

Canning & Clyde Monthly Update – July 2026

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Well – here we are at the height of summer. Hope you are enjoying the sunshine and managing to stay cool when needed. Talking of which – I've included an item on an airconditioning unit scam.

Planned improvements to College Green

Planning permission has been given to make College Green, the space between the Fairfield Halls and Croydon College, greener and more pleasant for people to use.

Click here for [more information](#).

Centre Court Croydon

Caithness Walk – the Lansdowne Road entrance to East Croydon Station

Join us at Caithness Walk, East Croydon from Monday 29 June to Sunday 12 July 2026 for Centre Court Croydon - a free open air viewing experience of The Wimbledon Championships.

In addition – on Saturday 11 July, 10.00 am there will be a family screening of the film Lilo & Stitch

Click here for [more information](#).

South Norwood Community Festival

South Norwood Recreation Ground

Sunday, 5 July 2026 - 11am - 7pm

South Norwood Festival is back in 2026, bringing you some of Croydon's finest live bands, food and drink, arts and crafts and childrens' entertainment.

Due to the terms of the Festival's licence with the council, you can't bring alcohol or dogs into the grounds for the duration of the festival.

Click here for [more information](#)

Flier attached

Croydon Youth Jobs & Skills Fair

Friday 10 July 2026

10:30am – 12:30pm

Venue TBC a few days before the event (Croydon town centre)

Hosted by our Croydon East MP, Natasha Irons, and Sarah Jones (Croydon West MP)

The event will connect young people directly with employers, apprenticeship providers and careers experts. Expected attendees include Google, Zurich, the Army, HMRC, Gatwick Airport, PA Consulting and more.

In additional to employer stalls, the programme will include:

- Mock interviews hosted by Croydon Commitment
- A live panel discussion with local MPs and top businesses, followed by a Q&A
- Practical employability advice and networking opportunities

Audience: Young people aged 16+ including sixth form students, college students, apprenticeship seekers and young people looking for employment.

See attached flier

The event is free. [Click here to register an interest](#) on Eventbrite.

Don Pasquale

Thursday 27 August, 7.30 pm

Saturday 29 August, 3.00 pm

St Mary Magdalene Church, Canning Road

Early bird (cheaper) tickets are on sale until 17 July. Thereafter they are the normal price.

For reasons totally outside their control, Surrey Opera are no longer performing Lakme. Instead they are presenting again Don Pasquale. This will be a little different from last year's performance.

Flier is attached.

Click here for [more information](#)

Grow Wild mural at East Croydon Station by local residents

Some local residents, including young residents, from ECCO (East Croydon Community Organisation) took part in the Grow Wild on the Railway project. They got together and painted a wild life themed mural on the wall that runs from the station down Billington Hill.

Please see attached photo.

'Ellie Sandover and Yvonne Tran East Croydon Community Organisation East Croydon Station

We developed a youth-led mural on Billinton Hill, the main pedestrian route beside East Croydon station, transforming a heavily used but often overlooked space into a place of pride, reflection and connection.

Ellie Sandover's concept focuses on celebrating Croydon's everyday heroes – including nurses, rail staff, frontline workers, and community figures – through portraiture woven into plants native to the borough.

Yvonne Tran's '(un)commoning' concept complements this by highlighting the beauty of the ordinary through illustrations of native wildflowers co-created with local young ecologists.

Together, the mural invites people to notice what's often overlooked: the people who keep Croydon moving and the biodiversity that exists within everyday urban spaces. The project brings together artists, young people, rail partners, and community organisations to create public art that feels rooted in place and accessible to all.'

Click here to read more in the for Grow Wild booklet and [scroll down to page 4 to learn more](#).

Scam airconditioning unit

There are plenty of genuine portable airconditioning units on the market.

There is at least one, however, that has been shown to be a scam. I have checked on Amazon and they are advertising a unit that looks just like the one in the two attached photos.

Outside in the month of July

Why do tree leaves get darker in summer?

Have you noticed that, when the leaves start coming out on trees from late April, the colours are light and fresh? There are a wide variety of shades of green. During the

course of summer, however, the leaves get darker and there is less variation in shade. Why is this?

Well, the trees are protecting themselves. They produce dark tannins to ward off caterpillars and other leaf eating creatures. Tannins are bitter-tasting. They can damage the mouth and stomach proteins of munching insects. This makes them a much less attractive meal!

Click here for more information on [why tree leaves turn darker in summer](#).