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Letter from the Editor

Hello, my name is Anna and I'm excited to bring you the Summer 2018 edition of the Croham Valley Residents' Association newsletter.

I'd like to say thank you to Sara Pevsner for being so helpful in handing over the publication. I've really enjoyed reading her newsletters over the last year and I hope I can do them justice. Thanks, too, to Wendy Love and the rest of the committee.

We have some great articles for you about the beautiful nature, history, culture, and community we're lucky enough to enjoy on our doorstep. On the more serious side of things we've got plenty of information about local planning, as well as a piece about scams to be aware of. Thanks so much to all of the contributors for such a varied and interesting selection.

I hope the listings section will give you some great ideas for summer holiday activities for kids, fun festivals and nights out to attend, and plenty of chances to get outdoors or explore your creative side.

Most importantly, I'd love to hear from you, the residents, so please do get in touch if you've got an article, an anecdote, or even some pictures to share. Alternatively, you can email us with any feedback you have for the newsletter or the Residents' Association at the address below.

I hope you all have a great summer and I look forward to seeing you around our (hopefully!) sunny piece of Croydon.

Anna Kirton, cvara@gmx.com

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Letter from the Chair

Coombe Wood School.

Since the last edition of the newsletter there have been good and not so good developments regarding the school.

On the good side, the proposed pupil entrance to the school for pupils arriving from the tram will be to stay on the Lloyd Park side of Coombe Lane and cross at a new pedestrian crossing just above Melville Avenue. We believe this to be much safer than the first proposal which was to direct pupils across Coombe Lane close up at the existing crossing and for them to then also cross Castlemaine Avenue and Melville Avenue to get to the school.

We suggested this change at the Planning Committee meeting for the temporary school and the only wonder of this is that the planners thought their original scheme was fit for purpose in the first place.

Regarding the permanent school buildings, our main concern is the closeness of the buildings and service area and bins to the first few houses of Melville Avenue.

At the pre-planning meeting at the Council for the application both Jason Perry, the Conservative Councillor and Paul Scott, the Labour Councillor suggested the buildings were very close. The architects for the scheme stated that they wanted the school to have a presence when seen from Coombe Lane and that putting the buildings further back on the site would also be more expensive given the elevation of the site. The conversation then meandered onto other points without meaningful scrutiny of these comments.

Whilst we agree with both these points we believe there are modifications which could be made to move the buildings further away from the residents of Melville whilst satisfying the sponsors of the school. At the full planning meeting we will be imploring the Councillors to properly scrutinise the layout of the school within the site and to diligently represent the wishes of the residents. We can hope.

Our full representation is included later in the newsletter.

Jeremy Gill

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Planning - Local Planning Application Web Site

The CVRA are pleased to announce that the above-mentioned application will go live in June 2018 covering all roads and post codes covered by your Association and is available for use by all CVRA residents free of charge and is updated weekly with planning application related information.

This web service is the first of its kind to be available within the UK. It makes planning application information available in a convenient customised website suitable for Residents' Associations. The site has been designed and provided by Geoff James of Local Planning Apps.

The service currently reports planning applications and appeals related to the Croydon and Bromley councils and is currently used by seven other Croydon Residents' Associations.

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

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

Or from a link on the CVRA web site: <http://cvra.org.uk/>

Summary Level Guidance Notes for using the application:

Planning Table

This is the main table of information in the application and is updated weekly and provides the following:

- On the first screen of this table there's a Help Button which takes you into the Quick Instructions, Advanced Instructions and Content Guide
- Tracking of new and existing planning applications
- Tracking of new and existing appeals
- Shows building applications
- Shows recently approved planning applications including appeals
- For pending planning applications, it specifies if the consulta-

tion period has ended or if comments have been updated

- For all displayed planning applications there are easy links on each application to the planning application details, all related planning documents, history for that particular address plus a map
- There's a Search Box where you can enter text and the display will show only those applications with that text anywhere in their row of the data table
- Also there's the ability for residents to register for email alerts

Road Names and Post Codes Table

- Details all Roads and Post Codes in the CVRA area
- Ability to search by individual address, a post code or a road with a count of the results and then being able to go into those individual planning applications
- There's up to 6 years history

Map Table

- On the first screen of this table there's a Map Help Button which takes you into the Planning Map Guide
- There are Filters, Display Key and the option of a larger version of the Map

About - Has details covering the following about the application:

- CVRA Gold+ the options that the CVRA has signed up for
- Compatibility
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If you have any questions about using this application, please contact David Rutherford:
dr@davidrutherford.plus.com

Planning Applications

Area A

50 Castlemaine Avenue

It is pleasing to note that the Planning Department has taken notice of the 35 objections and refused planning permission for this proposed development. The developer wanted to demolish the existing detached house and erect a three storey block of 8 flats, which included a basement car park accessed by means of a car lift. The reasons given by the Planning Department for refusing planning permission are most interesting:

1. The proposal fails to provide a sufficient level of family

accommodation of 3 bedrooms or more. Only 1 of the 8 flats had 3 bedrooms, the others being smaller, and so the development fell well short of the target set out in the new Croydon Local Plan of at least 30% of new dwellings having 3 or more bedrooms.

