CROHAM VALLEY

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION Spring 2020

Welcome to our new neighbours



A sympathetic design for a prominent site.

Opening of Croham Valley Road



This picture was taken at the opening of the road, presumably where Croham Road turns into Croham Valley road by the entrance to the golf club sometime in the 1930s.

The nearest houses, as well as a lot of Selsdon, were built by Costain who arranged the opening. The lady in the centre in the fur coat is Yvonne Arnaud. Yvonne was a French born singer and actress who seems to be most famous for playing Marguerite in "A cuckoo in the Nest" by Ben Travers at the Aldwich Theatre in 1925.

Yvonne does not appear to have had any connection to our area so we presume she was paid to bring some showbiz to Croham Valley.

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Letter from the Committee

It is still Winter as this is being written. Storm Ciara is leaving us with battered fences and blown over pots. However Spring is approaching fast, the daffodils have been out for some time and the first blossom is appearing on the trees. Lawns will soon need to be cut. For many of us as the weather improves this is the best time of the year.

For our belated new years resolution we as your committee have decided to try even harder to make the little bits of the Croham Valley around our houses neat and tidy with street litter picked up and our hedges cut to not impede passengers or obstruct the line of sight of motorists. We urge you all to do the same. We cannot stop people littering but we can pick it up.

On that note we would like to thank the man who picks up litter with his bag and litter stick in the roads around the North of our area. Well done to you!

Also there have been instances within our area of people picking up their dog's poo, bagging it and leaving the bag lying around. We cannot believe it is our residents doing this but - if you are in the mood - these need to be picked up as well.

Finally on this subject, below is a letter from Sue Millward. We of course agree with Sue.

"These days, everybody seems concerned about the worldwide environment, but may I suggest we all start looking after our *local* environment?

This morning, I picked up a large amount of litter in my section of Croham Valley Road – most of it not, thankfully, dropped by thoughtless residents, but mostly because someone had overfilled their paper bin and the top wasn't secure, so the wind had had a field-day!

We are privileged to live in a lovely part of Croydon and it made me think that it would be wonderful if residents could keep an eye out and dispose of rubbish in and around their front garden and pavement/road area — it doesn't take long and is, as a bonus, a little bit of exercise.

But now to my main bugbear... We are fortunate enough to have beautiful grass verges. Some people look after them and cut them in between the Council's

mowings, but I do, of course, realise that many simply do not have the time to do that. What I cannot understand is why people just drive out of their driveways and over the verges, onto the road, causing ugly tyre marks/ruts and the death of the grass. I know sometimes DIY builder lorries or delivery vans cause these, but, more often, it is the residents themselves.

For 2020, might I suggest that we have pride in our immediate surroundings and ensure Croham Valley continues to be a beautiful environment in which to live and enjoy our lives. Then we can look at the global situation!

Kind regards, Sue Millward, Croham Valley Road, South Croydon".

Regarding the Council's latest decisions affecting our area, the review of the 2018 plan is still in its early stages. We wrote about the significant increase in the twenty year target that the Council is proposing and the three alternative options they suggest to achieve it. We said that we were significantly against the alternative that designates all areas within 800m of a tram or train stop as a Focussed Intensification Areas as this includes most of the CVRA area East of the Croham/Farleigh Road. We are also against building on the Green Belt – but less so - and are in favour of more building along the Purley Way.

A complication is that the Council has sub-allocated its 20 year targets for the three options by ward. We talk a bit more about that in the Chairman's Letter.

Lastly we have put a picture of the development at the bottom of Campden Road on our front page. Despite its size and the inconvenience for its neighbours both during construction and ongoing we are pleased to say it looks quite nice and we think is an enhancement for our area.

It is at this time of the year we ask for you to renew your support for the Association.

More in the Chairman's Report.

CVRA Committee cvra@gmx.com Febuary 2020

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If you want to do more please join us on the Committee. We are specifically looking for an editor who would like to put the next few editions together. This is written on Microsoft Word so not difficult. You could let your creative skills come out and bring some new ideas for the newsletter!!.

