

# The ADDINGTON

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# INVITATION

You are invited to the Annual General Meeting  
of the Addington Residents' Association

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2024

8pm

Addington Methodist Church, Huntingfield

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## **Addington Residents' Association**

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To ascertain the opinions of the residents and to lay them before appropriate authorities when desirable, and to encourage social activities among it's members



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# Chairman's Report

As we start a new year for the Addington Residents' Association, I would firstly like to remind all residents of our objectives. These are set out in the Rules of Membership as follows:

To ascertain the opinions of the residents and to lay them before appropriate authorities when desirable.

To encourage social activities among its members.

2023/24 was another busy year for the Committee and we discussed a wide range of issues raised by the local community. During the year we lost a few members, so I wanted to personally thank Terry Belsey, Geoff Jordan and Gina Stoneman for their valuable contributions.

As I moved from Co-Chair to Chair last year, I also express my personal gratitude to Wiktor Molleskog whose dedication, knowledge and passion for his role as Chair has been an inspiration for me. We welcomed a new Committee member – Julian Shakespeare - and I am pleased to have worked with him and all of the Committee members as their dedication to their roles is commendable.

Some of the highlights of the past 12 months are:

The corner of Huntingfield/Falconwood Road. We have campaigned on this issue trying to prevent the unauthorised use of the land and the Council finally rejected the planning application. The Committee will keep residents informed as this matter progresses.

We have repeatedly requested the re-instatement of the bus stops that have been missed by so many residents, and we will continue to progress this matter.

Just recently, rumours have circulated surrounding the potential sale or lease of Shirley Heath. It seems that the Mayor has admitted to secret talks with the Addington Golf Club, so the Committee will monitor the situation.

You may have noticed that the ARA Magazine is getting bigger and has more content. We have been fortunate to have more local advertisers to help with the finances to fund more content for your local magazine. If you need a particular product or service, please do flick through the magazine first and support the local advertisers. Using local businesses helps the local economy.

Last September, the ARA organised its' very first "BootFair Trail" and around 10 families participated from 4 roads in our catchment area. The feedback was **very** positive, so we replicated the event on the 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024 when an incredible 24 local residents participated from 8 roads in our catchment area. Everyone agreed it was a great event to bring the community together (as well as grab a bargain!) and buyers came from as far afield as Purley, Norwood and New Addington. More of these are planned so watch this space!

Our Treasurer, Ian Drake, has produced an end-of-year Report showing a healthy bank balance thanks to the efforts of the Committee members and local residents. It's vital that the ARA maintain a healthy bank balance to ensure that it can continue to serve the needs of the local residents now and in the future.

As the Chair, I would like to ask for **your** help on these three matters:

1. We are looking for four new members to join the ARA Committee. This involves a meeting once a month and around 2 hours of your time. We do need someone to take the minutes so please do think about applying.
2. We are looking for more articles to publish in your quarterly ARA magazine. Can you send in a quiz, a crossword, a photograph, a recipe, a story about a local event? Or even an article on a topic that you enjoy – maybe a hobby or your work interest? I believe that local articles will inspire others to write local content.
3. We are hoping to increase the number of residents that pay their voluntary £5 annual donation. This money helps fund the magazine and adds to the ARA funds in case of urgent needs. As an incentive, everyone that pays the £5 subscription is entered into a prize draw. Three winners will receive either £50, £30 or £20.

If you can help in any of the above, email [addingtonresidents@gmail.com](mailto:addingtonresidents@gmail.com) or send a Text or WhatsApp to 0777 614 0913.

Finally, if you have an idea that may help others in the local community, please do contact the Committee - we may be able to make it happen!

Shabbir Halai, Chair, ARA



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# Car theft

Sadly we need to warn you about a new method of car crime that is happening in our area. This is where thieves remove a car headlight to expose certain connections, which they then use to start the engine and steal the car. Hackers inject malicious code into a car's electronic network via **headlight** wires, fooling the car into thinking the key is in place.

