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# Chairman's Report

## Welcome to the autumn edition of the ARA magazine

As always, I want to begin by reaffirming our Association's purpose:

- To represent the views and concerns of residents and present them to the relevant authorities when necessary.
- To promote social harmony and interaction through community-driven activities.

These guiding aims continue to inform everything we do, and as ever, we welcome input and feedback from you - the local community.

It has been a very busy three months since the last magazine, but first, I am sad to report the passing of one of our committee members, Ian Turner. Ian was a very active and valued member who will be greatly missed by both the committee and the wider community.

### Reflections from the Last Three Months

The two summer music events have come and gone - thank you to everyone who provided valuable feedback to the Committee or the Council. These events bring joy to many attendees, but they can also have some negative impacts on local residents. It's therefore important that we continue to make our concerns known to the Council.

The quarterly prize draws have continued this year, and the three lucky winners are listed elsewhere in this magazine. As a reminder, every household that contributes the £5 voluntary donation is automatically entered into the quarterly prize draw, with three winners receiving a cash prize! Your contributions directly support the ARA in achieving its objectives.

The much-loved ARA Boot Fair Trail took place on Sunday, 7th September, and was once again well attended. It proved to be a great opportunity for neighbours to meet one another and clear out unwanted items. The Committee has decided to continue this event next year, though the format may change slightly. If anyone can assist with marketing or promotion, please do get in touch.

September also marked the 75th anniversary celebrations of Addington Methodist Church. By all accounts, it was a very well-attended weekend featuring tea, shared memories, handprints on the anniversary tablecloth, a BBQ, cake-cutting, and a joyful all-age service on Sunday. Well done to everyone involved in this celebration.

In October, Chris Hennis gave a wonderful presentation about the plans for the former Shirley Library building. The site is due to reopen soon as a Community Library, with rooms available for hire by local organisations. Read more about this elsewhere in the magazine.

## Stay in Touch

As ever, we want to hear from you - your ideas, questions, and offers to get involved. Whether you're new to the area or have been here for many years, your voice matters.

If you have something you'd like to share in the next magazine or would like to get more involved with the Committee, please drop us a line at [addingtonresidents@gmail.com](mailto:addingtonresidents@gmail.com).

To contact me directly, feel free to send a text or WhatsApp message to 07776 140913.

With very best wishes, Shabbir Halai  
Chair, Addington Residents' Association



*The Committee with Ian Turner on the left*

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# From the Treasurer

## **ARA - Fighting Funds Reserves**

Over ten years ago the ARA established a Fighting Fund to provide financial support to resist unwelcome development plans in our area on the Horses Field.

A similar Fighting Fund was subsequently established over three years ago in respect of the Back Field. These Funds were generated from contributions from Residents.

These Funds form part of our ARA Reserves – but have been reported as separate values in our Annual Accounts ever since.

With the active threat of these particular development plans having now receded, it is our intention to amalgamate these Funds into our General Reserves in our Accounts at the end of the current Financial Year to 31st March 2026.

## **We Urgently Need More Volunteer Collection Agents !**

The ARA receives around half of its income from the Annual Subscriptions from residents – much of which is in the form of cash in those ‘little brown envelopes’ that are distributed with the April and July editions of the quarterly Magazine.

The envelope label directs residents to deliver their envelope to a (hopefully) nearby address – being a resident who has volunteered to act as a Collection Agent to collect the envelopes – before passing them on to me as Treasurer.

The key word here is ‘nearby’. We are far more successful in residents paying their Annual Subscriptions if they have a volunteer Agent nearby. The further a resident has to walk to deliver their envelope – the less likely they are to do so. And we currently have gaps within the ARA area that we need to fill.

The duties are minimal. Simply to allow your address to be used as a post-box for those ‘little brown envelopes’ before passing them on to me (or I am willing to come and collect them from you). This occurs twice a year – after the April and July Magazines. That’s it. There is no requirement for any direct contact with any of the residents – and I am not asking you to actively chase residents for their subscriptions.