Stop Press

At the planning meeting of 27th Feb the Planning Committee approved the three develoments in our area which came up last week (which David writes about below) despite all three being significant more bulky and of more modern design than the style of the existing area. So much for the pace of change slowing down.

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Chairman's Winter Update - December 2019

Not enough Family Homes in the Borough – according to the Council!

From January the Council have required planning permission to be obtained for all conversions of family homes into flats (Homes of Multiple Ownership - HMOs) for three or more unrelated people. Previously permission was not needed as they could be converted under the Government's Permitted Development Rights scheme.

The Council said that many conversions had previously been of poor quality and the Borough does not have sufficient family homes. Both viewpoints we agree with.

However the acknowledgement of a lack of family homes in the Borough does seem at odds with the Council's readiness to approve almost all applications for demolition of family homes in our area for replacement by flats.

We do understand that the Council's definition of a family home is a three or more bedroom home (and sometimes a two bedroom flat if they are feeling in the mood) and that most newbuilds are required to have a percentage of 3 bedroom flats whereas HMO's will not have these family flats.

What this new requirement does highlight that having a single definition of a family home as a home of three bedrooms or above rather than multiple definitions of family homes will ensure very few "family" homes other than the smallest possible three bedroom flats will be built in the Borough.

Revision of Croydon Council's 2018 Development Plan

The Council is now reviewing the feedback to its plans and will report back in late 2020. As we said before, the Council has divided the target into Wards. We can therefore see that for the Green Belt/Purley Way alternatives, the South Croydon Ward has a 20 year target of 810 maximum and Selsdon as a whole has a target of 710 maximum. We can also see that under the Focussed Intensification alternative the wards have higher targets. South Croydon Ward has target of 1,070 homes and Selsdon also has a target of 1,070.

These are much less than many wards. For example Purley has a higher target of 9,000 homes and a lower target of 7,000 homes.

For the South Croydon Ward the maximum target of 1,070 over twenty years gives about 53 per annum. But for the South Croydon area includes the Brighton Road which is already an intensification area so we can argue this part of the ward should be used to meet the target. For the Selsdon part of our area the implications are significantly worse. The target also gives us 53 homes a year. Unfortunately under all scenarios the Council has identified that - in Selsdon - the area most suitable for development is the top of Ballard Way!

Slowdown in planning applications

David will give more details of the application pipeline later on but we are pleased that the number of applications has decreased over the last year. However it might be beginning to speed up again.

148 Ballards Way

We are still waiting for the Local Government Ombudsman to give us a view on whether the approval process for the application to build at 148 Ballards Way with an out of keeping design involving multiple flat roofs was flawed as we suggest. One Councillor at the meeting stated there were a quite a few flat roof extensions around – which there are not.

DEMOC: 10,000 collected 4,000 to go

DEMOC is the name for the campaign to have a referendum to replace the Leader of the Council with an elected executive mayor. The Council have to have a referendum on the change in governance if 5% of elected voters want the change. The signatures have to be collected in less than one year - which started in September 2019

This is something the Committee of the CVRA supports as we feel an elected mayor will be more high profile and therefore more accountable - to everyone within Croydon. For example, how many of us know the name of the current Leader of the Council?

The campaign has now collected ten thousand signatures with another four thousand to go. So I ask for anyone who is thinking about supporting the petition to go to DEMOCs website and print off and sign the petition. Drop it off with me or post it directly to DEMOC.

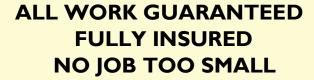
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Planning

CVRA Local Planning Application Web Site

As previously mentioned, the application is live and covers all roads and post codes in your Association's area, it's available for use by all CVRA residents free of charge. The application is updated weekly with all new and currently outstanding planning application information, as well as having multiple search capability of planning history. Also if you want to register your email address within the application, you'll be advised weekly when the Planning Table has been updated, together with a direct link into the application.

The application can be accessed directly from the following web link:

http://www.localplanningapps.co.uk/croydon/cvra/anupdate/planningtable.html

Planning Area A

15 Campden Road

This new planning application is for the development of the land beside 15 Campden Road which has been vacant for a good number of years, although in March 2017 there was a planning approval granted for 5 flats which is still currently valid; this approval has established a presumption of development on the site. The new proposal is also for 5 flats with 2 parking spaces.

