

Canning & Clyde Monthly Update – August 2025

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Hi. Hope you're able to make the most of summer. The summer months see the most outside events in Croydon and elsewhere. We include one or two in this update.

Met Engage

This is a new social media type platform for individual residents to be able to engage directly with the Metropolitan Police. Here's how they describe it.

'We're transforming the Met to become a service that truly delivers for you.'

Through our new platform Met Engage you can get to know your local officers, help shape how we police your local area and have direct access to key information and advice.

This isn't just a platform for us to tell you what we're doing in your area, it's an opportunity for you to tell us what's concerning you most so we can take action on the things that truly matter to you.'

Click here [to find out more](#). If you decide to sign up, please make sure you click on the verification email that will be sent to your Inbox. You need to do this to get the verification code and complete registration.

Once you have signed up, if you click on the 'AROUND ME' button, it will show you the members of our local Police Addiscombe West Safer Neighbourhood Team. It will also show you alerts about meetings coming up (see Cuppa with a Copper below) plus photos and information on convicted criminals who were operating locally and have been apprehended. Currently on the page are two prolific shop lifters. They have been given a Criminal Behaviour Order preventing them entering

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certain premises (eg Co op, which includes the one at the bottom of Morland Road, subject to a lot of shop lifting). Our local Addiscombe West Safer Neighbourhood Team have been working hard with the Co-op to reduce this.

Cuppa with a Copper

Thursday 7 August 2025

11:00 am

[Casablanca Café](#), 124 Cherry Orchard Road (between the double roundabout and Leslie Park Road)

Our local Addiscombe West Safer Neighbourhood Team invite you to join them. This is an opportunity to meet our local Police team, chat about issues of interest to you and find out about all the work they do locally.

Commissioners appointed by Government to oversee improvements in Croydon's management

This came about because of the final report (25 April 2025) of the Improvement and Assurance Panel. This Panel was put in by the previous Government after the previous Croydon Council declared bankruptcy in 2020; the Panel's remit ended in July this year.

Here's the [link to that report](#). If you don't want to read all 16 pages, you can skip to the Conclusion starting on page 15. If you do want a comprehensive assessment of Croydon Council's management and performance over the last few years, then it is worth reading / skimming the whole document.

The Commissioners have been appointed for two years, until 20 July 2027, with a review after twelve months. Their role is described by the Minister of State for Local Government and English Devolution in the following way, *'Commissioners will have greater scope to challenge and support the Council to finalise and implement*

its Stabilisation Plan and deliver realistic transformation and savings, in line with what the Council has committed to.'

Some heated words from varying viewpoints have been written about the appointment of Commissioners. Here's a link to the calmest and most balanced account I've seen.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c9dg8l33g8xo>

And now for something chilled

As a tonic to the above – Paul Oliver, owner of the excellent [Croydon Art Space](#) at 41 Lower Addiscombe Road, has written this sax piece and recorded a video at the gallery. It's called "Let's Go, Let's Keep It Together"

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PNVNet-cX2Y&list=RDPNVNet-cX2Y&start_radio=1

Gladi Gladi – means happy celebration

Saturday 16 August 12 noon – 6 pm

Sunday 17 August 12 noon – 5 pm

High Street and North End, Croydon

Weekend of varied music to celebrate [Samuel Coleridge-Taylor](#), Croydon composer and conductor. Includes performances of Coleridge-Taylor's work by London Mozart Players, Pegasus Opera Company as well as new music inspired by his work and life from other musicians.

Families can have fun on an upcycled musical playground, learn how to be a DJ and look out for a larger-than-life dancing puppet.

Click here for [more information](#).

Costa del Croydon

1 – 31 August 2025

7 days a week. Two daily sessions: 11:30am – 3:00pm; 3:30pm – 7:00pm

Centrale's rooftop car park

Free entry.

Book in advance or turn up on the day although booking is advised

Centrale's rooftop car park will again be turned into an Urban Beach.

Daily activities: Dance workshops, face painting, arts & crafts

Paid-for rides: Go-karts, bungee trampolines & more

Toddler paddling pool, Quiet Chill Zone in the shade, live music, games

Designed for families, friends, and sunseekers of all ages.

<https://centraleandwhitgift.co.uk/costa-del-croydon/>

Free family fun from CALAT

(CALAT stands for Croydon Adult Learning and Training)

Until Wednesday 20 August 2025

A variety of workshops at various venues throughout the borough

Suitable for parents, carers and their children. Aim to provide an opportunity to get creative whilst learning in a nurturing and encouraging setting

<https://lbc-app-w-wp-calat-p.azurewebsites.net/summer-family-fun/>

Our next Quiz

Our next Quiz will be on Saturday 18 October 2025, 7.30 pm at Clyde Hall.

We will be raising funds for Wildlife Aid Foundation (Leatherhead)

www.wildlifeaid.org.uk

Once we have checked the price of fish and chips, we'll be able to set the ticket price. When we have that, we will be open for bookings.

Outside in the month of August - wasps

We are approaching the season when we may notice more wasps. They can be a nuisance around people eating or drinking outdoors but how well do we understand wasps?

The UK has around 9,000 species of wasp. They come in a variety of shapes, sizes and colours. Most of them do not sting. Many are solitary and don't build the nests that can be a nuisance in buildings.

Wasps eat a variety of insects disliked by farmers and gardeners alike. There's even a species of wasp that eats clothes moths.

The warm, dry weather we had up till mid July makes conditions favourable to wasps so you may see more of them this year.

It is usually towards the end of summer (August and September) that wasps start taking an interest in our food and drink, especially of the sugary kind. Why is this?

Earlier in the summer worker wasps are busy find protein and feeding it to the babies in the nest. They generally find this protein in garden creatures like caterpillars. In return the larvae give the worker wasps a sugar rich secretion that provides them with energy. Once the larvae have grown and mutated into adult wasps, the worker wasps have to find sugar outside the nest. This is when we see more wasps around our outdoors food and drink and fallen fruit. Click here for [more information on how this works](#).

Click here for [an interesting article on wasps](#). It includes practical tips for living alongside wasps.

'How can we live alongside each other happily then?

Ms Banfield suggests we leave something sweet, such as a small cap of jam or orange juice, a short distance from the picnic area to distract the insects.

Other practical tips include not screaming, flapping your arms or swatting at wasps, as this will agitate them and make them more aggressive.

Don't disturb them.'