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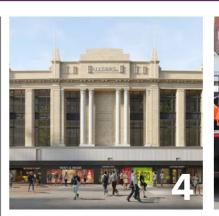
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# Welcome to our Croydon



Jason Perry, Executive Mayor of Croydon

## **Dear Resident**

## Welcome to the first edition of Our Croydon – the newsletter from our Council for our borough.

When I became Croydon's first directly elected Mayor, I promised to listen to residents and to be open with you about everything happening at the Council.

Lots of you have told us that you would like to receive more information from our Council. You would like to know more about the services that we provide, how you can access them and how to get in touch when you need us. You want to know about how our Council is run, the decisions that we make and the reasons why. And what is great is that many of you want to know how you can get more involved.

We already share a lot of this information on digital channels like the Council's website, our weekly e-newsletter and social media, but not everyone is online. And even people that are, have told us that they would like to receive information delivered to their home.

As a Croydon boy, born and bred, I want to put our borough back on the map – and regenerating our town centre is crucial. This edition includes an update on how I am working with partners to bring this forward (p3). You can also find out about an exciting range of projects breathing new life into town centre landmarks like Allders and Surrey Street. Check out our Cleaner Croydon campaign (p5) and all the things we are doing to make our streets cleaner and safer – your top priority in our budget survey this year. We are making a lot of changes to our Council, to become more efficient and provide you with value for every penny spent. We have made good progress, but we still have more to do to stabilise our finances. Like many councils we are facing extra demand and costs particularly around services like homelessness help and social care. Our budget special (p15) sets out how we are responding to these challenges whilst protecting frontline services and investing in our future. As part of our improvement plans, we want to provide residents with better information, advice and support, to help with challenges before they become crises. This edition of Our Croydon includes information on our Family Hubs (p12), cost of living advice (p8) and our work to improve Council homes and prevent homelessness (p13).

I hope you will find this newsletter useful and enjoy reading about some of the fantastic things happening in our borough. From our cultural events and new libraries service (p21) to our playground improvements (p26), there's so much for all ages to enjoy.

If you have any feedback on this newsletter, please do get in touch by emailing **ourcroydon@croydon.gov.uk** 

With best wishes Jason Perry Executive Mayor of Croydon croydon.gov.uk

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# Improving our town centre

Croydon is a place of huge opportunity and Executive Mayor of Croydon, Jason Perry, has made it his priority to maximise this, accelerate the town centre regeneration and drive economic growth.

## Jason Perry, Executive Mayor of Croydon said:

"Croydon has so much potential. I want us to maximise this, and for it to benefit everyone in the borough. The regeneration of the town centre is crucial to our economic growth, putting our borough back on the map and restoring pride.

"That's why I'm working with a range of partners to accelerate this regeneration, and bring forward a bold new vision for our town's future. In the meantime, a range of projects are breathing new life into some much-loved places and spaces, whilst making the area cleaner and safer for all."

## **Amplifying Surrey Street**

A new project, Amplifying Surrey Street, is set to revitalise Croydon's much-loved street market.

Historic Surrey Street Market is one of the oldest street markets in the country, dating back to 1276.

Using £814,000 from the Greater London Authority (GLA), the council is working with traders, community groups, and residents on the project, which will drive its growth and protect its future. Empty shops and spaces in Surrey Street will be brought back into use - so they can be used by culture, arts and community groups - while safer, greener public spaces will be created.

We have been working with a co-production group of residents, businesses, traders, community organisations and partners, to make sure a range of Croydon voices help to shape the improvements.



Executive Mayor of Croydon Jason Perry meets Deputy Mayor of London for Transport, Seb Dance, with council officers in the town centre.

Sarah Hamill, who took part in the Co-Producing Croydon project, said: "Having lived and worked in Croydon for my entire life, I was really excited and intrigued when I heard about the project. I'd never been involved in a community project before and thought that this would be a great opportunity to see how plans and decisions concerning the town's future development are made. I was excited to be able to get my ideas for the project across and to work with other Croydon residents who I wouldn't otherwise have met."







Neil Chamroo, workshop participant, added: "My involvement in the Co-Producing Croydon project stems from my passion in helping the local town get back up on its feet, despite the adversity it has gone through."

Croydon secured the £814k of funding from the GLA through its Civic Partnership Programme, which aims to improve public spaces and give residents a greater role in shaping their town centres. The funding is matched by contributions from the council's Growth Zone, a business rate retention mechanism that is focused on funding town centre regeneration.



# New shops set to open in iconic Allders frontage

## Preparations are under way to bring this landmark building back into use.

Unibail-Rodamco-Westfield (URW), the owner of Whitgift and Centrale Shopping Centres and the former Allders department store, has been granted planning permission to revitalise the frontage with new food offers, shops and services for the community. It marks the first phase of improvements to the iconic building.

Since the end of last year, URW has been working with the community and the council to develop a masterplan framework for the Whitgift site. This will guide the regeneration to transform the area into a vibrant destination that will include: homes, shops, restaurants, cultural venues and public spaces.

The council endorsed the masterplan framework in February. The next stage will be for URW to progress more detailed designs, before submitting a planning application to the

## **Find out more**

Find out more about the town centre regeneration and how to get involved at Croydon Urban Room in the Whitgift Centre or see:

croydonurbanroom.com

council.

Following the success of last year, there will be an exciting programme of cultural pop-ups, installations and performances in North End this summer, to create a vibrant shopping and leisure experience. See our culture pages (p21 & 22).

# Taskforce makes town centre cleaner and safer

## Residents and businesses have welcomed the Town Centre Taskforce's work to tackle antisocial behaviour and make the town centre cleaner and safer

The taskforce brings together a range of partners including the council, the police, health and voluntary and community groups, to respond swiftly to any concerns, tackle antisocial behaviour, and put solutions in place to prevent problems reoccurring.

Their work has included removing unauthorised encampments, offering outreach support to rough sleepers, removing damaged street signs and furniture, and introducing privacy markings at cash points. Croydon resident Charli said:

"I just wanted to say thank you to you and the team for working on some of the long-standing issues in the area. The pile of rubbish on Leslie Park Road was getting worse and would have started to attract pests. As a local resident I am pleased the council took action and is ensuring owners of land maintain their land properly." Clarisse Francisco, general manager at Nando's Croydon, said: "We have recently seen a lot of improvements in the town centre. We want to thank the taskforce for the work they have done. The area has considerably improved as a result, our business has seen a significant growth over that period."

