# Crowthorne Parish Neighbourhood Action Group

**Tuesday 27 October 2026, 7pm**
**The Morgan Centre**
**Wellington Road**
**Crowthorne**
**RG45 7LD**

(car parking at Morgan Recreation Ground, Lower Broadmoor Road RG45 7LA)

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## AGENDA FOR MEETING

1. Apologies for Absence.

2. Election of Chair and Vice Chair for the CPNAG meeting.

3. Approval of minutes of Crowthorne Community NAG meeting held on 9 April 2026.

4. Matters arising from the minutes of 9 April 2026 (if not covered by reports submitted for the meeting today).

5. Matters of concern raised before the NAG meeting.

6. Reports (verbal at the meeting, or written reports circulated in advance):
   a) The Wayz - update on youth activities.
   b) Bracknell Forest Council – please see Community Safety Partnership Newsletter.
   c) Crowthorne Parish Council.
   d) Crowthorne Neighbourhood Police Teams - no queries were pre-submitted.

7. TRL redevelopment - review of consultation proposals submitted by Dandara.

8. Crowthorne Neighbourhood Plan - update on progress of review.

9. Matters of concern raised at the meeting.

10. Date of next meeting – to be confirmed.

**Crowthorne Parish Neighbourhood Action Group (CPNAG) notes**

Meeting held on Thursday 9 April 2026 at 7pm at the Morgan Centre

| Attendee | Organisation |
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| Cllr Tina McKenzie-Boyle | CPC/BFC (Chair) |
| Cllr Peter Wood | CPC |
| Cllr Gail Robertson | CPC |
| Cllr Dr Nicholas Robertson | CPC/BFC |
| Cllr Simon Butterworth | CPC |
| Kimberley Borland | Local resident |
| John Lindsay | CVAG |
| Lesley Foxwell | WWPC |
| PC Tim Crossman | TVP |
| Jacqueline Allen | Local Resident |
| Cllr Jeff Allen | CPC |
| David Lewis | Local Resident |
| Tricia Norris | Bucklers Park Residents Association |
| PCSO Ann-Marie Kennedy | TVP |
| PSCO Genevieve Richards | TVP |
| PC Zoe Zaremba | TVP |
| Linda Kilvert | Crowthorne Carnival |
| Mark Tims | Crowthorne Carnival |
| Sheila Tims | Crowthorne Carnival |
| Rukhsar Fayyaz | Local Business Owner |
| Michael Costello-Jones | Local Resident |
| Cllr Guy Gillbe | BFC |
| Viv Russell | Local Resident |
| Simon Forster | Local Resident |
| Peter Swallow MP | Local MP |
| Chloe Smith | Constituency Support Officer |
| Mel Saville | CPC Clerk/Administrator to the NAG |

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from:-
Cllr Bob Wade CPC
Cllr Tina Eberle CPC/BFC
Cllr Elizabeth Storm CPC
Cllr Jannet Rogers WWPC
Simon Sever – Resident
Phil Hart – Men's Shed
Barry Bailey – Churches Together Crowthorne
Andy Holley – CVAG
Anne Ireland - Resident
Carole Doran CVAG

2. Election of Chair and Vice Chair of Crowthorne Parish Neighbourhood Action Group

Cllr Tina McKenzie-Boyle was proposed, seconded and duly elected as Chair of the Crowthorne Parish NAG.

Cllr Simon Butterworth was proposed, seconded and duly elected as Vice Chair of the Crowthorne Parish NAG.

3. Approval of the final set of notes of the Crowthorne Community NAG meeting held on 15 September 2025

Minutes of the meeting held on 15 September 2025 were agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.

4. Matters arising from notes of 15 September 2025 meeting (only those items not covered by reports or agenda items today are covered here)

i. St John's Street – Highways Safety (obstruction to visibility splay and dangerous parking)

The resident that has continued to press for these works phoned the Administrator to the NAG to report that following the intervention by CPC/BFC Cllr Dr N Roberston, Abri have agreed to place a felled tree around the grassy area to prevent vehicles parking. The owner of the flats has also agreed to undertake regular maintenance work on the hedge – a watching brief will be kept as such assurances have not resulted in action previously. The resident thanked CPC, Cllr Dr Robertson and Cllr McKenzie-Boyle for their continued help to resolve this matter.

5. Reports from stakeholders

**a) The Wayz**

The Wayz Youth Service had pre-submitted a written report which is contained in the appendix to these notes.

The Administrator updated the NAG that there have again been issues with young people digging bike jumps at Circle Hill. The Wayz have been out to the woods to speak with the youths who are advocating for a pump track to be built in the area. CPC is committed to delivering such a scheme and has submitted a formal expression of interest to BFC and CALA Homes indicating that it would like to acquire the recreation land at Buckler's Park on phase 5C and instal a pump track and 5 aside kick about area there.

Cllr Allen also mentioned that a bike track has been built by young people at Buckler's park and a boy had come off his bike and sustained an injury in that location.

The Wayz are hoping to coordinate a cycle event at Swinley Bike Hub in the May half term week to draw young people to purpose-built bike areas and prevent them from digging and building jumps in woodland.

Cllr Tina McKenzie-Boyle thanked TVP and BFC for their prompt intervention to deal with bike jumps that had been built at Chaucer Woods recently.

**b) Bracknell Forest Borough Council**

Community Safety Partnership

BFC's Community Safety Service had pre-submitted a written newsletter which is contained in the appendix to these notes.

**c) Crowthorne Parish Council Team**

The report from CPC had been circulated ahead of the meeting. The additional information shared and discussed at the meeting is shown in green font below:

**Road Safety**

Crowthorne Parish Council (CPC) consolidated several road safety and highways matters that were ongoing into one document which was submitted to Bracknell Forest Council for review and follow up in November 2025 – see below. CPC's queries/concerns are in black font and BFC's response is in blue font:

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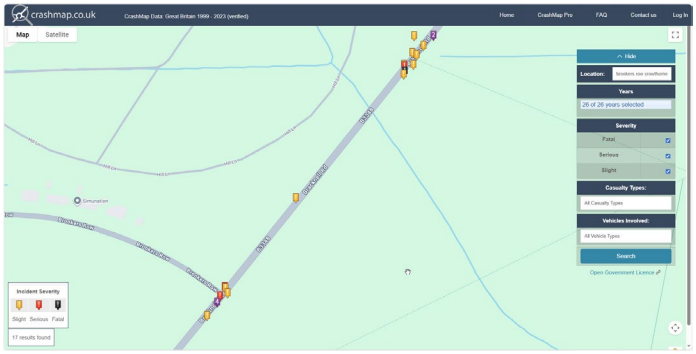
**Bracknell Road:**

- **Bracknell Road speed limit.**
  Bracknell Road is currently speed derestricted from about 200yds after the Dive roundabout.
  The Brookers Row junction is in this section. The right hand turn into Bracknell Road when travelling towards Crowthorne is often used by vehicles on Bracknell Road as a short cut to Old Wokingham Road avoiding the Dive Roundabout congestion. Consequently, stationary vehicles waiting for the turn are in the path of cars potentially travelling at 50mph or more. There has been a fatal crash and numerous serious accidents on this stretch of road as a result.




Recommendation

Reduce the speed limit on Bracknell Road to 40mph.

This length of highway has been discussed with CPC previously and agreed to be included within a future capital work programme as a speed management scheme. I am pleased to report that a Speed Management scheme for Bracknell Road has very recently been approved for the 2026/27 capital works programme.

Our data shows that the 85th percentile speeds south of Brookers Row on Bracknell Road are suitable for a 40mph limit (42.4mph), it should be noted that the first part of this length is already signed as a 30mph limit. North of the junction with Brookers Row the speeds are over 50mph and not suitable for a 40mph limit. TVP would not support a 40mph limit on this part of the road. We are therefore considering a 50mph limit for the northern most section and a 40mph limit between the exiting 30 limit and the northern section.

- **Speed restriction approaching Dive roundabout.**
  The current 30mph speed limit on Bracknell Road starts about 200 yds north of the Dive Roundabout. This should be extended further towards Bracknell Road and more clearly marked.

The 30mph speed limit is signed in accordance with the Traffic Signs Regulations and

General Directions, However, all the speed limit signing will be reviewed as part of the Bracknell Road speed management scheme mentioned above.

**Dive Roundabout:**

- Pedestrian crossing to island.
  BFC have proposed increasing the size of the island to the south of the roundabout to improve pedestrian safety. See Safer Routes (SRTS) to School.
  Comments to SRTS are below. However, this pedestrian island widening is programmed to commence construction on 13th April 2026

- Speed restriction to and from the Prince roundabout.

It is assumed that is a request for a speed restriction on Bracknell Road between the dive roundabout and the Junction with the High Street. The speed limit is already 30mph and this is generally respected. The 85th percentile speeds are 28.2mph.

- Garage. A significant contribution to pollution is caused by vehicles travelling north waiting to turn right into the BP garage, resulting in queuing behind.

There is no room within the highway for a right hand turn lane and a “no right turn” prohibition would not be able to be enforced. TVP would object based on the idea relying solely upon TVP enforcement.

**Prince roundabout and area surrounding**

- **Air pollution:**
  Crowthorne has the distinction of having the only red pollution area in Bracknell. It extends from the Prince roundabout to the BP garage and includes the High Street.

  The root cause is the amount of traffic congestion at this location. There are numerous contributory factors including the location of the bus stop, poor traffic flow around the roundabout, a complex layout of road junctions and queuing caused by traffic backing up in the High Street.
  The following proposals all impact this issue in one way or another.
- **Bus stop:**
  The current location of the north bound bus stop immediately after the roundabout creates queuing in all directions when stopping to pick up passengers. This leads to air pollution from the stationary traffic.
  The bus stop could be moved onto the High St but would just displace the congestion, albeit the traffic could still flow around the roundabout.

BFC designed a possible solution for the High Street junction which could incorporate relocating this bus stop. This scheme has been shared with CPC. CPC made comment on the 5th June 2025 and responses to these comments were sent to CPC on the 1st of August 2025. They were again sent to the projects@crowthorne email address on the 21st of August 2025.