50 Castlemaine Avenue

Planning approval was given in June 2019 for the demolition of the existing house and replacing it with a building of 9 flats and 4 parking spaces. Construction work has not yet commenced.

Coombe Wood School

Residents have asked for a "School Street" scheme in the bottom half of Melville Avenue which would restricting parents dropping off children. This has not been supported buy the school.

80 Croham Road

This new planning application is for the demolition of the existing house and the erection of two buildings, one of 6 flats with 3 parking bays the other for a terrace of 3 houses with 3 parking bays which by virtue of its bulk, mass and poor design will create an overbearing incompatible development. This follows the withdrawal of an earlier application for 2 buildings comprising of a total of 9 flats. The owner of this property has already paid for Planning Pre-Application

advice from the Planning Department. We're currently waiting for a date for this application to go before the Planning Committee, at which time David Rutherford will speak as an objector on behalf of the CVRA and the local resident objectors, as will hopefully one of our local Councillors.

21 Melville Avenue

The approved planning application for the demolition of the existing property replacing it with a building of 7 flats with 6 parking bays. Construction work has not yet commenced.

Planning Area B

17 Ballards Way

Good news, the planning application for the erection of a three storey 4 bedroom house with accommodation in the roof space in the rear garden of this property and fronting on to Ballards Farm Road has been refused planning permission. The reasons for refusal are stated below:

"The proposed four-storey development, by reason of its proposed scale, design, bulk, form, massing and material, would not respect the established built form of the area and would insufficiently keep in with the character of Ballards Farm in this respect. The proposed development would thereby conflict with Policies SP4.1, SP4.2 and DM10 of the Croydon Local Plan 2018, Croydon's Suburban Design Guide SPD (2019) and Policies 7.4 and 7.6 of the Local Plan (consolidated with amendments since 2011)".

"The proposal fails to ensure that the movement of pedestrians, cycles, public transport and emergency services wouldn't impeded by the provision of car parking and would thereby conflict with Policies SP4.1, SP4.2 and DM30 of the Croydon Local Plan 2018, Croydon's Suburban Design Guide SPD (2019) and Policies 7.4 and 7.6 of the Local Plan (consolidated with amendments since 2011)".

3 Croham Valley Road

This planning application submitted by Cobalt Construction for the demolition of the existing detached house and the erection of a five storey block of 7 flats with two storeys fronting Ballards Farm Road and with three basement levels going all the way down from Ballards Farm Road to Croham Valley Road adding 14 bedrooms and potentially 24 persons. This is a massive over development of the site and a complete eyesore which is totally out of character with all the surrounding area. The developer has already paid for Planning Pre-Application advice from the Planning Department. We're currently waiting for a date for this application to go before the Planning Committee, at which time David

Rutherford will speak as an objector on behalf of the CVRA and the local resident objectors, as will one of our local Councillors.

5 Croham Valley Road

This planning application from the active developer Sterling Rose follows the refusal in April 2019 of an earlier application. The new proposal is for the demolition of the existing house and the erection two blocks of 3 houses with accommodation in the roof spaces. One block will front on to Croham Valley Road being 4 floor 4 bedroom houses with only 2 parking bays, the other block will front on to Ballards Farm Road being 3 floor 3 bedroom houses with 2 parking bays. This is a massive over development of the site which is in fact larger in terms of accommodation size than the earlier refused application with there now being in total 21 bedrooms and potentially 36 persons, in addition to there being a wholly inadequate parking provision for the houses fronting on to Croham Valley Road. A good number of local residents and the CVRA have objected to this application plus one of our local Councillors has raised a referral. Again the developer has already paid for Planning Pre-Application advice from the Planning Department. Subsequent to the initial application the applicant has submitted two separate lots of amendments to the plans, the only one of concern is that for the block of 3 terrace houses fronting on to Ballards Farm Road the number of parking bays has been reduced from 3 to 2. This application is scheduled to go before the Planning Committee for decision on the 27th February 2020, at which time David Rutherford will speak as anobjector on behalf of the CVRA and the local resident objectors, as will one of our local Councillors.

