

## Crowthorne Parish Council – February 2019

### Commitment to reducing waste – Update

At its meeting in April 2018 Crowthorne Parish Council passed a resolution to support Crowthorne Reduce Our Waste (C.R.O.W.) with its commitment to working towards plastic free status for the village and the Surfers Against Sewage (SAS) campaign.

Since then Crowthorne Parish Council has taken the following steps to minimise its use of single use plastics and reduce waste generally:-

- Our groundsman does a daily litter pick at the Morgan Recreation Ground and we also have a litter warden who litter picks throughout the village for a few hours each week. All waste collected on litter picks and from our waste bins is manually sorted into recyclable and non-recyclable waste.
- We made a conscious decision not to buy and sell bottled water at our Summer of Fun event this year, instead providing water bottle filling stations.
- We do not have water coolers on site, so all drink tap water in the office and at meetings. Previously bottled water was provided at meetings.
- When our current supply of dog poo bags runs the Council plans to purchase biodegradable bags in future.
- Our councillors have supported C.R.O.W.'s big litter pick event and will continue to support further events.
- Our plastic wallets and ring binders are continually reused to avoid purchasing additional plastic based supplies.
- We also only laminate signs/posters that will be exposed to the elements. All other posters for internal display are displayed without a protective coating.
- Where possible our hirers are encouraged to use non disposable crockery e.g. NCT have been allocated a cupboard at the Morgan Centre in the kitchen to enable them to have their own mugs rather than use disposable paper/waffle sided cups.
- Parish Hall hirers have recycling facilities available on site for the disposal of their recyclable waste.
- We have added to our facility booking terms and conditions that we support C.R.O.W. and encourage hirers not to use single use plastics.
- We have displayed posters showing Crowthorne Parish Council's commitment to C.R.O.W. at our facilities.
- We have also publicised the C.R.O.W. group on our website and Facebook page.
- We have worked with Bracknell Forest Council to seek their agreement to install litter splitter/separator bins in Crowthorne Parish.
- We have arranged with Bracknell Forest Council to host a small electrical items recycling bin at the Morgan Centre to enable local residents to drop off their redundant electrical items rather than send to landfill.