- **Pedestrian crossing**:
  There is no pedestrian crossing between Pinewood Ave and the Roundabout. However, school children from the Pinehill area necessarily have to cross this busy set of intersections to get to the western side of the High St en-route to Edgbarrow. Introducing a Zebra crossing would be difficult to locate with good sight lines.
  BFC do not believe it is possible to locate a controlled crossing, either a zebra or signalised crossing within the existing road layout between the high street and Pinewood Avenue The vast majority of the southern kerb line is the junction with Upper Broadmore Road. There is no room between Upper Broadmoor Road and the High Street roundabout for a crossing as it would be directly on the roundabout give way line causing confusion and congestion on the roundabout itself, (not room for a single vehicle to exit the roundabout and wait at the stop line. Similarly there is insufficient room for a controlled crossing between Upper Broadmoor Road and Pinewood Avenue. Whilst there is an uncontrolled dropped kerb crossing which allows pedestrians to cross when it is safe to do so, a controlled crossing is too close to the junction to accommodate a right turning vehicle to exit Pinewood Avenue and stop safely squared up safely at a stop line.
  It is not possible to locate a crossing between Pinehill and the Dive roundabout due to limited forward visibility caused by the crest in the road.
- **Upper Broadmoor Road**:
  Request from school and Crowthorne Parish Council for double yellow lines, parking restrictions and speed limit reduction (20mph) in the vicinity of Hurst Lodge School.
  Regarding waiting restrictions – this a planning obligation for Hurst Lodge School. The proposal for double yellow lines is currently shared with local members and a statutory consultation is expected to follow by the end of April. This consultation has been shared with the Parish Council by Cllr. Tina McKenzie-Boyle and comments received.
  The Council has no plans to introduce a 20mph speed limit on Upper Broadmoor Road at present. Our current mandate of installing 20mph speed limits outside borough schools is primarily aimed at improving road safety for school related pedestrians and cyclists whilst also aiming to increase the journeys made by these travel types. It is our understanding that this is a fee-paying school aimed at SEND pupils who will be arriving via car or bus and there is to be a dedicated drop off / pick up within the school grounds. Therefore, a 20mph limit in this location would have little impact on pupils, parents or staff.

  CPC's Cllr Storm has reviewed the latest TRO proposals from BFC and is concerned that the 18 metre stretch of road which BFC propose is left available for parking/dropping off by the school is in the most dangerous spot where families already put out traffic cones asking the public not to park due to inherent danger and visibility.

  Cllr Allen stated that both CPC and the Principal from the school had requested that the road by the school is made a 20MPH zone in common with other schools. BFC stated it is not in support of this as the school is a SEND school where children are dropped off on the site, however the road in that location is a route to school (Wildmoor Heath and Edgbarrow) for other children not attending the school, many of whom need to cross in this location, so should be made safe.

Cllr Gillbe asked CPC to CC him into any correspondence with BFC about this issue.

- **Widening of entry to and from High Street:**
  The Bracknell Road entry to the roundabout is already two lanes. However, the lanes are narrow and only extend back a short distance. In practice therefore the entry is effectively a single lane.
  BFC offered a solution involving widening the road at this point by removing some of the pavement by the Millenium Garden.
  Widening of entry to Dukes Ride. BFC also offered a solution involving widening the road at this point by removing some of the pavement by the Millenium garden and outside the Prince.
  As above - BFC designed a possible solution for the High Street junction which could incorporate relocating this bus stop. This scheme has been shared with CPC. CPC made comment on the 5th June 2025 and responses to these comments were sent to CPC on the 1st of August 2025. They were again sent to the projects@crowthorne email address on the 21st of August 2025.

**High Street**

- **Road markings:**
  The High Street is 20mph and speed is controlled to some extent by speed humps. However, at both ends of the road the speed signs are not in the drivers' natural sight lines.
  At the Prince end, the drivers' attention is immediately attracted to the zebra crossing and not to the speed sign on a post to the left of the pavement.
  Email below sent to CPC in June 2025. Further to an email sent in 2024.
  *"Thank you for your request regarding the installation of 20mph speed limit roundels at both ends of High Street. I recall we discussed these back in May 2024 and we gave the Parish Council a cost of approximately £1200 for their installation. At the time CPC decided not to fund these road marking and instead requested the Council Highways team consider them as part of a capital work programme.*

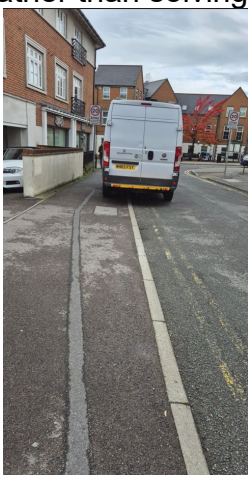
  *Whilst we appreciate your reasons for requesting the road markings, we would state that the existing 20mph signs are clearly visible and the existing speed humps are keeping average vehicle speeds well under the 20 limit (based on speed data). Furthermore, CPC itself said in May when deciding not to fund the roundels " CPC does not wish to contribute to the scheme as there are existing 20mph speed signs on posts which it trusts meet the basis requirement for informing drivers of the speed limit on Crowthorne High Street and the section of Dukes Ride in the environs of the Crowthorne C of E School"*

  *In view of this we would find it difficult to justify the expenditure on installing these road markings and as such no provision was made for their installation in our current years works programme. However, as discussed previously, should the Parish Council wish to fund the installation of the markings then we would be willing to facilitate this through our term contractors. This would be for the same price as quoted previously of £1,200."*

  A similar situation applies at the Fire station end. Here traffic exiting Church Street, which is 30mph cannot see the speed sign high up on the passenger side when turning into the High St.
  It has been proposed that 20mph roundels are placed on the High Street road surface at both ends.
  See above
  Also, the 85th percentile speed along the High Street is recorded as 18.8 mph. Therefore, the 20mph zone is being managed by the road humps and road

environment. Relocation of signs and / or speed roundels will not have an effect of vehicle speeds as they are already very low.

- **Bus stop**:
  The southbound bus stop is located on the High St, about 100yds south of the Prince roundabout. This causes traffic backup, but probably no worse than delivery vehicles.
  Noted as a comment but it sounds like it is accepted that it is needed. Also, it must only be for short periods of time.
- **Double yellow lines enforcement:**
  Illegal parking on double yellow lines on both the High Street and adjacent side roads has become worse recently and there is a lack of enforcement. Installing pavement edge Plymouth style bollards has been ineffective at discouraging parking in the approach to the High Street from side roads such as Wellington Road, cars simply park on the other side of the road or further along the road thereby displacing rather than solving the problem.



We have reported this to the enforcement team.

**Church Street/Waterloo Road**

- Crossing by Church Rd West and Waterloo Road to ensure a safe crossing point for children/parents on route to school.

This is the first time this has been brought to our attention. We would therefore request additional information. Where are the children travelling to and from, how many, preferred crossing location and any other information that may be useful.

**Safer Routes to School**

The following schemes are being proposed around Edgbarrow School

- **Pinehill Road**
  A new 20mph speed limit along Pinehill Road and Grant Road. It has been suggested this be extended to include Lower Broadmoor Road as far as the pedestrian crossing.

  The recorded 85th percentile speeds in Lower Broadmoor Road are 25.4mph. This is above 24mph and so too high for a 20mph limit to be implemented without further engineering measures. If we were to propose this TVP would object. Furthermore, Lower Broadmoor Road is not connected to the current proposal as both Addiscombe Road and Gordon Road are private and so cannot be included within the Order.
  At the time of receiving these comments, The 20mph limit around the school had already been advertised and comments / objections received. It is not possible to add restrictions to a proposed Traffic Order without starting the statutory process again to afford others the opportunity to comment. The order has now been approved by the cabinet member.

- **Dukes Ride**
  A new signalised crossing on Dukes Ride near to Wellington College entrance.
  This scheme is designed and programme for construction

- **Dive Roundabout**
  Improved pedestrian crossing facility at the Bracknell Road (Dive) roundabout. See above

  This scheme is designed and programmed for construction.

  CPC has also requested records of parking enforcement activity in the High Street and surrounding roads due to ongoing concerns about dangerous/illegal car parking on the double yellow lines on the side roads which present hazards for people on the pavements trying to squeeze between buildings and cars, and to long vehicles such as delivery lorries that are mounting the pavement to pass parked vehicles. Unfortunately due to 'observations times' that are required before Traffic Enforcement Officer are able to issue a ticket, by which time drivers have often spotted the 'Warden' and moved their vehicle to avoid a ticket, a vast majority of tickets issued are in the allocated car parks in the village where drivers have over-stayed free parking times.

**Anti-Social Behaviour**

- Reports of anti-social behaviour (ASB) at the Morgan Rec. remain low. There has been one incident of a smashed alcohol bottle beneath play equipment.
- There has been a social media report of a car being 'egged' in the Bracknell Forest Council parking bays on Lower Broadmoor Road. A CPC staff member was also 'egged' whilst undertaking litter picking duties on the High Street. The Neighbourhood Team have been informed.
- CPC has indicated that it will participate in the Vehicle ASB Task and Finish Group which the Community Safety Partnership is organising.
- Issues with bike and ramp 'digging' in Chaucer Woods was reported to BFC Rangers earlier in the spring and were followed up and resolved quickly.
- Issues with bike jump digging and nos drug use/balloons was found at Circle Hill Woods on 1 April 2026 and reported to Police.
- CPC continues to work with the Community Safety Partnership to monitor and respond to ASB in parks and open spaces.

**Policing – Neighbourhood Policing (see separate report from TVP)**

- PCSO Ann Marie Kennedy regularly visits CPC Parish Office when on shift, providing valuable liaison between CPC/community and TVP.

**Youth Work – The Wayz Detached Youth Service**

- The Wayz have offered to attend all Summer of Fun events across BFC and continue their regular detached youth work in Crowthorne.
- Funding for the 2026/27 financial year for detached youth services commissioned from the Wayz has been sourced from Crowthorne Educational Charity, Crowthorne Trust (Wellington College), Wokingham Without Parish Council and CPC.
- The Wayz continue to provide an invaluable service in the village and are happy to visit areas where there are emerging ASB problems. Although not possible to prove

'cause and effect', there have been less reported cases of ASB in the village parks and open spaces, year on year, since The Wayz have been undertaking detached visits.

**Public Transport Improvements**

- Maintenance work to Crowthorne station is due June/July 2026 following lobbying of the Arch Company, who are legally responsible for the building, by Crowthorne Parish Council and various community representatives and stakeholders.
  Cllr Wood explained that the works relate to windows on the track side of the building and in order for the work to be undertaken safely, Network Rail have to shut the line.
  A application had been intimated to list crowthorne Station however this would have made it difficult and more costly for The Arch Company to get permission to do work on the building and could have been self-defeating so the application is currently not proceeding.
- Following the short term operation of the 598 bus service two days a week between Crowthorne station and the High Street, BFC is discontinuing its financial support for the service from mid-April 2026 due to low passenger numbers and cost analysis showing that each passenger was costing BFC £16 per journey which meant the route was financially unsustainable. Consequently, this bus route will thereafter be discontinued.
- CPC's Chair is attending a meeting about community transport solutions later in the summer to explore if there may be alternative ways to provide community transport locally. In the meantime, locals are encouraged to use Crowthorne Community Minibus and Good Neighbours, as well as the other bus and train services available in Crowthorne.
  A resident in attendance at the meeting handed in a paper that he had prepared and submitted to BFC Highways and the White Bus Company requesting bus service provision in the vicinity of Crowthorne train Station. Cllr Wood explained that much work had been undertaken between BFC, WBC, CPC and WWPC to explore potential bus routes and funding, but sadly the 598 route which had been trialled short term was not well used nor was it financially viable, costing circa. £17 per passenger in operational costs, hence the decision by BFC, which CPC agreed with via the consultation process, to discontinue the service from April 2026. The resident asked if the 194 route could be diverted as it has already been diverted to travel through Buckler's Park? Cllr Wood explained that various options had been explored such as changes to the 125 route however there are operational and cost implications to such changes which mean they are not viable. The 125 service is funded in large part by johnson and Johnson who are leaving the area shortly as their land is to be developed.

