

## Venues Available for Hire across Crawley

As of **22nd May 2025**

A cancellation of a venue at short notice early in 2024 prompted us to consider the creation of an accommodation strategy with a dual purpose. The first aim was to bolster our resilience by having suitable venues at our fingertips should a booked room be denied us at short notice. The second, more ambitious, was to discern the nature of the relationship between the learning/social experience and the quality of room used. Are we in the right venue, say? Could we fruitfully move somewhere else? Several issues may float around these points, and it would be useful to get your views on what makes the perfect accommodation for your activities.

There are two lists below, the second of which, compiled by Roger Combes, is an early version of a guide to potential venues and will, in time be the “go-to” guide (and sited in the GL handbook), when new indoor activities are being considered. Again, your views on this, and suggestions for alternatives, will be very welcome – please contact the Chair via the Crawley u3a website Contact page.

### Venues currently utilised by Crawley u3a indoor groups:

Private Homes  
2nd Ifield Scout Hut  
St Paul’s Church Northgate  
Furnace Green Community Centre  
Three Bridges Cricket Club  
Crawley Museum  
Crawley Baptist Church, West Green  
Charis Centre, West Green  
Friary Hall, Haslett Avenue  
Holy Trinity Church, Tilgate  
St Andrew’s, Furnace Green

## CRAWLEY ROOMS FOR HIRE

VENUE	Location/address	Rooms, capacity, cost (as at March 2025) (< no. means up to)	Other information
<b>The Apple Tree Centre</b>	Ifield Ave RH11 0AF admin@crawleyhindu.com 07967 339790	<u>Education suite</u> £25 per session?	Vast meeting spaces. Large Car park but c 400m to bus stop
<b>The Charis Centre</b>	West Green Drive, West Green Crawley RH11 7EL events@thechariscentre.org 01293 413446	<u>Hall</u> for < 200 people 4 x <u>rooms</u> for < 40 each No costing on website	Near Crawley Hospital. On Bus routes 2 & 3. WIFI and screens in all rooms. Good accessibility, Cafe available. Hearing loop/microphone? Adjacent car park, entrance in Town Barn Rd RH11 7EB Owned by Crawley Community Church
<b>Crawley Baptist Church</b>	Crabtree Road Crawley RH11 7HJ info@CrawleyBaptistChurch.org .uk 01293 546177	<u>Lounge Area</u> < 50 at tables £55 morning or afternoon session (not Wed or Thurs) 4 x <u>Rooms</u> < 30 each £30 session. Pair of rooms combined < 60 £65 per session. <u>Sanctuary</u> (church area) < 250 people @ £110 per session	Wifi and AV facilities in some rooms. Car park. Good access for all. Use of kitchen £35 Hearing loop?
<b>Crawley Community Centres</b>	15 x Centres, as below, all administered by Crawley Borough Council Facilities Team (unless indicated otherwise): facilities@crawley.gov.uk 01293 438362	Most centres have a hall for up to 50 people. A few have a larger hall and/or an additional smaller room	See <i>Crawley.gov.uk</i> website and click on ' <i>community centres</i> ' and ' <i>finding a community centre</i> '. Facilities hired out by the hour. Charged at band 'C' hourly rates for u3a? Eg £15.10 per large hall. All these centres in good condition and have a kitchen. One storey buildings. Most close to bus routes. Large halls may have stage. Car parks vary in size. Access good. AV ?

	<b>Bewbush</b> Community Centre Dorsten Sqare RH118XW	<u>2 x Halls</u> up to 135 people each <u>Room</u> up to 30	Accessible by 4 very frequent bus services – 3,10,23,200 Car Park adjacent
	<b>Broadfield</b> Community Centre, Broadfield Barton RH11 9BA	<u>Social Hall</u> <120 at tables £35 p.h. <u>Main Hall</u> <140 at tables £30 p.hr <u>Youth Hall</u> <110 at tables £30 p.hr <u>Small hall</u> <30 at tables £20 p.hr	Administered independently (not by CBC). Contact Reception Team 01293 531337 Main Hall and Youth Hall usually unavailable weekday daytime. Car Parking adjacent and very frequent bus services – 1,10,20 – close by
	<b>Furnace Green</b> Community Centre, Ashburnham Rd RH10 6QU	<u>Main hall</u> < 90 people £15.10 hour <u>Small hall</u> £7.70 hour	Bus service 2 Car Park
	<b>Gossops Green Community</b> Centre, Kidborough Rd RH11 8HW	Hall <100 people	Buses 3, 200 Parking close by
	<b>Ifield Drive</b> Community Centre Ifield Drive RH11 0H	<u>Main Hall</u> < 75 people <u>Small Hall</u> <25? (not on video?)	Bus service 2, 200 Car Park
	<b>Ifield West</b> Community Centre Dobbins Place RH11 0SZ	<u>Hall</u> < about 75 people	Bus service 2
	<b>Langley Green</b> Community Centre Stagelands RH11 7PG	<u>Whole Hall</u> < 170 people <u>Split hall</u> <118 and <55 Room <30 people	Buses 4,5,200 Car Park, and precinct close by
	<b>Maidenbower</b> Community Centre Harvest Road RH10 7QH	<u>Hall</u> < 240 people <u>Coffee Lounge</u> carpeted < 40?	On 100 Bus route Parking at precinct
	<b>Maidenbower Pavilion</b> Community Centre Maidenbower Park RH10 7HG	<u>Main Hall</u> <50 people? <u>Small Hall</u> <35? <u>Meeting Room</u> around table <15? <u>5-a-side football pitch</u>	Administered by Maidenbower Community Park Club (not CBC). Enquiries to mpccmichelle@yahoo.co.uk  100 bus Parking adjacent

