

Canning & Clyde Monthly Update – September 2022

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Hi. I am sending this a couple of days early – updates usually go out on the first weekend of the month – in order to remind people that this Saturday we have our drop-in. It will be lovely to see as many people as possible and in some cases put faces to names.

Community Drop-in for residents of Canning and Clyde Roads

Saturday 3 September 2022

2.00 – 4.00 pm

Clyde Hall

The purpose of the drop-in is to meet neighbours and have the opportunity to make positive suggestions for our community and / or raise issues. Please note – this is not an open event; it is only for residents living in Canning or Clyde Roads.

Come for as short or as long a time as you would like.

Councillor Patricia Hay-Justice has said she will be attending.

There will be homemade cake, homemade sausage rolls and hot and cold drinks. We are suggesting a donation of 50p towards a piece of cake and 25p towards a sausage roll. Any donations towards the cost of the hire of hall (£70) also welcome. Please bring cash. It's not worth our while to invest in a card reader.

Looking forward to see you there!

Quiz 2022

Saturday 8 October 2022

7.30 pm

Clyde Hall

We are returning to our annual Canning & Clyde Quiz. Come along for a relaxed, fun evening.

This year we are raising funds for Croydon Stroke Association who do amazing work locally. Click [here](#) and [here](#) for information on what they do.

Price £14 includes fish and chip supper.

Come as a team of six or as an individual and we'll match you up with someone.

Relaxed, fun evening.

Please let me know by Saturday 30 September if you would like to come along.

Please see attached flier

Addiscombe West Safer Neighbourhood Team

Please see attached the August newsletter of the Addiscombe West and neighbouring Police Safer Neighbourhood Teams.

Roughly every three months our Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) meets with a Panel of residents from the Addiscombe West Ward. I attend these meetings. If there are any issues you would like me to raise, please let me know.

At each meeting our SNT sets priorities. These priorities of necessity are largely guided by the Metropolitan Police in response to what is currently happening. Our SNT do, however, also listen to local residents. This quarter's Addiscombe West SNT priorities (August to November 2022) are: public place violence, drugs, antisocial behaviour, burglary.

Please do not be alarmed by the sound of this! Click here for information on the [main crimes in our area and how we compare](#) with Croydon as a whole and London as a whole. We compare favourably.

Phone and broadband for those having difficulty paying

Ofgem state, 'If you're having difficulty paying for your phone or broadband service, don't ignore it. You should speak to your provider as soon as possible to see how they might be able to help you.

There's a number of things they can offer – one of these is a social tariff, which is a cheaper package available to some customers depending on their circumstances.'

Click here for more information on [cheaper or social tariffs](#).

Scam – claiming to offer Ofgem energy rebates

Ofgem (the energy regulator) is warning that there is an email scam going round. Its appearance makes it look as though it's come from Ofgem. It's telling people they need to apply for the Government energy rebates; it gives a button to press. Please see attached pdf to see what it looks like.

It's a scam.

Ofgem give the following information,

'Stop

Reject, refuse or ignore contact from 'Ofgem' that looks or sounds unusual, such as a request for your bank or personal details. We never ask for this information.

Check

Check email addresses. Any emails to or from Ofgem always end @ofgem.gov.uk.

Check branding. The Ofgem logo will always be present in our communications. It should never look stretched, blurry or distorted.

Protect

Only criminals will try to rush or panic you.

Contact your bank immediately if you think you've fallen for a scam. Report it to Action Fraud if you live in England or Wales, and Police Scotland in Scotland.'

Genuine information on Government help with energy bills and cost of living payments

For genuine information on Government help with energy bills and cost of living payments see

<https://helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk/help-with-your-bills/>

Clean air route-finder

With the increased cost of petrol and many other items, more people are turning to walking and cycling short (or in some cases longer) distances.

As some of us may have found out, hot weather can increase the effects of both [pollution and hay fever](#).

The Mayor of London site has a [handy route finder](#) that gives people a choice of different routes they may take by walking or cycling, if they wish to find routes with less pollution.

It grades the routes red, amber and green. For each route they give the distance and average time it takes. For the amber and green routes it shows how much less pollution there is than using the red route.

Royal Mail stamps – deadline of 31 January 2023

If you are not already aware, Royal Mail are introducing new bar-coded stamps. For those of us who rarely use stamps but have a supply, we have until 31 January 2023 to use the old-style stamps on envelopes.

If we are unable to use them by 31 January 2023, Royal Mail will let us swap them for new-style stamps. They are calling this their 'Stamp Swap Out' scheme. We can do that either now or after 31 January 2023. There is currently no end date by when we need to swap out our non-barcoded stamps.

Special Stamps with pictures on and Christmas Stamps without a barcode will continue to be valid and don't need to be swapped out.

Click here for [more information](#).

Outside this month

Things to see / hear in the month of September

Red fox

Several people have commented on how noisy the foxes have been in their part of the road recently. According to the website [Discover Wildlife](#),

'In September, adults and cubs have both nearly finished growing their new coats for winter, and the juveniles are close to adult size. Competition between young foxes, and between young and adults, can become fierce. The resulting scuffles may be noisy, with rivals chasing one another and squaring up on their hindlegs.'

Foxes are great scavengers and will eat almost anything, 'As opportunist omnivores, foxes don't waste late summer and early autumn's fruit bounty. They will happily feast on blackberries or reach up to scrump low-hanging apples, pears and plums.'