  Cllr Wood is due to attend a meeting about other community transport options in June to explore other ways to meet transport needs.

  Cllr Gillbe stated that residents need to look at schemes like Keep Mobile to 'fill the gaps'.

In Crowthorne there are also other options such as the COATS Minibus, Crowthorne Community Minibus and Good Neighbours (for medical appointments). Schemes such as these are also very costly to run with the replacement costs of the Crowthorne Community Minibus anticipated to exceed £100,000.

**Local developments**

- The Planning Officer for The Mango Tree site has advised that a Planning Conditions Application is still pending decision by BFC for the site – this was submitted in September 2025. It is understood that as the hedgerows on the site were not TPO trees and the identity of the person/s that removed them is unknown, there is to be no enforcement action taken.
  It was noted that the developer has installed a fence on the side of the site which was open to the footpath after the holly hedgerow was removed.
- Broadmoor Hospital site sale – various CPC representatives, CVAG and other local stakeholders have been informed that there are two preferred bidders for the old site who are anticipated to work together on different elements of the development – no further information has been shared at this stage as it is commercially sensitive.
  A member of the public raised a concern about razor wire that has been installed recently, and whether permission had been sought and granted for this to be installed on a listed structure. No one present at the meeting was able to respond to this query, however it is known that 'urban explorers' had broken into the site and that the NHS Trust were consequently having to undertake work to secure the sucre effectively.
- Crowthorne Smiles Dentist/former Library building Lower Broadmoor Road, adjacent to Morgan Rec. car park – the developer of this site has now applied for permission to convert the ground floor space into 2 x 3-bedroom flats with no on site car parking provision. Initially, they had suggested the residents could park in the Morgan Rec. car park, which CPC, residents, businesses and organisations objected to as the car park is privately owned and managed by CPC to support the users of its facilities and nearby shops, businesses and amenities. An updated plan suggests they are now seeking to suggest that residents could park in the bays on Lower Broadmoor Road – CPC has again objected to these proposals for various reasons including that residential parking in the public bays will displace those who need to use the bays to access nearby shops, businesses and recreation facilities. It is understood other businesses have also submitted objections to the proposal.
  The application to convert the ground floor of this building into 2 x 3 bedroom flats has been refused by BFC due to lack of onsite car parking provision/non-compliance with the BFC SPD for Parking.

- SEND School confirmed for Buckler's Park BFC issued the press release below in March 2026 confirming that an Autism School will be built at Buckler's Park:

  *Bracknell Forest Council has received confirmation that the Department for Education (DfE) has accepted the request to pay for and build a new autism school in the borough.*

*In February, the council formally asked the DfE to fully fund and deliver a new 100-place autism school in Buckler's Park (Forest View School).*

*This followed a letter in December 2025 where the council was asked to choose between either of these 2 options:*

1. *The DfE fully funding and delivering Forest View School.*
2. *A lump sum of £5.4 million over the next 3 years to provide SEND school places elsewhere.*

*Providing a dedicated school in Bracknell Forest for children and young people with autism has been part of the council's special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) strategy for some time.*

*The decision to ask the DfE to fully fund and deliver Forest View School was made after reviewing local data and carefully considering the options with partners and parent carers.*

*As part of the drive to get the school built as soon as possible, Cllr Helen Purnell, leader of the council, Cllr Megan Wright, cabinet member for children, young people and health, and Peter Swallow, Bracknell MP, met with Josh MacAlister, Parliamentary Under-Secretary (DfE), on 24 March. They impressed on the minister that the school is urgently needed. This was understood by the minister who took on board the need to have this school as soon as possible.*
*The DfE will now work on revised timelines for building the new school.*

- Phase 5c Bucklers Park – The land on this site was initially earmarked for a municipal depot in outline plans for the development. Numerous objections were received when the plans for 5C were submitted and the developer therefore submitted alterative proposals without the depot, with some additional housing and a recreation area instead. CPC has formally written to BFC and CALA Homes expressing an interest in acquiring the recreation land on 5C with a view to installing a 'pump track' and 5 a side kick about area. The latest updated from the Planning Officer for Buckler's Park is *'The applicant still needs to address some highway concerns, and I am waiting for amended plans. When these matters have been addressed the application will need to be reported to a Planning Committee meeting, following advice from the Assistant Director for Planning.'*

**Cash Access UK**

- The Cash Hub that had been hosted at the Baptist Church for a year has now moved to its permanent location at the Co-op on Crowthorne High Street. This service provides valuable access to cash for residents and businesses. Sadly, Crowthorne has been informed that it does not meet the criteria for a full Banking Hub, but a great range of services are available via the Cash Hub including deposit services, cash withdrawals and bill payments.

**Recent BFC Strategies/Consultations Which May Be of Interest to NAG Members**

- Licensing Policy Consultation: CPC submitted feedback requesting improved transparency, notification of applications to parish councils and centralised public

access records of licensed premises and licensing hours. CPC has written to the Public Protection Partnership (PPP) to ask if its feedback/input led to changes in policy.

- Revocation for Air Quality Management Action (AQMA) Plan – CPC and other community groups/stakeholders were informed by the PPP that it was proposed to withdraw the AQMA for Crowthorne based on sustained improvements in air quality and a reduction in emissions. CPC, Crowthorne Reduce our Waste and Crowthorne Village Action Group all submitted comments, keen to ensure that Crowthorne's air quality continued to be monitored, that any notable change in air quality would be acted on and the AQMA reinstated, and seeking assurances to that effect. A response from the Environmental Health Officer (PPP), had been received and distributed with the agenda pack reports. The response answered questions raised by Crowthorne Reduce Our Waste (CROW) and CVAG, and concluded that DEFRA had seen the 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021, and 2020 data and have approved the revocation consultation. The 2025 data will be reported to DEFRA by the end of June, and that looking at the raw data the trends are continuing to show that the AQ in Crowthorne is improving.

- Community Governance Review: Wokingham Borough Council's review resulted in the following outcome:

  Wokingham Borough Council on 22nd January 2026 voted in favour of the following:-

  *"2.g) Agree that (i) the existing southern boundary is retained between Wokingham Town and Wokingham Without Parish but acknowledging the need to expedite another Community Governance Review in the area of the Wokingham Southern Distributor Road in or before 2030 once residents are in occupation;"*

  Wokingham Without Parish Council has noted its surprise at this, as the parish council supported the original Wokingham Borough proposal to retain the existing boundary with no review until 2035.

**d) Crowthorne Neighbourhood Policing Team**

PC Tim Crossman's report had been circulated ahead of the meeting.

The local neighbourhood team now comprises.

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| Inspector<br>Jerusha Lyseight-Jones | Sergeant<br>Tin Wong | PCSO<br>Ann-Marie Kennedy | PCSO<br>Genevieve Richards |
| Police Staff - Neighbourhood Team Administrator<br>Jon Morris | PC<br>Tim Crossman | PC<br>Zoe Zaremba | |

Supplemental to his report, PC Crossman reported that:

**Neighbourhood Policing Activity**

Over recent weeks the Neighbourhood team in Crowthorne has been kept very busy dealing with a number of neighbourhood disputes. Where possible, TVP has offered

mediation and practical advice, and where necessary, they have dealt with matters more formally when criminal offences have occurred.

In the last month TVP has sent out QR code surveys to help better understand the community's concerns about living in this beautiful area. The survey has been successful. Many people took the time to respond highlighting issues that matter to them and helping build a clearer intelligence picture around criminality and anti-social behaviour in Crowthorne.

Based on the community's feedback, Crowthorne's top three neighbourhood priorities are:
1. Anti-social behaviour
2. Speeding
3. Drugs

The Neighbourhood Team will be focusing their efforts on these matters over the coming months. These matters were identified by the public as being more of a concern than e bikes and e scooters.

John Lindsay (CVAG) informed the meeting that although there had been cases of trail bikes using Wildmoor Heath it was noted that the numbers had reduced. He had also seen a young person filming himself on a e bike with a queue of vehicles following in Owlsmoor, Sandhurst.

TVP is still running Operation Pulse, which is centred on e bike enforcement. The public are repeatedly informed that e bikes can only be used on private land with the owner's consent and there are very few people who will give permission. The bikes are not allowed on the highways.

PC Crossman informed the NAG that a number of Sur-Ron bikes which are most often associated with nefarious acts had been seized and destroyed. These bikes are never returned as are not insurable and are capable of speeds of 70mph.

There had been several reports of egg throwing in Crowthorne. Unfortunately from the descriptions and evidence it is not possible to make an ID or people or the vehicle so this cannot be pursued further.

Cllr Allen urged TVP to look on Facebook for descriptions as one girl had been targeted in her car in a car park.

Cllr Butterworth asked if cameras could be put up on Crowthorne High Street which would make it easier to identify crime and follow it up.

Regarding shoplifting, a member of the public noted that Lidl is better laid out to prevent theft as it forces people to go through a till.

PC Crossman explained that TVP runs Operation Purchase with a dedicated team of officers. This team is quite successful, and the offenders tend to often be repeat offenders who are know to the team.

TVP also encourages businesses locally to sign up to DISC which is an information sharing system.

Cllr Dr N Robertosn stated that he had noticed a lot of drivers using mobile phones behind the wheel. PC Crossman stated that it is hard to police this as it tends to be a matter that is followed up by the roads policing team, and they only 'pick people off' if they see them committing the offence.

A query was raised by the Bucklers Park Residents' Association lead concerning whether it is legal for residents to 'smoke weed' in their own home. PC Crossman explained that TVP do get called by Royal Mail concerning intercepted packaged – some turn out to be bona fide legal cannabis for medicinal purposes, however if it turns out not to be a legal supply the parties are dealt with via a legal process.

The Administrator reported that there a large 'nos' containers being deposited locally and asked how this should be reported. PC Crossman explained that nos is a class C controlled drug and is illegal. If a car driver is using it they can be stopped under the Road Traffic Act and prosecuted if unfit to drive.