You can report antisocial behaviour anonymously to the police via 101.

Contact StreetLink to get help



## **Report it**

You can report antisocial behaviour anonymously to the police via 101.

Contact StreetLink to get help and support for a rough sleeper.

thestreetlink.org.uk

CLEANER CROYDON WORKING TOGETHER FOR A CLEANER BOROUGH

# Join our Cleaner Croydon campaign

## Through our Cleaner Croydon campaign, we're working with residents, businesses and partners to help keep our streets clean and restore pride.

Cleaner Croydon supports Executive Mayor Jason Perry's priority for a cleaner, safer, healthier borough - a place people are proud to call home.

The campaign is about encouraging everyone who lives in, works in or visits Croydon to do their bit, backed by council initiatives from clean-ups to crackdowns.

Anyone can make a difference by reporting waste problems on the Love Clean Streets app - or by simply taking your rubbish home with you when a bin is full.

If you have more time, you can volunteer to become one of our Street Champions or join a Friends of Parks group, helping to look after our beautiful green spaces. And we're asking everyone to think about how much waste they produce and encouraging them to reduce, reuse and recycle where possible.

Jason Perry, Executive Mayor of Croydon, said: "The Cleaner Croydon campaign is about working with residents, businesses and partners to help put the pride back in our borough.

"Litter, graffiti and fly-tipping affect everyone. They make areas untidy and can make people feel less safe. This matters to residents and to everyone who spends time in our borough.

"We're listening to our communities about the clean streets issues in their areas and responding with a range of initiatives, from blitz cleans to task and finish groups, tackling antisocial behaviour.

"We're asking everyone to think about the small things that we can all do to make a huge difference, such as taking litter home if a bin is full or thinking about how we can reduce our waste.

"And we're asking businesses and landowners to take steps to keep their properties free from graffiti and fly-tipping, helping our high streets to thrive."

More information and get involved at

croydon.gov.uk/environment/ cleaner-croydon

**95%** of reported fly-tips are cleared

within 24 hours.

Report issues on the Love Clean Streets app – search online for Love Clean Streets Croydon.



# **Blitz cleans bring back pride**

We're delivering blitz cleans in our 19 local and district centres – to make them look and feel better, restore pride and boost our businesses.

The programme started in Norbury, followed by Thornton Heath. Since then, the blitz squad has visited New Addington, Addiscombe, South Norwood and Beulah Road.

Each blitz clean is tailored to an area, focusing on issues that residents and businesses tell us need sorting.

Works include removing graffiti, clearing fly-tips, improving pavements and repainting street furniture like railings and road markings.

Our trading standards team visit businesses to provide advice and support.

After the blitz cleans, we work with residents and businesses to keep the area looking its best.

Marion Burchell, chair of New Addington Pathfinders said: "Cleaner, safer streets is something we will all welcome, and I hope the local community will do their bit."

The blitz squad will be heading to Purley, Coulsdon, Crystal Palace, and Selsdon next - follow us on social media for regular updates.

croydon.gov.uk/blitzcleans



Roche, cabinet member for streets and environment (far right).



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# Antisocial behaviour crackdown!

## The council has been using its powers to address residents' concerns and tackle antisocial behaviour.

Our task and finish groups bring together teams from across the council to tackle issues impacting residents' lives.

In Parchmore Road, Thornton Heath, unlicensed mechanics were fixing cars and vans on the road. Residents told us the unused, untaxed vehicles made it difficult for them to park, made the area feel neglected and encouraged antisocial behaviour. We worked with the DVLA to get 10 unclaimed vehicles removed, introduced new parking controls and upgraded street cleaning. Residents say that the situation has improved - and we'll be monitoring to make sure it doesn't happen again.

Report abandoned vehicles through Love Clean Streets and we'll investigate.

# Better bin collections and street cleaning

Our upgraded waste contract, which includes a new night-time waste and cleansing service, better street cleaning, and an enhanced waste collection service for flats above shops, started on 1 April.

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recycling

sure residents are getting value

The contract has social value

apprenticeships, and a pledge to

employ those that are long term

Croydon by putting bins out for

the right time - and by recycling

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collection in the right place, at

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built in, with jobs for residents

through good quality

as much as possible.

The new Veolia contract makes it easier for residents to dispose of non-hazardous clinical hygiene waste, which can now go into regular black bin bags and into general waste bins for collection. This means that residents do not have to leave yellow waste sacks outside their homes.

Residents in flats above shops benefit from a new nighttime collection service, with collections increased from weekly to a twice weekly service.

And more responsive and flexible street cleaning will help to make streets cleaner and safer boroughwide.

We've strengthened our contract management to make

We now charge for replacement wheelie bins for general refuse. Food waste containers will continue to be free of charge, with other recycling containers available at a subsidised cost.









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# Here to help you with the cost of living

## Many households across the country continue to struggle with the cost of living. In Croydon, the council is working with the government and local partners to help residents as much as possible.

The cost of living hub on our website includes lots of helpful information, including financial support and advice, tips to save on energy costs and local employment and training resources.

## croydon.gov.uk/costofliving

### Household Support Fund

The Household Support Fund (HSF) is available if you are in crisis and struggling to afford essentials. It can be used to help with pre-paid energy and water meters, food and housing costs. It can also go towards essential household items like a cooker or a fridge.

You don't need to be on benefits to apply, and if you are, it won't

### affect them.

Funding is in high demand. From April 2024 to March 2025, Croydon Council has distributed over £6m in HSF to residents. The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) provide councils with this funding to help those who need it the most. You can find out more and apply on our website. Applications will close as soon as all the funding has been allocated. croydon.gov.uk/HSF

### Help with rent

If you struggle to pay rent and get housing benefits or the housing part of universal credit, discretionary housing payments (DHP) might help. It can help with rent shortfalls, rent arrears, deposits and moving costs. Help to pay your council tax If you're on a low income or receive benefits, you can apply for council tax support to help pay your council tax bill.

Find out if you're eligible and how much support you could get by using the benefits calculator on our website.

