

Canning & Clyde

We are a residents group covering Canning and Clyde Roads.

Our aim is to help foster a sense of community and to provide useful information on what is happening locally.

We do not collect subscriptions. Residents freely donate their time and talents.

We very much like to hear residents' views on things. Where we need to represent those views, we do so in a proportional way to give an accurate as possible reflection of how many residents think one way or another.

If you or a neighbour would like a larger print version of the words of this newsletter, please let us know.

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If you would like to receive our monthly email update, please let us know - contact Anne. Contact details on back page.



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Hello. Hope all is well. Here is our latest paper newsletter. You can view it digitally on our website. We aim to send round two a year. For information on our monthly email updates, see the left-hand column on this page.

Addiscombe West - as we are now

We live in Addiscombe West ward. The Office of National Statistics (ONS) has provided a handy summary of the 2021 Census for our ward. Figures are as at Census Day 2021.

There are 16,883 residents with 7,809 household spaces. 37% are one person households. 28.9% of households have dependent children.

Ages: 0–19 22.8%; 20–29 17.4%; 30–44 29.2%; 45–64 21.1%; 65+ 9.7% (This adds up to 100.2%. The extra 0.2 may be due to rounding figures.)

44.3% of households do not have access to a car or van.

To find out more information from the 2021 Census summary results for Addiscombe West those reading this newsletter digitally can do so by [clicking here](#). Those who do not have digital access can request to view the information at one of the Council Libraries. The phone number for Croydon Central Library is 020 7884 5140. Ashburton Library is 020 7884 5175.

Canning and Clyde Roads - as we are now

As at the time of compiling this newsletter (25 March 2023), it has been possible to extract only a very limited amount of the 2021 Census data for just Canning and Clyde Roads. This may change depending on the capabilities of the 'Create a custom database' due to be issued on 28 March 2023. In any event it will not be possible to give separate figures for each of the two roads because one of the 'output areas' covers part of Canning and part of Clyde Road.

In summary – Canning and Clyde Roads have 1,405 residents (includes all ages) living in 693 households.

51% of residents do not have access to a car or van.

If you would like to search the 2021 Census for results, [click here](#) and [here](#).

Healthy Streets CR0 11 Addiscombe East / Addiscombe West

This is a proposal that affects everyone living in our two roads and the roads in the proposed CR0 11 area. It is a large area that would stretch from Cherry Orchard Road to Shirley Road, and from Addiscombe Road to Lower Addiscombe Road. It includes parts of two wards, Addiscombe West and Addiscombe East. It would be funded by Transport for London (TfL).

It could have major consequences for residents' quality of life. Everyone living in our two roads and all the roads within the proposed CR0 11 area has a right to express their point of view, whatever that might be, and to be genuinely heard.

By TfL's definition a Healthy Streets area should mean people live with either an improved environment or, if the environment is already good, a maintained healthy environment.

One of our three Councillors, Patricia Hay-Justice, has written to relevant Council Officers asking for precise information as regards timescale, the process to be used, will residents be consulted and who will make the ultimate decision? As at 25 March 2023, Patricia has been told a certain amount.

What we know so far – £40,000 of Transport for London (TfL) / Greater London Assembly (GLA) money has been allocated by Croydon Council to this project for the current financial year (ending 5 April 2023). The Corporate Director Sustainable Communities, Regeneration & Economic Recovery has said the Council aim to commence the feasibility study work in May-June and will engage with both ward councillors and residents as part of that study. As at time of writing (25 March 2023) the Director has asked other Council Officers to give a more detailed response to Patricia's questions.

What we don't know yet – How this money will be used; What process will be used to draw up the details of the scheme; Who will be involved in drawing it up; How residents will be consulted; Who will make the final decision.

What we expect – That every single household in the whole area should be given an equal right to say what happens and be genuinely heard. That the practical result of any scheme maintains good quality of life, where it already exists, or an improvement where it does not.

What we do not expect – That one group and / or one local politician has greater influence over drawing up the proposals than others. That one group and / or one local politician has greater influence over the result.