Please report in locations where the large cannisters are being found so these areas can be included in patrols, and TVP can also collect up the cannisters.

**Speeding Concerns**
TVP continue to address speeding issues across the area. The speed enforcement van has been deployed in approved speed enforcement zones, including Dukes Ride, in response to reports of excessive speed.

Alongside this, the neighbourhood officer also carry out hand-held speed gun operations on roads of note where concerns have been raised. They are also liaising with Community Speedwatch through Lee Turnham, to review the level of involvement and activity within the scheme so far.

**Fraud and online Safety**
Internet-enabled fraud continues to be a significant issue locally, and TVP have been dealing with reports of scams affecting residents.

Please remember:

- Never give out your personal details such as bank information, your home address, full name or date of birth over the phone.
- Be cautious of unexpected calls from mobile numbers
- Your bank will never contact you by phone to ask for sensitive details

With artificial Intelligence becoming increasingly sophisticated, some Crowthorne residents have unfortunately been targeted by particularly convincing scams, with several people losing thousands of pounds.

Social media and online platforms can be enjoyable. But they do come with risks. Criminals are actively targeting dating sites and social media, preying on trusting, law-abiding people to steal their hard earned money. If something seems too good to be true, it usually is. Do not make it easy for them.

Online fraud has grown to such an extent that the government is now facilitating awareness courses to help people recognise common scams, and TVP strongly encourage residents to take advantage of these where appropriate.

**Engagement with the community**
PC Crossman and PSCO Kennedy are regularly attending events around the area so that the public can meet them, talk through any concerns and say hello. These events are advertised on Facebook and the TVP website.

If you have any issues you wish to discuss, do go along and meet them, You will also see the team out and about on their bikes.

PCSO Kennedy informed the Nag that the neighbourhood team will be running the Bracknell Half marathon to fundraise for The Wayz. All donations welcome and a funding link will be shared in due course.

**Update on priority work since the last NAG meeting**

**Drugs**

- Targeted patrols have been carried out to locate vehicles linked to a known drug line entering Crowthorne. This resulted In the arrest of a juvenile in the area for drug supply offences. That investigation is ongoing.
- TVP has also listened closely to survey responses highlighting concerns around drug use in the Morgan Rec. car park and Crowthorne High Street. While no drug activity has been identified so far, TVP remain consistent in patrolling and monitoring these locations.
- Working recently with Trading Standards on Crowthorne High Street has led to the arrest of a male for the sale of illegal tobacco, and a large quantity of illegal tobacco products were seized from the premises.
- There will be an operation to target pubs in Crowthorne and Sandhurst around the World Cup.

**Speeding**
The mobile speed enforcement van has been deployed to Dukes Ride in response to reports.

The neighbourhood team continue to work alongside Community Speed Watch to support local involvement and address speeding concerns proactively.

**Anti-Social Behaviour**
TVP received complaints regarding a male begging outside Lidl and Co-op on Crowthorne High Street. The neighbourhood team successfully identified and located the individual. A Community Protection Warning has been issued, setting clear restrictions on his behaviour and movements.

TVP is also dealing with persistent offenders targeting staff at BP on Crowthorne Road. Staff there have experienced anti-social behaviour, criminal damage, and verbal abuse. Enquiries into these incidents are ongoing.

TVP's Community Speedwatch Manager, Lee Turnham, gave a presentation via Teams, on the benefits of a local Community Speedwatch Group and how this can be set up. If anyone would like to set up a Community Speedwatch Group in Crowthorne or find out more about the scheme, Lee can be contacted via lee.turnham@thamesvalley.police.uk

Members wishing to set up their own Community Speedwatch Group can also do so direct on the Community Speedwatch website if they prefer: Community Speedwatch Online

6. Peter Swallow MP – Follow up to road safety paper and Q and A on NAG related matters

i. Road Safety Campaign Survey

Peter Swallow updated those present on the Road Safety Campaign Survey he had undertaken and to which 500 + residents responded. Various points arose from this including, uninsured driver damage. Claims can be made for this via the Motor Insurers Bureau (MIB). Peter is also working on a bill to get tougher measures and consult on change regarding penalties on uninsured drivers.

The MP was pleased to hear about the school road safety work CPC and BFC are seeking to achieve. He stated he was also pleased to hear that work was being done to encourage the formation of a Community Speedwatch group. He reported that he had received feedback before that it was difficult to set such a group up, but the presentation by TVP's Lee Turnham at the NAG meeting had showed the simple steps required to set such a group up.

ii. Public transport

Peter reported that he had met with GWR at Crowthorne Station and raised concerns about challenges related to reliability of the train services. The issues apparently relate to the age of the rolling stock and the need to get trains replaced. This is a multi-year project.

Cllr Peter Wood stated that he was pleased to hear that Peter Swallow was speaking with GWR and recognised the importance of the North Downs Line commuter services, especially as th route also transports residents to Farnborough Sixth Form and Farnborough College. Often the first service each day does not exist as I is cancelled – Peter Swallow stated that GWR is aware and that circa 220,000 used Crowthorne train station last year.

Cllr Wood queried why if they cancel one train, they don't make the next one stop at the station and instead allow it to be a through train.

Peter Swallow stated that Lord Hendy the rail minister has been told.

The Administrator to the NAG also reported that Wellington College students are going to be volunteering to spruce up the stations, including new art work. GWR has also funded the creation of a new hand drawn map by a local artist, which includes local walks to National Trust and BBOWT sites that can be reached on foot and cycle from the station.

Cllr McKenzie-Boyle also suggested that Broadmoor be contacted as their patients' art work had been displayed at the station when a project had taken place in 2009/10.

Cllr Gillbe also stressed that there is a campaign pushing for partial electrification of the train line which will improve reliability and that new trains are needed for this.

iii. Social media survey

Peter Swallow reported that he is conducting survey on social media use by under 16s, asking if there should be a ban on social media usage by children, or whether other measures should be used to prevent children viewing inappropriate content. From the input so far it there were a range of views to consider with some seeking an outright ban whilst others preferred the use of appropriate mitigation to prevent 'doom scrolling' or viewing adult content.

iv. Local business support

Peter Swallow reported that he had been to the newly opened Dax Deli by the train station and that the food and drinks were great quality. He urged people to support local businesses.

v. SEND School – Bucklers Park

Peter Swallow MP stated that the funding had now been secured for the new Autism School on Bucklers Park.

Cllr Butterworth noted that the former Conservative MP had secured the commitment of the government to deliver a school on Buckler's Park back in 2014. Whilst Peter Swallow acknowledged this, he also stated that no funding had been secured for the building of the school – this has now been allocated after Peter Swallow and Cllrs Helen Purnell and Megan Wright (BFC) met with Minister MacAlister, the Parliamentary Under-secretary of State (Minister for Children and Families) at the Dept. for Education to progress this).

Cllr Allen asked if there is a timeline for the new school. Peter reported that it will take some time as every community which had been promised a school by the former administration had been given the same two options by central government to either accept a cash sum up front or the building of the school promised. Some communities have accepted the cash sum, whilst others have opted for the new schools – the government is now working through the responses. Peter stressed that on behalf og the Crowthorne and Bracknell community , he has made it clear that 'we can't wait', BFC has the land at Bucklers park, and an alternative site that could be opened initially – he will 'keep pushing'.

Cllr Allen queried if the land at Buckler's park has now been transferred as CALA Homes said it was due to be transferred in November 2025. Peter Swallow responded that this is not a concern and that the community did not need to worry about that. Cllr Megan Wright at BFC is the portfolio holder and any queries can be addressed via her.

Cllr Butterworth raised a point that CPC has made a formal expression of interest to acquire the recreation land on phase 5C which is adjacent to the new SEND school, and CPC wishes to explore the possibility of the car parking at the school being made accessible to the public outside of the school day in order to provide parking for the recreation area and other nearby walks and community facilities

Cllr McKenzie-Boyle thanked Peter Swallow MP for attending the NAG and hosting a Q and A.

7. Matters of concern raised to the NAG prior to the meeting

The following matters of concern had been raised and followed up before the meeting:

(Queries in black font and responses provided by partner agencies/organisations in blue font)

**i. Speeding on Lower Broadmoor Road**

What is the strategy for dealing with cars and motorbikes travelling at excessive speed along Lower Broadmoor Road, near the school? I live on Addiscombe Road and can hear cars and motorbikes accelerating along this section of road day and night, often at what sounds like very high speed. Something needs to be done before an accident happens.

Thames Valley Police will be at the meeting to talk about Community Speedwatch so you will be able to speak to them about your query. I think Peter Swallow MP will also be covering road safety so he may help too.

**ii. Gap in the fence near Wildmoor Heath**

There is a gap in the fence running along Lower Broadmoor Road, opposite Gordon Road, which I understand is listed and not a public right of way. The section closest to the school appears much wider than the two other gaps further up the road. This is enabling trail motorbikes to gain access into Wildmoor Heath. I have seen riders, mostly without helmets, using this gap to enter the woods and ride at speed along the narrow trails used by walkers. This gap needs to be reduced or secured to prevent illegal motorbike access.

This has been looked into before and the advice from all agencies was that it is a legal access point and rightly there. Council checked with the local police, Broadmoor/NHS and Cllrs who are resident nearby, and those who use Addiscombe Road to walk their children to school and none reported concerns or issues of the type you describe. If you see illegal trail bikes accessing the woods, please report it online or via 101. There are numerous access points into the woods/heath and it would not be possible to fence the locale in its entirety to prevent access. TVP do carry out operations locally to tackle the issue of trail bikes and our local Neighbourhood team also host 'Have Your Say' meetings which the public can attend, including at Wildmoor Heath car park and The Morgan Centre to speak about issues and concerns in that area.

**iii. Visits to Buckler's Park - park by the Community hub**

If Wayz attend the meeting, can they make efforts to attend Bucklers Park Pioneer play park during the Summer as we are experiencing a lot of older teenagers in the children's play park next to The Hub.

The Wayz have agreed to visit this park and have shared their contact details with the Buckler's Park Resident's' Association contact to follow up.

**iv. Information from Wokingham Borough Council and Wokingham Without Parish Council**

Details of forthcoming roadworks and diversion routes had been pre-circulated with the agenda pack and reports, including Easthampstead Road closure and the closure of the footpath between Waterloo Road and Easthampstead Road whilst the development works are ongoing.

v. **Crowthorne Village Action Group – AGM details**

Residents were invited to the CVAG AGM at the Morgan Centre at 7pm on Friday 17 April. The MPs for WBC and BFC will both be in attendance.

**vi. Wokingham Without – Annual Parish Meeting**

Residents were invited to the WWPC Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm Wednesday 22 April at the Pinewood Café.