## croydon.gov.uk/benefits/counciltax-support

If you are struggling to pay your council tax, our hardship fund may be able to help. If eligible, you would get a reduction on your bill. You can find out more and apply on our website.

croydon.gov.uk/council-tax/getmoney-your-bill



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# **Spotlight on: Fostering as a single parent**

## Being a single parent has challenges of its own, throw fostering into the mix and you might think it's impossible, but that's not the case!

Meet Charlene Dry, a dedicated single foster carer from Croydon who has been fostering with us for nearly five years. Her journey proves that with a big heart, patience, and the right support, anyone can make a lasting difference in a child's life. Charlene made the decision to foster after her two eldest children moved out, leaving her with her youngest two at home.

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I wanted to be able to help children that needed a loving home, whether it be for two weeks or two years, and give them a stable, happy environment to be able to grow and thrive.

And that's exactly what she's done. Since December 2020, she's opened her home to children in need, offering them the stability and care they deserve.



## Charlene, single mum of four, fostering babies and a long-term foster child.

## Special memories

"I collected my first foster child from hospital on Christmas Eve 2020; my birth children said it was the best Christmas present they have ever had! It was amazing to be able to welcome a child into our family at such a special time."

## The rewards and challenges of fostering

Like any parenting journey, fostering comes with its challenges but also incredible rewards.

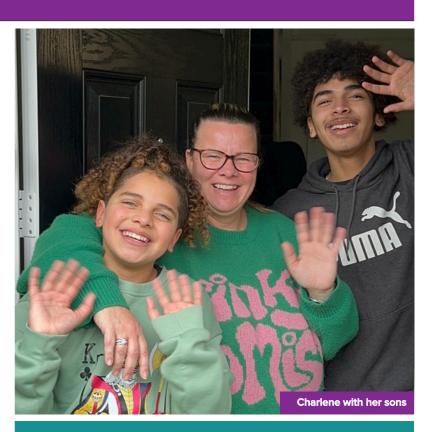
"The best part of being a foster carer is being able to build a relationship with the child. Children come into care with trauma and getting them to trust you and become a part of your family is a wonderful thing."

Of course, no two children are the same, and Charlene has had to adapt to the individual needs of each child.

"The main challenges I have faced so far are the differing needs of the children coming into my care, but I have a supervising social worker who works closely with me to make sure I understand the whole process for each individual child."

Despite the challenges, she has never once felt unsafe.

"Everyone involved at Croydon take great precautions in making sure that everybody's safety is paramount."



## Thinking about fostering? Here's Charlene's advice

If you're considering fostering, Charlene says having a strong support system is key: "It's important to have a great network of friends and family to help with your birth children and the foster child, but also you work very closely with your supervising social worker and mine is absolutely amazing – she's been there right from the start." Her final words of advice? "It will be the most rewarding thing you've ever done!"



## **READY TO FOSTER?**

Charlene's story is just one of many that prove fostering is one of the most fulfilling journeys you can take.

We have an urgent need for more foster carers in Croydon from all walks of life. There's more than one 'type' of foster carer and there's more than one way to foster - from full time to part time, emergency and respite. Contact us to find out more:

0300 222 2112

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# **'Good' Ofsted rating for children's services**

## Croydon's children's services were rated 'good' by Ofsted following an inspection in October 2024.

Inspectors found that Croydon's children's services have 'improved in most areas' since the council's previous 'good' rating in 2020.

In their report, Ofsted acknowledged that the council has achieved an overall good rating 'against a backdrop of significant challenges'.

These include Croydon's financial difficulties, and the increased demand for and cost of services in London's largest borough.

Ofsted particularly praised Croydon's work with its young ambassadors – care experienced children and young people appointed by the council to influence decision-making and the services they receive.

## Young ambassadors launch Croydon Cares app

A new app co-designed with young people is supporting care leavers in Croydon as they take their first steps towards independent living.

The Croydon Cares app provides information and advice on topics like money, finance, housing, and health and wellbeing.

Young Ambassadors Javelle, Jordan, and Deshawn, who are also members of the Children in Care Council, were involved in the design process.

Javelle said: "This app empowers us young people with the tools we need to thrive, including support with financial issues and smart budgeting tools."

Deshawn said: "This app is going to shape a better Croydon by creating more support for the young people using it.

"It's got a really user-friendly design and layout which makes it easy to use. It also gives us users the right professional connections for work."



Young ambassadors with Cllr Maria Gatland, cabinet member for children and young people, council staff and Executive Mayor Jason Perry.

# Work with us

Whether you're just beginning your career or are looking for something new, we have lots of different career options and roles on offer.



We work alongside many great partners, community organisations and resident groups - join us and make a difference in Croydon's communities. Meet Jenny Kelly, National Management Trainee.

I joined local government because I want to contribute to positive change. Being at Croydon, I can see how I'm making a real difference to our communities. It's busy and can be challenging, but when I see the impact we can have, it's all worth it."

## Why choose Croydon Council?

- An inclusive workplace: We value diversity and inclusion. We want to be a workforce that represents our communities, where you can be yourself at work. We've maintained a 0% gender pay gap since 2022.
- **Proud to be Croydon:** Over 60% of our staff live in the borough.
- **Total reward package:** We offer competitive salaries and employee benefits, including membership of the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS), shopping discounts, and much more. We're also a London Living Wage employer.
- Work/life balance: We understand the important of balance and offer roles with flexible, hybrid working options. We offer good parental leave and paid volunteering days; as well as special leave to support you when you might need it most.
- **Growing talent:** We take training and development seriously and offer on the job training and access to our diversity talent development programmes.
- Changing for the better: We're working to transform how we do things, to provide the best possible services to our residents. Our transformation is a chance to be part of the future council, putting customers first, investing in digital channels and restoring pride.

## Apply today

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# Support available for every stage of family life – visit Croydon's Family Hubs



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# **Family hubs**



# **One-stop shop** for family support



## Life doesn't come with a manual and sometimes, families need a bit of help - with meeting other parents, health and wellbeing, parenting advice or guidance for young people growing up.

Family hubs are a national initiative that make it easier for parents, carers and young people to get that support when they need it – offering a range of services all in one place.

Croydon's first family hub opened at Woodlands Children's Centre, Farnborough Avenue last August. In March, we announced a second hub at Samuel Coleridge Taylor Centre in Selhurst Road. One more hub is planned.

