

# 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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Hi

Welcome to our second paper newsletter of the year. Whatever has been happening in your life this year, we hope 2024 will have positive things in store for you.

## Quizzers - get set ...

Big thanks to everyone who came along to our Quiz in October. It was great fun and we've had positive feedback. A very good atmosphere and some new-style rounds added to the evening. We raised a record £487.30 for [ANCA](#) (Addiscombe Neighbourhood Care Association). ANCA send their thanks.

Very special thanks to Steve Mullaney and Barbara Karelis for all their work.

Following requests from a number of quizzers we will be holding two Quizzes in 2014. One will be Spring / early Summer, the other late Summer / early Autumn. If you have any ideas of a local voluntary group we might raise funds for, please let Anne know.

When we have a date, we'll let everyone in our monthly email update know. Nearer the time we'll drop round paper fliers to each letter box. If you're not on our monthly email group, you are of course welcome to join. Alternatively let Anne know you're interested in the Quizzes and you can get the Quiz emails.

## **This is BIG for 2024 - Possible huge changes to our streets**

### **TfL funded Healthy Streets project**

As you may have seen from the flier we put round and stuck to lampposts in November – Croydon Council has a scoping project (Healthy Streets CRO 11) that will likely have a big impact on our streets. It will affect everyone in the area, both as people living in the streets and as people who move around them. That's people living in Clyde Road, Canning Road and all roads in an area from Cherry Orchard Road to Shirley Road and from Addiscombe Road to Lower Addiscombe Road.

The Council may give the project another name but it remains funded by Transport for London (TfL) through funding they gave to Croydon Council's Local Implementation Plan within the Healthy Neighbourhoods heading. For more information on this see our website [www.canningandclyde.org](http://www.canningandclyde.org)

### **So – why is Croydon Council spending £40,000 of TfL money on this scoping exercise?**

It is happening because residents in some local streets experiencing high levels of traffic have been campaigning for the Council to reduce those levels. These high levels have come about as a result first of Lebanon Road being made no entry to northbound traffic in 2015. This led to a significant increase in traffic in Addiscombe Court and Canning Roads. Canning & Clyde and TACRA (Tunstall & Addiscombe Court Residents Association.) asked the Council for mitigating measures. The Council's solution was also to make Addiscombe Court and Canning Roads no entry to northbound traffic.

Some but not all residents locally have very strong views on what they do and do not want. Residents' views vary. Whatever is decided, it will have a big impact on us all, one way or another. The Council appears to be seeking a balance of the needs of residents living in local streets with all road users: vehicle drivers, pedestrians and cyclists.

### **Some statistics**

Statistics can be boring so we'll limit them here. They can, however, give an indication of what is happening. Full statistics for 2017 and 2023 are on our website.

In 2023, the five roads in the area with the highest traffic levels are: 1.Bingham Road 2.Havelock Road 3.Elgin Road 4.Leslie Park Road 5.Clyde Road (2,001 from 7 am to 7 pm). That answers the question we've been asking about traffic levels in Clyde Road.

In 2017 the Council gave us both the 24 hour figure and the 12 hour figure 7 am to 7 pm. In 2023 they gave us just the 12 hour figure. Obviously for those who work away from home, what happens in the evening after 7 pm, when they're actually home, can have a big impact.

In 2017, when they were open to northbound traffic, Addiscombe Court had 1,683 northbound cars in a 24 hour period with 1,295 in the 12 hour period 7 am to 7 pm. Canning Road had 1,195 cars in a 24 hour period with 880 in the 12 hour period 7 am to 7 pm. Both roads also had southbound traffic. In Canning Road's case 720 cars in a 24 hour period with 516 in the 12 hour period 7 am to 7 pm. Addiscombe Court had 367 cars in a 24 hour period with 273 cars in the 12 period 7 am to 7 pm.

## **Consultation – your views are vital**

The Drop-ins have now finished. Our original plan was to come round door to door after we'd seen the information at the Drop-ins. In fact the Council displayed a series of maps with numbers of cars / bicycles / accidents on them. This was definitely informative but didn't give us anything concrete to ask your opinion on.

At some time in January, the Council's Project Manager will put a paper to Croydon Council's Cabinet for approval. This paper will set the basis on which the first Co-design session will run. We still do not have clear information on how many local people will be able to attend the Co-design session or when it will be held. We are told it may be late January.

We are hoping that, when we see the Project Manager's paper, we may have something more concrete to ask your opinion on. If there is, our intention is to come door to door. That will depend on whether the Council give us enough time. If they don't, we may have to resort to sending round an email to our Monthly email update group and also popping a paper questionnaire through your door. Do please respond whatever your views!

## **We would encourage everyone to express their views**

If you already have views on what should happen with our streets – including life for residents, vehicle drivers, pedestrians and cyclists – do please let us know so we can represent your views. Email [annebridge175@gmail.com](mailto:annebridge175@gmail.com). If you don't have email, then you can phone 020 8656 6707 and leave a message.

**The views of residents in our two roads vary tremendously - both what people want and how strongly they feel.**

**As ever, we will represent residents' views in a proportional way. That is – we will say how many people think one thing or another. As before, we will quote verbatim all residents' expressed opinions, albeit it anonymously for data protection reasons.**

There's much more information and explanation about this Healthy Streets CRO 11 scoping project on our website [www.canningandclyde.org](http://www.canningandclyde.org)

## **The final decision**

The final decision on what happens to our streets and the other streets in our local area will be made by directly elected Mayor Jason Perry.

## Neighbourhood Watch

Canning & Clyde have long been members of Neighbourhood Watch but for some time have had no active road reps. Might you be interested?

Neighbourhood Watch is an organisation that supports individuals and groups who want to reduce crime in their area. You may have seen the odd Neighbourhood Watch sticker on a neighbour's door. Here's how Neighbourhood Watch describe themselves.

*'Our vision - Our vision is a society where neighbours come together to create safer, stronger and active communities.'*

*'Our mission - Our mission is to support and enable individuals and communities to be connected, active and safe, which increases wellbeing and minimises crime.'*

<https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/>

Our local Police Community Support Officer PCSO Angela Chalmers has asked if anyone from our roads might be interested in becoming a rep. When asked what people would be committing themselves to, Angela said, *'I don't think they have to commit to anything, it was just an idea about having a meeting with us to discuss things informally, how we can help NHW and how NHW can help us, it will be very flexible, it could even be held over Teams, to make it more accessible to people. It's just an idea I had. Any suggestions would be gratefully received.'*

If you are interested, please email Angela on [Angela.Chalmers@met.police.uk](mailto:Angela.Chalmers@met.police.uk). Please could you also email us at [annebridge175@gmail.com](mailto:annebridge175@gmail.com) so we know what's happening? Thanks.

## Coming up in the New Year

There's always plenty of variety of things for all ages going on in Croydon. We couldn't begin to list all the websites. Here are just two very different events.

### **Wassail – Saturday 27 January 2024, 2 – 4 pm, Addiscombe Railway Park**

Addiscombe Railway Park is at the end of East India Way which is opposite Canning Road.

Free event suitable for all ages. An ancient ritual to waken the trees and encourage a good fruit harvest. Wear bright warm clothes and make lots of noise.

### **Winter Party – February 2024**

If you are new – or even not new – to the area and would like a chance to meet people, East Croydon Cool are organising a Winter Party in February 2024. It's a meet-up. More details at <https://eastcroydoncool.co.uk/>

To get an idea of what to expect, click here, if you're reading the digital copy of our newsletter, to see what [their autumn party](#) at Fern, opposite East Croydon Station, was like.

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