8. Update on Crowthorne Neighbourhood Plan

The Administrator updated the Nag that the Crowthorne Neighbourhood Plan is approaching the fifth anniversary of being adopted as local planning legislation and in line with good practice, Crowthorne Parish Council has committed to embark on a review process from this summer. Local residents and organisations with an interest in ensuring that suitable and adequate planning controls are in place in the parish, to afford protection for the local neighbourhood areas, particularly with regards to the new developments at Broadmoor and potentially Derby Field are invited to join the Working Party that is forming. CVAG have expressed a willingness to participate and a local graduate with a Masters in a planning related field may also join the group. A broad group of representatives is preferable to ensure the views of all residents and

businesses are captured. Please email clerk@crowthorne-pc.gov.uk if you would like to participate.

9. South Meadow – agreement on how to spend the balance of Thames Valley Housing Association complaint compensation money

No one from South Meadow was in attendance at the meeting and those who had attended previously are no longer responding to emails about how they would like the balance of compensation money spent. Accordingly it was agreed that the balance of compensation monies will be spent on something which benefits Crowthorne generally.

10. Matters of concern raised at the meeting

**i. Crowthorne Carnival**

The Chairman of Crowthorne Carnival Committee requested that any local groups, organisations and individuals that may be able to volunteer as marshals on 4 July contact her as 60+ people are needed to wear high viz jackets and supervise road closures and direct stall holders to pitches for 1-1.5 hours on the day.

Entrants for the children's and 'senior' Carnival Royalty Competitions are also required. The 'Senior/over 70s Carnival Royalty is taking place for the first time at Buckler's Lodge Car Home at 2.30pm on 23 April and the children's junior event is at 2pm at Crowthorne Parish Hall on 18 April.

**ii. Parking enforcement – Crowthorne High Street and surrounding roads**

The Administrator to the NAG asked Cllr Gillbe what could be done to prevent vehicles parking on the double yellow lines and pavements, and enforce parking restrictions on the High Street and the adjacent roads. An example was shared of a male parking a Mercedes on the pavement on the corner by Zappas Hairdressers, where the driver had parked his car causing an obstruction to pedestrians and preventing other drivers being able to see to emerge safely from a side road onto the High Street, whilst he went into Anne-Marie's Bakery to queue and buy cakes. The driver had been spoken to by a Council Officer and politely requested to move his vehicle to a car parking space but refused to and used obscene language.

Cllr Wood explained that TVP have said this is not a matter they will enforce as they only deal with illegal and dangerous parking. CPC requested parking enforcement data from BFC and the enforcement officers seems to be ticketing the 'easy pickings' i.e. car park over stayers.

Cllr Gillbe asked that this matter be followed up outside of the meeting and requested that the correspondence with BFC Officers be sent to him.

Cllr Butterworth asked if BFC as the Highways Authority could install cameras on the High Street to prevent and detect crime.

**iii. Old Wokingham Road junction with WBC roads – request for junction safety improvement works**

Residents raised a concern and asked what could be done to improve the junction of Old Wokingham Road and Easthampstead Road. It is understood it would require cross border work as it straddles both WBC and BFC highways.

Cllr Gillbe explained that the acquisition of land would be required on the WBC side of the road

There was a pervading view from residents that had been inContact with WBC about the issue that they are more concerned with getting traffic away form the north of the town and are not concerned about other areas.

Cllr Gillbe continues to seek progress with this matter via requests to collaborate with WBC members and officers.

All stakeholder attendees and speakers were thanked for attending.

The date for the next NAG meeting will be determined in due course.

The meeting ended at 9.23 pm

# CROWTHORNE NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP MEETING 27 OCTOBER 2026

## Agenda Item 4: Matters Arising on notes of NAG meeting on 9 April 2026 (if not covered elsewhere in reports or agenda)

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Note no.4.1 St John's Street – Highways Safety (obstruction to visibility splay and dangerous parking)

The resident that had raised this issue has updated as follows:

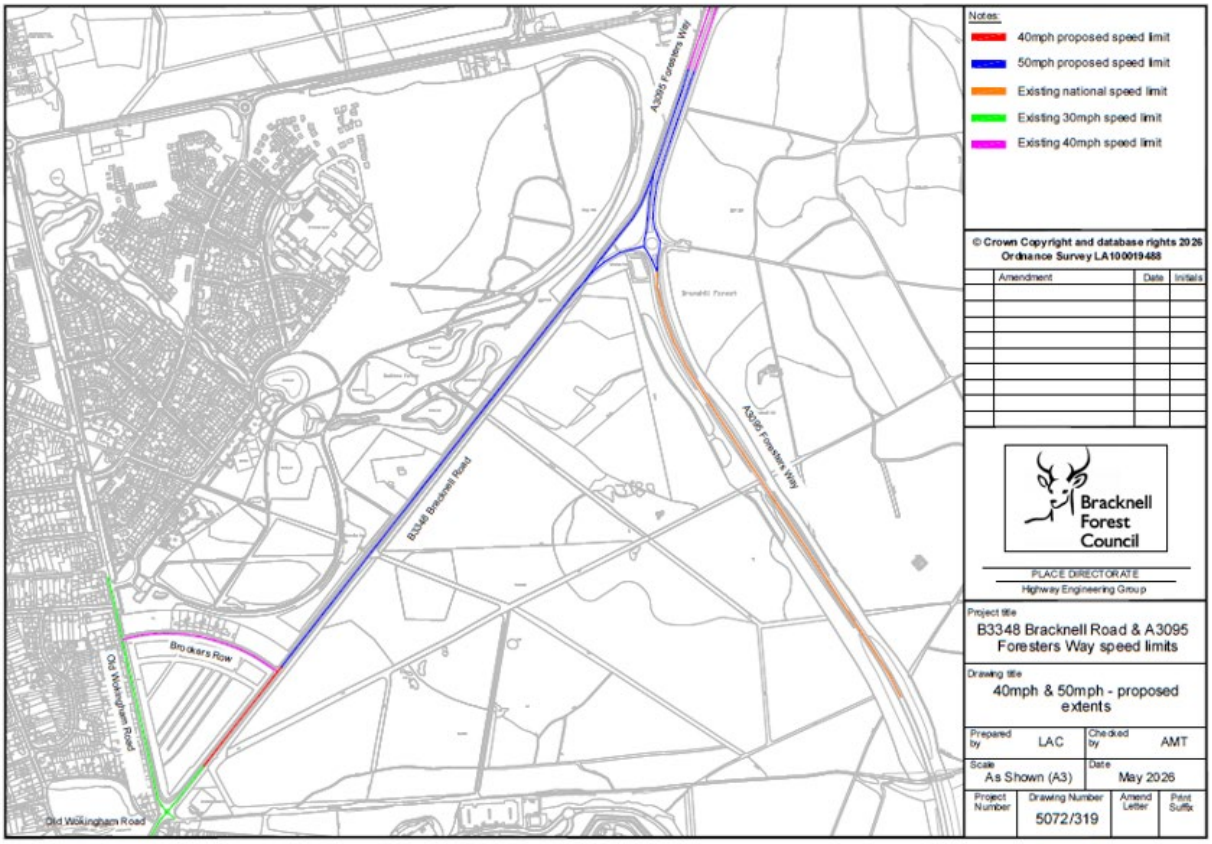
*The latest owners of Erleigh Lodge seem to have taken up the responsibility for hedging and visibility and so far have been doing a brilliant job AND being really friendly. Their proposed improvements include reducing height and width of hedges all round the plot and digging out the ditch that takes rainwater to the main drainage so preventing flooding of St Johns Street at the junction.*

Note no. 5. C. Reports from Stakeholders – Crowthorne Parish Council

**Road Safety**

**Bracknell Road**

BFC has consulted on speed limit changes for the Bracknell Road and the following update was provided on 19 October:



*On 6th October the Cabinet Member for Planning, Transport and Countryside resolved to proceed with the scheme as originally consulted on with the decision being effective from 14th October. With regards to the Parish Council's request for the 40/50mph change point on Bracknell Road to be moved further north, officer comments were:*

*The proposal already places the proposed 40/50 termination point to the north-east of the Brookers Row junction. The extents of the limits were chosen based on existing speed data with two sections that have speeds already consistent with the proposed limits. This meets the guidelines laid down by the Department of Transport specifically 'Setting Local Speed Limits' which also has been adopted by the Council for setting its own speed limit policy. The policy states that limits should be evidence led and encourage self-compliance.*

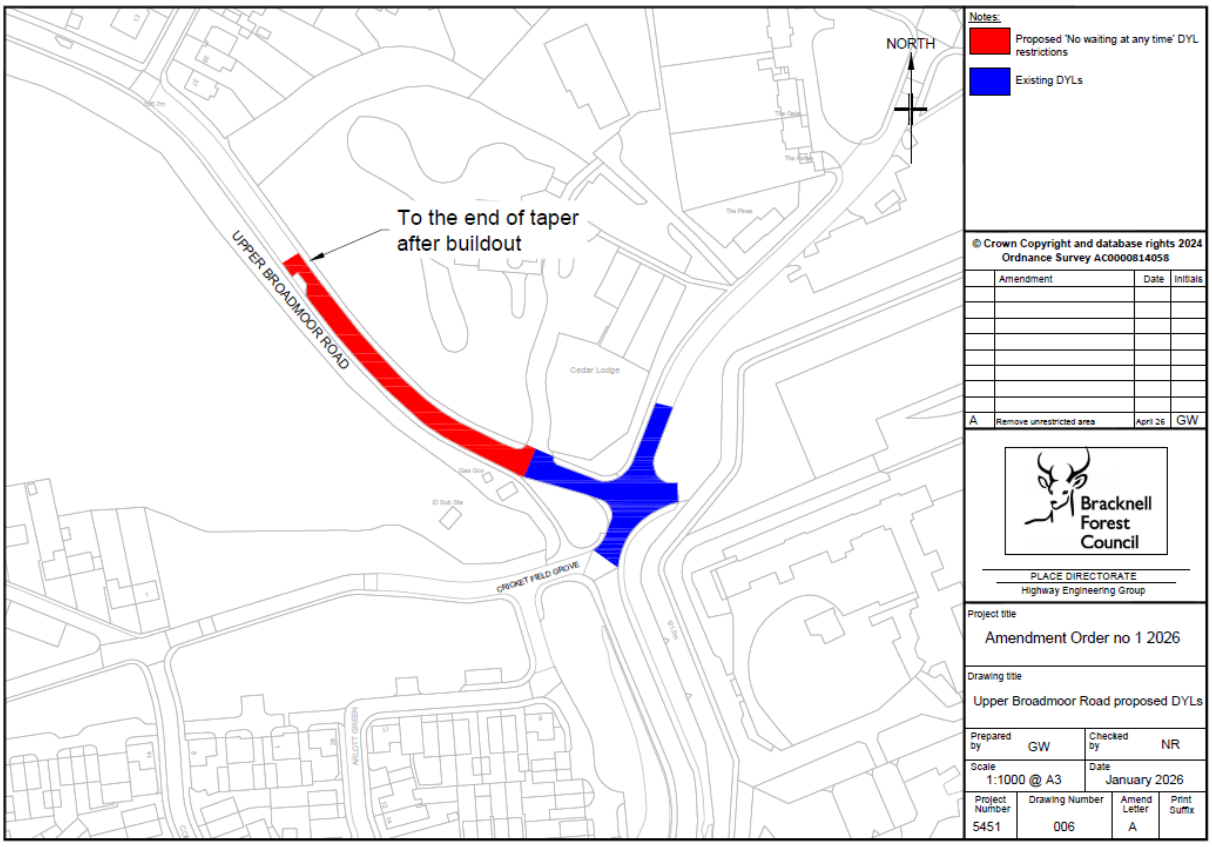
*We would hope to have the new limits in place by the end of year.*