So I am asking for volunteer Collection Agents for next year in the following key areas please : **Gravel Hill – odd-numbers side of the road, Kerr Close, Lomond Gardens and Selsdon Park Road.**

If you are willing to volunteer as a Collection Agent - or to ask any questions - please email me at [1palace@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:1palace@blueyonder.co.uk)

And we would also warmly welcome anyone from these areas who would be willing to join the Committee.

Ian Drake, Treasurer, [1palace@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:1palace@blueyonder.co.uk)

# Police Report

## PC Summer Ross is part of the Selsdon Vale and Forestdale Safer Neighbourhood Team

This month the team have been working proactively to carry out hot spot area patrols, tackle anti-social behaviour and to maintain and increase community engagement.

The team have been working with John Ruskin College, this included officers carrying out a knife search in the morning which resulted in a quantity of drugs and an offensive weapon being seized as well as one arrest of an individual. Officers have also worked with John Ruskin to tackle theft from the Esso petrol garage, where two individuals were brought in for voluntary interviews. Students have been advised to not enter the Esso petrol garage by their head teacher.

The officers were made aware by a local resident on Met engage about a moped that had been left in a suspicious location. Officers went to look for the moped and discovered it to be stolen. Officers contacted the registered keeper who came and collected it. This was a good outcome for both the officers and owner.

While on mobile patrol, officers came across a car parked on a road that appeared abandoned. After checks were done it became apparent that the vehicle had no registered keeper and was on false plates. Due to no report being made that the car had been stolen we got in contact with the council who removed the vehicle.

During these patrols officers have also carried out positive stop and searches of hot spot areas for Anti-social behaviour. This has resulted in drugs being seized and taken off the streets.

Officers have also worked alongside the Dog Section Unit to carry out a warrant on an address suspected to have a banned breed of dog living there. This warrant resulted in the dog being seized.

Officers are still holding different events such as street briefings and Cuppa with a Copper Events. These are all advertised on Met engage, and we would love to meet you so please come along .

Details of these events can be found on the Met Police website for each ward as well as Met engage. These are a brilliant chance for residents to meet their local officers and to raise any concerns they may have. For more information on when and where these meetings take place, please search for your ward on the Met website and upcoming events will be displayed.

[www.met.police.uk](http://www.met.police.uk)



# Addington Methodist Church 75

Addington Methodist Church marked a special milestone on Saturday 20th September as members, friends and visitors gathered to celebrate the church's 75th anniversary with a joyful afternoon tea.

From 2.30pm onwards, the church hall was filled with fellowship, refreshments and a sense of nostalgia as people came together to share memories of the past, and hopes for the future.

The reception area welcomed guests with a memory board, where attendees could add their reflections and stories about being an Addington Methodist Church member.

A specially created 75th anniversary tablecloth invited everyone to leave their handprint, a colourful reminder of the church community in 2025.

The Craft Club also prepared a striking anniversary banner, proudly displayed at the entrance to greet everyone arriving at the event.

Old photographs were a highlight for many, sparking fond memories of events such as Harvest Festival 1997, the making of Mother's Day posies and MAYC Weekends complete with mascot Henry the dog.

The afternoon offered more than just tea and cake - it was a heartfelt celebration of faith, community, and friendship built up over three-quarters of a century.



# Met Engage

There is some exciting news about a new way you can stay informed and connected with your local police – **Met Engage** [www.metengage.co.uk](http://www.metengage.co.uk)

Met Engage is a new online platform being introduced by the Metropolitan Police Service to improve communication with Londoners. It began rolling out across London from **July**, and we wanted to ensure you are informed about how it works – and what it means for you as part of our Neighbourhood Watch community.

**You don't need to register separately for Met Engage** – it uses the same system as Neighbourhood Watch Network (the platform we are messaging you on today). Instead, you'll simply need to **select the police as one of your information providers**. This will enable you to begin receiving local policing messages directly from your local teams, right alongside your regular Neighbourhood Watch updates.

