

Canning & Clyde Monthly Update – September 2024

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Hi

I hope you are enjoying the final balmy days of summer. All but one of the swifts left in the first or second week of August. Not sure why just one remains.

Quiz - reminder

Saturday 28 September 2024 @ 7.30 pm

Clyde Hall

Our Quizzes are great fun. This time we will be raising funds for [Wildlife Aid Foundation](#) (Leatherhead).

A flier is attached. Paper fliers are being delivered.

Clear Community Web

Every Wednesday between 10.30 am and 12.30 pm

Central Library, Katharine Street

Like it or not, more and more services require people to apply online. Organisations operating on a budget are less and less able to provide alternative means of applying for things. This is not going to change.

If you know someone who struggles applying for things online - Clear Community Web is a voluntary organisation that helps people locally to do this.

Here's how they describe their service,

Our Online Services Support provides friendly help with completing online forms, creating accounts, accessing the council, NHS, DWP and the cost of living.

We are a small friendly team who will help you get everything ready for an application, teach you how submit relevant documents and be more independent.

We can also troubleshoot issues with passwords and old accounts to ensure you are receiving the relevant emails or using the right apps.

We are not an Information and Advice service and cannot help with appeals, immigration matters, consumer rights or legal issues.

We work closely with other organisations, and can signpost or refer to more appropriate services, who can better meet your needs.

Typical things we help with include:

Registering for services

Completing forms

Submitting documents

NHS apps & services

Universal credit / DWP

Recovering accounts & email

Signposting to other support

The services, forms and apps we help with are:

Welfare Benefits

Attendance Allowance, Carer's Allowance, Employment Support Allowance, Pension Credits, PIP and Disability Living Allowance, State Pension, Universal Credit

Council Benefits

Council Tax Reductions, Discretionary Housing Payment, Household Support Funds, and Housing Benefit

Council Services

Rent account, Reporting repairs, Voter registration, Refuse collection

Travel

60+ Oyster Card, Blue Badge, Dial-a-Ride, Driving License, Freedom Pass, JobCentre Plus Travel Discount, Passport, Taxi-Card

Health

MyCare/ MyChart Patient Portal, NHS and GP apps, Prescription Pre-Payment

<https://clearcommunityweb.co.uk/online-services-support/>

Open House

14 – 22 September 2024

Open House is an annual event that gives people the opportunity to get to know a huge variety of places and buildings in London.

This year there are a number of very varied places to visit and activities in Croydon, as well as the rest of London.

<https://programme.openhouse.org.uk/>

British Food Fortnight

20 September – 6 October 2024

Love British Food is a community led, not-for-profit organisation which encourages people to seek British food when shopping or eating out.

This is how they describe their mission, *'We are dedicated to making high quality, nutritious British grown and produced food available to all sectors of our society, in particular the poorest and most vulnerable.'*

<https://www.lovebritishfood.co.uk/>

Outside this month

Things to see / hear in the month of September

What are badgers and foxes doing in September?

Most of us will see foxes in our street or garden from time to time. Did you know – we also have the shy badgers?

So – what are foxes and badgers up to in September?

Foxes – The BBC Wildlife page tells us, *'Both adults and cubs have nearly finished growing new winter coats, while the young are reaching adult size. Competition between cubs, and cubs and adults, intensifies: fights can be very noisy, with rivals chasing each other or squaring up on their hindlegs. Bite wounds to forefeet are common.'*

Click here for more information on [the urban foxes' year](#)

Badgers – in September badgers are gathering bedding to take into their setts for winter. Bit like getting out the warmer duvet.

Click here for more information on [the badgers' year](#)

Please see attach of photo of six badgers who are regular visitors to a home in Clyde Road.