Regarding Brookers Row, BFC stated:

*The speed limit was reduced to 40mph in 2022. We originally intended to introduce a 30mph but this was objected to by Thames Valley Police.*

**<u>Upper Broadmoor Road</u>**

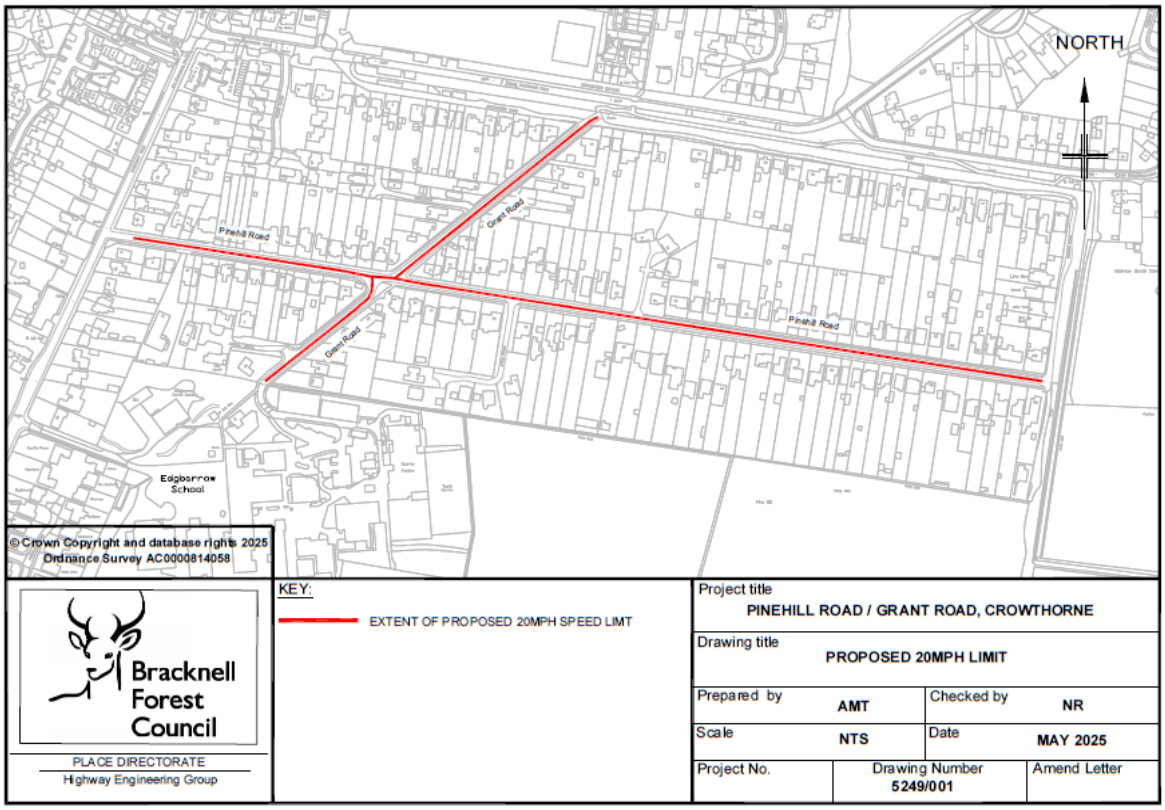
The following update was received from BFC on 8 September concerning the TRO to install double yellow lines on the stretch of road by the Hurst lodge School (woodlands) site:




*The Cabinet Member for Planning, Transport & Countryside resolved to proceed with the proposals as consulted on. I understand a works order has been passed to our term contractor to install the double yellow line markings, and we hope to have them completed in the next 4-6 weeks.*

**Pinehill Rd and Grant Rd**

The following TRO for a 20MPH speed restriction was consulted on by BFC and implemented in May/June 2026:




**Dukes Ride**

The puffin crossing on Dukes Ride is now scheduled for construction close to Byron Drive/Wellington College gates.

**Anti-social Behaviour (See also Neighbourhood Team Matters Arising update below)**

There have been some incidents of anti-social behaviour in various parks and open spaces over the summer months. Much of this centred around Circle Hill Woods where bike jumps have been dug and constructed without permission. These jumps have been removed as they pose a hazard to other visitors to the site to whom the trustees of the land owe a legal duty to keep safe – the trust's insurers require the hazards to be removed and the land made safe. Following the removal of the jumps, harassing phone calls were received in the Parish Office, including a death threat phone call. The calls have been reported to police, and the matter is being followed up by them.

Other incidents of ASB have included the use of illegal e-bikes on the Morgan Rec. by a person in a balaclava, and youths cycling bikes down the steps between the Parish Office and Social Club resulting in 'near miss' incidents with people walking on the footpath at the bottom of the steps.

The Rugby Club have also reported ASB incidents to the Police and these have been followed up.

**Public Transport Improvements**

**Crowthorne Station**
The Arch Company have begun £600K of works to refurbish the interior of the main station building inside and the exterior of eastern side. Works to the western side of the exterior have no set date to be undertaken now as would require a line closure. Once the current works are completed it is understood the building will consist of 3 commercial units that are available for let.

**Community Transport**
CPC's Chair attended a meeting about community transport in other areas earlier in the summer and an update was provided at a subsequent Council meeting. There are no plans or funding for such a scheme in Crowthorne at present.

**Local Developments**

**The Mango Tree**
This planning application has now lapsed.

**Broadmoor Hospital**
There is no further substantive update on this land sale.

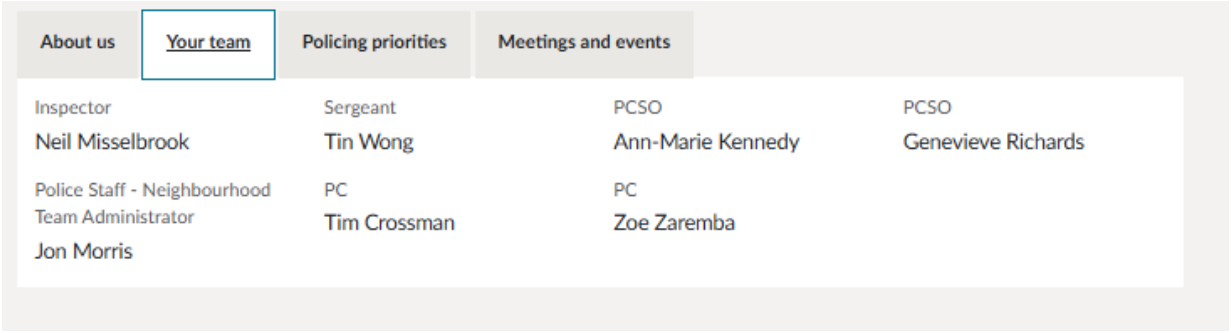
**Crowthorne Smiles**
This planning application has now lapsed.

**SEND School Buckler's Park**
There has been no substantive update.

**Phase 5c Buckler's Park**
It is understood this planning application has been approved and that the S.106 agreement is pending.

**Neighbourhood Policing Activity (Update and information taken from the TVP website for Crowthorne)**

Current Neighbourhood Team



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| Drug offences by way of drug use and drug dealing has been identified as a Top Priority in the recent Neighbourhood Priorities Survey by local residents. This is primarily in The Morgan Rec car park and Crowthorne high street.<br>Issued 01 October 2026 | Summary of activity from Sandhurst & Crowthorne neighbourhood officers tackling drug related offences in September 2026 for Crowthorne:<br>Officers continued proactive work against suspected drug activity within the Crowthorne area.<br>Drug-related activity remained a key focus throughout September, particularly in relation to intelligence concerning a known local individual linked to reports of drug dealing in the area and locations subject to patrol plans.<br>Targeted patrols were conducted in Swords Drive and surrounding roads, with officers carrying out regular checks to deter criminal activity and monitor compliance with existing bail conditions. These patrols generated intelligence submissions which have been shared with investigative colleagues.<br>Previous community feedback identified concerns regarding cannabis use within the Buckler's Park area, particularly around Gethin Grove and nearby open spaces. In response, officers maintained regular patrols in these locations and incorporated drug-related intelligence opportunities into ongoing ASB patrol activity.<br>Local businesses also continued to raise concerns regarding individuals linked to substance misuse frequenting retail premises. Engagement with retailers, including the Co-op stores within both Crowthorne High Street and Buckler's Park, provided valuable intelligence regarding repeat offenders, suspected drug users and wider neighbourhood concerns. Officers worked with staff to improve reporting, increase police visibility and support crime prevention measures.<br>The neighbourhood team remains committed to using intelligence-led policing to tackle drug misuse and associated anti-social behaviour, while encouraging residents and businesses to continue reporting information that can support enforcement activity.<br>Actioned 01 October 2026 |

Speeding on Crowthorne Road leading into Crowthorne. Noise complaints of loud exhaust from cars and bikes during the night and early morning.

Issued 01 October 2026

Summary of activity conducted by Sandhurst & Crowthorne neighbourhood officers tackling speeding and road safety as a priority in September 2026:

Road safety concerns continued to feature prominently in community discussions throughout the month.

While no formal speeding enforcement operations took place during September, officers continued to address community concerns regarding the dangerous use of electric bikes and e-bikes within public spaces.

Residents have consistently reported concerns about electric bikes travelling at speed through parks and residential areas, particularly around Buckler's Park. Feedback gathered during community meetings identified this as an ongoing source of concern, with local people highlighting the intimidation factor created by riders using parks and communal areas irresponsibly.