**The benefits of Met Engage include:**

- Direct updates from your **local policing teams** on relevant crime and safety information
- A more **streamlined experience** – no need to manage multiple accounts or systems
- Improved opportunities for **community engagement and feedback** with your police
- Customisable settings so you can receive information that's **relevant to you and your area**

You can sign up to Neighbourhood Watch, it is free. Then, as a valued member or supporter of Neighbourhood Watch, you are already set up to benefit from this enhanced communication. Just make sure to check your account and confirm the police are selected as one of your information providers.

We are excited about this step forward in community-police collaboration and look forward to seeing the positive impact Met Engage will have across London.



# Autumn Quiz

1. What is the last day of Autumn according to the meteorological calendar?
2. In the United States, presidential elections always take place in which month?
3. In Ancient Greek mythology, Autumn began when which Goddess is kidnapped by Hades and taken to the underworld?
4. What might you pick from a 'bramble' in early Autumn?
5. At which British Autumn festival might you expect to eat a toffee apple while watching your town's firework display?
6. What kind of tree do conkers fall from?
7. What is the Autumn crop 'Vitis vinifera' more commonly known as?
8. What classic Autumn dessert is known in the Southern United States as 'Karo Pie'?
9. At which annual festival might you hear British school children sing 'Autumn Days,' 'Cauliflowers Fluffy' and 'Thank You Farmer'?
10. Which vitamin that the body absorbs through sunlight becomes ever scarcer as Autumn wears on?



*Quiz answers are  
on page 14*

# Congratulations

The Committee introduced the Prize Draw in 2024, and every household that pays their annual subscription (currently £5), is entered into that draw. We decided to continue the draw for 2025 and the third draw for 2025 was made at the Committee Meeting in September.

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize £50: John Williams**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £30: Peter & Anita Haggar**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £20: Charles Montano**

The next Prize Draw takes place in December when the next three lucky winners will be drawn. You may still pay your subscription using the following information:

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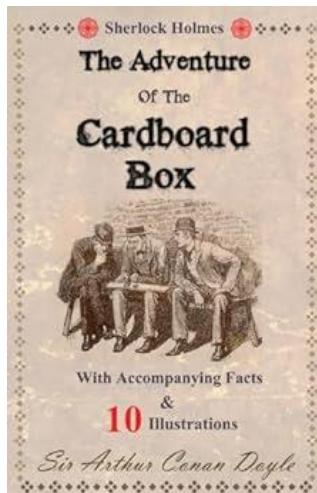
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# Books that feature Croydon



## No. 3: "The Adventures of The Cardboard Box", a mystery by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

Croydon has a fascinating literary connection to Sir Arthur Conan Doyle as it features prominently in several of his Sherlock Holmes tales. One of his most unsettling Sherlock Holmes mysteries is "*The Cardboard Box*", a tale that opens with a grisly crime in none other than Croydon - firmly placing our town on the map of Victorian crime fiction in 1892. At a time when Croydon was emerging as a respectable suburban enclave, Doyle chose it as the setting for a macabre mystery that would shock readers and challenge Holmes' deductive powers.

The story begins with Miss Susan Cushing, a quiet and respectable woman living in Croydon, receiving a

mysterious parcel through the post. Upon opening the cardboard box, she discovers two severed human ears, preserved in coarse salt. The grotesque nature of the delivery horrifies her and baffles the local authorities, prompting Scotland Yard to enlist the help of Sherlock Holmes. The case is initially misattributed to a prank by medical students, but Holmes quickly suspects there is something far more sinister at play.

Croydon is not merely a backdrop - it plays a central role in the narrative. Doyle presents the town as a symbol of middle-class domesticity, a place where such horrors seem unthinkable. This contrast between Croydon's quiet respectability and the gruesome crime heightens the tension and intrigue. Holmes and Watson travel to the town to investigate, and their journey through its streets underscores the unsettling idea that beneath the surface of suburban calm, dark secrets may lurk.

As Holmes delves deeper into the mystery, he uncovers a tangled web of jealousy, betrayal, and heartbreak. The severed ears are not random - they are the tragic result of a love triangle gone terribly wrong. The Croydon address becomes more than a location; it transforms into a symbol of hidden emotional turmoil and the fragility of appearances. Doyle uses the setting to explore themes of repression, domestic strife, and the psychological consequences of romantic entanglements.