Hubs are not just for parents of babies and toddlers. They are for children and young people from birth through to 19 years old, or 25 for those with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). They're open to anyone who plays a role in a child's life – mums, dads, grandparents, foster carers, guardians, and professionals.

Support ranges from mental health help for teens to early years activities for toddlers, and practical guidance on issues like housing, finances, and education.

And the hubs are helping Croydon families to make connections and build stronger communities - read our case study on the right.

croydon.gov.uk/children-youngpeople-and-families/family-hubs



## Family Hub helped save me - now I'm helping others

"A year ago, my life was in pieces. I had escaped domestic violence with my two young children, but I was struggling to get by and scared of the future".

Then I found Croydon's Family Hub. Alisha\*, another parent, introduced me to the Parent Carer Panel. At first, I wasn't sure. But Michelle, a family hub team member, supported me through my court case and even made sure my family had food when times were tough. That kindness meant everything.

I started going to sessions. I learned how to speak up in public, support my children's learning at home and access the benefits we desperately needed. Each session helped me rebuild a little more of the confidence I'd lost.

Then I met Marie. She visits families to help support children's learning and development. At first, I wasn't sure about letting someone into our home. But she was patient, and my kids grew to trust her. On her last visit, my eldest loved the play session with her so much he drew a huge picture. It's on our wall - a reminder of how far we've come.

The family hub has given me more than just support - it's given me purpose. Now as a Parent Carer Panel member, I'm helping shape the services that changed my life.

If you're struggling, the family hub is here for you like it was for me. Come in, have a chat and let us help. You're not alone and there is a way forward.

\*Some names have been changed to protect anonymity.

## OUR HOMES

# Help for those facing homelessness

Across the UK, more people are seeking help with homelessness, with Croydon experiencing the third highest levels of demand in the country. In our borough, the demand for homes is far higher than the number available, so it's important to understand the situation and the options if you're in need of help with housing.

Affordable housing in Croydon, like many other boroughs in London, is in short supply. Right now, over 3,600 households are in temporary accommodation, and more than 8,000 households are waiting for a permanent home.

Each month, we receive over 400 new homeless applications. Living in temporary accommodation isn't a long-term solution and sadly there is no guarantee you will receive permanent housing in Croydon.

# What you can do if you're at risk of homelessness

If you're at risk of becoming homeless, contact us straight away. The sooner you get in touch, the sooner we can help you figure out what to do

## Looking for accommodation

## Private renting gives you more control over where you live and the type of property.

Renting privately can also offer more stability, especially if you're in temporary accommodation. Renting outside London can often be cheaper, with lower rents that are within Local Housing Allowance limits. We can help with deposits and support you with negotiating rent. If you're open to relocating, this can help you find a permanent home sooner.

Unfortunately, only about one in 10 people on the council waiting list will get a home each year. With only around 800 social housing properties available annually, the wait can be long. On average, the wait for a two-bedroom home is eight years; nine years for a threebedroom, and eight years for a four-bedroom or larger. In the last three years, only 41 four-bedroom homes became available, but 698 people were waiting for one.

## Currently over 3.678 households

## are in temporary accommodation



Only **1 in 10 households** on the waiting list will get a social home each year

## **Financial support**

If you're struggling with money, there's support available. The Household Support Fund helps those in crisis with food, energy bills and some housing costs.

You don't need to be on benefits to apply, and it won't affect any benefits you currently receive.

If you're struggling to pay rent, Discretionary Housing Payments (DHP) can help. DHP supports people receiving Housing Benefit or Universal Credit and can cover rent shortfalls, deposits for new homes, rent arrears, and moving costs.

We're also working with local charities to provide extra support with finances, employment, and wellbeing. For more details about your options and the support available.

croydon.gov.uk/housing

8,600

people on the waiting list for a council home in Croydon

The average waiting time for a two-bedroom council property is eight years Every month we receive over 400 **new** homeless applications



1 in 4 applicants who come to us don't have a



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# Regina Road estate regeneration gets under way

Over 200 new council homes, green space, a pre-school and new community spaces – coming soon



We have listened and we are excited to be bringing you new, high quality housing you'll be proud to call home.

Executive Mayor of Croydon

Executive Mayor Jason Perry and Cllr Lynne Hale, Deputy Mayor and cabinet member for homes in front of the hoardings at Regina Road

# In 2021, an ITV documentary exposed unacceptable living conditions on the Regina Road estate, South Norwood. The Executive Mayor's Business Plan made it a priority to invest in council homes and drive up standards. On Regina Road, a major regeneration programme has begun.

Hoardings and scaffolding surround 1-87 Regina Road for the demolition of the first tower block, signalling the start of an exciting new chapter for the area.

All three 1960s blocks will be coming down to make way for at least 225 new council homes, along with green spaces, a preschool, and community facilities. The full plans will be submitted for approval in summer 2025.

The council has been working closely with residents to make sure the plans reflect everyone's needs.

Taneil Thomas, chair of the Regina Road working group said: "It feels good to see the demolition preparations. It feels like the dream we've been working on is turning from pieces of paper into reality."

She added: "The housing officers have really made strides to support residents so this can happen. Regina Road is changing, and I'm happy to see it."

The regeneration isn't just about building new homes. It's about

creating a place people can be proud of, where everyone benefits from the changes.

Colemans, who are managing the demolition, will work hard to minimise disruption as well as providing local jobs and apprenticeships.

## Investing in homes for Croydon

Four years ago, after discovering serious issues like those at Regina Road, we self-referred to the Regulator for Social Housing (RSH). Since then, we've worked hard to improve our homes, focusing on safety, standards and customer care. We've still got work to do, but we've made good progress - with more to come.

We have launched a new repairs service to look after our 13,500 homes, with new contractors, a dedicated repairs call centre and staff trained in providing better support.

Carrying out stock condition surveys on more than 70% of

homes has allowed us to address repairs which will keep homes safe. Our teams have completed training in damp and mould awareness, fire safety and customer care.

Photobook, our new inspection tool, is helping caretakers meet cleaning standards, with tenants involved in reporting any issues they spot.

In 2024/25, we invested over £30m to improve homes across Croydon, upgrading boilers, lifts and carrying out structural repairs, including adding pitched roofs. We've installed new kitchens, bathrooms and windows, and improved communal areas.