Officers continued to monitor these locations during routine patrols and maintained visibility within identified hotspot areas. The issue remains closely linked to both ASB and road safety concerns, and the team continues to gather information to support future enforcement opportunities.

Actioned 01 October 2026

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| ASB amongst youths in Morgan recreational ground and the ASB driving of motorbikes along Crowthorne high street.<br>Issued 01 October 2026 | During September 2026, officers across the Crowthorne neighbourhood delivered a highly visible and proactive policing approach, combining targeted patrols, community engagement, partnership working, and enforcement activity. This work directly supported the key neighbourhood priorities of anti-social behaviour (ASB), drug-related activity, and speeding/road safety concerns.<br>Summary of activity conducted by Sandhurst & Crowthorne neighbourhood officers tackling ASB in Crowthorne in September 2026:<br>Tackling anti-social behaviour remained a key priority, particularly within Buckler's Park and Morgan Recreational Ground, where residents have repeatedly raised concerns regarding groups of youths congregating in parks, causing disturbances and engaging in nuisance behaviour.<br>Throughout the month, officers conducted numerous targeted patrols in hotspot locations, including both high-visibility and plain-clothes operations. A dedicated ASB operation in Buckler's Park saw officers patrol the area by bicycle in plain clothes, resulting in the identification of a known individual who was subsequently stop searched by colleagues. Additional evening patrols at Buckler's Park and Morgan Recreation Ground provided reassurance to residents and helped deter further incidents, with officers reporting no significant ASB during several visits. We have plans within September to further target the ASB in Bucklers Park which will provide more of an update next month.<br>Feedback gathered through community engagement events demonstrated that ASB remains an important local concern. Residents attending "Have Your Say" sessions previously highlighted issues including youths gathering in parks, excessive noise, cannabis use, and the use of electric bikes by individuals wearing balaclavas. Officers continued to encourage accurate reporting through 101 and promoted intelligence-sharing opportunities to help build a clearer picture of offending patterns and identify those responsible.<br>Actioned 01 October 2026 |

Note no.6. Peter Swallow MP – Follow up road safety paper and Q and A on NAG related matters

Peter Swallow MP has sent his apologies today as Parliament is sitting.

Note no.7. Matters of concern raised prior to the NAG meeting

i. **Speeding on Lower Broadmoor Road**
See Neighbourhood Police update above.

ii. **Gap in the fence near Wildmoor Heath**
There have been no further issues raised or reported about this location.

**iii. Visits to Buckler's Park – Park by Community Hub**

TVP have hosted Have Your Say meetings in this location to enable residents to have a forum to share their concerns. The Wayz have also visited the area over the summer period.

**iv. Crowthorne Village Action Group – AGM**

CVAG to share AGM details (minutes, accounts etc).

Note no.10. Matters of concern raised at the last NAG Meeting

**i. Crowthorne Carnival**

Details of the Crowthorne Carnival week 2026 and AGM can be accessed via this link: crowthornecarnival '26 - 2026

**ii. Parking enforcement**

No update has been received about this matter.

**iii. Old Wokingham Road junction with WBC roads**

No update has been received about this matter.

# CROWTHORNE NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP MEETING 27 OCTOBER 2026

## Agenda Item 5: Matters of concern raised to the NAG prior to the meeting

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### 1. Request from resident to BFC Highways for a Pedestrian Crossing on Waterloo Road

CPC has been copied into the request below by a resident to BFC Highways:

*Dear Highways Team,*

*I'm writing to ask the council to consider installing a pedestrian crossing and introducing traffic-calming measures on Waterloo Road, between Dukes Ride and Church Road West.*

*Many families use this route to walk or cycle between Wellington College and Crowthorne C of E Primary School. There are currently no crossings along this stretch, and crossing the road can be difficult and dangerous, particularly with young children.*

*Cars regularly travel at around 30–35 mph, and visibility is poor in places due to parked cars. I'm concerned that, without measures to improve safety, there is a real risk of an accident.*

*Please could the council assess this stretch of road and consider what could be done to make it safer for the families who use it every day?*

*I'd be grateful if you could let me know how best to take this forward*.

CPC has previously included a request relating to the same matter in its substantive list of concerns/requests to BFC Highways.

### 2. Request to repair Crowthorne Parish Council Centenary Clock – Manhattan House

Requests from residents for CPC to undertake repair works to the Centenary Clock on Manhattan House have been received.

The issues surrounding the background to this request are below:

*Unfortunately, the developers of the flats in Manhattan House removed and disposed of the master clock controls when they stripped out the offices ahead of the redevelopment.*

*We have been working with the head landlord, developer, electrician and specialist clock contractor on sourcing and installing a new unit. This is a costly exercise, and the developer and head landlord have only agreed a limited contribution to this.*

*We are now looking at whether a new master clock controller alone should be bought or whether the clock should be fully refurbished and new master and slave units installed or whether to start from scratch and get a new like for like clock.*

*A new licence is also being negotiated for the Clock and master clock controller as the old one did not reflect the actual installation which is why the developer didn't know what the control unit was they removed and disposed of as it was on the inside wall and not in the ceiling void where the licence stated it would be.*

*A lot of work is going on in the background to resolve both the mechanical and legal issues.*

*I hope this helps to explain why the clock is not working at present and the steps that are being taken to fix this.*

CPC is currently looking at the restoration and repair costs with a view to exploring if the costs of this can be included in the budget for 2027-28.

CPC's Clerk/NAG Administrator and the head landlord's legal representative from Manhattan House are reviewing the terms of a new licence agreement and potential cable route runs for the clock wiring and control units.

**3. <u>Update on maintenance works and request to repair ornamental lamppost at the Millennium Garden</u>**

CPC's Snr Projects, Events, Parks and Countryside Officer has corralled a team of volunteers to care for the plants, shrubs and small trees at the Millennium Garden once a month this year. The garden is looking well loved, and the students from Wellington College have also undertaken a planting program there this year, hampered somewhat by the drought!

Unfortunately, it has been discovered, after reports from locals, that the ornate lamppost in the garden is not working. Exploratory investigations by CPC's electrician have established that there is no longer a power supply to the lamppost. The Project Officer is now investigating the feasibility and cost of re-establishing a power supply to the lamp post and how the cost of this would be met as the garden is legally owned by BFC, with CPC simply helping to care for the garden.

**4. <u>Cricket Field Grove – pavements, road, verges and street lighting on old housing section</u>**

Residents living on the older sections of Cricket Field Grove have been in frequent contact with CPC via Cllr surgeries and the Parish Office, seeking Council's help with identifying who is responsible for the maintenance of roads, pavements, verges and street lighting as these things have all fallen into disrepair since the NHS/Broadmoor sold the site to Barratts. CPC's Clerk/NAG Administrator has researched the land ownership and liability and established that Barratt's appointed Management Company, Connect UK Group is responsible for the maintenance of these areas. The update below from Connect UK's Regional Director has been received, to share with CPC residents via the NAG:

*Thank you for your email and for providing the supporting correspondence, Land Registry documents and photographs concerning the condition of the roads, pavements, verges and street lighting on the older sections of Cricket Field Grove.*

*We were unaware that the roads to the old part of the estate were the responsibility of Cricket Field Grove Management. However, we have now arranged for a contractor to attend site tomorrow to assess these potholes/roads and supply us with a quote.*

*The streetlight (lamppost) that has been damaged has been assessed but we have had three contractors assess this and are unable to find where to turn the power off to this lamp so that it can be changed. All street lighting has been assessed and some changed as multiple faults where found. (map attached). These are on sensors and therefore should not be active until dark.*

*We appreciate that the Crowthorne Neighbourhood Action Group meeting is scheduled for 27 October at 7.30 pm and understand the importance of providing residents and councillors with an update ahead of that meeting.*

*Thank you for bringing these matters to our attention. We appreciate residents' concerns and recognise the importance of ensuring that the infrastructure is maintained to an appropriate and safe standard.*

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# Report for Crowthorne Detached April – September 2026

## The Wayz and Crowthorne Parish Council - 'Creating Opportunities for Young People'

### Introduction to Street-Based Youth Work

Detached youth work operates without the use of a building or activity and takes place where young people "are at" both geographically and developmentally. It delivers informal and social education and addresses whatever needs are presented to or perceived by the youth worker. As Detached Youth Workers have no physical building or specific activity over which they have power or control, the relationship between young person and youth worker is entirely voluntary and constantly up for negotiation.
Outreach youth work also takes place on young people's own territory and supports and compliments new and existing centre/project based youth work. Primarily used to inform young people of services that exist in their locality and to encourage them to use such services, outreach can also seek to identify, through consultation with young people, any gaps that exist in services aimed at meeting their needs.

The fundamental similarity of each is that they start with young people where they meet, whether that is on the street, in a park, community spaces or anywhere else. However, while the purpose of detached work is to find out the needs of young people as they experience them and attempt to deal with whatever they present, outreach is seen as an extension of building or activity-based work. Youth workers who are either personally involved in those buildings/activities or supporting others who are, go onto the streets with the purpose of usually encouraging young people to make use of existing provision by attending their organisation or activity.

### Delivery update

**51 Hours delivered**
**347 Engagements with young people**

Our approach, in agreement with Crowthorne Parish Council (CPC) has been to visit Crowthorne based locations one nights a week up to two hours per session, ranging between 15.00-21.30. These times have varied as part of a constant review of engagement, conditions etc.
Geographically, we have visited multiple locations, but with a main focused on;

**Morgan Recreation Ground, High Street, Bucklers Park and Circle Hill.**

To optimise this resource, The Wayz have worked within the Bracknell Forest Community Safety Partnership with colleagues from over the borough, including Crowthorne Parish Council. This engagement helps ensure we are aware of incidents involving young people and equally partners are updated on our work and capacity to support.

**Delivery and Engagements**

Weekly Engagements
Engagements have been mainly focused at Morgan Rec and Circle Hill, consistent engagements with lots of conversations around building bike jumps, challenges faced at school and opportunities coming up throughout summer and autumn periods. Supporting and offering support through our work in Edgbarrow Secondary School offering support and more awareness to activities in the local area.

During this period, there were lots of conversation relating to school, exams and developing ideas for the summer. Young people managed well with exams with this time there were conversations around safety when 'celebrating exams' along with plans for September, starting new schools/colleges.

Through multi-agency meetings, there were concerns raised around Circle Hill and bike jumps being built by young people. Following conversations with young people at Circle Hill and Morgan Rec we identified financial challenges and lack of bike jumps in the local area as the main reasons as to why young people had been building unauthorised bike jumps. We met with groups across a few weeks and had conversations about mountain biking, what makes them build the bike jumps and the risks around using unauthorised bike jumps to themselves, members of the public and to the land. We explored the idea of offering activities to young people as well as identifying local facilities they could access. Following positive engagements with the group, looking at safety and community considerations, we organised a free bike session for the group at The Summit in The Look Out, over May Half Term. This provided a positive and accessible activity for the young people after positive engagements. We received feedback from parents that "their son only goes out when the youth workers are in the area as he feels safer in the community" and young people told staff that they look forward to the weekly engagements.
From this a number of young people accessed The Summit over the summer months.