This is a welcome change to see the Council sticking to its target of 30% of new dwellings having 3 bedrooms or more. However, in the last couple of years, planning approval has been given for 56 new flats in the immediate area, of which only 4 were of 3 bedrooms. That is just 7%, far short of the 30% target.

2. The proposal fails to provide a high standard of residential accommodation as some of the units had poor levels of daylight, sunlight and outlook. Also, the external amenity space failed to provide any child playspace.

3. The proposal provides an excessive number of car parking spaces. As the site is just 100 metres from the Lloyd Park tram stop, it is considered unnecessary to provide 8 parking spaces for 8

flats.

It is the last point which is most concerning. Castlemaine Avenue is already choc-a-block with all day parking from tram users, yet the Council considers it unnecessary for developers to provide at least one off-street parking space for each new dwelling.

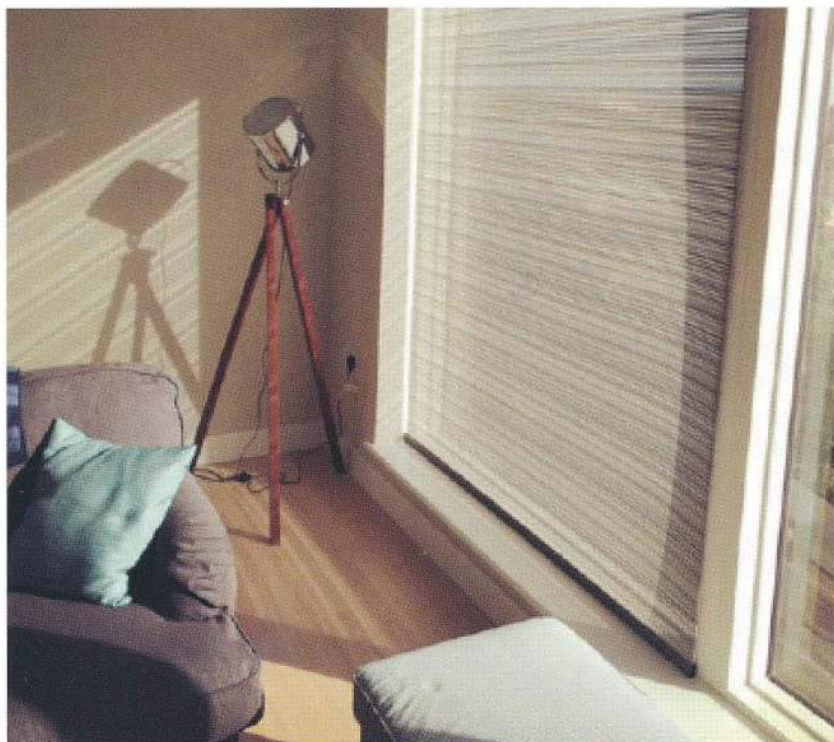
The developer has now submitted a revised plan to retain the existing house, demolish the existing detached garage and squeeze in a 3-storey building comprising three 2-bedroom flats. The reasons for refusing the original proposal would also appear to apply to the revised proposal.

Area B

Nothing new to report, work continues slowly on 10 Croham Valley Road.

Area C

There are currently no new applications for planning within Area C.



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CVRA written response to the application for Coombe Wood School permanent buildings

Address: Coombe Lodge Playing
Fields Melville Avenue South
Croydon CR2 7HY

Proposal: Change of use of the
site from playing fields (D2) to
secondary school (D1) for 1680
pupils (1200 pupils 11 to 16 and
480 pupils 6th form) eight form
entry secondary school, with
associated erection of two/three
storey high secondary school with
associated separate sports hall
building, with connected access,
hard and soft landscaping, car
parking, all weather pitch and
sports areas and other ancillary
facilities.

Case Officer: Barry Valentine

Customer Details

Name: Mr Jeremy Gill

Address: 27 Castlemaine Avenue
for Croham Valley Residents
Association South Croydon

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Residents
Association

Stance: Customer objects to the
Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

- Loss of light
- Noise
- Obtrusive by design
- Overlooking
- Traffic or Highways

Comments: 1 LOCATION OF
THE BUILDINGS AND SERVICE
YARD

Despite the size of the plot we
have ended up with a 12m high
classroom block 23m from the
nearest garden and 35m from the
nearest house.