What makes "*The Cardboard Box*" particularly compelling for Croydon residents is the way it anchors a global literary icon, Sherlock Holmes, within the familiar streets of our town.

Arthur Conan Doyle wasn't just writing about Croydon, he lived here. From 1891 to

1894, Doyle resided at **12 Tennison Road, South Norwood**, with his wife and children. During this period, he wrote over twenty Sherlock Holmes stories, including *The Cardboard Box*, *The Yellow Face* (set in nearby Norbury), and *The Norwood Builder*, which references Sydenham Road and a train from **Norwood Junction to London Bridge**.

The use of Croydon as a setting reflects not only its prominence in late Victorian society but also its capacity to surprise, disturb, and inspire.

Today, Croydon celebrates its connection to Doyle. A **blue plaque** marks his former residence on Tennison Road, commemorating the creator of Sherlock Holmes and his time in the borough. The **Museum of Croydon** even features Sherlock Holmes memorabilia and exhibitions that explore the town's literary past.

Croydon's appearance in Doyle's work is more than a footnote—it's a testament to the town's influence on one of the greatest detective fiction writers in history. Whether it's a cardboard box with a sinister secret or a train ride from Norwood Junction, Croydon helped shape the world of Sherlock Holmes!

Do you know of any other books that feature Croydon? If so, do let me know and I will feature it in the next magazine.

*Shabbir Halai*

**Parkinson's UK Croydon & District Support Group** run exercise sessions (followed by group chats over tea/coffee and biscuits) every Monday and Friday.

They also have a monthly afternoon meeting with interesting guest speakers.

More details are available from Graham Kellas 07510-296822, or email [membership.parkinsons.uk.croydon@gmail.com](mailto:membership.parkinsons.uk.croydon@gmail.com)

Note: Additional volunteer committee members always welcome

Answers to Quiz  
1 30th November    2 November    3 Persephone    4 Blackberry  
5 Bonfire Night / Guy Fawke's Night    6 Horse Chestnut    7 Grapes    8 Pecan Pie  
9 Harvest Festival    10 Vitamin D

# Shirley Community Library

**Shirley Community Library – be part of the new story!**



A community library is more than a place for books – it's a welcoming space, created by local people, for local people. It's where stories are shared, friendships are made, and everyone belongs. Be part of the story – Shirley Community Library.

Chris Hennis, Business Director at Play Place Inov8 CIC attended the October ARA (Addington Residents' Association) meeting to discuss plans for the library's future. It's an exciting time, and the community's support has already been nothing short of inspiring.

## **Here is his story:**

Play Place are thrilled to have been given the opportunity to manage Shirley Community Library, and we're

delighted to share how residents, schools, and businesses have come together to help bring this much-loved space back to life.

Run by Play Place and supported by trained volunteers, the plan is to deliver traditional library services such as book loans, study areas, computer use, printing and photocopying. In addition, the newly refreshed library will offer a wide range of additional community-focused activities through space hire and Play Place-delivered projects.

In just a short time, we've been bowled over by the encouragement and practical support from residents, local businesses, and community groups. Every kind word, every donation, and every offer of help has been a real boost – and thanks to you, we're well on our way towards reopening the library in January 2026.

## **A Fresh Look Inside and Out**

The library is already beginning to look brighter and more welcoming. Derek and Louis from Joseph Decorating Ltd have given their time for free to transform the exterior, giving the building a fresh, modern look. Their hard work was made possible through the generosity of James Deary, Store Manager at Crown Decorating Centre in Purley, who kindly donated all the paint for the inside and outside.

We have also received a large donation of books from Shirley Methodist Church and from many kind residents across Shirley and Beckenham. The shelves are starting to fill up again, bringing the space back to life with stories old and new.

### **Local Support Making It Happen**

Behind the scenes, a host of local businesses and community partners are helping to move things forward including Ian Williams Ltd & Community Payback, Flares Electrical, Hennis Upholstery; and Virgin Media who have agreed to provide five years of free broadband!