	<b>Milton Mount</b> Community Centre, Milton Mount Ave Pound Hill RH10 3DU	<u>Hall</u> <75 people	(about 5 mins walk to bus) 3,4,5  Limited Parking
	<b>Northgate</b> Community Centre, Barnfield Road RH10 8DS	<u>Hall</u> <90 people	Close to St Paul's
	<b>Pound Hill</b> Community Centre Worth Road RH10 7EP	<u>Main Hall</u> <90 <u>Small Hall</u> <20	On 4,5 bus route. Limited Parking
	<b>Southgate</b> Centre Ditchling Hill RH11 8QL	<u>Hall</u> <100	Bus service1, but a longish uphill walk Car Park
	<b>Three Bridges</b> Community Centre Gales Place RH10 1QL	<u>Large Hall</u> <75 <u>Small Hall</u> <20	100 bus close by Limited Parking
	<b>Tilgate</b> Community Centre Shackleton Road RH10 5DF	<u>Large Hall</u> <100 <u>Small Hall</u> <25	250 yds from Ashdown Drive, and Bus service 2 Car Park
	<b>Wakehams Green</b> Community Centre Wakehams Green Drive, Pound Hill RH10 3NU	<u>Hall</u> <50	4, 5 bus stops close by Car Park
<b>Crawley Library</b>	Southgate Avenue, RH10 6HG Crawley.library@westsussex.gov.uk 01293 651751	<u>Caroline Haslett room</u> < 12 Charity rate £11.00 per hour <u>Bill Buck</u> < 20 Charity rate £13.00 per hour <u>Longley room</u> < 60 Charity rate £24 per hour <u>Enclosed glass pod</u> < 8 Charity rate £11.00 per hour	Free wi-fi All have facilities for presentations Café downstairs All apart from Caroline Haslett fully accessible Near bus-station
<b>Crawley Museum</b>	Crawley Museum The Tree 103 High St	2 meeting rooms	Contact 01293 539088
<b>The Friary</b>	Haslett Ave West RH10 1HR 01293 524176 ext. 2 reception.crawley@abdiocese.org	<u>Hall</u> <? Cost?	By bus station

<b>Holy Trinity Church</b>	Ashdown Drive, Tilgate RH10 5EL stmaryssouthgate@gmail.com	2 Halls	Some accessibility limitations for wheelchair users Bus stops close by Service 2
<b>The Orchard, Crawly Community Action</b>	The Orchard, 1-2 Gleneagles Court Brighton Road, Crawley West Sussex. RH10 6AD Tel 01293 657002 or E-mail – <a href="mailto:lillias.mcgurk@crawleycommunityaction.org">lillias.mcgurk@crawleycommunityaction.org</a>	Longley Room – 20 – 24 people depending upon layout £16.50 per hour Whittick Room – 10 – 16 people depending upon layout £13.00 per hour	See link below <a href="https://www.crawleycommunityaction.org/community/practical-help/">https://www.crawleycommunityaction.org/community/practical-help/</a> Rates include presentation equipment and a portable projector if needed for any of the rooms.
<b>St Andrews Church</b>	Weald Drive, Furnace Green		Service 2 Car Park
<b>St Barnabas Church</b>	Worth Road, Pound Hill RH10 7DY office@worthparish.org 0300 118150	<u>Hall</u> <105 Costs? <u>Café area</u> <40	Next to Pound Hill shops and bus stop. Services 4/5
<b>St Mary's Church</b>	Wakehurst Drive, Southgate RH10 6EH stmaryssouthgate@gmail.com 01293 583082	Large Hall	Bus stop close by, Service 1 Parking limited
<b>St Paul's Methodist Church</b>	Woodfield Road Northgate, RH10 8ER crawleymethodistchurch@gmail.com	<u>Hall</u> <100 <u>'Canteen'</u> <40 <u>Room 6</u> <25 <u>Room 7</u> <25 <u>Springboard Room</u> <20 costs?	Bus 100 Limited Parking, but more available at Northgate Shops, directly opposite
<b>Scout Huts</b>	Various across Crawley – google “Crawley Scout Huts”		

<b>Starbucks</b>	12,13 Queens Square RH10 1DY	Meeting Room <12 Free of charge	Presumably coffee purchase expected! Ring 01293 611630
<b>Woodgate Hub</b>	4 Grace Holland Ave Pease Pottage RH11 9SL woodgatehub@stch.org.uk 01293 583082	<u>Large Room</u> <40 £20 per hour <u>Medium room</u> <25 £15 per hour <u>Small room</u> <15 £10 per hour	Next to St Catherine's Hospice. Cafe available Close to frequent bus route. Service 20

<b>Version</b>	<b>Description of change</b>	<b>Date</b>
1.0	1 <sup>st</sup> version following approval by the Committee	3/03/25
1.1	Addition of Scout Huts Addition of The Orchard Details given for Crawley Museum Slight change in ordering Insertion of "as at March 2025" under heading "Rooms, capacity, cost"	22/05/25