We have ended up with a service
yard and bin store bin store 16m
from the nearest garden and 20m
from the nearest house. Deliveries
are planned to start at 7:00am.

We believe this is too close

At the pre-planning meeting of 22
March Councillor Paul Scott
acknowledging the closeness of
the school to the residents of
Melville Avenue and asked "could
the school be realistically further
away from the residents of
Melville Avenue".

The answer was;

- They wanted to put the All Weather Pitch and Carpark away from Melville - which we agree with
- They wanted a presence on Coombe Road -which we have no problem with.
- The site is 28m high from North to south. Moving the buildings up the hill would be very expensive.

However within the third constraint there are alternatives which will move the buildings further away from Melville Avenue which do not seem to have been explored.

Therefore we request the following simple change to the site plan.

- Put All Weather Pitch behind the Sports Block
- Move everything 30m-40m further away from Melville Avenue.

This succeeds in moving the buildings and the service yard a further (at least) 30m away from Melville Avenue. In addition the Main Buildings and the Sports Block will still be in the center of

the flat part of the site.

We realise that this change will mean slightly more digging for the back of the All Weather Pitch but this cost should not be significant.

In addition this change would not compromise any of the detailed design considerations in the Design and Access statement.

Please consider this change. The residents want to retain their view of the Playing Fields and not be too inconvenienced by the service yard. This change would be considerably better than having their view blocked either by the school or trees planted by the school.

A request by the CVRA to move the buildings away from the residents of Melville Avenue was sent to the DoF on the 6th March and 10th April. They were acknowledged but not acted upon.

In addition to the design issues we have the following construction issues:

DELIVERY AND SERVICING PLAN

2 ACCESS FROM MELVILLE

One of the objectives of the Plan is to "Reduce the impact of servicing activity on the amenity of local residents and the environment".

We see the following aspects of the Plan being at variance to this.

- It is stated that the gate from Melville will ordinarily be locked and only opened when deliveries are imminent. Despite the best efforts of school staff to co-ordinate opening the gates before a delivery, this policy will inevitably involve some waiting outside the gates by delivery vehicles causing noise visual and emission pollution. Why not keep the gates open all day.

- The food delivery will be at 7:00 am. Very early. We are not told but we presume every day. If the buildings are not moved then the nearest residents will have the noise of unloading at 7:00 at 20m from the nearest bedroom.

- We are told food waste will be taken away twice a week. So food could be sitting in waste bins for up to 4 days.

FULL CONSTRUCTION LOGISTICS PLAN

3 ACCESS FROM MELVILLE

During the first 10 weeks the "enabling works" will use access from Melville. Page 23 states the enabling works are:

- i) site establishment (securing site; setting up accommodation; implementing initial vehicle / pedestrian access & egress routes)
- ii) early groundworks (top soil strip, etc.)
- iii) Existing pavilion removal (services disconnection & demolition)

Why should the enabling works not be limited to point (i). It sounds like part of a major construction project will be accessed through a minor suburban road.

How many lorry movements are required for point (ii) and point (iii)?

4 NOISE LEVELS

The plan states "We will be looking to keep noise below an action level of 75dB at the site boundary".

Noise levels are especially relevant as according to the plan Piling, Substructure & Ground-works is scheduled to take 6.5 months!

Why is the Plan using 75dB?

According to the BS 5228-1:2009 (page 118) 75dB is applicable "in urban areas near main roads in heavy industrial areas".

Whereas 70 decibels (dBA) is applicable in rural, suburban and urban areas away from main road traffic and industrial noise.

We maintain the area around the proposed school is much closer to the 70dB definition than the 75dB.

Similar for dust and vibration, are the limits proposed the correct limits.

5 SITE HAULAGE ROUTES CLOSE TO THE BOUNDRY

Shown on page 24 and 25, one of the two internal site haulage routes from the back of the school in Phase 2 of construction is routed close to the back gardens of the adjoining houses.

In addition the single route in Phase 3 of construction is also routed close to the back gardens of the adjoining houses.

Why are these haulage routes not moved away from the houses and via All Weather Pitch as the pitch is not to be installed until the later stages of the project.

6 TRAVEL PLANS

Either further traffic restrictions need to be put in place or existing ones enforced to stop parents from parking-up in Melville Avenue awaiting their children at the end of the school day. The road is already congested in the afternoons due to the turnout of the other schools and parents waiting for those from Coombe Wood School will add to this and heighten the risk to pedestrians.