Here is a report from a resident who recently had their Toyota RAV4 stolen using this method:

“Our car was taken in less than one minute using the method where he unplugged the driver’s headlight and powered up the vehicle via the CAN network. I have captured it all on CCTV. However, a week later and the police have not been able to recover the vehicle. Fortunately, we didn’t have much in the car other than the child seat and buggy and we’re all OK”.

We all know about the ‘Hanoi theft’ method where thieves use a laptop to ‘talk’ to keyless cars, but this method is news to us. It is shocking how quickly greedy thieves find new ways to steal other people’s property. We have now looked this up online, and find that it is happening all over the place, **especially to certain Toyota, Hyundai and Kia models**. Check the details out for yourselves. Do an internet search for: Thieves steal cars using headlight connectors.

## **Advice:**

Do not leave anything of value in your car.

Get a strong, visible, steering wheel lock, and use it! Taking this off mean sextra hassle and noise for thieves, who will, hopefully, leave your car alone.

If you own a new Toyota, Hyundai or Kia car, ask your supplier if there are any security methods you can use to help prevent the headlights being removed so easily.

Buy a ‘Faraday Pouch’ to keep your car keys in the house, and use it.

Thank you to our neighbour for alerting us to this new threat, and offering some very sensible advice. Letting other people know, and warning them, is one way to get back at these greedy thieves. We all need to make things much harder for them.

**Summer Holidays** – if you are planning to go away for a few days, please make time to think about security for your house:

A week before you go on holiday contact a trusted neighbour or friend. Arrange for them to make sure that any post delivered to your house is not left ‘on view’ in your porch, and that ‘pizza leaflets’ are not left hanging out of your letterbox for all to see. Ask them to pick up any wind-blown litter in your front drive. Litter and piles of post are clear signs to passing criminals that your house is empty.

Arrange for your refuse bins to be put out and then away on collection day. Arrange pet care. Buy light switch timers so that your house looks occupied at night when you are out.

Most big supermarkets sell these. They are not expensive.

# Councillor's Corner

## **Mayoral and GLA Elections**

The Elections for the Greater London Mayor and Authority (GLA) take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024. A change from previous elections is that if you want to vote at a polling station you will have to take some photo ID along with you. There are a number of forms of photo ID's that are acceptable, and you can apply for a free voter ID certificate.

## **Addington Park Event proposed for July 2024**

The Licencing Sub Committee has approved a tented Music Event for Addington Park on the 6<sup>th</sup> July 2024 the event will be licenced for music between the hours of 1300-2200 and the sale of alcohol between the hours of 1300-21.30. The event is organised by Smith and Smith Ltd. The Organisers will now be working with the Safety Advisory Group (SAG) which brings together emergency services and relevant Council Officers to make sure that the correct emergency planning, traffic and parking plans are in place to ensure a safe event.

## **New Shops and Extra Funding to Develop Croydon Town Centre**

Unibail-Rodamco-Westfield (URW) have recently announced a string of new shop openings in Centrale and the Whitgift Centre, the new shops include high end jeweller Loupe, furniture and home retailer Izzy Home Store alongside Pollocks Toy Museum and Noodle Bar Chopstix. This comes alongside the news that Croydon has been awarded £18.5 Million Levelling Up Funding alongside £7.2 Million Growth Zone Funding to improve the environment and public realm around the Town Centre and surrounding area.

## **Forestdale Neighbourhood Re-cycling centre**

The Forestdale Neighbourhood Recycling Centre has had to be closed recently as asbestos was dumped at the site, as well as the site in New Addington. This has meant that all the bins have had to be sealed and sent away to a specialist cleaning facility run by the City of London. Once the bins have been cleaned and returned it is the Council's intention to re-open the site.

As your local Councillors we have been asked to give an opinion on if this site is useful or if it just attracts fly tipping. We would be interested to get the views of our residents. If you have comments please do email us.

