



## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH IN ACTION

July 2026



# TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE CROYDON A BETTER PLACE

## Start a neighbourhood watch scheme & become a Co-ordinator



A Neighbourhood Watch (scheme or area) Co-ordinator is a volunteer who oversees their local Neighbourhood Watch scheme or groups of schemes in their area. To become a Co-ordinator, you need to apply to start a scheme.

**What does a scheme/group Co-ordinator do?**  
While Neighbourhood Watch schemes come in all shapes & sizes, the reasons for starting a scheme may differ. The following are the activities that most scheme co-ordinators undertake:

- Contact their neighbours in their scheme area & invite them to join.
- Pick up & deliver Croydon Eye twice a year to their neighbours.
- Ensure their scheme is registered on the National Neighbourhood Watch website & their membership & scheme is kept up to date.
- Encourage members to also sign up to the scheme on the website (see below). If they are unable to do this, ensure that ALL members are supported, regardless of how they joined the scheme.
- Act as a point of contact with residents, their local policing team, other local co-ordinators and partners to receive and cascade information relevant to their scheme members.
- Get to know their neighbours, particularly those who are vulnerable or isolated, and ensure information reaches them through their preferred method of communication.
- Encourage members to report suspicious incidents and/or criminal or anti-social behaviour to the police or local authority.
- Promote personal responsibility for community safety by sharing crime reduction information and encouraging members to improve their home, online, and personal security.
- Promote neighbourliness by encouraging members to keep an eye on each other's homes and possessions, giving special consideration to supporting vulnerable neighbours.
- Support local police and other agencies to identify local issues and solve problems where there are community concerns.
- Host a 'Communi-Tea' or Street party

Find out more or apply, visit:  
[www.ourwatch.org.uk/support-our-work/volunteer-us](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk/support-our-work/volunteer-us)



Host a Communi-Tea!



# UPDATE ON POLICING & IMPROVEMENT IN CROYDON



**BID's Summer Safety Fortnight  
which will run from  
Monday, 6th - Friday 17th July.**



Throughout the fortnight, Croydon BID will co-ordinate a packed programme of activity, including police operations targeting retail crime, business engagement patrols, free safety training sessions, public awareness campaigns and community-led events.

Activity scheduled for Safer Summer Fortnight 2026 includes:

**Croydon Town Centre Summer Safety Summit:** An in-depth event at LSBU for local businesses. A Q&A panel discussion with MP Sarah Jones, Minister for Policing & Crime, and Supt Luke Dillon. It will explore wider efforts to reduce crime. retail workers introduced under the Crime and Policing Act.

**Retail Crime Action Day:** Led by the Town Centre Policing Team with support from local agencies and retailers, this will focus on tackling prolific retail offenders through intelligence gathering, enforcement activity and proactive business engagement.

**Met Officer Business Patrols:** BID-funded police patrols will see officers visiting around 50 businesses across the town centre to listen to concerns, gather intelligence & support crime reporting. They will also carry out joint patrols alongside Croydon BID Street Rangers, including targeted hotspot patrols and weapons sweeps where required.

**Violence Against Women and Girls:** Focus Activity: Dedicated town centre deployments will take place to engage directly with venues and businesses around VAWG awareness, reporting pathways & the proactive measures being taken across Croydon to improve safety and support victims.

**Women's Self-Defence & Personal Safety Workshop:** These free women-only sessions delivered by Good Sense Training will equip participants with practical self-defence techniques, situational awareness skills and personal safety guidance in a supportive environment.

**Met Police Cycle Marking Session:** Hosted by Fairfield Safer Neighbourhood Team, this public-facing event at Ruskin Square will offer bike security marking, theft prevention advice and free registration on the BikeRegister database to help deter cycle theft and support recovery of stolen bikes.

**CBCP & Radio Link Membership Drive:** Throughout the fortnight, Croydon BID Street Rangers will visit businesses across the town centre to provide training, support businesses with accessing the CBCP reporting platform and encourage new businesses to join the scheme and trial the Radio Link network.

**Safety Fair & VAWG Awareness Event:** A multi-agency public safety event will take place on Tuesday, 14th July in North End, bringing together partners including Barclays Bank, Croydon Neighbourhood Watch, and the Town Centre Police Team to engage with the public on a range of crime prevention and personal safety topics.

[www.croydonbid.com/news/](http://www.croydonbid.com/news/)



## Sarah Jones MP is with us all the way!

Paul Voden, chairman of CBNWA & Janet Campbell, Councillor & Committee Member, met up with Sarah Jones MP (Minister of Policing & Crime) in April this year, to discuss Sarah's involvement with Croydon Neighbourhood Watch.

Sarah will attend our annual Crime Prevention Day in October. Will help promote our co-ordinators in the school campaign. Promote the continuation of funding from the Mayor's Office for Policing & Crime. Sarah also asked what the main concerns from co-ordinators were, to which we advised anti-social behaviour & vehicle theft. We also referred to the lack of enforcement for the Public Spaces Protection Order areas. We also raised the problem of abstractions across the borough to police events in London, which was having a detrimental effect on policing in the borough.

## A significant funding boost of £20 million is coming to Croydon West, thanks to Sarah

The area surrounding Croydon University Hospital (spanning parts of West Thornton, Selhurst, Broad Green and Bensham Manor) will receive up to £20 million from the Government over the next decade as part of the long-term Pride in Place programme. This is designed to put local people at the heart of neighbourhood renewal.

It follows continued campaigning by Sarah Jones, who has been pushing hard for more investment in the area. It's part of the Government's wider £5 billion Pride in Place plan, which promises to give communities new powers and resources to shape their own futures.