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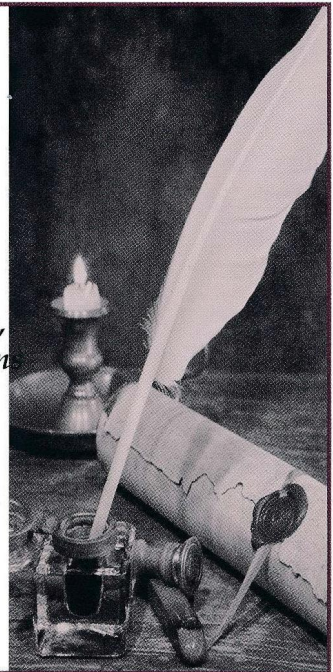
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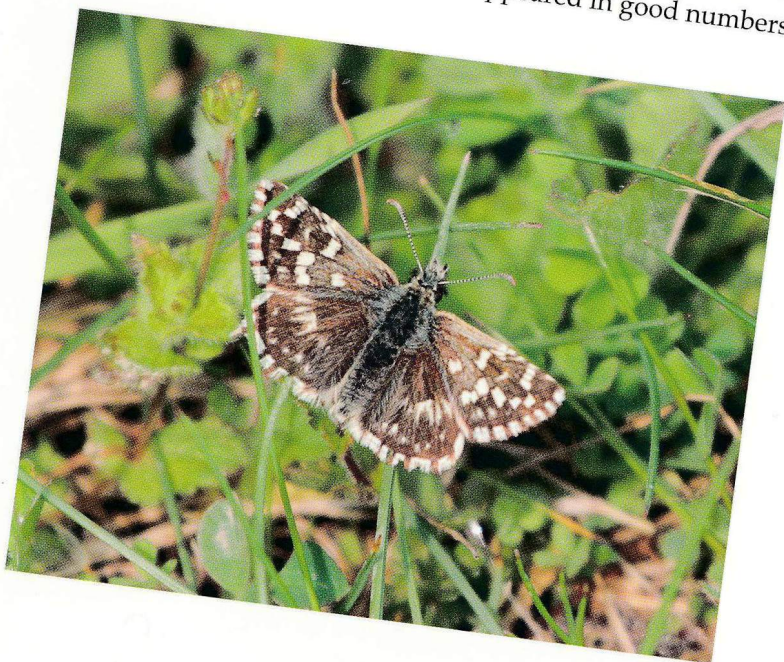
Nature Notes: Butterflies

Words and Images by Ted Forsyth

Weather in the early part of this year was very variable. After unseasonably hot conditions followed by a period of snow there was a succession of hot sun, heavy thunderstorms and more heat. Hibernating butterflies will have been affected so that Brimstones, Commas, Small Tortoiseshells and Peacocks might appear in smaller numbers than usual at least until the next generation has come from eggs. However, species passing through the

winter as pupa, caterpillar or egg might be more successful in coming through the variable weather.

In the last week of May there was an abundance of Small Blues on the Hutchinsons Bank Reserve in Featherbed Lane, investigating their food plant, Kidney Vetch, which was just coming into flower. Other spring butterflies such as Orange-tip, Green Hairstreak, Dingy & Grizzled Skippers appeared in good numbers.



