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Canning & Clyde Monthly Update – November 2026

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Well – yellow, gold and red colours glow on sunny days while at other times autumn mists linger. Hope you’re keeping well an avoiding the various bugs doing the rounds.

Quiz

Thank you again to everyone who came along to Quiz on 3 October and helped to make such an enjoyable atmosphere.

Thank you for your generosity. From entry and raffle ticket sales we made £400. In addition a very generous individual gave an £80 donation. That means in total we raised £480 for the Wildlife Aid Foundation Leatherhead.

We will let you know sometime in the New Year the date of our next Quiz.

Cuban Salsa classes

Tuesday 17 & Wednesday 18 November

7.00 – 10.30 pm

Box Park

Free

No experience or partner needed

Click here for more info and to book ticket

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Christmas Market

Saturday 5 December 2026

12.30 – 4.30 pm

St Mildred’s Church, 30 Bingham Road, Addiscombe CR0 7EB

If you’re into Christmas markets, I’m told that the St Mildred’s is a good one.

A Very Croydon Christmas

Friday 4 – Sunday 6 December 2026

The weekend kicks off with an outdoor market on Friday evening. Across the weekend, walkabout characters and performances will bring Katharine Street, High Street, North End and Surrey Street to life, while Croydon Clocktower, the Braithwaite Hall host music, craft, storytelling and family activities.

Whether you’re hunting for Christmas gifts, soaking up the atmosphere or getting stuck into some crafting, there’s something for everyone.

The full programme will be announced soon. In the meantime, save the date before your December calendar fills up.

https://www.culturecroydon.com/event/a-very-croydon-christmas-2026/

Natasha Irons MP – feedback from her listening event on 10 October

I went along to what I thought was just a drop-in with coffee to find it was a structured event. People were sitting round tables with a large sheet of paper divided into four. Left-hand section was local; right-hand section was national. These two sections were themselves divided into two: what is good; what is not good.

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Here’s a summary they sent round of the overall comments across the tables.

‘It was a pleasure to meet you and hear about the issues that matter most to you and our community.

Residents had many positive things to say about Croydon, mentioning its community and diversity, our fabulous green spaces, transport links, and local amenities. People also praised the NHS, education, transport, culture, arts and leisure.

Naturally, people raised areas which require improvement. Residents on all tables raised concerns about street cleanliness, council services, youth services and opportunities, crime, anti-social behaviour, homelessness, and town centre regeneration.’

Local Addiscombe West Police Shoplifting update

‘Addiscombe West officers arrested a wanted shoplifter who had failed to appear at court and had been outstanding for several months. The offender was located, arrested, and remanded in custody pending a court hearing.

The Met is cracking down on street crime, like shoplifting, people doing drugs and phone-snatching.

We’ve put hundreds more officers on the frontlines of community crime-fighting teams, upping visible patrols in the right ‘hot spots’ so we can deter and catch criminals.

We’re now arresting more than 1,000 extra criminals every month and seeing ‘neighbourhood crime’ down 14%.

But we know there is more to do. That’s why we’re stepping up our use of technology, increasing our operations and working with retailers to make it less appealing for criminals to commit these crimes in the first place.

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If you notice anything suspicious or witness anyone shoplifting, please report it as soon as possible. These reports are invaluable in letting us build a picture of when and where shop lifters operate, meaning we can be in the right place at the right time to arrest those responsible.

For more guidance, see our page on how to spot a shoplifter.;

Stanley Arts and Global Academy Film & Screen Saturday Club , South Norwood

The National Saturday Club is an established UK-wide network, that gives **13—16-year-olds** the unique opportunity to study subjects they love for **FREE**, on a Saturday at their local university, college or cultural institution. The Club provides a welcoming space for young people to build their skills, develop their confidence, and discover pathways to further study and future creative careers.Your local Club is:

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Outside in the month of November

What are foxes up to at this time of year?

We’re all very used to seeing foxes wandering around the streets and gardens. Those used to friendly humans who may even feed them can become quite tame.

Here’s what they’re generally up to in November. Information is from BBC Wildlife magazine.

‘*Breaking up is hard to do, but autumn signals a big change in fox family life, as the full-grown cubs leave the comforting surroundings of the vixen’s earth. Since birth they have been protected and fed by their parents, and in many cases, one or more adults known as subordinates help too. However, for a couple of months the youngsters have been exploring further afield.*

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Now comes the final break, when they wander off in search of their own territories and partners. Mammal ecologist Adele Brand explains in The Hidden World of the Fox: “As the shorter nights arrive, so do vulpine hormones.”

Brand cites a US study which found that young foxes disperse further and earlier the heavier they are, perhaps because they have more fat reserves and come off better in scraps. Males also tend to travel more, driven by the urge to mate. But the foxes do not necessarily go far, Brand says, particularly in places with lots of foxes. Some will never have a territory or young of their own: instead, they become subordinates and help a dominant pair.’