We've also been supported by Trevor and Andrew, who have shared their professional survey expertise – helping us plan effectively for the next stages.

### **Schools, Residents and Community Spirit**

Support from local schools has been just as encouraging. Trinity School is planning to help with book sorting, and several volunteers have offered time and skills to assist with ICT, cataloguing, and more donations of books and resources.

Our thanks also go to FOSL (Friends of Shirley Library) and other resident groups for their continued enthusiasm and support. Their involvement truly reflects the strong community spirit that Shirley is known for.

### **Looking Ahead**

It's heartening to see how much Shirley Library means to so many people. Every contribution – whether time, talent, or materials – brings us closer to reopening our doors in January 2026.

We'll continue to keep you updated on progress, and in the meantime, please do pop in. Whether you've got an idea to share, time to spare, or just fancy saying hello, you'll be made very welcome.

And yes – in case you were wondering – the clock on the wall is now telling the correct time. It's about time too!

Together, we're bringing Shirley Library back to life – one book, one brushstroke, and one broadband cable at a time.

Want more information? Contact: [becky.murray@playplace.org](mailto:becky.murray@playplace.org) / [info@playplace.org](mailto:info@playplace.org)

# Boot Fair Trail

The ARA Boot Fair Trail made a successful return on **Sunday September 7th**, with over **30 households** taking part—an impressive increase from previous events.

Residents enjoyed selling pre-loved treasures right from the comfort of their own driveways. The variety of items on offer was truly impressive, ranging from **tools, toys, books and records** to **handmade bracelets** crafted by young Ruby—one of our youngest and most enthusiastic participants!

While the overall **footfall improved** compared to past events, we are aware that some areas, particularly **Gravel Hill**, saw fewer visitors. This is something we are keen to work on for next time to ensure a more even spread of traffic across all participating streets.

Special thanks go to **committee member Keith James**, who could be seen cycling around not only collecting contributions - but also a fair bit of “junk” for himself!

We are thrilled with the growing interest in the Boot Fair Trail and are already looking ahead to future events. The committee **welcomes any suggestions** on how we can boost both **participant numbers** and **visitor footfall**—so don’t hesitate to share your ideas!



# Stay Connected

## Stay Connected: Why Every Resident Should Join Our WhatsApp Channel

In today's fast-moving world, staying updated with reliable, local news is more important than ever. Whether it's a traffic disruption on Main Street, a change in garbage collection schedules, or an upcoming community event, timely information helps us stay organized, safe, and connected.

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- ◊ **No Clutter:** It's a one-way communication platform—only admins can post, so the messages are always relevant and to the point.

### United by Information

By joining our community's WhatsApp Channel, you become part of a network that looks out for each other. Whether you're a senior citizen living alone, a parent trying to keep up with school events, or a new resident unfamiliar with local systems—this channel is your go-to source for trusted and verified information.

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Let's keep our community informed, prepared, and united.

**Scan. Join. Stay Informed.**



# From Natasha, MP for our area

Lloyds Bank has announced that their New Addington branch will close on 14 January 2026. When I applied for a banking hub in Selsdon last year, LINK – the organisation responsible for cash access – told me it wasn't needed because New Addington still had a bank. Now that bank is closing, leaving Addington Village, New Addington and Selsdon completely cut off. High street banks aren't just a convenience; they're a lifeline, providing critical support for vulnerable people and safe access to cash. I'm calling on Lloyds Bank to reconsider this closure.

Over the past year, I have been working closely with the Environment Agency to act against a rogue Selsdon waste facility. As many of you know, Peartree Farm on Featherbed Lane has become a nightmare for residents, with huge piles of waste being burnt and skips filled with rubbish encroaching on nearby woodland.

Following consistent pressure from me, the site operator has been given a deadline of 21 days to produce a clear plan on how they'll bring the site back into compliance. If the operator fails to do so, there is a high risk they'll lose their permit to operate. I know just how much people in Addington value their green spaces. Everyone deserves to feel proud of the area and enjoy the woodland on their doorstep.