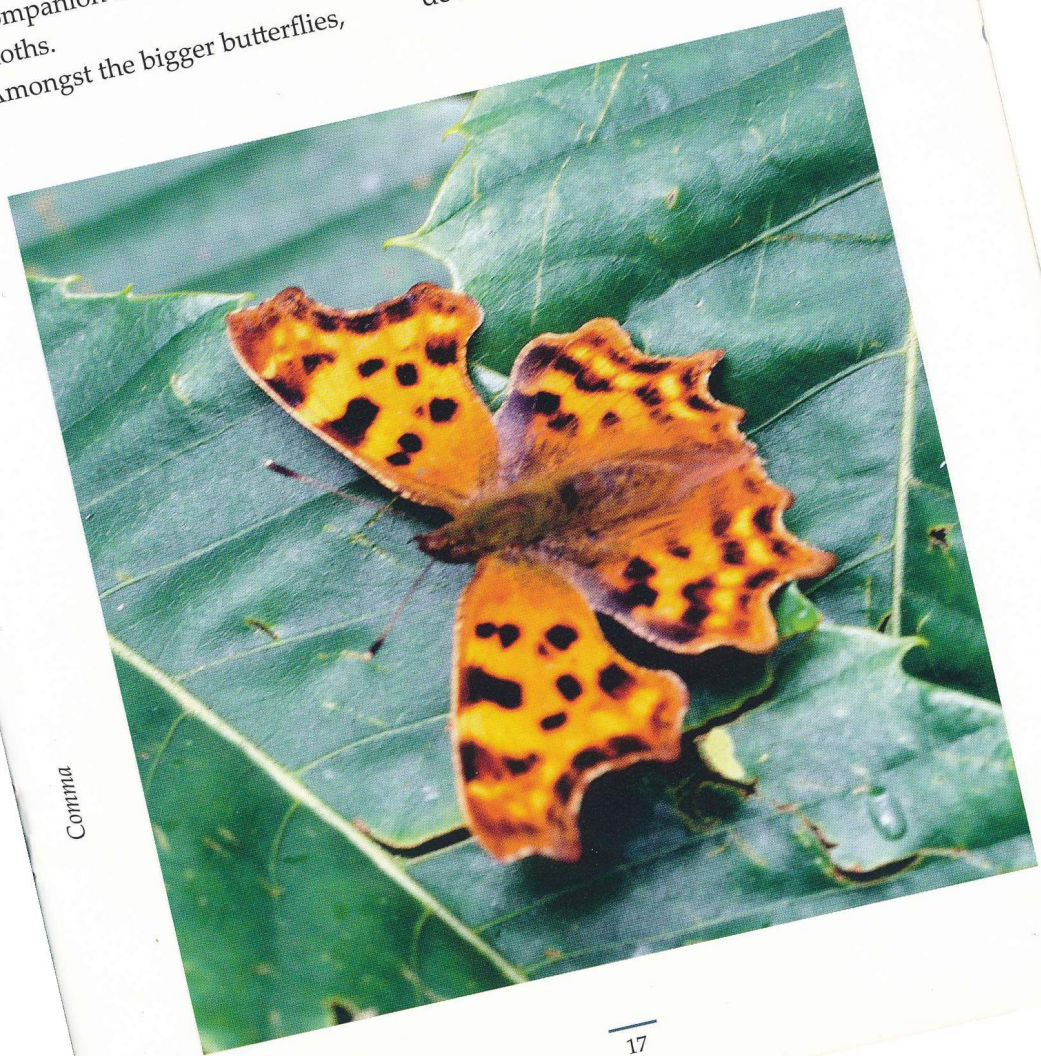
Grizzled Skipper



Speckled Wood

Holly Blue and Common Blue were also on the wing and a few Small Heaths were seen. There are more day-flying moths than butterflies so it was not surprising to find a few Burnet Companion and Mother Shipton moths. Amongst the bigger butterflies,

numbers of the hibernating species seemed a little lower than might normally be expected but Speckled Wood butterflies were happily patrolling their territories. As different species emerge at different times of the year it will be interesting to see how things develop later in the season.



Comma

Scams, Scams and more Scams

By Linda Oram

Unfortunately we are all being contacted by more and more people wanting to trick us into revealing information about our finances and our personal details which will allow these unscrupulous folk to gain access to information that could lead to serious fraud.

The police are very helpful if you think you are being targeted and have some useful leaflets on the subject. The Selsdon and Ballards Safer Neighbourhoods Team can be contacted by calling 0208 721 2464 if you need help and advice, and I am pleased to let you know that our local police have offered to come along to our AGM later this year to give a talk on this subject.

I have twice contacted the Police in the past year and they were extremely helpful. I was telephoned by a man who said he was a Police Officer, he told me that my Bank debit card had been cloned and was being fraudulently used in North London. He instructed me to telephone the number on the back of my card in order that the Fraud Office could take the matter forward. I did telephone that number but used my mobile phone; of course it was a scam. What these people do is to not

hang-up after they have spoken to you but stay on the line, and attempt to gain information about the card details. It is very easy to fall for this one as the call is very plausible.

On the other occasion where I sought the help of the Police, it was late at night and a woman knocked on my front door to say her husband had been involved in an accident and she needed to get to a London hospital but did not have any money for a taxi. When I offered to contact the police on her behalf she went off. I was worried that she might have had accomplices who wished to force their way into my home and I informed the police. The police confirmed that mine was not the only call in this regard and they came round that same evening to see my husband and me in case the person involved was still lurking about. So lock your porch if you have one and do not open your front door at night unless you know the person who has knocked on your door. Let the Police know.

The Little Book of BIG SCAMS, Third edition, issued by the Metropolitan Police is a good read and will alert you to most of the scams that plague us in this day and age.

Birds

By Angela Shaw

It was my mother who instilled into me a love of birds. She was amazingly patient with them and, if any neighbours found an abandoned baby bird, my mum used to be called on for advice and she would willingly help out. I can remember how she was brought a tiny fledgling thrush, found on the ground, which was just a small ball of fluff and which would certainly have been a great find for the local cats. Mummy took the baby in and made a cosy nest for her charge and then proceeded to feed it and give it drops of water. She would dig up worms from the garden and cut them into tiny pieces to feed the little thing using tweezers, all the time making whistles and chirps. The water was in an ink dropper to pop into the enormous gape. She was up at dawn to feed Vivi, as she named the tiny bird. To everybody's surprise the little thing grew and prospered and learnt to fly in the house. When she seemed strong enough the window was left open and she flew into the garden. Eventually