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# AGM Agenda

- 1 Apologies for absence
- 2 To adopt the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2023
- 3 For discussion/matters arising:
  - 1) Land bordered by Huntingfield/Lodge Lane/Kent Gate Way
  - 2) Hyderi Community Centre Pioneer Place football pitch application
  - 3) Boot Fair Trail: Sun 7<sup>th</sup> April  
Agree next dates: 23<sup>rd</sup> June and Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> September
  - 4) Bus shelters
  - 5) Addington park Music event 6<sup>th</sup> July
  - 6) Shirley Heath
- 4 Chairman's report
- 5 Treasurer's report
- 6 Update from Sarah Jones
- 7 Update from Jason Perry, Mayor of Croydon
- 8 Update from Police representative
- 9 Update from our Councillors
- 10 Resignations, election of new committee members
- 11 AOB

## Minutes of the AGM held on 30th May 2023

**Present:** Chairman, Wiktor Molleskog, Treasurer, Ian Drake, Committee, Mike Bond, Keith James and Alan Chitty. Croydon Central MP, Sarah Jones, Councillors Robert Ward and Jason Cummings. There were also 34 Residents in attendance.

**Apologies:** Apologies were received from Salli Ransom, Terry Belsey and Malcolm Graveling.

**Minutes:** The Chairman opened the meeting and said he would not read out last years minutes as they had already been printed in the Magazine.

### Matters arising:

Pioneer Place – We had approached Thames Water with our concerns regarding any works which might take place on the site, but they said until any plans were produced there was not much they could do at present.

Frylands Scout Camp- The owner of Pear Tree Farm had purchased part of the site to protect it from being used for development.

Yellow Lines – Featherbed Lane/Huntingfield – Nothing has happened on this.

Addington Park Childrens Playground - This has been refurbished by the Council to a high

standard and is being enjoyed by the children.

Last year's Festival in Addington Park-The disturbance caused by this event was not as disruptive as we had feared due to better control by the authorities.

Flytipping-This was still taking place, but the Council were making every effort to clear it up as soon as possible after the incidents occurred.

Car thefts-These were still occurring. Purchase of a Faraday pouch could reduce this by making remote reading of the key impossible.

### **Chairmans Report:**

In his report the Chairman said that during the past year one committee member had stood down from the committee for personal reasons and the Treasurer, Alan Chitty, had retired. The situation on the land at the junction of Huntingfield and Falconwood Road had not changed much. A pre-planning application has been made though evidence of this is very sketchy as it does not have to be made public until a formal planning application is made. The owner Devogrove had been approached with a proposal that the association might purchase part of the land where the blocks are but at present, they do not want to decide. We increased the subscriptions last year after several years from £2 to £5. A Jubilee party was held in Palace Green. There was nothing to report regarding Pioneer Place since last year. Nor had there been any progress with the yellow lines. Robert Ward reported that in conversations with the users of the playground they expressed their appreciation of the works carried out by the contractors. A question was raised as to whether there was the possibility of a refreshment facility could be provided for the users, especially in the summer. Robert said it was difficult in the present circumstances to find anybody to provide these. There were to be two events in Addington Park this summer, July and September. Licenses had been applied for and a representative from the company promoting the September event was coming to our next committee meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> June. It was pointed out that anyone objecting to the events would have to provide their personal details to the promoters. The new Bus shelters were still outstanding as the company contracted to provide them has been unable to deliver. Planning permission is required for some of the new shelters but this is not the cause of the hold-up.

### **Treasurers Report**

This year so far 58 households have paid their subscriptions, last year 234 households paid their subscriptions. Reserves increased by £950 last year despite the number of Advertisers reducing, the total reserves are at present standing at £19k.

### **Sarah Jones**

Sarah addressed the meeting explaining the current political situation and how the ongoing problems were being addressed. She explained she had received a record number of requests from constituents due to the ongoing situation. With the help of the local Law Centre, Citizens Advice and individuals she helped people with their problems. Shortly the Electoral Reform Commission will announce changes to the boundaries of the local constituencies and Croydon will expand from 3 to 4 representatives. This means that she will no longer represent our constituency and we will have a new MP. When she was asked regarding the current situation with the Council, she replied that mistakes had been made by

Councillors and Officers of the council had made poor decisions. At present no one was being held to account and there were questions being raised regarding payments being made to people who had left and the costs of the refurbishment of the Fairfield Halls were being investigated by the Metropolitan Police.

