

Canning & Clyde Monthly Update – October 2026

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Well – our long summer is slowly drawing to a sunny, balmy close. Here we are in October. At the moment we have temperate warmth without being too hot.

Our Quiz

The Quiz went very well yesterday evening (Saturday 3 October). Huge thanks to Steve for all his work. Big thanks too to everyone who came along and had fun.

We can update you on final amount of money raised for the Wildlife Aid Foundation in Leatherhead in our November email.

To keep an eye on events coming up in Croydon

If you'd like to keep an eye on events in Croydon, you can go to the Culture Croydon site. Not all the events are advertised far enough in advance for me to include in our monthly update.

<https://www.culturecroydon.com/>

Natasha Irons MP – Addiscombe West Coffee morning

Saturday 10 October 2026

10.00 am to 12:00 noon

You may have received a hand-delivered letter from Natasha Irons MP advertising her coffee morning.

The morning is being described as,

'A chance to meet your MP for Croydon East, Natasha Irons, and discuss your priorities for Addiscombe West.'

A relaxed, informal opportunity to share your thoughts, ask any questions and discuss your priorities for the area.'

For more information on the event and to sign up for it go to

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/natashaironsmp/2348644>

Venue will be announced within a week of the event for security reasons, once you have signed up for the event.

If you would ever like to contact Natasha, you can do so:

Email: natasha.ironson@parliament.uk

Text: 07418 349 591

Voicemail: 020 8191 2482

Meet out local Police Addiscombe West Safer Neighbourhood Team

Thursday 22 October 2026

7.30 pm start. Ends 8.30 pm

Church of the Nazarene –57a Lower Addiscombe Road CR0 6PQ. Back room.

Church of the Nazarene is a small, white building, four doors down from the small Co-op that is by the roundabout at the junction of Cherry Orchard and Lower Addiscombe Road.

Our Addiscombe West Safer Neighbourhood Team Ward Panel, consisting of a number of local residents who act as a kind of liaison between local residents and our Police team, are organising an evening together with our local Police team.

The purpose of the evening is for all people living in Addiscombe West Ward to have an opportunity to meet our local Police officers, raise any issues they would like and find out what is going on. It's a great opportunity for residents and our team alike.

Black History Month - October

There are a whole range of events during October to celebrate Black History Month including

Croydon Roots

A Soul-Full Celebration of Croydon's Black Heritage

Friday 23rd – Sunday 25th October 2026

62 George Street, Croydon Town Centre, CR0 1PD

A three-day celebration of Croydon's Black heritage, bringing together the past, present and future through music, storytelling, heritage, creativity and community.

Across the weekend, visitors can enjoy live performances, intergenerational activities, heritage workshops, film screenings and community conversations.

For information on many more events see

<https://cbmeforum.org/bhm2026/>

The Croydon Project

This is Croydon Council's latest project to gain residents' views on what they think the centre of Croydon should be like in the future. There are consultation events in October. It will be an ongoing project.

<https://thecroydonproject.co.uk/autumn-2026-consultation/>

Outside in the month of October – Rowan tree

The Rowan tree, also known as Mountain Ash, is in full berry at this time of year. Berries vary in colour – shades of red, orange and yellow.

You'll see them around in the streets and in people's gardens. They grow particularly well in Northern Europe and can survive quite harsh conditions in wild areas. Trees can live for as long as 200 years.

They provide food for a number of different moths and birds, including blackbirds.

There have long been superstitions, particularly of Celtic origin which have survived in south east England, around the Rowan tree. Rowan trees were sometimes planted near houses as the red colour was thought to ward off evil spirits.

For more information on the Rowan see

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/trees-woods-and-wildlife/british-trees/a-z-of-british-trees/rowan/>