she flew away and we lost touch with her. A year or so later, my mother was feeding the birds on her birdtable and making the sounds that she used when she used to call Viv, when this thrush came to her and brought two baby thrushes with her. Mum went back into the kitchen to get something tasty for her foundling and Vivi came boldly into the house with her two offspring and accepted the offering with enthusiasm. We are all sure that this was Vivi showing off her family. She returned a few more times and then we never saw her again. When I first came to live in Croydon, in the sixties, I was delighted to find that many house sparrows were living in the corners of the roof and I was woken up early in the morning by their cheerful chirpings. At this time we also saw lots of starlings, who marched across the lawn daily, searching each blade of grass for insects. We used to call them our army of gardeners. At this time there were house martins nesting in the porch of

one of the houses opposite us. Behind the houses on the other side of the road runs an unmade road and there was a broken down wooden garage where swallows returned each year to nest. These swallows used to come into our garden early each summer morning and sit on the bars of the tennis court and chatter. I would hear them and wake up my husband so that he could help me to remove the cover from the outdoor swimming pool. Then the swallows would fly over the pool, just touching the water as they crossed it. In the evening they loved to do a similar flight and when the dusk fell the bats came out to make the same flight over the water. We dined, in the summer, with swifts screaming through the skies in large numbers. Alas, now I never

see sparrows here or starlings. The broken down garage has been replaced by a smart new one so the swallows do not come. I do not see swifts now and only occasionally see bats. The house martins gave up years ago. Nowadays, I still feed the birds in the garden but the squirrels chase most birds off. They even scare off the ring necked parakeets, who also use the feeders. These fine-looking birds have the most raucous voices and their numbers seem to be increasing each year. The other disappointing newcomers are the feral pigeons and my gentle collared doves no longer visit me. Still the little robin has not forsaken the garden and I welcome him and the blackbirds and wrens. As St. Francis said they are my feathered friends, my little brothers!





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Littleheath Woods - a History

By Ian Leggatt

The area we know today as Littleheath Woods once comprised several adjoining fields and woodlands. The Ordnance Survey map of 1897 notes Littleheath Wood, Foxearth Wood, Gee Wood and Queenhale, now Queenhill, Shaw with a field where we now have Gruttendens, which was degenerating to scrub 100 years ago and is now woodland, and larger fields where we now have Clears Croft and Fallen Oak Field. Roques map of 1762 indicates two pieces of woodland which approximate to Littleheath and Foxearth Woods.

Fast forward to the late 1920s and Costains the builder has constructed much of Selsdon Garden Village. The houses in Littleheath and Foxearth Roads have already consumed some of Littleheath and Gee Woods. The rest of the woodland looks ripe for similar development and there is already a road width gap between some new houses in Foxearth Road ready to drive through development into Littleheath Woods. Enter a public spirited group

called 'The Croydon and District Commons and Footpaths Preservation Society' who, on learning of the proposal to build further houses, proposed "the acquisition of Littleheath, Foxearth and Gee Woods together with the wooded valley intervening and a portion of the adjoining parkland". Croydon Council Town Planning supported the proposal pointing out that "the rapid building development in the area made the acquisition of the land essential for the preservation of the amenities and for the recreation of the people". It was agreed that the woods should be purchased, subject to suitable terms, one third of the monies to be raised from public subscription, one third from Croydon Council and one third from the Urban District of Coulsdon and Purley in which 33 acres lay. The canny councillors agreed to fund their one third shares only if the public subscription could raise their one third: the sum of £1,900. Malcolm Sharpe who was the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Commons and Footpaths Society was

instrumental in galvanising public support and notable contributors to the fund were Mr R Costain Esq., (£25), Mr and Mrs R F A Riesco, (£100) and the Croham Heights and Selsdon District Residents, (£51) and the Croham Heights and Selsdon District Residents Association (5 Guineas) and the rest, as they say, is history.

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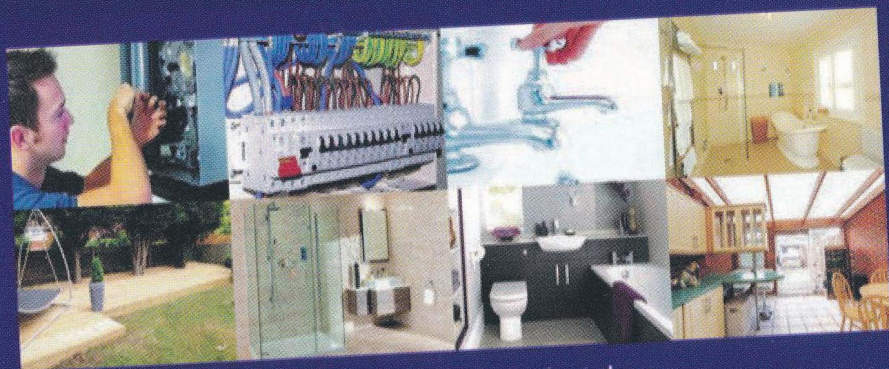
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Wild Flower Bonanza

Do join Croydon Ecology Centre on Kenley Common and bring your camera.

