

UPDATE / NEWS

Hi. Well, what strange times. Two major decisions by the Government in the next week will have a big impact on us – Brexit and revisiting the Covid 19 Tiers for different parts of the country.

Covid 19 – What we can do to avoid being put in Tier 3

As of today, London is second only to Wales in the daily number of new Covid 19 cases. [Click here](#) for an up-to-date UK chart.

See attached jpeg for a chart of Covid 19 cases in Croydon from 1 July 2020 to 7 December 2020. Taken from BBC site.

[Click here](#) for an article from Sky News. The Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, urges Londoners to follow Tier 2 rules to avoid London being put into Tier 3.

Covid 19 – making choices and balancing risk

[This clip](#) shows us the relative risks of passing on or catching Covid 19 in different situations along with the choices we can make about what we do.

Croydon Neighbourhood Watch

Canning & Clyde is part of Croydon Neighbourhood Watch. It's designed as a neighbourhood means of deterring crime. [Click here](#) to read their latest email.

Give your views on Croydon's plans for the future

The following comes from Croydon Council.

Croydon Council wants to hear from residents, staff and partners on plans to get its finances back on track and focus on providing the best essential services we can, while living within our means.

From today (9 December), the council is asking people for feedback on initial savings proposals it has set out for 2021-24, to understand the impact they have on our communities and hear ideas about how it could do things differently. You can read an overview and give your views [via this page on the council website](#).

Anyone who needs help accessing the internet, or filling in the survey, can call 020 8604 7114, between 10am – 4pm, Mon – Fri.

The savings proposals are part of Croydon's renewal plans, which outline how Croydon plans to tackle its financial challenges with a three year-improvement journey to become financially sustainable for the future.

Cabinet approved the renewal plans and gave the go-ahead to ask the public for feedback on the savings proposals on 25 November. The cabinet reports are published [here](#), including the savings proposals for 2021/24 which are set out in full [here](#).

The survey closes on 24 January, in time for feedback to inform the council's budget proposals for 2021/22. Some of the proposals are ready, some of them need more work and others, such as changes to libraries, require full public consultations early next year.

Councillor Hamida Ali, leader of the council, said: "Croydon is facing unprecedented financial challenges and my priority is rebuilding a financially sustainable organisation, which provides the high-quality services and the value for money that residents expect and I am confident we will achieve that.

"This means keeping our streets clean and safe and tackling ingrained inequality and poverty by supporting and protecting our most vulnerable residents.

"The scale of our financial challenges means we're not going to be able to fix these problems overnight. We will have to make significant savings so that we can focus on delivering essential services well, while living within our means. I need to be open about the fact that we will need to stop doing some things and change the way we do others and there will be some difficult decisions ahead.

"That's why it's important that we hear your views on the changes we are proposing, so that we can understand how you think they might affect you and hear any other ideas before making our decisions. This is just the start of a conversation about Croydon's future which will continue throughout our journey and we want everyone to take part, so that together we can shape the services our communities need in line with the funding that we have."

Christmas and New Year bin collections

[Click here](#) for the revised Christmas and New Year collection dates.

Much has rightly been spoken about key workers, such as NHS staff, care workers, public transport staff, posties and other service delivery people. We hear little about the bin men. I'm only aware of a temporary hiccup with the big style bins (for blocks over a certain size). Other than that our bin men have continued to provide a first-rate service throughout the pandemic.

In the summer Stephen from Canning Road resident made some of us A4 'Thank you' messages to attach to our bins. If you like the idea, then do please feel free to do the same.

Addiscombe Railway Park – Sunday 13 December, 1 to 4 pm

Our next volunteer work day will be on Sunday 13th December between 1pm and 4pm.

The bridge end of the park remains closed for sewer repairs.

We have many tasks awaiting attention, so there is plenty to do.

Dig over and weed the Wild Flower Bed.

Remove buddleia hanging over the path.

Repairing Raised beds.

Cut grass around the Orchard trees.

Cut willow in Orchard.

Cut back trees blocking light to the Orchard trees.

Replant the strawberries in rebuilt bed.

Weed Raseberry bed.

Please remember the Virus rules:

Maximum groups of 6 people outdoors working together and keeping their distance from each other.

Do not share tools.

Avoid touching litter and seats with your hands.

Avoid touching animals.

The Friends of Addiscombe Railway Park are always happy to see people. Do feel free if you just want to go along to see what they're up to and say 'Hi'.

HINTS AND TIPS

Mid winter festivals

For centuries people all over the world have marked or celebrated mid winter in their own ways.

For information on mid winter festivals from around the World, [click here](#).

Closer to home, [click here](#) for how mid winter celebrations have evolved over the centuries in what is now the UK.

TO MAKE YOU SMILE

Skipping

Please see attached mpeg

Wimborne Militia – Civil War Re-enactment group

Find out what Facebook made of them.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-dorset-55231660>

RELIABLE SOURCES OF ACCURATE INFORMATION

Croydon Council services

<https://www.croydon.gov.uk/healthsocial/phealth/coronavirus-information/service-updates>

Test and Trace and If you have to self-isolate in Croydon

<https://new.croydon.gov.uk/coronavirus-information-and-service-updates/test-and-trace-keeping-croydon-safe/keeping-croydon-safe>

National – furlough, self-employed, small businesses, benefits, housing

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Job Help

<https://jobhelp.campaign.gov.uk/>
[Seven key tips for finding a job](#)

Health

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Money

<https://new.croydon.gov.uk/coronavirus-information-and-service-updates/get-help-your-council-tax-and-benefits>
<https://www.moneyadviceservice.org.uk/en>
<https://www.turn2us.org.uk/>
<https://www.fca.org.uk/>

Citizens Advice

<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/health/coronavirus-what-it-means-for-you/>

Shelter

https://england.shelter.org.uk/housing_advice/coronavirus