Building and fire safety is a priority. We've worked with the London Fire Brigade (LFB) for fire safety training at the empty 1-87 Regina Road, helping them practise emergency responses in high-rise buildings. And we've checked more than 2,000 fire doors across Croydon to meet safety standards.

Our action days are improving

estates, as we work with residents to clean shared spaces, cut back plants, paint fences and tidy signage.

And we've purchased Zodiac House, which provides 73 units of accommodation to support residents facing homelessness. This will save the council £1m a year in temporary accommodation costs and provide safe spaces for vulnerable residents.

Residents will continue to be at the heart of the change as we work together to make our council homes better for everyone.

## £30M

Invested in 2024/25 to improve homes across Croydon, upgrading boilers, lifts and carrying out structural repairs, as well as installing new kitchens, bathrooms and windows. croydon.gov.uk

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### SPRING 2025

# Our Croydon, our budget explained

Croydon has approved a budget that will help stabilise council finances and protect services, while making the borough cleaner and safer, restoring pride and helping our economy to grow.

## Where we get our money from

This pie chart shows where our money will come from in 2025/26.

## The challenges

Like many councils, Croydon is facing funding pressures owing to increased demand for homelessness help and social care.

We are one of 30 councils in the country requiring exceptional financial support from the government this year.

Croydon's circumstances are among the most challenging of any council in the UK, owing to an historic £1.4bn debt burden which will cost £71m this year.



## Our action to tackle them

## We're responding to these serious challenges, but not by cutting frontline services or raising council tax above the referendum cap.

Instead, we are investing in changing the way the council works, so that we save money by modernising services, and becoming more efficient for residents.

We'll be focusing on preventative action to avoid people reaching crisis point, helping to reduce demand for services like social care and homelessness.

We'll be working more closely with charities and partners, including commissioning them to work with residents in our communities.

And we'll be using new digital tools to improve processes for residents and staff, making it easier for you to get in touch with us and get the information you need.

We will deliver these changes over the next four years, and by 2028-29 they will save £27.7m per year, while delivering better outcomes for local people.

Our budget also includes immediate action to stabilise the council finances, with £22m savings next year.

And we're investing to reduce costs - including through the purchase of Zodiac House to provide 73 temporary accommodation units.

We will continue to maximise income from land and buildings, while protecting Croydon's heritage for future generations.



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|---|--------|-----|
| WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM                              | £m     | %   |
| 1. Council Tax  | 275.43 | 40% |
| 2. Grants given for Specific Purposes                   | 157.77 | 23% |
| 3. Capitalisation Direction                             | 136.00 | 20% |
| 4. Business Rates                                       | 83.36  | 12% |
| 5. Other (income from partners and other contributions) | 41.46  | 5%  |



## **Council tax**

As Executive Mayor Jason Perry pledged not to raise council tax above the cap, Croydon has agreed a council tax increase of 4.99%. This includes the 2% increase the government expects all councils to charge for adult social care.

The Greater London Authority (GLA) precept has increased by 4.03%, so this is a total increase of £2.18 per week for a Band D property in Croydon.



## Jason Perry, Executive Mayor of Croydon said:

"Like all councils we are facing serious financial challenges owing to extra demand for our services and increased costs of providing them. And, like others, we await national action on these in the Government's spending review this summer.

"But in the meantime, we are responding to these challenges with a budget that will help to stabilise our finances and protect services.

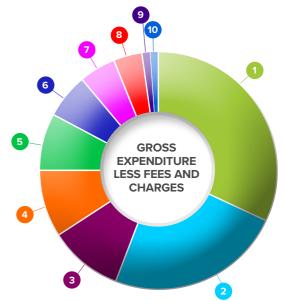
"We will save money by changing the way we work to become more cost effective and efficient, delivering better services for residents, customers and partners.

"And as we change and improve our Council, we will also be focused on our place. We will invest in Croydon's future, with new initiatives for clean, safe streets, and bold plans to drive economic growth.

"Together we will maximise our potential and restore pride."

## Where we use our money

This pie chart shows how we will use our budget in 2025/26



| GROSS EXPENDITURE LESS FEES AND CHARGES          | £m     | %   |
|--|--------|-----|
| 1. Adult Social Care                             | 221.54 | 32% |
| 2. Children, Young People and Education          | 163.51 | 24% |
| 3. Borrowing Costs                               | 71.71  | 10% |
| 4. Housing                                       | 59.74  | 9%  |
| 5. Customer and Corporate Services               | 55.26  | 8%  |
| 6. Planning, Environment and Regulatory Services | 38.65  | 6%  |
| 7. Highways, Parking and Transport               | 34.46  | 5%  |
| 8. Public Health                                 | 25.23  | 4%  |
| 9. Other   | 16.70  | 1%  |
| 10. Culture, Registrars and Community Safety     | 7.20   | 1%  |

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# DO YOU VOTE BY POST? IMPORTANT CHANGES ARE

## A change in the law means voters who vote by post must now reapply for their postal vote every three years.

This means that around 40,000 voters in Croydon who normally vote by post will need to reapply or their postal voting arrangement will be cancelled before the next scheduled elections which are the Mayor of Croydon and Croydon Council elections in May 2026.

During April and May we will email and / or write to all postal voters affected to ask them to reapply for their postal vote as soon as possible.

## HOW TO REAPPLY:

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The quickest and easiest way to reapply is online at

## www.gov.uk/apply-postal-vote

(or scan QR code)



But if you would rather complete a paper application form, one will be included in our written communication in May.

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## MORE INFORMATION:

0300 373 0595 electoral.services@croydon.gov.uk croydon.gov.uk/elections



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## Croydon Council has achieved significant progress, an external review has found

The Local Government Association (LGA)-appointed review team found wide-ranging improvements in Croydon's leadership, financial management, organisational culture, working with partners – and a new focus on listening to residents and customer care.

The Corporate Peer Challenge report, published earlier this year following an October 2024 visit, noted the scale and pace of change at Croydon since the council's historic financial and governance challenges began in 2020.

They found that the Executive Mayor's Business Plan has set a clear direction and that: 'The council has an ambitious vision for the borough, with clear corporate priorities – namely 'balancing the books, listening to residents and delivering good, sustainable services', and restoring pride in Croydon – and is delivering steadily against them.'

Staff the review team met were 'passionate about delivering quality services to residents and their role in helping the council to improve' and 'they now feel proud to work for Croydon Council.'