### **Jason Cummings**

Jason apologised that Jason Perry the Mayor was unable to attend due to a family commitment. He was the Cabinet Member for Finance and had been our representative from 2010 to 2018.

Since May 2022 external accountants had been looking into the councils' finances and had made several discoveries which showed historical issues relating to money taken from the Housing Budget. The current cost of financing the Councils debt of £1.6 billion is £48 million pounds per year. He explained that the 15% Council Tax had been necessary in order to try and sort out the current situation as well as making significant cuts in services of £33 million. As well an approach has been made to the Central Government to write off £540 million off the debt. All three measures were necessary but there were other councils that were also suffering serious problems and it would be difficult for any one council to be singled out for support.

Problems had arisen in the council following the collapse in the economy in 2020 and the reduction in support to local government. In order to try and raise revenue streams to reduce the costs to the taxpayer's bad decisions were made Brick by Brick, purchase of the Colonnades, purchase of the Croydon Hotel and massive amounts were borrowed without any significant advantages being obtained. This resulted in the council having to declare itself bankrupt, several reports were commissioned, and the Penn Report is available on the council's website. The report by financial analyst Accountants Kroll which has not been published because of possible prosecutions against individuals in the council for misconduct in a public office is in the hands of the police.

The current position regarding the redevelopment of the town centre is looking more positive as Westfield have now bought out Hammerson their partner in the original scheme and are in the process of drawing up fresh proposals considering the changes in retail practices, the new development will probably be more Leisure and Residential than Retail.

The meeting expressed a wish that we would not see an increase in the number of large blocks of flats in the centre, expressing a fear that numbers of the flats would remain empty, and any ground floor retail units would also be vacant as is the current situation in a few the developments already completed. A few people commented on the high cost of parking compared to other town centre developments. Jason said this would be something that would be investigated when making future decisions.

A resident remarked on the decline in the appearance of both Heathfield and Coombe Wood lately, Jason said Coombe Wood had recently lost its long serving gardener to retirement and no replacement had been appointed so the works were being done alongside the borough's other open spaces. With Heathfield a recent proposal to let the site to a special school had fallen through because they wanted to materially alter the access to the site by the public and currently there were no other interested parties to take on the site.

At this point Sarah Jones left the meeting.

### **Robert Ward**

The Selsdon Community Plan priorities were explained by Robert Ward, they are to preserve the Green Spaces, protect the High Street and ensure the Garage site was developed in keeping with the area.

We must protect the green spaces by ensuring they are not open to developers to exploit. The High Street has already suffered with the loss of all the Banks being closed and we must try and ensure that any future businesses attracted to the area meet our needs.

Planning permission for the Garage site is still under consideration by the Council.

He also urged us to use the facilities of Selsdon Library, which at present is open three days a week, but they are going to trial a scheme where entrance at other times can be obtained using a pin number and your library card for three months, a security guard will be in attendance during the trial period.

Our attention was drawn to the fact that there is a map available showing the positions of Defibrillators in the borough.

### **AOB**

Some residents of Gravel Hill raised concerns over the development of Number 6 which, it is understood, is intended to be being turned into a facility for supported living for people with complex needs. An application for a change of use of the property was submitted and withdrawn. Works have been taking place. Council officers have visited the premises and have advised that as it is not in use or occupied there is currently no breach of planning legislation. The company responsible, Active Care Group, are taking applications for residents. Covenants on the land prohibit the type of development taking place but both Jason and Robert pointed out that these covenants are not enforceable without recourse to legal action by affected residents.