6 Croham Valley Road

This new planning application is for the demolition of the existing house and the erection of a two storey building comprising of 9 flats with accommodation in the roof space plus 8 parking bays. This is a massive overdevelopment of the site due to its bulk, mass and poor contemporary design that will create an overbearing incompatible building that fails to integrate into the neighbourhood, causing significant harm to the appearance of the site, the surrounding area and the street scene which will add 20 bedrooms and potentially 37 persons. The proposed building will extend at the rear a totally unacceptable distance beyond that of the two neighbouring properties at 4 and 8 Croham Valley Road by 19.0 metres and 11 metres respectively. A good number of local residents and the CVRA have objected to this application plus one of our local Councillors has raised a referral. Again the developer has

already paid for Planning Pre-Application advice from the Planning Department. This application is scheduled to go before the Planning Committee for decision on the 27th February 2020, at which time David Rutherford will speak as an objector on behalf of the CVRA and the local resident objectors, as will one of our local Councillors.

8 Croham Valley Road

The Land Registry site indicates that 8 Croham Valley Road was sold in December 2019 for £925K with the purchaser being Fernham Homes Ltd, although at this stage there has not been a planning application submitted we can expect yet another potential development in this part of Croham Valley Road with there already being currently pending planning applications for numbers 3, 5 and 6 plus the almost completed development at number 10 Croham Valley Road.

10 Croham Valley Road

Progress on the construction of this block of 8 flats is now nearing completion with only internal works and landscaping required.

Land R/O 31/33 Croham Valley Road - Fronting on to Ballards Rise

This new planning application for the development of the land to the rear of 31/33 Croham Valley Road for the erection of 2 two storey detached buildings with accommodation within the roof space comprising of in total 8 flats (adding 16 bedrooms and potentially 30 persons). This follows the refusal on the 30th May 2019 by the Planning Committee of the earlier similar application with the main reason for refusal was the lack of on site parking (only 4 bays) with Ballards Rise being too narrow to have parking. The latest application has 7 parking bays on the plans however it will be impossible for 7 vehicles to park let alone be able to enter the site and turn into a parking bay due to how close the vehicles in the two banks of bays will be to one another. Subsequent to the initial application the applicant has submitted three separate lots of amendments to the plans, the last of which improves the ability for 7 vehicles to enter and park on the site following a review and recommendations by Croydon's Transportation Department, although there are still concerns over the parking. A good number of local residents and the CVRA have objected to this application plus one of our local Councillors has raised a referral. This application is scheduled to go before the Planning Committee for decision on the 27th February 2020, at which time David Rutherford will speak as an objector on behalf of the CVRA and the local resident objectors, as will one of our local Councillors.

Planning Area C

148 Ballards Way

Following the approval in December 2018 for the demolition of the bungalow and the erection of a building of 8 flats, the development of the site has now commenced with the bungalow having been demolished and ground works are well underway.

Planning Other

Croydon Planning - Some Changes Detected

Since the start of 2019 across the South of the Borough 18 planning applications for the demolition of detached properties to be replaced with up to 9 flats have been refused planning approval under the Council's delegated authority or at Planning Committee meetings and another 14 similar planning applications have been withdrawn, presumably because of advice from the Planning Department that they were not going to obtain approval.

There continues to be many more planning applications from developers for the conversion of larger houses into flats and at the same time adding extensions to these houses, this is also happening to a much lesser extent even with semi detached houses. Also there has been a marked increase in the number of applications for the conversion of properties into Houses of Multiple Occupancy (HMO'S). To our knowledge none of the afore-mentioned have been in the CVRA area.

Croydon - Local Plan Partial Review – Call for Evidence on Local Green Spaces

Only site within our area that was under this category is The Ruffet, which many residents provide information back to the Council on why this site should have some level of protection to safeguard it from potential development. We are still waiting to hear if this has been successful.