They found that councillors across the political groups are 'passionate and committed to Croydon the place, and supporting the council to improve and move to a sustainable footing'.

## Over 100 bus shelters installed this year



Residents Prafulben Patel (left) and Vinod Patel (right) with Executive Mayor Perry in their new bus shelter

More than 100 new bus shelters have been installed across Croydon since January, to improve everyday journeys for residents.

Working in close partnership with Transport for London (TfL), the council has secured a deal that has delivered 101 new shelters in just under 100 days, from the first installation to the last. This has been a significant logistical effort involving careful coordination between the council, TfL, and contractors.

The new shelters replace those removed in 2021 and offer the same functionality as the previous ones. TfL will now be responsible for their installation, ongoing maintenance, and regular cleaning – all at no capital or ongoing cost to the council.

This investment is part of TfL's wider commitment to improving public transport infrastructure across London. As the operator responsible for Croydon's busy bus network – used by over 88,000 passengers every day – it is just as important to TfL that passengers have a comfortable, safe and accessible experience.

The installation of the new shelters builds on recent improvements including the introduction of the Superloop route SL5 between Bromley North and Croydon. Together, these developments are part of wider plans to improve the borough's public transport offer and support more sustainable travel options.

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# Purley Pool plans get green light

## A new leisure centre for residents of Purley and the surrounding districts reached a key milestone when our planning committee approved the proposals.

Executive Mayor Jason Perry has made returning a swimming pool to the heart of Purley a priority, following the closure of the former pool in March 2020.

Polaska, the long-term lease holders of the High Street site, applied to build a new leisure centre, a later living housing scheme – and a new public square to help regenerate and create a focal point for the town centre.

The leisure centre will include a 25 metre main pool, training pool, 80 station fitness suite and studio space.

It will also have a cafe overlooking the training pool and soft play.

The developers have been consulting with Croydon's residents during the process and revised the plans ahead of consideration by planning committee.

The application will next go to the Greater London Authority (GLA) for consideration, before a decision is formally issued.

Find out more at: purleypool.co.uk



# New M&S for Brighton Road

## The old Milk & More dairy site in Brighton Road, Purley, will be transformed into a supermarket and studios for local creatives after getting planning approval.

The three buildings, which have locally listed frontages, will be sensitively restored to celebrate their heritage. It is anticipated that Marks & Spencer will open a Foodhall in the retail space.

The development supports Executive Mayor Jason Perry's priority to regenerate the borough, attract investment and create jobs. It will create about 120 new jobs, which includes 55 at the supermarket.

The creative hub will have 20 individual and two large open-plan studios, above the 68-space car park, supporting innovation and enterprise in Croydon.

The planning application was submitted by developer Grove Property, who worked with Marks & Spencer on the design of the store and consulted extensively with residents and partners. A total of 96% of respondents in Purley supported Grove Property's consultation and 582 of the representations supported the planning application.

# Council and NHS partner for new £6m medical centre

## Croydon's NHS has been given the green light on a £6m investment in a new primary care medical centre in Coulsdon.

The new centre, on the site of the former Calat building, will be developed through a partnership with Croydon Council. It aims to meet the growing demand for healthcare, providing 35,000 additional GP appointments.

The development of the medical centre has been made possible by the joint working of the local NHS and the council, who have agreed to retain the site for the health service

Construction will begin later this year and it is expected to open in 2026.



# £833k of investment in district centres

## The council is supporting local businesses and jobs through the regeneration of Croydon's district centres, after securing £833k from the government's UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF).

Executive Mayor Jason Perry has allocated funding to projects in New Addington, Thornton Heath, West Croydon (London Road), Selsdon and Purley. They support his priority of regenerating and boosting pride in the borough, as set out in the Mayor's Business Plan 2022-2026.

The council has been working with partners and local groups to identify and plan the projects that will most benefit communities.

In New Addington, the market square stage and boundary walls in Central Parade will be refurbished to support community events. A new learning garden will be created in Colliers Water Lane, Thornton Heath. School children will learn about food growth and nature through gardening activities, caring for raised beds and observing micro-habitats.

In West Croydon, and London Road, a power supply will be funded to support community events, as well as a new market. The night and weekend market on the Harris Invictus Academy forecourt is being organised by London Road Traders Association and Nubian Culture.



Artist impression of the Colliers' Water Garden in Thornton Heath



Executive Mayor Jason Perry with council staff and contractors at the New Addington Market Square refurbishment

Purley will get new public art, lighting and green space improvements, in collaboration with Purley BID, while new signage in Selsdon will direct people towards the high street and green spaces. Shop plaques will celebrate local history in Selsdon's 100th year.

The improvement works started in March and are continuing during May.

South Norwood has already benefited from a raft of improvements. A colourful mural on Goathouse Bridge, Penge Road, was created together with students from Harris Academy South Norwood and Reaching Higher youth organisation.

Meanwhile, Selhurst Road has had new pavement surfacing, planting beds, mobile planters for shops and new seating and cycle parking installed.

All improvements were developed in workshops with residents and businesses as part of the council's South Norwood Regeneration Programme. It is a £2.4m programme funded by the Mayor of London's Good Growth Fund and Historic England's High Street Heritage Action Zone.



Croydon Harvest Photo credit: Rachel Adams Farrah the Fox - Emergency Exit Arts



Croydon Harvest Photo credit: Rachel Adams

# London Borough of Culture legacy

Croydon was transformed during our year as London Borough of Culture and the programme's legacy continues today. We look back at how we celebrated our communities through culture - and ahead to what 2025 has in store.

When Croydon was London Borough of Culture from March 2023-24, it brought partners together to create vibrant events that spoke to different communities and shone a spotlight on our rich cultural heritage.

The delivery of the year was powered by more than 90 organisations in a partnership between the council and the cultural sector.

In just 12 months, we reached an audience of more than 500,000 people. More than 92% of schools took part, giving young people of all backgrounds access to creative education. There were more than 16,275 participation opportunities for young people, including performances, hands-on participation, and co-creation, with many more attending events and exhibitions.

Restoring pride in Croydon is Executive Mayor Jason Perry's priority and the legacy of our year of culture boosted pride in Croydon as a place to live, work and visit. It showcased our incredible people, talent, and history, and enabled new opportunities and ways of working with partners in the cultural sector and on the regeneration of our town centre.