### **The new committee**

Wiktor pointed out that we had three resignations this year and at present had no Secretary/minute taker. Wiktor would be standing down for health reasons as Chairman after this meeting but would remain on the committee. Unless we can persuade other people to join the committee the association will not be able to function properly.

The meeting closed at 10.20pm and Wiktor thanked all those who attended.

# Bamboo, friend or foe

I love looking down my garden and seeing the bamboo swishing about on a windy day. It has a lovely tropical look and provides great screening. Yet most people shy away from Bamboo because of its bad boy reputation and ability to take over the garden. However, not all Bamboos are aggressive or spreading.

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The clumpers form tight, slowly growing masses. They can be planted directly into the ground, pots or containers. All bamboos grow by way of underground rhizomes or in layman's terms, roots. The main difference between the two groups is how they spread. On running varieties, these rhizomes travel underground a certain distance and then form a node which will then continue forwards or shoot upwards as a cane. As a result, they are able to fill an area quickly and their above ground canes tend to be spread out. On the other hand, when a clumping variety forms an underground node, it will **only** grow up as a cane.

So why would anyone grow a running variety? Two reasons - beauty and effect. Most striking and attractive bamboos are runners. Most of my bamboos are runners so containment is the name of the game. Thankfully most of the rhizomes are shallow, so with care they can easily be controlled. My golden bamboo is contained in old school lockers brought for £5 each. I carefully watch my Black bamboo which is in the ground but has no root barrier as such.

In upcoming issues I will be exploring the various types of Bamboo, its uses and how it could save the planet. Stay tuned.

Mr Bamboo



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# Prize Draw

## Congratulations!

The ARA Committee introduced a Prize Draw for 2024, and every household that pays their annual subscription (currently £5), is entered into that draw.

Why have we introduced this Prize Draw? We want to encourage more local residents to pay the voluntarily subscription (currently only a third do so) and we want to re-vitalise the quarterly magazine so it has more local information, more local content and becomes the 'go-to' information booklet for residents!

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March, at the monthly ARA Committee meeting, three households were randomly selected by an electronic number generator, and we are very pleased to announce the first three Prize Draw winners for 2024 as:

**1st Prize £50: Mr & Mrs Blackmore from Abbots Green**

**2nd Prize £30: Mr and Mrs A Rauf of Farnborough Crescent**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £20 : I Agnew of Farnborough Avenue**

The next Prize Draw takes place in June 2024 when 3 more lucky winners will be drawn.

How do you get a chance to win? Just ensure that your household has paid the annual £5 voluntary subscription and you are eligible to win!

(If you are not sure if your household has paid, simply sent an email to [addingtonresidents@gmail.com](mailto:addingtonresidents@gmail.com) and the treasure Ian will check and let you know).



# Rotary



# Sanderstead & Selsdon

Spring is finally here and, as ever, we are moving forward to a busy few months.

We have already enjoyed our annual Quiz Night and have distributed over forty plants to local people to bring a little spring cheer.

What's Coming Up Next ?

A promotional banner for Rotary Sanderstead & Selsdon. On the left is a cartoon illustration of a man in a red hat and orange overalls carrying a green bag and a walking stick. To the right of the illustration, the text reads: "www.rotarysandersteadandselsdon.com", "Ring 07774-186 792", and "Email:- secretary@rotarysandersteadandselsdon.com". Below this is the Rotary logo and the text "Sanderstead & Selsdon". On the right side of the banner is a QR code with the text "Please scan here for events page". At the bottom right is a Facebook icon and the text "rotarycroydonsouth".

**Sponsored Walk 25<sup>th</sup> May 2024** – 60% sponsorship to the good cause of your choice, with the remaining 40% to Rotary charities. Seven miles in glorious Surrey country side. Get in touch & sign up.

## **Hobby Fair – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September – St John's Community Hall, Selsdon**

Why not sign up for a table to promote your club, organisation or group. This is the chance to increase your membership & promote what you do. So get in touch and book your table. Invite folks to attend on the day for this fun community event.