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News from other Residents Associations within the Borough

Purley

Some residents in the Purley area are thinking of applying for a judicial review of the granting of planning permission for a development in Higher Drive in December 2019. Their case is that the council is using a significantly higher target for windfill site developments than should be the case. The residents are saying the 10 year windfill site target should 6,470 — which is the target for Croydon set by the almost agreed new London Plan — whereas the residents say the Council are still applying a target of 15,100 from the 2016 London Plan.

It is difficult to keep up with which version of the Council Plan is in operation and which version of the London Plan is in operation — but what follows is our interpretation on where we are.

As we said earlier in this newsletter, at the end of 2019 the Council was asking for views on its proposed revision to its 2018 Plan and that the revisions are significantly increasing the Borough's 20 year new housing target up to 46,040 from 32,890.

Breaking down this new 20 year target, 20,790 of the 46,040 new homes are the 10 year target allocated to Croydon from the "emerging" London Plan as of Devember 2019. Of that 20,790, the number allocated to windfall sites is 6,410, just over 30% of the total.

I hope you are keeping up.

Now the existing 2018 Council plan 20 year target of 32,890 includes 10,060 for windfill sites. As that is a 20 year target if you halve it you get a current windfill target of around 5,000. This is close to the 6,410 detailed above.

So where does the 15,100 come from? Well the residents are correct in saying the 15,100 is the old windfill target for Croydon handed down by the 2016 London Plan but from what I can see the Council never adopted that figure in the 2018 Council Plan — so is probably not relevant. Why did the Council not adopt this figure? I do not know.

However without doing more too much research you can see on Page 17 of the 2018 Croydon Plan that the number of new homes needed according to the population growth data was 44,149 homes but the Council thought - two years ago – that this number was not achievable and opted for 32,890 instead. So the

15,100 was probably somewhere within the 44,149 number – which as stated above was not adopted.

So what are the implications for us? As I wrote earlier in this newsletter, we seem to be lucky to be straddling wards with small targets in the proposed revision of the 2018 Croydon Plan and we should be quoting these numbers when objecting to new developments in our area.

As ever, we welcome your views.

Forestdale

We have been spared Brick by Brick within area so far. They were looking at 124 Croham Valley Road (under the Pylon) but rightly decided the site was unsuitable.

However an example of the ridiculous sites they are building on is Hawthorn Crescent down Old Farleigh Road. Hawthorn Crescent comprises six lots of semi-detached houses fronting onto the crescent with a stretch of grass and parking about 40m by 15m between the crescent and Old Farleigh Road.

Well the proposal is for 7 units on this sliver of grass.

We acknowledge new houses are needed but there seems to be no consideration whatsoever on the level of inconvenience any building will cause. The existing residents will lose their parking, a place for their children to play together, light and their view over Old Farleigh Road. This development is the most insensitive I have ever seen – all for an extra seven units out of a total of 46,000.

What have Trees ever done for us?

In our leafy locale they are all around us. Trees lining the streets, trees in the our gardens, trees in our treasured green spaces such as Littleheath Woods, Croham Hurst and Bramley Bank, trees in and around the golf course and trees in the grounds of our schools. Have you ever wondered how many trees there are in our area or what is the point and benefit of Trees?

Whilst the numerical answer could be obtained from a forensic and time consuming search of Google Earth an organisation called Forest Research has launched a Citizen Science project which aims to build an urban tree canopy cover map for Britain on a Ward by Ward basis. Using a piece of computer software called 'i-Tree Canopy', which was developed in the US, Forest Research estimates an average canopy cover of 15.8% for English towns and cities. Examination of the canopy cover at a ward level can help improve management of urban trees and identify which areas within a town or city could benefit from future tree planting.

