

Canning & Clyde Monthly Update – December 2022

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Hi. Hope you are staying well as the shortest day approaches. Wishing you well for the festive season.

Request for help to deliver newsletter

As promised, we are going to put out a second paper newsletter this year to all households in our two roads. We will be delivering it between now and Christmas.

Please are you able to help deliver the newsletter to just one half of your road? We are looking for volunteers to deliver to:

Top half of Clyde Road on each side between the alleyways and Addiscombe Road

Bottom half of Clyde Road on each side between the alleyways and Lower Addiscombe Road

Top half of Canning Road on each side between the alleyway and Addiscombe Road

Bottom half of Canning Road on each side between the alleyway and Lower Addiscombe Road.

Please email me if you can help. Many thanks.

Croydon Council – survey on your budget priorities

Croydon Council is consulting between now and 8 January 2023 on what you would like to see as Council priorities.

As with any questionnaire, it tends to get a clearer result if they restrict the questions. Usually you'd expect an open question at the end for any other comments to give people an opportunity fully to express their views; there isn't one in this survey. There is a chance, however, in the last question '*5. Is there anything that we currently spend money on that you think we shouldn't, or anything that you think we could do differently?*' where you can add in anything you think the Council has left out from their options. This includes anything they have been doing but have not included in their options.

Click here to take part in the [Council survey on budget priorities](#).

Christmas Roller Rink

[Centrale and Whitgift shopping centres](#) have a free roller rink in Whitgift Square right through until Christmas Eve.

Suitable for children from 5 to 75, the roller rink will host skating sessions on the hour every day from 12pm to 6pm on Mondays to Saturdays and 12pm to 5pm on Sundays.

Click here for more information on Christmas events in Whitgift and Centrale

<https://www.centraleandwhitgift.co.uk/events>

Free activities and healthy food over the school Christmas holidays

With funding from the Department for Education, Croydon Council is offering places in various schemes for children aged 4 – 16 years who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals.

The schemes offer holiday activities, warm safe space and healthy food.

Click here to see the [programme and book](#).

Addiscombe Railway Park

Sunday 11 December 2022, 1 – 4 pm

As usual Friends of Addiscombe Railway Park are holding a work day on the second Sunday of the month. They will be doing some tidying up and gardening.

Everyone welcome, even just to say hello and find out what they do.

<https://en-gb.facebook.com/AddiscombePark/>

<http://park.addiscombe.net/>

Warm Wednesdays for older people in West Croydon

Join a Warm Wednesday on Wednesday 16th November from 2.30pm – 4.30pm at West Croydon Methodist Church, 93 London Road, Croydon CR0 2RF.

Older people attending will be offered hot drinks and biscuits; information around bills and loneliness with signposting to the correct services; opportunity to have fun, socialise and listen to music.

Sessions to attend:

Wednesday 30th November from 2.30pm – 4.30pm

Wednesday 21st December from 2.30pm – 4.30pm Christmas edition

Wednesday 28th December from 2.30pm – 4.30pm New Year's eve edition

From 2023, every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month from 2.30pm – 4.30pm

Ashburton Hall, Ashburton Park – Warm Space

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 12:00 – 2.00 pm. Local residents will be able to keep warm, charge a phone and enjoy a friendly chat over a cuppa

Mould

Mould has been in the news recently with the inexpressibly sad death of a two year old. It can be a particular problem in rented property.

Basically mould is caused by the amount of moisture in the air.

In homes this has two main causes. One might be structural defects (eg leaking roofs, faulty guttering, cracks in external walls, plumbing problems). The other cause is lack of ventilation (eg people using the bathroom, cooking or drying washing indoors but not opening the windows to let moisture out.)

In rented properties the landlord is responsible for mending structural defects and the tenant is responsible for maintaining the inside of the property, including airing and heating it sufficiently.

Heating is a concern for many people right now. SHINE London provides a free energy advice service for Londoners. SHINE London offers a dedicated helpline and affordable warmth interventions to ensure households get the help they need to reduce utility bills, tackle energy debt and ultimately stay well and warm. Phone 0300 555 0195 to speak to an advisor, 9am and 5pm, Mon-Fri. <https://shine-london.org.uk/>

Shelter has excellent information on [Damp and mould in rented properties](#). This includes information on tenant and landlord rights and responsibilities, tips on ventilation and controlling moisture and a video on some of the causes of damp and mould.

Metropolitan Police – Addiscombe West Safer Neighbourhood Team

November newsletter attached

Each London Ward has its own dedicated Safer Neighbourhood Team. The aim of Safer Neighbourhood Teams is to get to know an area well, listen to residents and provide information as well as usual policing activities. In addition – if the Metropolitan Police require them to work elsewhere (eg policing demonstrations in Central London or helping out on a Ward with a higher crime rate), then they are ‘abstracted’ away from local duties. This of course has an impact on their local work.

Our Addiscombe West Safer Neighbourhood Team consists of:

Sergeant Scott Jones

PCSO Angela Chalmers

PC Kirsty Bailey

PC Sam Lennon.

Our team's numbers had been greatly reduced until very recently owing to funding cuts. Some new funding has been made available so our team's numbers are up a bit.

Addiscombe West has a slightly lower crime rate than Croydon as a borough. Croydon is about average for London.

For more information see <https://www.met.police.uk/a/your-area/met/croydon/addiscombe-west> You can contact them online. For non emergency matters dial 101. In an emergency dial 999. Email: smailbox.addiscombewestsnt@met.police.uk

If you have any concerns about local safety or crime, please feel free to contact us at anne.bridge175@gmail.com or phone 020 8656 6707 and leave a message.

Croydon Art Space

Harmony Exhibition – till 31 December 2022

Free entry – viewing by appointment only - book online at <https://www.croydonartspace.com/>

41 Lower Addiscombe Road, Croydon CR0 6PQ

We have our very own art gallery within a 10 minute walk.

'Experience the harmony of contemporary artistic expression. Artworks include; paintings, jewellery, glassworks, graphic design, and ceramics.'

Outside this month

Things to see / hear in the month of December

We can see and hear robins all year round including winter.

It is said that the reason robins feature on a lot of Christmas cards is that in Victorian times – when the tradition of sending cards at Christmas started in earnest – the post men were called 'robins' because of their red jackets.

Robins are easily identifiable by their red or (more accurately) orange breasts.

They also stand out in winter as one of the few birds that sing all year round and for a long part of a 24 hour period. Robins are adapted to low light levels and are often active in half-light when other birds are no longer about. Street lighting can sometimes encourage a robin to sing in the middle of the night. So, if you're walking up the street and hear a bird singing in the dark, it may just be a robin.

Click here to hear the [robin song and for more information](#) on robins.