## **Sanderstead Community Day – Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September**



We are again running the Sanderstead Community Day on the recreation ground in Sanderstead. A fun day with something for everyone, don't miss out, do come along enjoy a day in the sun.

## **Craft Fair 16<sup>th</sup> November – All Saints Sanderstead**

Do book a table if you would like to demonstrate or sell crafts. Come along on the day to buy some crafty pre Xmas gifts. Enjoy the refreshments provided by Chef Roger on the day.

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If you would like to join us for our events please ring our Secretary on 07774-186 792.



# Treasurer's Sum Up for year 23/24

Income exceeded Expenditure in the year – adding a net £1,900 to our Reserves.

Income from Residents Voluntary Subscriptions totalled £1,394 – compared to £1,297 in the previous year.

Advertising Income for the year totalled £1,985 - up from £1,155 – a 72% increase! Advertising rates were held the same as the previous year, but additional advertisers and the introduction of a new 'small box' advertising option increased our overall Advertising income.

As a result of rising Interest Rates, our Bank Interest Income increased to £349 - compared to just £76 the previous year.

Other Income for the year of £46 was comprised of Resident's Donations and participation contributions in the Jumble Trail Event held in September.

Four Magazines were printed by Helloprint and distributed to our Residents during the year at a total cost of £962. Our HSBC Bank Charges totalled £64 – comprised of a monthly fixed charge, plus a few transaction charges.

Other Expenditure for the year totalled £799. It included a £250 donation to the Church Christmas Fund and £277 paid for gifts to our Magazine Distributors as a 'Thank You' for their efforts on behalf of the ARA. It also included £100 paid out for our first Prize Draw, which it is hoped will encourage more of our Residents to read the Magazines (and pay their £5 Voluntary Contributions).

All the above items represent our 'normal operating activity' and resulted in an Operating Surplus for the year of £1,948 to be added to our General Reserves.

Additionally, £48 was spent on printing copies of a Planning Report relating to the Back Field – to be set against our Back Field Fighting Fund Reserve.

This then reduced our overall Surplus for the year to £1,900.

Our total Reserves now stand at £20,937 – of which £4,766 relates to specific Fighting Funds, and the balance is General Reserves.

Ian Drake – ARA Treasurer

# General Knowledge Quiz

1. What is another name for a snow leopard
2. What is one thing snow leopards cannot do
3. What is the largest Continent by area
4. Which fruit was previously known as the Chinese Gooseberry
5. On which sea does the holiday resort of Rimini sit
6. How many times have manned space missions landed on the moon
7. What is gnocchi made from
8. In the TV series what was Blackadder's first name
9. In legend what was the name of Dick Turpin's horse
10. What nationality was the explorer Christopher Columbus
11. In which English city did the first Boots Chemist open
12. In which country is the World's largest coral reef
13. In the cartoon what is Garfield's favourite food
14. In which Asian country would you find the Petronas Towers
15. What connects Bulls, Bears and Stags



*Answers can be found on page 21*

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## **Criminal Activity**

If you see any crime being committed, or are aware that a crime has been committed: call 999 immediately.

If you see suspicious activity of a criminal nature: call 999 immediately.

*Note: The police will only focus their resources to an area based on the number and nature of crimes reported to them in that area.*

## **Antisocial Behaviour**

If to see or encounter any antisocial behaviour: call 999 if there is *immediate* danger to anyone, or call the Police on 101 to report any non-emergency incident.

You can also report antisocial behaviour on the police website: [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk).

## **Streets, pavements & public areas**

Anything relating to the streets, pavements or public areas which causes a danger, a hazard, or a public nuisance should be reported to 'Love Clean Streets'. You can do this on their free mobile phone app or via their website: [www.lovecleanstreets.com](http://www.lovecleanstreets.com). You can also submit photos in support of your Report and track the progress.

