on a Blackthorn twig which is where eggs are laid and their caterpillars feed. It looked to be newly emerged. It made our day! On Sunday 5th July a juvenile Tawny Owl was spotted in Sparrow Wood, testing out its calling abilities.

We also have an installation date for the sundial, which is planned for 21st September.



Brown Hairstreak butterfly

Jane Andrews

Chair, Friends of Crofton & Sparrow Woods.

Website: www.friendsofcroftonandsparrowwoods.com

Safer Neighbourhood Team

Met Engage platform:

<https://www.metengage.co.uk/>

Farnborough&Crofton@contact.metengage.co.uk



Ward activity for the past 3 months:

Continued targeting of prolific shoplifters on the ward. We have had 10+ charges on 2 males who had stolen close to a thousand pounds worth of goods.

At our AGM our chairman Christopher Ford, presented Julia Smith with a floral tribute in recognition for her many years (16) of service to Farnborough and Crofton as our beloved PCSO and dedicated Ward Officer.

Julia was always on hand to provide friendly advice, whether formally or informally. Nothing was too much trouble and she was always willing to help to provide excellent social and neighbourhood policing.

She will be missed, and we are pleased that PCSO Michael Harden has joined to continue her good work.



Crimes reported across the Farnborough and Crofton Ward:

Theft of motor vehicle, from a car park in Crofton Road - Result vehicle found.
Theft of Motor vehicle in Ladycroft Way - result lines of search.
Theft from motor vehicle, in Crofton Road vehicle unlocked mobile phone taken.
Theft from motor vehicle catalytic converter taken.
Theft from motor vehicle in Southfleet Road number plates taken.
Theft from motor vehicle in Lovibonds Avenue number plates taken.
Theft from motor vehicle in Farnborough Hill number plates taken.
Theft from motor vehicle in Green Parks Oxleas Trust Disabled badge taken.
Shoplifting from Sainsburys, Locks Bottom & The Co-op, Cresnet Way.

Anti-social Behaviour- (Electric scooters and bikes) locations:

Starts Close, Farnborough Rec, Mada Road and Poplar Avenue.

Remember all this information covers the whole ward.

Crime in the Crofton area is quite low.

Do consider joining your roads' Neighbourhood Watch group.

Inspector:	Stuart Baker
Sergeant:	Alice Hammick-Smith
Constables:	Shannon Pews
	Ben Cross
	Michael Harden

Our New Ward Councillors

We are delighted to have the opportunity to introduce ourselves as your new ward councillors and share a few words with members of the Crofton Residents Association.

First and foremost, we would like to thank you for your support, engagement, and commitment to our local community and to us throughout our campaign.

As your Farnborough & Crofton Councillors, we are committed to maintaining open and transparent communication with the residents and listening and acting on your concerns. We believe strong relationships between us and our ward residents are essential to protecting and enhancing the area as you are our eyes and ears. Each of us brings experience and dedication to our roles as councillors.



Angela Page has been a dedicated and experienced councillor since 2014. Angela sits on the Council's Executive as the Portfolio Holder for Public Protection and Enforcement, a role that she has been successfully carrying out since May 2021 and continues to do so.

Andy Dourmough before becoming your councillor, served as a councillor since 2014 in another borough and is now delighted to be serving the residents of Bromley. He currently sits as Chairman in Audit and Risk Management Scrutiny Committee and is also a member of the Development Control Committee, Plans sub-committee, Rights of Way Committee and Executive, Resources and Contracts Policy Scrutiny Committee.

Sheri Isa has experience as Co-Chair of her own residents' association, she understands representing local people, protecting neighbourhood interests, and strengthening community ties. She currently is a member of the Renewal, Recreation and Housing Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee, Development Control Committee, Plans sub-committee and General Purposes and Licensing Committee.

We look forward to a close working relationship with the Association and with residents across the ward to keep our area a wonderful place to live. Please do not hesitate to contact us if there are issues you would like to raise or ways in which we can help.

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Andy.dourmough@bromley.gov.uk

Sheri.isa@bromley.gov.uk

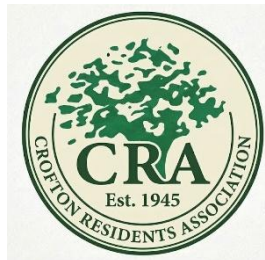
Have you supported the CRA this year?

The CRA subs remains at **£1** per house and
donations are always welcome.

Sort code: 20-14-33 Account number: 80302848

Account name: Crofton Residents Association

Ref: <your house number and Road>



Thank you!

Chairman: Chris Ford **6 Morley Close** 07905831499
Treasurer: Don Benjamin **8 Broughton Road** 850259
Secretary: Mike Lawson **85 Crofton Road**

Committee members: Ted Fenwick, John Greeves, John Perkins,
Steve Skinner, Peter Bridges, Alexandra Lewis.

Road Stewards

Alex Birks Agnew	12 St Thomas Drive	Nick / Betty	2 Orchard Green
Christine / Ron Bell	23 Drayton Avenue	Jennie Moreton	190 Crofton Road
Sheila Bristow	10 Hilltop Gardens	Christine McNamara	18 Clareville Road
Charles Castle	8 Highwood Close	Chris Mullender	3 Haverthwaite Rd
Isobel Clowes	22 The Ridge	Zdenka Pazderova	2 Broughton Road
Naomi Colwell	5 Monks Way	Jackie Pile	279 Crofton Road
Ray / Helen Cullern	20 Poplar Avenue	Jane/Adam Simons	37 Burlington Cl
Terry Easton	3 Newstead Avenue	Steve Skinner	59 Grange Road
Geoff Evans	28 Lansdowne Av	Jean Smith	85 The Ridge
Chris Ford	6 Morley Close	Julija Jurca	11 Stables End
Mark Ashley	Mayfield, Oakwood G	Mo / Chris Sparks	11 Munnery Way
John Greeves	16 Fairbank Av	Andy Steadman	51 Gumping Road
Ann/Brian Henderson	2 Lovibonds Av	Simon Stewart	29 Crofton Lane
Fang Li	10 Crofton Av	Kim/Keith Austin	68 Grasmere Gdns
Anthony Louis	21 Rose Dale	Allan / Clare	101 Crofton Av
Sandra Watts	7 Romany Rise	Mike Lawson	85 Crofton Road
Dave Baldwin	20 Newstead Avenue	Glenn Salmon	16a Mada Road

**Please reach out to your Road Steward,
or The Committee via phone numbers above
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