Admission: Free. For all ages.
Entrance to Common along Hayes Lane nearest Golf Road
Saturday 30 June 11.00am

Happy Heads – A Mental Health Event

This event is all about promoting positive mental health and open to anybody who has suffered from mental health problems, carers, or people interested learning about how to overcome mental health problems through a balanced lifestyle.

Admission: Free. Booking essential.

For more information and booking please visit <https://bit.ly/2-Jwyc65>

New Life Croydon Church, 5 Cairo New Road, Croydon, CR0 1XP

Saturday 30 June 2.00-6.00pm

Celebrating Heathfield Rock Garden Bee World

Take a stroll around Croydon Ecology Centre's rock garden and see how many pollinators you can spot. Our Heathfield Pantry Café will be open for light lunches and cream teas.

Admission: Free. For all ages.

Heathfield House, 3 Coombe Lane, Croydon, CR0 5RH
Sunday 1 July 12.00-4:30pm

Yarn & Darn

Bring your latest knitting project along to our friendly, informal weekly knit & stitch event.

Everyone is welcome, no matter your age, sex or ability.

Please bring your own yarn and needles for this free meet up.

1 Matthews Yard, Off Surrey Street, CR0 1FF

Sunday 1 July 14:00-17:00

Croydon Race For Life

Sponsored 5k run to raise money for Cancer Research UK.

Admission: Women: £14.99

Children: £10.00 Under 6 entry (Girls and boys): free and no registration needed.

Lloyd Park, Coombe Road, Croydon, CR0 5RA

Sunday 8 July 11.00am

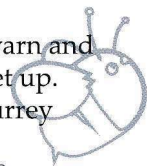
Bat and Glow-worm Walk

Join Croydon Ecology Centre at Riddlesdown to spot some nighttime creatures. Dress according to weather. Please note that in the event of rain the walk will not take place.

Admission: Free. For all ages.

Entrance to Riddlesdown High School

Friday 13 July 9.30pm



Croydon PrideFest and Parade

Join us to celebrate Croydon's LGBTQ+ community. Come and enjoy live music, DJs, a dance tent, food, drink, and a variety of community groups and business stalls.

The Pride Parade will start at 11:30am in North End and march through the Town Centre to Wandle Park. Anyone and everyone is welcome to join us.

Admission: Free. For all ages.

Wandle Park, Cornwall Rd, Croydon, CR0 4XT

Saturday 14 July at 12:00-22:00pm

Warringham Rugby Club Classic Car & Bike Show

Vintage, classic, American cars, trucks, vans, and bikes. Also enjoy BBQ, bar, live music, and fun fair for kids.

Admission: Free. For all ages.

Limpsfield Road, CR6 9RB

Sunday 15 July 11.00am-5.00pm



Croydon International Mela

Expect musical legends, international and local artists, extraordinary dance, spectacular street theatre, and delicious food celebrating the culture of Croy-

don's Asian communities.

Admission: Free. For all ages.

Wandle Park, Cornwall Rd, Croydon, CR0 4XT

Sunday 15 July 1.00-8.00pm

LinkedIn Local Croydon

LinkedIn Local is a meet-up. It's a great way to connect with new people in an informal business context and build genuine relationships.

Admission: Free. For adults.

For more information and booking please visit

<https://bit.ly/2l4qPUO>

1 Matthews Yard, Off Surrey Street, CR0 1FF

Tuesday 24 July 7.00-9.00pm

Summer Pruning Skills Training Session

Come along to Croydon Ecology Centre's special training session and gain the knowledge to prune with confidence. Bring clean, sharp secateurs with you.

Admission: Free. For all old enough to use sharp tools.

Heathfield House, 3 Coombe Lane, Croydon, CR0 5RH

Saturday 28 July 2.00-4.30pm

Lotions and Potions for Natural Beauty

Join Croydon Ecology Centre for a girly get-together making simple skincare products from natural ingredients: no added chemicals or fancy price tags!

Admission: Free. For all ages.

Heathfield House, 3 Coombe Lane, Croydon, CR0 5RH
Saturday 4 August 10.00am-12.00pm

Ploughman's Lunches, Cream Teas, and Plane Spotting

With our open easterly aspect, Heathfield is a good place to spot some of the aircraft flying at the Biggin Hill Festival of Flight. There will be guided tours of Croydon Ecology Centre's wildlife sanctuary and our Heathfield Pantry Café will be open for light lunches and cream teas.

