



# THE PARISH PUMP *Lite*

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## Neighbourhood Plan-Referendum

The modifications to the draft Croxley Green Neighbourhood Plan, proposed by the Independent Examiner, were approved by Three Rivers District Council (TRDC) on 23 October. TRDC has agreed that the Plan, as modified, should proceed to a public referendum in the Croxley Green Parish area to determine whether local people support it. The referendum will take place on **THURSDAY 6th DECEMBER**.

If residents vote in favour of the Plan TRDC must “make” the Plan within eight weeks unless any legal issues arise which are unresolved by the end of that period.

### What is it trying to achieve?

The Neighbourhood Plan is an opportunity for local people to influence the future development of Croxley Green by protecting those parts of the Parish that are important to its character and function and planning for new development which is sympathetic to the local context.

The essence of the Neighbourhood Plan is to plan a sustainable future for Croxley Green.

The Plan supplements but does not repeat policies already contained within other approved statutory documents, such as the TRDC Local Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework.

The policies must relate to the use and development of land. The Plan also includes other related objectives that local people wish to achieve, which are presented as “aims”.

### What difference will it make?

TRDC will use the policies in our Neighbourhood Plan to provide a local context, when considering planning applications for new development or building extensions within Croxley Green. Our policies strengthen, enhance and complement the Development Management Policies in the TRDC Local Plan adopted in July 2013. They include:

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### New development:

*“New development should seek to conserve and, wherever possible, enhance the key elements of the character and appearance of the Character Areas described in Appendix B through careful design and massing of new buildings and the protection and enhancement of private gardens and open space without inhibiting innovative design. (etc.)”*

### Extensions:

*“Domestic extensions requiring planning consent should seek to conserve and enhance the Character Areas described in Appendix B through the careful control of massing, alignment and height. Extensions that have an overbearing or adverse visual effect on the Character Area in which it is located will be resisted. Proposals should take account of the guidelines in Appendix C. (etc.)”*

### Other policies include:

- *“Streets and areas with special characteristics”*
- *“Landmark buildings and structures”*
- *“Satisfying local housing needs”*
- *“Lifetime neighbourhoods and security”*
- *“Connections to existing footpaths and cycle ways in new developments”*
- *“Protection of retail uses”, “Safeguarding employment” & “Encouraging new employment”*
- *“Shop fronts” and*
- *“Killingdown Farm Development Site”*

The Neighbourhood Plan also includes a number of related aims that the Parish Council will pursue on behalf of local residents and the community, such as:

- *“The use of appropriate materials in all extensions”*
- *“Accessibility of all new dwellings”*
- *“Crime prevention”*
- *“Dwelling sizes”*
- *“Reduction of carbon footprint” & “Improving energy efficiency”*
- *“Support for leisure and community facilities”*
- *“Safeguarding recreational land”*
- *“Protection of allotments”*
- *“Road Safety and control of parking” & “Safe Parking”*
- *“Conservation of front gardens”*
- *“Street furniture”*
- *“Protection of trees” & “Street trees”*
- *“Maintenance of footpaths and bridleways”*
- *Other development opportunities (listed in the Plan).*

### More Information

The Plan and the Appendices are on the TRDC website, the Parish Council's website at [www.croxleygreen-pc.gov.uk](http://www.croxleygreen-pc.gov.uk) (click on latest news) and you can view a printed version at the Parish Council office in Community Way and in the Croxley Green Library.

## Dog Show

On Sunday October 21 we held our 7th annual charity dog show in Stone's Orchard. The event had to be re-arranged from September after severe weather warnings meant it was not safe to hold. The rearrangement proved successful and we were very lucky to be treated to a lovely sunny Autumnal afternoon. This year we had over 200 people in attendance and together we raised almost £400 for the Dog's Trust. Following on from feedback from last year's event we had a BBQ onsite provided by the local Royal British Legion branch and it was much enjoyed by all! Across the 11 classes we had 170 doggies and their owners take part. This year's Best in Show was Porter, the Setter. We also had a new class this year called 'Best of the Rest' which was sponsored by Croxley Hardware and gave all dogs who had not yet won a rosette on the day another chance to take home a prize. This year a local photographer, Dave Hutchinson, was on hand to take photos for the event. Dave has very generously made his gallery available online for everyone to see and the photos free to download. You can view Dave's gallery by following the link on our website under our Dog Show article. Dave runs local digital camera training courses and you can check them out at [digitalcameratraining.co.uk](http://digitalcameratraining.co.uk). Croxley Green Parish Council would like to thank everyone who helped make this year's show possible, Nick King for supplying the PA system, Ruth Springer for organising prizes for the tombola and Croxley Hardware for their sponsorship and trophy donation. If you came to this year's Dog Show and have any feedback to help to continue to make this event even better please get in touch.



2018 Best in Show, Porter & handler Sophie

## Poppies

As you may have noticed our Parish Rangers have recently installed 100 poppies in the village to commemorate the 100 years since the end of World War One. The poppies have been installed along The Green, New Road, Dickinson's Square & Avenue and Yorke Road. These roads were chosen as they were the main residential streets in Croxley Green during the time of the First World War. Our Chairman, Cllr Mark Saxon, commented: "Our Rangers have installed 100 poppies around Croxley Green to mark the 100 years since the end of World War One. As many as 94 people from Croxley Green lost their lives during the Great War and this represents a fitting and respectful commemoration to those who paid the ultimate sacrifice." This act of commemoration follows on from the awarding of a £7000 grant to All Saints' Church for the production of the WW1 memorial glass doors. If you haven't had a chance to get down to the church and have a look at the doors in their new home please find some time to do so.

## Hazel Seeley

In October we were saddened to learn of the death of former councillor, Hazel Seeley. Hazel was a dedicated parish councillor whom served continuously on the Council for 18 years. Amongst many initiatives Hazel was the driving force behind the Friday community bus service to help the older members of our community keep active around the local area. In 2016 we launched our annual civic award to recognise an individual or group for the work they do for the benefit of the community of Croxley Green. The award was named the Hazel Seeley Award in dedication of all the hard work Hazel carried out for the people of Croxley Green. She will be missed.

## Dates For Your Diary

- Sunday **November 11**- 1:50pm- 3:30pm - Remembrance Day Parade - Croxley Green
- Friday **November 16** - TRDC Parking Consultation Deadline
- Thursday **November 29**- 6:00pm - Christmas Lights Switch On - Outside the Library
- Saturday **December 15**- 4pm - 7pm - Christmas Market - In/Outside the Library
- Monday **December 31**- Midnight - NYE Fireworks - The Green
- Thursday **January 17**- 7:30pm - Wassail - Stone's Orchard
- Thursday **May 2** - All Day - Parish Council Elections - Croxley Green

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