What TfL/GLA expect – *'Boroughs can deliver the Healthy Streets Approach in ways that suits the needs and aspirations of their residents and the unique character of their streets through public*

realm improvements and local policies that promote sustainable travel and reduce the dominance of motorised traffic. Adopting the Healthy Streets Approach is also a requirement of Local Implementation Plan funding and will help boroughs to fulfil their public health duties.'

Click here for TfL's [Healthy Streets Approach](#) and here for the London Assembly [Healthy Streets](#) policy.

Croydon Council / directly elected Mayor Jason Perry need to be very careful. Experience has shown that any local authority accepting either TfL/GLA or Department for Transport money for healthy streets schemes or similar, but not delivering fully on those aims, risks subsequent funding requests for their borough being refused. Croydon Council / Mayor Jason Perry need to be very mindful, therefore, about the practical effect on all residential roads of any scheme they may put in place.

If and when there is consultation – we would encourage every household to express their view. This will have an impact one way or another on you. It would also help, please, if you let us know your opinions. Thanks.



The Leslie Arms - update from Councillors

Negotiations between the owner and Croydon Council are nearing completion. The proposal is for the front area of the ground floor to be a community cafe. Because of the building's nationally listed status (Grade 2), the owner will work with Heritage England to restore the bar area inside to its original appearance; the owner will also work with

Heritage England on the appearance of the outside of building. The rear area on the ground floor will be a community space. The upper floor will be residential.

Annual residents get together / meeting

Thursday 18 May 2023 from 7.00 pm Edward Jobson Court

This is an event for residents of Canning and Clyde Roads only.

It is an opportunity for residents to meet and chat with neighbours and local elected representatives. We have invited our Councillors and MP.

Our neighbours at Edward Jobson Court have kindly said we can use their large room. Thank you! Edward Jobson Court is in Canning Road, three doors down from the church. We can access the room by going along their drive.

The door will be open at 7.00 pm. Residents are welcome to arrive from then. There will be some drinks and light things to eat; residents have the opportunity to socialise and chat informally. A formal style meeting will start at 7.30 pm. We intend it should end not later than 8.15 pm. We want to keep any discussion relevant and to the point. From 8.15 pm there will be a further opportunity to relax, chat with neighbours and talk with elected representatives.

If you are attending and would like to raise an issue that would be of general interest to all, please let us know no later than Thursday 4 May 2023 and we can put it on the timed Agenda. Please send

your suggested Agenda item to annebridge175@gmail.com. If you do not have access to email, you can phone 020 8656 6707 and leave a message. If your issue is more specific to you, you can raise it yourself directly with one of our elected representatives during the informal parts of the evening.

Canning and Clyde has three 'officers', Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. Gordon Thompson is our current Chair, Anne Bridge our current Secretary and Robert King our current Treasurer. Each year there is the opportunity for anyone who would like to take on one of those roles to be elected at the residents meeting. Gordon and Anne are happy to continue in their roles but of course, if anyone else would like to put themselves forward, you are very welcome to do so. Robert has moved out of the area so we will need a new Treasurer. This is not onerous as we spend very little money. Talking of which – any voluntary contributions towards the cost of food and newsletter printing will be most welcome. People can donate cash at the meeting. We have so few money transactions it's not worthwhile investing in a card reader.

We very much look forward to seeing neighbours and having a chance to chat in person on 18 May!

If you would like to bake some buns or prepare any savoury nibbles for the meeting, please let Anne know. It would be much appreciated.

Our annual meeting is by no means the only opportunity residents have to express opinions or raise issues. Canning and Clyde Road residents can do so at any time. Contact details on back page.

Quiz 2023

We are intending to run another Quiz this year, possibly in October. We combine the fun of the Quiz with raising funds for local voluntary organisations. If you would like to suggest a local voluntary organisation that could use funds, please let us know.

Other social events

If you would like to see a social event for residents in our two roads and are willing to put in a good part of the work to organise it, we are happy to facilitate that. Please contact Anne with your idea.

Addiscombe West Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT)

Our Addiscombe West SNT is now up to full strength: Police Sergeant, 2 Police Constables (PCs) and our long-standing Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) Angela Chalmers.

At times they are taken away from Addiscombe West to carry out other duties eg helping out busier wards or for events in central 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

You are also very welcome to contact us if you wish to raise any issues.

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