Within the Croham Valley area we have two Wards: Selsdon and Addington Village (S&AV) and South Croydon (SC). Using the i-Tree Canopy software and analysing 1000 random points in each ward it is assessed that S&AV ward has a tree canopy cover of 37.5% (with a potential error of 1.53%). By comparison the adjacent ward of Selsdon Vale and Forestdale has a tree canopy cover of 46.7% (with a potential error of 1.58%)

The i-Tree Canopy software assesses the practical benefits of the trees, in quantity and monetary terms, of their capacity for annual removal of Carbon Dioxide, Ozone, Nitrogen Dioxide and Particulates of 2.5 microns or less, the annual sequestration of Carbon Dioxide and the amount of stored Carbon Dioxide:

Selsdon and Addington Village Ward (S&AV) cover at 37.5%

<u>Tree Benefit Estimates (GB £s, Tonnes and lbs):</u>

Abbrev.	Benefit Description	Value	<u>Amount</u>
СО	Carbon Monoxide removed annually	£15.24	437 lb
NO2	Nitrogen Dioxide removed annually	£26.25	1.19 T
О3	Ozone removed annually	£1,366.81	11.86 T
PM2.5	Particulate Matter* removed annually	£2,825.45	1,152 lb
SO2	Sulphur Dioxide removed annually	£4.59 1,50	1,501 lb
CO2seq	Carbon Dioxide sequestered annually in trees	£92,518.27	2,424 T
CO2stor	Carbon Dioxide stored in trees (total)	£2,323,481.0	02 60,899T

^{*}less than 2.5microns

Of particular benefit to us Humans is the ability of trees to remove minute particles of pollution from the air. We are subjected to pollution from many sources. The World Health Organisation (WHO) considers airborne particulates a Group 1 Carcinogen. Fine particles with a diameter of 2.5 microns or less can penetrate into the lungs and blood stream causing heart attacks, respiratory disease and premature death. Particulates of 2.5 microns or less include the soot produced during the combustion of solid and liquid fuels: vehicles are a major source. (As a guide, in old money, 1 inch equals approximately 25,000 microns.)

The role of trees in managing surface water is not to be underestimated, especially In light of recent flooding in parts of the UK. Broadleaved trees can slow down the rate at which rain hits the ground. The trees roots penetrate the ground and create passageways for rainwater to permeate the earth. The root system stabilises the soil and protects the ground against erosion.

The Lancet recently published research which was funded by the World Health Organisation into Green Spaces and Mortality: Green Spaces were found to have a beneficial effect on health and well being. So much so that 'Interventions to increase and manage green spaces should therefore be considered as a strategic public health intervention.'

Croydon Council are now proposing further revisions to the recently agreed Local Plan. These revisions concern the provision of 46,000 new homes in the Borough of Croydon over the next 20 years to satisfy the ambitions of the London Mayor and we have been asked to comment on three 'Strategic Spatial Options'. Strategic Spatial Options 1 and 2 both involve using Green Belt land for infrastructure development such as schools or a new tram depot to support the population increase. Strategic Spatial Option 3 in addition to the use of Green Belt land as above, involves the further use of Green Belt land in New Addington, Selsdon and Sanderstead for 5,300 homes. Whilst it could be argued that analysis of these three sites will show that they are largely free from a high degree of tree canopy cover I would suggest the concept of building on the Green Belt should be challenged. Support the idea in this Local Plan consultation and we will see, over time, the gradual erosion of valuable Green Belt. We need more trees and green spaces, not less.

You can find out more about Forestry Research and UK Urban Canopy Cover at www.forestresearch.gov.uk/research/i-tree-eco/urbancanopycover/ where you could select a local ward to take part in this exciting piece of Citizen Science and help Forest Research build their map of urban trees. If you would like to immerse yourself in some local woodland you can find out all about Littleheath Woods at www.folw.co.uk or contact me on 020 8651 1140.

Ian Leggatt

Chair, Friends of Littleheath Woods

Audited Accounts for t	esidents' Associ he year ended 31st			
	y/e 31 July 201	Clife Sol	y/e 31 July 2018	
Opening Balance as at 1st August	£3,71	6.28	£2,956.67	
RECEIPTS				
Subscriptions	£2,675.20	£2,126.30		
Denations	£210.89	£156.50		
Advertising	£660.00	£760.00		
Total Receipts	£3,546.09	£3,042.80		
Total including bal B'Fwd from previous year	£7,26	2.37	£5,999.47	
EXPENDITURE				
Caneral expenses including postage, stationery, website and photocopying etc.	£282.95	£144.19		
NewSetters and printed stationery	€1,250.90	£1,819.00		
Plenning Fortal	£63.00	£63.00		
HatHire	£95.00	£115.00		
Insurance	£142.00	£142.00		
Total Expenditure	£1,8	33.85	£2,283.19	
Balance as at 31st July	£5,4	28.52	£3,716.28	
Closing balance represented by				
Cash in Hand	£1	15.00	E0.00	
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The Big Lunch weekend 2020 is 6-7th June!