Over the summer, staff attended Summer of Fun events and Community Sports events offering young people structured activities to engage in and build familiarity with young people and other services in the area. Activities within these were Sports, Bubble Football and Spray painting. We had really positive engagement with both young people and community members. Having consistent approached across the Parish, we were able to build stronger relationships with young people in the area. We asked young people in schools and in the community what activities they would access and this helped staff plan which activities would be delivered across the upcoming months.

Through our work in Edgbarrow we have been able to promote community sports, summer of fun activities more effectively and to talk to young people about what detached youth work is which has led to better engagements in the local community. This has bridged the gaps between young people and the local youth work team allowing for the team to identify needs in the local area and build trust and familiarity with the youth workers. Young people have been able to share ideas around activities they would like in the area. Through our engagements in Edgbarrow we were able to build stronger relationships with young people who didn't engage with our youth work team in previous engagements. We built relationships with the group and had conversations around relationship with school, lack of activities in the local area and how they feel in the community. We met with the group over a few weeks at Morgan Rec and played football with the group.

It has been a really positive period and have plans set for October including Half Term activities and a trip being promoted to a Reading FC football match.

**Adults & Community**
A local parent made contact to gain confirmation of our team. We discussed the programme and committed to extending our publicity and presence to inform the wider community about the offer.

# Mobile Youth Hub

THE WAYZ BRACKNELL

**Safe and positive opportunities for young people across Bracknell Forest.**

## Youth Work in the Community

- Engaging with young people & the community
- Organising activities & events
- Creating safe spaces for young people
- Supporting youth voice, participation & development

## What We Do

- Connect young people with local services and opportunities
- Listen to young people and promote positive youth voice
- Encourage positive engagement and reduce negative behaviours
- Work with schools, local agencies and partners

## Our Youth Work Team

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# Community Safety Service Update
# October 2026

Community Safety partners continue to work together to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB), support vulnerable residents and strengthen community cohesion across Bracknell Forest. Activity has focused on preventing harm, addressing emerging issues and ensuring communities feel safe and supported.

## Women and Girls Safety Charter

One of the most significant developments has been the launch of the Bracknell Forest Women and Girls Safety Charter. The Charter encourages businesses, organisations, public services and residents to take a shared responsibility for creating safer communities, challenging harassment and misogyny, supporting victims and promoting respectful behaviour. Local organisations have been invited to become signatories and help make women and girls safety everyone's business. Further partnership engagement activity is planned over the coming months.

## Domestic Abuse

Work has continued to deliver the Domestic Abuse Strategy, with ongoing partnership activity to improve awareness, prevention and support for victims and survivors. Recent awareness campaigns have focused on coercive control, stalking and other non-physical forms of domestic abuse.

Plans are also being developed for a White Ribbon event later this year to raise awareness of violence against women and girls and demonstrate support for those affected by domestic abuse. Further details will be published and promoted once arrangements have been finalised.

## Community Cohesion and Hate Crime

Community cohesion and hate crime remain important and we continue to monitor hate crime reports and wider community tensions to identify emerging issues and respond early where appropriate. Community Safety has worked with colleges, community groups, faith organisations and learning disability groups to raise awareness of hate crime, improve confidence in reporting and promote respectful relationships across our communities. Current monitoring suggests community tensions remain generally low across the borough.

## Tackling Underage and Illegal Sales

The Public Protection Partnership (PPP) has continued their enforcement activity across the borough, including test purchasing operations for age-restricted products and work targeting illegal tobacco sales. Preparations are underway for fireworks sales compliance activity ahead of Bonfire Night. Research and enforcement work relating to knife sales has also taken place, with everyone encouraged to continue sharing intelligence to support enforcement activity.

**Fire Safety and Prevention**

Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service has undertaken a range of prevention activities over the summer, including wildfire awareness events, arson prevention work and the installation of awareness signage at locations affected by deliberate fires. Partners continue to work together to address fire-setting concerns within parks and open spaces.

**How to Report a Crime – updated resources including QR code**

Reporting crime and concerns has just become easier. Our updated "How to Report a Crime" resource now includes information about the “Fearless” campaign giving young people a safe and anonymous way to share information. We have also introduced QR codes throughout the resource, enabling residents to quickly access reporting tools and support services directly from their mobile devices.

**Non-confidential reporting:**

You will need to give your name and some personal information.

THAMES VALLEY POLICE

- **Call 999 in emergencies**
- **Call 101 for non-emergencies**
- **Report online via the Thames Valley Police website:**
  **www.thamesvalley.police.uk/ro/report/**
  Use the online form to report details of non-emergencies.

**Anonymous reporting:**

You will not need to give your name or other personal information.

CrimeStoppers. Speak up. Stay safe.

**To give information anonymously about a crime or those involved, contact the independent charity Crimestoppers: 0800 555 111 www.crimestoppers-uk.org.**

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**Young people can give information 100% anonymously at www.fearless.org from the charity Crimestoppers.**

**Only use if reporting something that does not require urgent police attention**

**Crowthorne Parish Council (CPC)**

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## Buckler's Park phase 5C

CPC's Projects Team are currently working on costings and securing funding via BFC/Developer S.106 funding and CPC CIL funding for the installation of new recreation facilities on a tract of recreation land on Phase 5C at Buckler's Park which CPC intends to acquire and manage. The facilities there are planned to include a pump track, 5 aside informal kick about area and seating area for local young people. Unlike other areas of Buckler's Park which are managed under a Management Company arrangement with the costs borne by resident homeowners on the development, CPC's funding model is expected to be met by funding secured from the developer and nearby developments and CPC's precept budget.

## Opening of refurbished play area – Morgan Recreation Ground

Following a £150,000 refurbishment of the toddler play area, to upgrade to include accessible and inclusive play equipment, replacing 30-year-old equipment, an opening event was held on 21 October with local children attending (in the rain!) to explore the new equipment and admire the mural showcasing local wildlife and biodiversity.

## Bracknell Post Office – Princess Square

CPC has been informed of the closure of the Post Office at Princess Square Bracknell, and has been requested to share the consultation below:

Bracknell RG12 1XW - 010939 - Post Office - Citizen Space

# CROWTHORNE NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP MEETING 27 OCTOBER 2027

## Agenda item 7: TRL Redevelopment Phase 6 - Review of Consultation Proposals Submitted by Dandara

The following consultation has been received from representatives of Dandara regarding the proposed redevelopment of the old TRL building, Crowthorne House.

The NAG meeting is an opportunity for the public to review the plans and share their views:

*I'm getting in touch on behalf of Dandara regarding its vision to regenerate Land at Crowthorne House (the former Transport Research Laboratory HQ) as the sixth phase of the Buckler's Park development, which falls inside Crowthorne Parish Council's boundary.*

*A community consultation is being launched, with all the relevant details available on the project website: https://bucklers.your-feedback.co.uk/*

*The proposals comprise:*

- *147 new homes on the former TRL site at Crowthorne House, helping to meet local housing needs*
- *51 affordable homes, representing approximately 35% of the new homes*
- *New public open space and a children's play area for residents and the wider community to enjoy*
- *Protection of important existing trees, alongside new trees and planting throughout the site*
- *Reusing a vacant brownfield site – replacing the former TRL offices, warehouses, and surface car parking with new homes*
- *Completing Buckler's Park – creating a neighbourhood that reflects the wider development's established design and landscape*
- *Opportunities to improve habitats for wildlife as the landscape design is developed*
- *Walking and cycling routes through Phase 6, with opportunities to connect to the wider Buckler's Park network*
- *Construction jobs and investment, alongside contributions to local infrastructure*
- *Fewer vehicle trips – the proposals are expected to generate 155 fewer AM peak trips, 148 fewer PM peak trips, and 708 fewer trips over 12 hours than when the site was in employment use*

*We are circulating a community flyer to homes and businesses near the proposal site, which is attached for your information. Along with raising awareness about the scheme, it includes a link to our project website which contains all the key information along with the option to leave feedback until Sunday 1st November.*

*As an important local stakeholder, we would be happy to answer any questions the Parish Council might have regarding the scheme. We would be grateful if you could share this information with members, and we're happy to offer a briefing with the project team if that would be helpful.*

*Kind regards,*

*Warwick Payne,*

*On behalf of Dandara*

# New homes at Phase 6 of Buckler's Park

dandara

## Sharing our vision with the community

Dandara is preparing a planning application for Phase 6 of Buckler's Park, on the site of the vacant former Transport Research Laboratory headquarters at Crowthorne House.

The wider Buckler's Park development received outline planning permission in 2015, but Crowthorne House was not part of that original planning application, therefore a separate full planning application is required for the redevelopment of this parcel.

The proposals would replace the vacant office and industrial buildings with 147 new homes, including 51 affordable homes, alongside public open space, a children's play area, new planting and walking and cycling routes.

Phase 6 is designed to form a natural extension to Buckler's Park, following the established design principles of the wider development.

We are now inviting feedback from the local community, which will help shape the proposals before an application is submitted to Bracknell Forest Council.

## Have your say

We are holding an online consultation with more information about our vision, and a section where comments can be made, at **bucklers.your-feedback.co.uk**

Feedback can be submitted up until **Sunday 1st November 2026.**

For those without internet access, printed copies of our consultation materials and feedback forms are available on request. Please contact our project team via the details shown below.

## Contact us

Scan QR code to visit our project website

**mail@your-feedback.co.uk**

**0800 099 6712** - leave us a message and we will call you back

## Key benefits

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- 51 affordable homes, representing approximately 35% of the new homes
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# CROWTHORNE NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP MEETING 27 OCTOBER 2026

## Agenda Item 8: Crowthorne Neighbourhood Plan - Update on Progress of Review

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**Background and update**

Crowthorne Neighbourhood Plan is now 5 years old and good practice is to review Neighbourhood Plans with a view to updating them at this milestone to make sure they continue to ensure any development within the area is in line with both planning law and the needs of the community. CPC has engaged Oneil Homer (the Planning Consultants' that supported CPC with the drafting, consultation and implementation of the current Neighbourhood Plan).

Two scoping meetings have taken place with Cllrs and local residents participating, to discuss potential areas to update and include provisions for in any revised and updated plan. The consultant prepared a formal report about the discussions and this report and proposals for 'next steps' regarding the formation of a Working Group to review which ideas may be taken forwards, and the potential budgetary implications, will be presented to CPC at its November meeting.