Several residents have also contacted me about the temporary lights by Selsdon Sainsbury's. I know the lights kept failing, causing prolonged disruption for residents and putting pedestrians and drivers at risk at the busy junction. I spoke with TfL, who clarified that the power supply pillar at the junction was subject to vandalism and for safety reasons, UK Power Networks had to disconnect the power following attendance by the fire brigade.

Keep in touch at [natasha.irons.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:natasha.irons.mp@parliament.uk) or call 020 8191 2482



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# Methodist Church diary

SUNDAY	10.30am	Morning worship with Junior Church Holy communion - 3rd Sunday of the month
TUESDAY	2pm	Stitch & Craft Club - 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month
	2.30pm	Tuesday afternoon Club - 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month
	3.30pm	AM:PM Messy Church - 3rd Tuesday of the month
	6pm	Brownies
WEDNESDAY	5.30pm	Beavers
	7.30pm	Bible Study Group - 3rd Wednesday of the month
	7.30pm	Scouts
THURSDAY	6.45pm	Cubs
FRIDAY	7.30pm	Guides
SATURDAY	9-11am	Prayer Breakfast - 3rd Saturday of the month
	10am	Coffee Morning - 1st Saturday of the month Collection of food items for The Vine Foodbank

# St Mary's Church diary

SUNDAY	8am	Eucharist
	10am	Parish Eucharist
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong (last Sunday of the month)
MONDAY	7-8pm	Bell Ringing (new members welcome)
TUESDAY	11am-5pm	A Place of Welcome Hot drinks, board games, crafts. Charging points and space to work or do homework. 1pm 3pm Singing for Everyone
WEDNESDAY	10am	Walks on a Wednesday - come rain or shine!
	10-11.30am	Baby & Toddler group
THURSDAY	7-8pm	Choir practice (new members welcome)
FRIDAY	2pm	Luncheon Club (2nd Friday of the month)
SATURDAY	2.30pm	Messy Church

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# Who to contact if.....

This section contains useful contacts for those moments when you need to contact someone about something. If you have a useful number that you would like included, please either email it to: [addingtonresidents@gmail.com](mailto:addingtonresidents@gmail.com) or post it to: FAO ARA Chair, c/o 2 Palace Green Croydon CR0 9AG.

## **Criminal Activity**

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

If you see suspicious activity: call 101 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 automatics 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.

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St Columba's (Roman Catholic)	020 8657 3747
St Francis (Church of England) Monks Hill	020 8657 7864
Croydon Jubilee Church	Office 020 8651 2807
The Forestdale Church, Forestdale Primary School	07772 559 797 hello@forestdalechurch.co.uk
Selsdon Christian Fellowship	020 8668 9779
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## DOCTORS & EMERGENCY CARE

Ambulance 999; Non-emergency NHS helpline 111	
Farley Road Medical Practice 020 8651 1222	Queenhill Medical Practice 020 8651 1222
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

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Selsdon & Addington Village:	SelsdonandAddingtonVillageSNT@met.police.uk
Selsdon Vale & Forestdale:	SelsdonandForestdaleSNT@met.police.uk

## CLUBS, GROUPS & CHARITIES

CONTACT (Neighbourhood Care)	Jasmine Singh 020 8651 4944
Selsdon Centre for the Retired	Craig Anderson 020 8651 1111
Croydon Hearing Resource Centre Office	020 8686 0049
Croydon Vision	020 8668 2486
Cruse Bereavement Care Helpline	080 8808 1677
Friends of Littleheath Woods	Ian Leggatt 020 8651 1140
Friends of Selsdon Wood	www.friendsofselsdonwood.co.uk
Sanderstead Plantation Partners	michaellshmund@gmail.com
Friends of Kingswood	friendsofkingswood@hotmail.co.uk
Girlguiding (Rainbows, Brownies, Guides & Senior Section)	0800 999 2016
	<a href="https://girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved">https://girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved</a>
5th Selsdon & Addington Scouting Group	5thsanda@gmail.com
Arts Society Croydon Area Jean Aarons	www.tascroydonarea.org.uk
Rotary Sanderstead & Selsdon	Wendy Parr 07774 186792
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