

## North Crawley Parish Bulletin - October 2021

Hi Folks, Steve here welcoming you to another bulletin - and there is lot's going on in North Crawley!!

On 17th October we opened the Adventure Play Park near the MUGA which will be a brilliant new play area for children of all ages. Thanks to the Play Park Committee's fund raising efforts this great new facility is gifted to the village at no cost and should prove to be very popular.

But there's more!! That very same Committee have been working with the Parish Council to bid for another fund - and we have been selected for a fund that will total over £80,000!! This fund will be used to completely replace the Kiddies Play Park next to the Bowls Club. Much of the equipment needs replacing - some of it was there when my 41 year old was a toddler!! And of course, the surface is mainly grass - which turns to mud when it rains! The park will have a completely new surface, fencing and equipment for our youngsters to enjoy for many years to come. Well done to the Committee - brilliant work producing a real benefit for our community.

We are still trying to form a Traffic Working Group to help research and recommend methods to mitigate the impact of traffic driving through the village. You may have heard that Marshall's Aerospace has announced its intention to set up its main operations in Cranfield. That's good news on the job front for the area of course but it is going to exacerbate through traffic volumes. There is the potential of a "perfect storm" of traffic when you combine Marshall's, the 5000+ houses of MKE and the 1000 houses of Tickford Fields and the ongoing expansion of Cranfield. Being on the border between Beds and Bucks means we may end up being ignored by both so we need to come up with effective and appropriate solutions to the traffic problems. We only have 1 volunteer so far from the whole of our Parish! Please give us just a few hours a month to help us protect the safety and tranquility of our village.

November is voting month for the Village Champions awards. This award is about recognising someone who has made a difference within our community, who has helped make this an even better place to live and who deserves to be thanked and congratulated. You can send your vote by email to [clerk@northcrawley-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@northcrawley-pc.gov.uk) or pop it into the letterbox of 3 Folly Lane. Every resident in the parish gets a vote and voting closes at the end of November. We hope to make the award during December.

I'm sure you've spotted the smart new "Super Bug Hotel" in Nixeys Walk - thank you so much to the Wildlife Group (and especially Di Morris) for making this possible. The group is putting 4 bird boxes up there too as well as planning an extensive network of Owl boxes. I hope you enjoyed the wildflowers that blossomed during Summer - I've cut them down (as recommended) so that the seed heads multiply next years blooms which mean it should look even better.

The Neighbourhood Plan is progressing with the document fully written but being checked to ensure it complies with all the regulations before printing. There has been an extra delay caused by one of the landowners proposing more houses on their site than originally expected. Providing they are the right sort of houses and are planned sensitively then we believe this could be a benefit to our community - but we need to see a plan that meets the objectives of the overall Neighbourhood Plan - and we haven't got there yet. Once we have such a plan we will hold a "one off" public consultation so you can see what it is and why it is different from the scheme we presented earlier this year.

We are going to move the Defibrillator. It is currently sited on the roadside wall of the Cock Inn and we feel it should be nearer the Recreation Ground so it is noted by visiting sports teams. The plan is to locate it on the wall near the front door of the Institute building - which can be seen from the High St and by vehicles making their way to the car park.

Well that's about it for another month and, as ever, if you want to see more details about Parish Council work and village activities please take a look at our website [northcrawley@pc-gov.co.uk](mailto:northcrawley@pc-gov.co.uk)