

Canning & Clyde Monthly Update – July 2024

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New MP for Croydon East - Natasha Irons – how to contact

Natasha Irons has been elected MP for our newly formed Croydon East constituency. Click here for a link to a [map of Croydon East](#). To place where we are on the map – we are Section 2 (Addiscombe West Council ward).

Although exact contact details are not up yet, the following link to the Parliament website takes us to Natasha's page. In due course [contact details](#) will be published there.

Healthy Streets CR0 11

The Council will be giving an update on this project to those who attended the First Co-design session in January on 9 July.

This will be an update, not the Second Co-design session. As yet we have no date for that. The one set for June was postponed owing to the General Election.

We will update you on news in the August monthly update. If there is anything with a time limit before then, we'll send round a special email.

Click here for background information to the [Healthy Streets CR0 11](#) project.

Handy guide to what's on in Croydon

Click here to check out [events coming up in the next week / weeks](#).

Summer holidays – free activities and healthy food

For children and young people in receipt of benefits-related free school meals.

There will be 70 holiday club sites across the borough.

Children and young people will have access to a variety of sports, arts and crafts, music, drama, coding, and educational workshops and many more. Holiday clubs are filled with activities so that every young person can learn new skills and explore new interests.

Support will be given to children with additional needs, and special arrangements can be put in place to make sure they feel welcomed, included, and able to take part in the wide range of activities on offer.

Click here for [more information](#)

Microchipping cats - England only

From 10 June it became a requirement for cats to be microchipped and registered on a database once they are 20 weeks old (there are already regulations for dogs being microchipped from 8 weeks old). There is a fine of up to £500 for people who haven't microchipped their cats or dogs with an approved database.

The microchipping has to be done by a trained professional - [GOV.UK](#) has a list of databases that meet government standards.

Click here for more information on [getting a dog or cat microchipped](#)

Croydon's Mini Pride Fest

Saturday 20 July 2024

12:00 – 18:00

High Street, Croydon

<https://croydonpride.org.uk/events-news/>

Outside this month

Things to see / hear in the month of July – Flying ant days

The following information is taken from [Wildlife online](#).

'Finally, July (sometimes August; sometimes both) tends to be when we see "flying ant day" in Britain. This annual event, coinciding with a spell of warm and humid weather, marks the take-off of millions of ants. Despite the name, there isn't actually a single day when all the ants in the country take to the air; rather colonies in different areas leave at [different times within a period](#) that can run from June to September.

*As summer wears on, colonies of the black garden ant (*Lasius niger*) start to fill up and the queen switches from producing workers to making winged progeny, males (drones) and virgin queens (princesses), which leave and start colonies elsewhere. Typically, local colonies will synchronise their flight days, allowing the ants to mingle and mate, thereby preventing inbreeding within their relatives. The males die after mating, while the pregnant females shed their wings and search for a place to start a new colony.'*

The [Discover Wildlife](#) site tells us that a sign a flying ant days in progress is the sight of swooping birds, like swifts, starlings and gulls, as they take advantage of this abundance of insect food.