Once again the residents from Chapel View, The Ruffetts, The Gallop, Chestnut Grove, Crest Rd and the top end of Croham Valley Rd will be celebrating the annual Big Lunch event with another street party this year.

From small beginnings back in 2016 our Big Lunch has gathered momentum and become a regular annual event for our residents. We even have a small group of organisers each taking on a role to ensure the planning, day and the events run smoothly.

Last year, along with our regular features, including a bouncy castle, street games and pavement art we decided to try out a couple of competitions, Ballards Bake Off, a delicious event of home made cakes and bakes judged on decoration and taste which meant they had to be sampled by all the Big Lunch attendees and "Scrufts" dog show where our 4 legged friends showed us their best tricks, their good manners and their well behaved owners! It was highly amusing with all hounds getting a prize.

Planning for this years event is already underway and we hope to add to our repertoire with some more competitions and games.

Last year we invited local businesses to donate a small contribution towards our costs which up till then have been covered by the organisers, residents and a couple of businesses which help on the day. If you are a local business and would like to support this community event and have the opportunity to promote your business on our posters, invitations and in person on the day we would love to hear from you. Please contact us at ballards60th@gmail.com.

If you would like to organise a event for your community go to www.edenprojectcommunities.com/thebiglunchhomepage for information about how to bring your community together.

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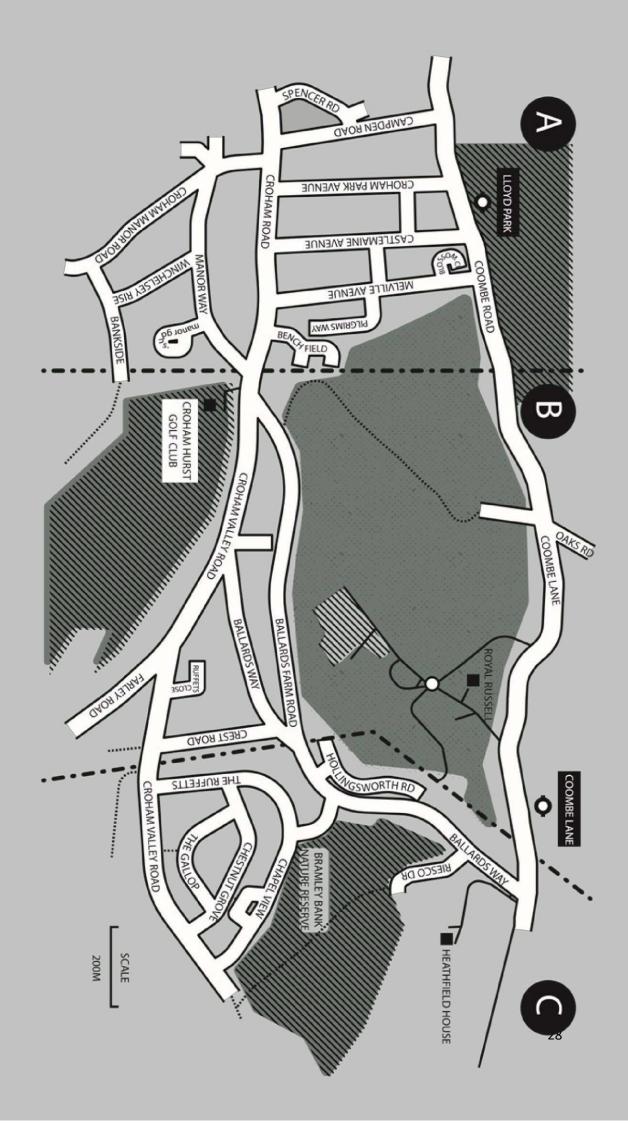
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