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# Personal Independence Co-ordinator Service

AGE UK & Croydon Neighbourhood Watch Association have joined forces!

This service is only available for Croydon residents.

Their Personal Independence Co-ordinators (PICs) work in a person-centred way, helping people identify their own goals to regain independence and live the life they want to live.

Please note, you must be a Croydon resident and/or registered with a Croydon GP to access this service.

The PIC service is part of the Integrated Community Network (ICN+), which aims to develop and implement more integrated and preventative health and social care across Croydon. PICs provide critical links between health and social care services and wider community support networks, helping people feel more in control of their own health and wellbeing.

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✉️ [croydonpic@nhs.net](mailto:croydonpic@nhs.net)

🌐 <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/croydon/>

Just some of the things co-ordinators get up to throughout the year!



Beverly Kuc, arranged First Aid training for Purley/Riddlesdown

Once a month Addiscombe East arrange a litter pick



**Croydon Police info.**  
Live Facial Recognition Cameras trial

Over 170 suspects have been arrested, including kidnapping, rape & serious sexual assault.

A women wanted for 20 years has been arrested, during the 6 month trial

Neighbourhood crime is down 16% in the first quarter of 26

Knife-enabled crime decreased by 14.9% in the Financial Year 2025/26

## LCP Local Community Partnership

Kate Clark (left), CBNWA secretary & committee member, attended LCP for Croydon Central East



**Croydon's Local Community Partnership (LCP)** The meetings are held quarterly in each of the six Croydon localities. These meetings are attended by local organisations & Council/Health Teams. The LCP program aims to strengthen partnerships between the council, health, the Voluntary, Community, & Faith Sector, and active residents. Also, a great way of finding out about Neighbourhood Watch.

Everyone is welcome, to find out more visit [www.croydon.gov.uk/adult-health-and-social-care](http://www.croydon.gov.uk/adult-health-and-social-care)  
Events are from 10 am - 12.30 & 6 pm - 8 for evening events.

**Croydon North East** (Crystal Palace South, Upper Norwood, Thornton Heath & South Norwood) **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November - Resource Fair**

**Croydon North West** (Norbury, Pollards Hill, West Thornton Heath & Bensham Manor). **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October - Community Plan**

**Croydon Central East** (Woodside, Shirley, Addiscombe East, & Park Hill) **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October - Resource Fair**

**Croydon Central West** (Broad Green, Fairfield, Addiscombe West, Selhurst, Waddon & South Croydon) **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September - Resource Fair**

**Croydon South East** (New Addington, Fieldway, Addington Village, Forestdale, Monks Hill & Selsdon). **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October - Community Plan**

**Croydon South West** (Purley, Woodcote, Riddlesdown, Purley Oaks, Sanderstead, Kenley, Coulsdon & Old Coulsdon) **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September - Resource Fair**

**ALL LOCAL COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS 'CELEBRATION DAY'**  
Held on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December - CVA Resource Centre**



## Croydon Community Lottery

It's an exciting weekly lottery that not only can you win, but also raises money for good causes & local charities that will benefit Croydon & its residents.

Tickets cost £1 and each ticket has a 1 in 50 chance to win, top prize £25,000.

For every £1 ticket sold, 60p will go towards a good cause, please make sure you select **CBNWA** as your Good cause!

To find out more, visit the CBNWA Lottery page.  
[www.croydoncommunitylottery.co.uk/support/cbnwa](http://www.croydoncommunitylottery.co.uk/support/cbnwa)



# Crime Prevention



## Tips & Advice



### Summer security Tips

During the summer, household property crimes tend to increase. It may not seem obvious, but protecting your garden and outbuildings like sheds not only keeps bikes, tools & other valuables safe, but can also stop burglars accessing tools to get into your home.

Leaving ground floor windows, doors and patio doors open in the summer can give burglars the perfect opportunity. If you're upstairs or out of the room, even just for a few minutes, close them and help shut burglars out.

Lock all doors & windows, including patio/garage/shed

Use timers for lights to create the impression someone is home.

Ask a trusted neighbour or friend to check your home whilst away for the post & bins.

Do not advertise that you are going away on social media.

Do not keep car or door keys near the front door these can easily be stolen through your letterbox.

Do not leave ladders in your garden or yard as these can be used to access windows

**Make your home a security priority.**

### Cyber Crime Awareness Day

Was held for a second time last month, at the historic Braithwaite Hall in Katharine Street, speakers included Clearcommunityweb, Cllr. Ola Kolande, DR Masnju Shahul-Hameed (Shadow cabinet member for Safety), London Cyber Resilience Centre, Cyber Helpline, Report Fraud, Crimestoppers, Barclays & Bromley & Croydon Women's Aid.



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### CRIME PREVENTION DAY

Neighbourhood Watch, annual CPD will be held on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October

Every Croydon resident is welcome.

Speakers will include the Mayor, Police, Fire brigade, Trading Standards, National Neighbourhood Watch and many more.



Will be held at Royal Russell School, Coombe Lane, CR9 5BX. 9.00 - 16.00

### CUPPA WITH A COPPER

Meet your Neighbourhood Police officers to have your chance to discuss local issues, raise concerns & help improve your ward. At various cafes around the borough.



Find out more by visiting

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

### STOP BANKING SCAMS

Hang up & Call 159

**BANK FRAUD**

[www.stopscamsuk.org.uk](http://www.stopscamsuk.org.uk)

To subscribe to our mailing list and receive up-to-date communications OR if you wish to become a co-ordinator in your area, either speak to your local representative (see box below) or, if you require more information, please look at our website or the National NHW website

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Your Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator's details:

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