Croydon successfully secured investment in our borough towards programming the year and its legacy - from the Greater London Authority (GLA), Arts Council England and the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

The legacy continued with an exciting programme of events in the arts and culture spaces during 2024. Summer-themed activities transformed the gardens over a weekend at The Queen's Gardens Party; we witnessed an enchanting display of animal floats, dance, storytelling, and even farm animals, as part of Croydon Harvest and Walnut Fair. Meanwhile, the wet and windy weather failed to dampen spirits at A Very Croydon Christmas, which was inspired by our Croydon communities and global cultural traditions.

Earlier this year, Croydon hosted the Liberating Love exhibition and workshops as part of LGBTQ+ History Month. To celebrate International Women's Day, creative workshops were held as part of The Wendy Project.

This summer, get involved in more exciting events - a Wishing Tree celebration, The Queen's Gardens Party returns, and the 150th anniversary of Croydon's renowned composer and conductor, Samuel Coleridge Taylor.

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## Art & Joy opens

Tuesday 20 May 2025 2:00pm at Museum of Croydon, during national Dementia Action Week (19-25 May) David Lean Cinema also hosts monthly dementia friendly screenings in the Clocktower, Katharine Street.

The cinema is an accredited dementia friendly venue and these are relaxed screenings, where the lights are dimmed but not off, and residents can move around easily.

# Bringing you Art & Joy

Join us for a new exhibition opening at Museum of Croydon this May – the culmination of the Dementia, Art and Joy project for people living with dementia and their carers.

Working with social enterprise Good Wolf People, the museum has hosted fortnightly art sessions from January to May 2025. During sessions, people with dementia and their carers looked at the museum's art collection and were given the opportunity to take part in creative activities in a fun and welcoming environment. Experienced facilitators and artists supported the sessions - making sure that they benefited both carers and those they care for.

Inspired by ideas of what brings us joy, the exhibition will explore art, art making and how we can all share joy. It will showcase art produced during the project, as well as favorite museum artworks on a broad range of themes - from reluctant rehearsals to snake wrestling memories and rhythmic patterns.

The exhibition hopes to not only evoke happiness but to increase understanding of the importance of art for wellbeing. We look forward to welcoming you with a cup of joy!

Croydon is working towards regaining its status as a dementia friendly borough, through its dementia strategy. The plan was created by Croydon Dementia Action Alliance, which is made up of the council, Age UK Croydon, local health and social care services, emergency services and the voluntary sector. See Museum of Croydon website: museumofcroydon.com

See David Lean Cinema website: davidleancinema.org.uk/film-clubs



## **Croydon Libraries Opening Hours**



Croydon Libraries

|  | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday   | Saturday |  |
|--|----------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|--|
| Ashburton Library<br>Shirley Road, Croydon, CR9 7AL                    | 10am-6pm | 10am-6pm | 10am-6pm  | CLOSED   | 10am-6pm | 9am-5pm  |  |
| <b>Central Library</b><br>Katharine Street, Croydon, CR9 1ET           | 10am-6pm | 10am-6pm | 10am-6pm  | 10am-6pm | 10am-6pm | 9am-5pm  |  |
| <b>Coulsdon Library</b><br>Brighton Road, Coulsdon, CR5 2NH            | 10am-6pm | 10am-6pm | CLOSED    | 10am-6pm | 10am-6pm | 9am-5pm  |  |
| New Addington Library<br>Central Parade, New Addington, CR0 0JD        | 10am-6pm | 10am-6pm | CLOSED    | 10am-6pm | 10am-6pm | 9am-5pm  |  |
| Norbury Library<br>Beatrice Avenue, London, SW16 4UW                   | 9am-7pm* | 10am-6pm | 9am-7pm*  | 10am-6pm | 10am-6pm | 9am-5pm  |  |
| Purley Library<br>Banstead Road, Purley, CR8 3YH                       | CLOSED   | 10am-6pm | 10am-6pm  | 10am-6pm | 10am-6pm | 9am-5pm  |  |
| Selsdon Library<br>Addington Road, CR2 8LA                             | 10am-6pm | 9am-7pm* | 10am-6pm  | 9am-7pm* | 10am-6pm | 9am-5pm  |  |
| <b>South Norwood Library</b><br>Lawrence Road, South Norwood, SE25 5AA | 10am-6pm | 10am-6pm | CLOSED    | 10am-6pm | 10am-6pm | 9am-5pm  |  |
| Thornton Heath Library<br>Brigstock Road, Thornton Heath, CR7 7JB      | 10am-6pm | 10am-6pm | 10am-6pm  | CLOSED   | 10am-6pm | 9am-5pm* |  |

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## **LIBRARY STORIES**

# Open more days, for more to enjoy





Don't miss out on experiencing all our libraries have to offer, now the days are getting longer. From April, all nine Croydon libraries are now open five or six days a week, including Saturdays. Previously many were only open two days a week.

And with self-service now available at some branches, it's quicker and easier to enjoy what's on offer.

You can also use My Library App to renew and reserve books and other items on your phone.

## Library services online, 24/7

Did you know your Croydon library card gives you free access to a wide range of audio and e-books, comics and online courses?

There are also thousands of newspapers and magazines from around the world in many languages.

croydon.gov.uk/online-library

## Making our libraries accessible for all

Croydon library book collections and activities are now available from community spaces as part of the council's outreach service.

Tollers Community Centre, Old Coulsdon, has new faces joining its weekly Thursday coffee morning, with council staff from health and housing on hand to chat and answer questions.



And, while there, residents can browse the collection at the centre's new community book library.

Local resident, Peter, said: "This place brings people together, it's a great asset for residents to use. There's yoga, parties and activities for children.

"Having a free library service here is a great idea and I've donated some of my books, including cookbooks for others to make good use of."

And it's not just books that have been added to the space. Locals will also be able to benefit from other activities libraries provide, such as Rhyme Times and crafting.

Patrick said: "I enjoy visiting this community centre during my free time. It is on my doorstep. I can get a hot cup of tea and pick up something to read on gardening, animals and birds."

The Tollers Community Centre is a resident-led centre that runs a range of activities for the community. Rachel, who is part of the Tollers residents' group, said: "The centre is getting more popular, especially now we have library services, including our own collection of books.

"We would like to be open more and are looking for volunteers to open up, run groups and help us make even more of this welcoming space for our community."

