



The Mayor of Croydon 2019 – 2020

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### Deputy Lieutenant's Award Ceremony - 17 July 2019

The outstanding examples of a few selected young people from the uniformed youth organisations within Greater London are recognised annually with the award of a Deputy Lieutenant's Certificate of Achievement. Along with Croydon's Representative Deputy Lieutenant Colonel RK Wilkinson I was proud to hand out the certificates to members of the scouts and cadets groups of Croydon in recognition of outstanding service to their units and Croydon in general. I heard many stories of selfless work by these young people for their community and family, and was truly inspired by them all.



### Celebration Assembly at Forestdale Primary – 18 July 2019



I was invited by White Hut Studios, an organisation that educate children and young people through music, using rhythm and rhyme. They use high level mentoring to help young people to change their mind set from negative to positive. The celebration at Forestdale Primary showcased some pupils who were inspired and mentored to produce and perform their own song. They wrote their own lyrics and melody. It was encouraging to see their confidence flourish with this creative

approach to learning. It can be seen and I strongly believe the importance of young people to have aspirations is paramount.



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### **Curry Lunch Fundraiser – 25 July 2019**

On what felt like the hottest day of the year, I was delighted to host a curry lunch fundraiser for my 5 fantastic charities in the Braithwaite Hall. Over 100 guests battled the heat to attend and support and we had a great time! We heard some more of the inspirational work of Croydon Vision, Mind in Croydon, Apasen (Croydon), The Croydon Refugee Centre and Ashdon Jazz Academy. There was an amazing operatic singer performing in Chinese and a dance performance from the ARCC senior dance troupe. A huge thank you ARCC for all their help and support in organising the event which raised £1,500.



### **Croydon's Carnival of Culture's – 28 July 2019**



Croydon's Carnival of Culture's, sponsored by The London Road Trader's Association and Community Voluntary Action (CVA), has been the most successful to date and I was honoured to be part of this. Hundreds of people celebrated Croydon's vibrant diversity and rich history.

The streets were full of dancing, talented performers and many local businesses all committed to representing Croydon. It was wonderful to see so many people of all nationalities and cultures uniting together in a family fun day out. Thank you all for such a warm welcome.



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### Big Local Broad Green Hub Launch – 30 July 2019



The Launch of the Big Local Broad Green Hub, a space for the people of broad green to use for small projects and individuals who want to drive positive change in their neighbourhood. Helping local residents to make their communities better places to live in. I am confident the Hub will become a thriving space where people and communities can access training, have access to information about local services, learn about what is happening locally and make connections.

The Mayor tried to show off his boxing poses with a local teacher from the Boxing Club.

Funded by The Local Trust via the Big Lottery and supported by the Asian Resource Centre, local businesses, councillors, Croydon Partnership and Westfield.

### Art Show Organised by the South East Cancer Health Centre – 12 August 2019

SECHC aims to give any person affected by cancer an opportunity to explore ways which may help them to cope with their situation, offering counselling, one-to-one therapies, group therapies and support groups. One of the holistic approaches is art therapy encouraging members to make Picasso abstract self-portraits which have been displayed in Croydon Click Clock Gallery in the Clock tower Café. It was a brilliant exhibition and it was inspiring to see the artwork on display. You can find out more about the SECHC here <https://www.sechc.org.uk>.





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### Visit to Legacy – 12 August 2019

During the soft opening of Legacy the name of Croydon Youth Zone, London's third Onside Youth Zone, I visited and had a tour by the CEO, Barnabas Shelbourne. I was very impressed with all the facilities and truly excited by the difference Legacy will have on our young people. I witnessed a great time being had by all! £5 a year membership and just 50p a visit – to find out more go to <https://www.legacyyouthzone.org>



### Eid Reception – 19 August 2019

I was pleased to host an Eid reception in August. Eidul Adha is a chance to demonstrate charity and help those less fortunate than ourselves, both in our communities and elsewhere in the world. Celebrating Eid together helps us to develop a culture of mutual respect. The Mayor is heavily involved in promoting the wide variety of communities within Croydon. He is in the process of organising a Diwali, Chanuk and Christmas Events.





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### Fundraising dinner – 24 August 2019



The vice-chair of my fundraising committee planned and hosted an event in aid of the Mayor's charity. It was a great evening and tickets were sold out! They managed to raise £2,000 for The Mayors chosen 5 charities. I am so grateful for the support I am getting from my active team.

Five different Mayors and a number of community leaders and councillors were also present at the event.

There was a fantastic dance performance by Shradha Vivek Unnithan, pictured.

### Charity Garden Party – 31 August 2019





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A special thanks from the Mayor goes to Surelia's family for not only opening their garden but providing lovely food and warm hospitality by her husband Waju and other family members and friends to raise funds for my chosen charity. A whopping amount of almost £1,000 was raised by the end of the evening. There were a number of community leaders present to support the event. Chair of ARCC, Raghu Setty said, 'the highlight of the evening was when The Mayor and his Mayoress participated in some fun games'.



### Events Calendar – Save the dates

Date	Event
14 September 2019	Redwood Youths & Mayor's Korean Concert – Braithwaite hall
17 September 2019	Charity Golf Day - Farleigh Golf Club
28 October 2019	Indian Dinner Night at Chat House in South Croydon
03 November 2019	"West End Gala" Musical Show at Fairfield Halls
08 November 2019	Asian Cultural Musical Evening, Braithwaite Hall
27 November 2019	One Croydon Show, Phoenix Concert Hall Fairfield Halls
28 January 2020	Chinese New Year Event
12 February 2020	Fish and Chips Lunch, McDermott's Restaurant
12 February 2020	Mayor's Business Awards
23 April 2020	Mayor's Finale Gala Dinner incorporating St George's Day

For further information on any of these events or to purchase tickets please contact [themayor@croydon.gov.uk](mailto:themayor@croydon.gov.uk)