Example matters you want to report in this way include (but are not restricted to):

road potholes	abandoned cars	dead animals
fallen trees or branches	obstructed pavements	fly-tipping
failed or inadequate lighting	defaced public property	graffiti

## **Illegal or obstructive parking**

Illegal or obstructive parking should be reported to the Police on 101. This may include parked vehicles not allowing Emergency Service Vehicles (i.e. fire engines) sufficient room to get past in the event of an emergency in the area.

## **Excessive speeds or dangerous driving**

Places of repeated driving at excess speed and / or dangerous driving should be reported to the Police on 101. The intention of this is to pressure the authorities to apply speed restrictions or additional signage where appropriate – to avoid future serious accidents.

## **Refuse Collection**

Any problems associated with Refuse Collections or Rubbish Bins should be reported to Croydon Council using their website [www.croydon.gov.uk](http://www.croydon.gov.uk) or by phoning them on 020 8726 6000 and press 3.

## Noise Pollution

Excessive noise causing a public nuisance should be reported to Croydon Council using their website [www.croydon.gov.uk](http://www.croydon.gov.uk). Search for “Noise” and read the information. The council do not operate an out of hours service for noise pollution but you can email them on: [pollution@croydon.gov.uk](mailto:pollution@croydon.gov.uk). During the day you can call the council 020 8726 6000 and stay on the line until for the operator (all of the options are read out twice before being transferred to a person)

## Injured, distressed or missing animals

Any sighting of an injured or distressed wild animal (e.g. fox, badger, deer) should be reported to the RSPCA for further advice: 0300 1234 999.

Any sighting of a cat or dog on the loose causing a potential hazard to traffic or potential danger to the public should be reported to the Police on 101.

There are a number of voluntary organisations on the Internet which deal with missing domestic pets. Signage on trees and lampposts in your immediate vicinity will alert your local community, as will alerts notified to your local WhatsApp Group.

## Local Planning Applications

Information regarding local Planning Applications can be found on the Croydon Council Website [www.croydon.gov.uk](http://www.croydon.gov.uk) or call the council 020 8726 6000 and press 8.

Or sign up for automatic alerts by visiting the Residents’ Association webpage, [www.addington-residents.co.uk](http://www.addington-residents.co.uk) and click on the Planning App tab.

## Croydon Council

Croydon Council Website [www.croydon.gov.uk](http://www.croydon.gov.uk)

Telephone: 020 8726 6000. The various department options are as follows:

Press 1 if you know you extension. Press 2 for housing or housing repairs. Press 3 for waste and parking services. Press 4 for council tax, business rates and benefits, Press 5 for children special care. Press 6 for adults special care. Press 7 for educational services. Press 8 for planning, building control or dangerous structures. Press 9 for electoral or registrar services. Or hold on the line to speak with the operator.

14. Malaysia	15. The Stock Market
10. Italian	11. Nottingham
5. Adriatic Sea	6. Six
	7. Potatoes
	8. Edmund
	9. Black Bess
<b>Quiz Answers</b>	1. Ounce
	2. Roar
	3. Asia
	4. Kiwi Fruit
	12. Australia
	13. Lasagne

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St Columba's (Roman Catholic)	020 8657 3747
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Croydon Jubilee Church	Office 020 8651 2807
Forestdale Salvation Army Church	020 8657 0078
Selsdon Christian Fellowship	020 8668 9779
Church of Jesus Christ of LDS	020 8651 2211

## DOCTORS & EMERGENCY CARE

Ambulance 999; Non-emergency NHS helpline 111	
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Selsdon Park Medical Practice 020 8657 0067	Croydon University Hospital 020 8401 3000
New Addington Minor Injuries Unit 020 8251 7225	Purley War Memorial Hospital 020 8401 3515

## POLICE

Emergency (or if a crime is in action) 999; Non-emergency 101	
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Selsdon Vale & Forestdale:	SelsdonandForestdaleSNT@met.police.uk

## CLUBS, GROUPS & CHARITIES

CONTACT (Neighbourhood Care)	Jasmine Singh 020 8651 4944
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Croydon Hearing Resource Centre Office	020 8686 0049
Croydon Vision	020 8668 2486
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