Janet, Tollers residents' group, said: "We would love this to be a space that residents feel happy dropping into anytime."

## communityattollers.co.uk

The council is working with communities across Croydon to make library services more accessible to residents.

To find out more about library services and activities in other community spaces visit:

croydon.gov.uk/libraries



There are many things you, and those around you, can do to stay as well as you can. These five steps can help you to feel more positive and able to get the most out of life.





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## Three-year-old Isla-Paris Biriye tests out a slide

# Slide into spring with our new playgrounds

## There's the aeroplane-themed playground that celebrates Amy Johnson, the first woman to fly from London to Australia, on Purley Way Playing Fields.

And the zipwire that allows you to zoom alongside the ducks at Waddon Ponds.

The council has tailored each of Croydon's new playgrounds to the local area, with communities and councillors involved in designing layout and equipment.

And with younger residents in charge of testing them, so far, it's been great reviews all round.

The upgrades are part of the council's Playground Investment Programme which the council is partly funding through Section 106 money - funding received from developers for local facilities. We know children (and

we know children (and parents) benefit from a trip to the playground – it's good to get out, be active, play with others and get some fresh air. So, if you're looking for somewhere new to visit, check out one of our upgraded play spaces today.

Look out for more playgrounds opening over the next year.

## New playgrounds in the past 12 months:

Canterbury Road

- Fieldway, New Addington
- King George's, Selhurst
- Park Hill
- Purley Way Playing Field
- Selsdon Recreation Ground
  Shirley Church Recreation Ground
- Waddon Ponds
- Whitehorse Recreation Ground
- Wilford Road Recreation Ground

## **Ramblers return!**

Croydon Council is bringing back Ramblers Wellbeing Walks for residents this summer.

Walking in a group is a great way to make new friends, explore and take your first steps towards better health.

Ramblers Wellbeing Walks are free and designed for everyone - with all ages and abilities welcome.

Trained leaders ensure paths are accessible and that everyone is included, in a supportive environment.

You can choose the length and pace that suits you best, from gentle ambles to more challenging paced adventures.

Each walk aims to end at a cafe where participants can choose to purchase refreshments or just enjoy socialising and connecting with fellow walkers.

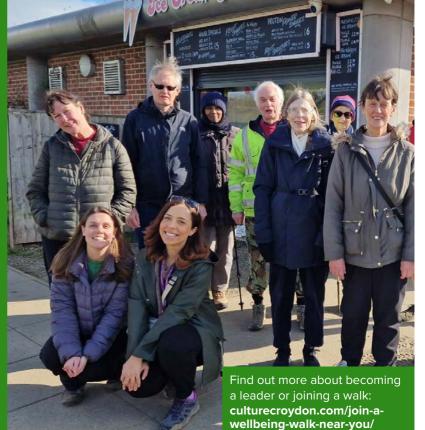
Residents took part in a trial wellbeing walk in Lloyd Park in March.

Croydon resident Gill Cripps said: "I am taking part in the new wellbeing walks as it's a great way to make friends, keep active and lift my spirits.

"The walks take place in great locations, such as Lloyd Park. I am looking forward to discovering more beautiful walking routes and getting fitter too."

We are keen to expand the number of walk locations across the borough, and are looking for more volunteer walk leaders.

Leaders are responsible for leading walks, taking registers and supporting participants. Interested leaders complete online training and a face-to-face trial walk, before receiving ongoing support and insurance coverage from council officers.



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# Safe space for girls and young women





## Croydon-based charity Anima Youth is supporting girls and young women to create positive change in their lives and communities, as part of the council's action to tackle violence against women and girls.

Inside, Anima Youth's Safe Space in High Street, Croydon, is welcoming, cosy and supportive. Its doors are open - including during evenings and weekends - to support any girls and young women seeking help, especially those at risk from harm.

The venue includes the EmpowerHer Space for young mothers, and the beingHER Safe Space where girls aged 11-18 get one-on-one support from youth workers.

And their Big Sis Lil Sis mentoring project focuses on those at risk of social isolation and experiencing mental health challenges.

Eloise Ofori, chief executive at Anima Youth: "We are really pleased to offer our girls and young women in Croydon a safe space to talk about issues concerning them and support them to thrive.

"Navigating life, friendships, family and relationships is challenging, especially during these younger years. We are always here to listen, offer advice and hope."

They offer homework and study space, help young women with finance and business skills, host movie nights, and more.

Their community outreach work includes visiting schools, speaking to girls and boys about respect and gender-based violence, and being a partner in Croydon's Town Centre Taskforce, helping to tackle any issues that may arise.

Find out more and get in touch at

animayouth.co.uk





Superintendent Mitch Carr

## **By Superintendent Mitch Carr**

As the Superintendent responsible for local policing in Croydon, I want to reassure communities across the borough that we remain focused on our goal to reduce crime and ensure those who live, work or visit Croydon feel safe doing so.

In line with the Met's priority to deliver strong neighbourhood policing, your local teams will be working with communities to tackle your priorities and the issues that impact you most, including burglary, vehicle crime and violence.

We will also be continuing our work alongside partners in Croydon town centre to drive down antisocial behaviour. We will be making use of precise tactics such as Live Facial Recognition technology, which led to the arrest of over 200 wanted offenders in the town centre alone in 2024.

Over the past 12 months we have seen a 28.3% reduction in personal robbery offences and a 11.1% reduction in violence with injury offences. We know these crime types in particular impact on young people across the borough, so we are determined to maintain these reductions and improve on them further. Our response times to emergency calls remains consistently good, with 95% of 999 calls being attended within 15 minutes and often much quicker. We have also seen significant arrests of criminals involved in serious offences including drugs supply and firearms, who are now facing lengthy prison sentences.

Finally, I would like to thank the public for their ongoing support and offer our firm commitment we will continue to do all we can to prevent crime, catch offenders and improve public safety.

## OUR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES



## Your elected representatives are here to help. Find out how to get in touch with the Executive Mayor of Croydon and your local councillors.

## **Executive Mayor of Croydon, Jason Perry** Conservative

Jason Perry was elected as the first Executive Mayor of Croydon on 5 May 2022. The Executive Mayor is the political leader of the council. You can contact the Executive Mayor Perry's office by emailing **mayor@croydon.gov.uk** 



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