

Cranleigh



Celebrating the SEEDA project with the completion of the works to Fountain square.

Cranleigh is reputed to be the largest village in England. The village takes its name from the craneries at two nearby estates, which were reputed to have bred cranes as delicacies for the King. The crane has since become the village symbol, adorning monuments in the town.

The Village lies near the A281 between Guildford and Horsham. Despite having been deprived of a rail link in 1965, Cranleigh has prospered both as a satellite of Guildford, and as a service and light engineering centre in its own right. It is also a retail centre for the surrounding smaller villages. The village goes without a mention in the Domesday Book of 1085, although a population must have existed a century later large enough to warrant the building of the church. In common with other parts of the Weald, the forests supplied the timber which fuelled the ironworks which, apart from peasant agriculture, was the only place of employment.

Cranleigh is twinned with Vallendar, Germany and Semur-en-Auxois, France. Every year the Cranleigh & South Eastern Agricultural Society hold the Cranleigh Show, which is a traditional agricultural show. This year the show is taking place on 2nd August. Please visit www.cranleighshow.org.uk for more details.



The Cranleigh Initiative is an unincorporated partnership of key organisations in the Village including representatives from 3 tiers of government/the Chamber of Trade & Commerce/Cranleigh Arts Centre/The Secondary School/Youth Organisations, The Initiative sponsored a Market Towns healthcheck in 2003. Visit the Cranleigh website at <http://www.cranleighvillage.net/>

The Cranleigh SEEDA Small Rural Towns Programme

Upon completion of the healthcheck and development of an the Action Plan, a High Street Working Task Group was set up to oversee the project from development through to implementation. This group organised further consultation with the community and met regularly from July 2004 to December 2006 when it disbanded. Representation on that group included councillors from all councils, the local business community, the cycling forum, local residents, and council officers.

The main aims of the project were the:

- Development of Cranleigh as a rural hub for retail and visitors providing a high quality shopping and visitor experience
- Improved access to the centre by arrange of modes of transport, including cycling, bus, car and walking
- Improved accessibility within the high street including ease of access across the main road, a significant junction and improved facilitates for the mobility impaired
- Benefits to the evening economy through enhanced lighting

Other projects delivered by the Initiative include:

- Walking for health programme
- Community days
- Ponds and Commons clearance
- Village Design Statement
- Youth Facilities
- Markets

Cranleigh is in the Borough of Waverley – visit www.waverley.gov.uk

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