Admission: Free. For all ages.
Heathfield House, 3 Coombe Lane, Croydon, CR0 5RH
Saturday 18 and Sunday August 19 12.00-5.00pm

Proms on the Pitch

Come and join Warlingham Rugby Club for a summer evening out in the open to the sound of the Nigel Garrard Orchestra. BYO blanket or deck chair and enjoy our scones & jam, Pimms, and strawberries & cream. Admission: £12 pre booked, £15 on the gate. For all ages. For more information and booking please visit www.jumblebee.co.uk/promsonthepitch
Limpsfield Road, CR6 9RB
Sunday 26 August 4.00pm

Recurring Events

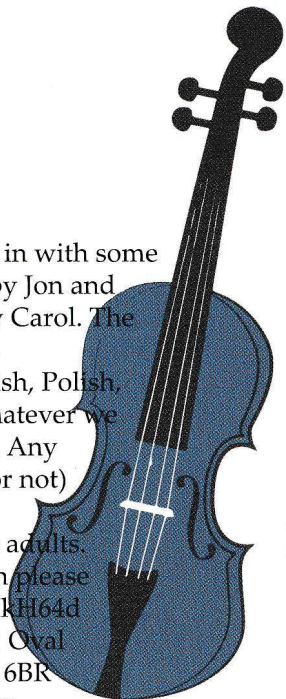
Oval Tunes

Come along and join in with some traditions tunes led by Jon and Bob and songs led by Carol. The music could be Irish, Northumbrian, English, Polish, Scottish, French – whatever we feel like on the night. Any level of experience (or not) welcome.

Admission: Free. For adults.
For more information please visit <https://bit.ly/2MkH64d>
The Oval Tavern, 131 Oval Road, Croydon, CR0 6BR
Thursday 7.30-10.30pm

Monthly Life Drawing Class

Art Now - Banstead Art School warmly invites you to our monthly life drawing sessions at Matthews Yard. We have had professional models, dancers, actors and even magicians step through our doors... Who will you get to draw next?! All levels of experience are very welcome. Tickets: £21
For more information and booking please visit - <http://artnow.club/Life-Drawing-1>
1 Matthews Yard, Off Surrey Street, CR0 1FF
The next dates are on Fridays: 29 June, 20 July 6.30-8.30pm



Walk For Health Lloyd Park

Admissions: free

Meet in front of Parklife Cafe,

Lloyd Park, CR0 5RD

Every Monday 11:00am-12:00pm

(grades 1-3)

Every Monday 1:00-2:30pm (grade

3)

Meet at Lloyd Park tram stop,

CR0 5RD

Every Saturday 10:30-11:45 (grade

3)

Walk For Health Selsdon Wood

Admissions: free

Meet in front of Selsdon Wood

Car Park, Selsdon Wood, CR2

8QH

Every Friday 1:30-2:30pm (grade 3)

or 1:30-2:50 (progression)

Events for Children

Musical Bumps

For ages 0 to 4 years.

For more information please
contact thegirls@projectbcroydon

Project B Venue, 3-7 Middle

Street, Croydon, CR0 1RE

Every Monday 10:00am

Mr Bear's Birthday Storytime and Craft Session

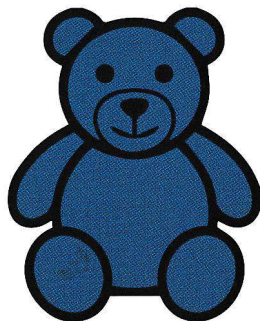
It's Mr Bear's birthday! But
where's his special birthday cake?

Come along and find out.

Admission: Free. For under 5s, no
booking required.

Selsdon Library

Tuesday 29 June 10.30-11.00am



Super Camps

Choose from a selection of age
appropriate activity courses
including Multi-Activity, RAW
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LEGO Play.

Admission: Early booking rate
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ages 4-12.

For more information and
booking please visit [https://www.-
supercamps.co.uk/about-us](https://www.supercamps.co.uk/about-us)
Whitgift School, Haling Park,
South Croydon CR2 6YT

Mon 9th July 18 - Fri 31st August

Royal Russell School, Coombe
Lane, Croydon CR9 5BX

Mon 23rd July 18 to Fri 24th August

Mini-Beast Hunt

Join Roger Hawkins on a slow
and easy meander around
Selsdon Wood.

Meet at Selsdon Wood car park,
Old Farleigh Road

Admission: Free. Of interest to
young children.

Wednesday 15 July 2.00pm

Barracudas Activity Day Camp

With over 80+ activities including motorsports, fencing, sports, archery and dance and drama there is plenty to keep you entertained this summer.

Admission: £42 per day/£169 per week. For ages 4½-14.

For more information and booking please visit www.barracudas.co.uk

Trinity School, Shirley Park,
Croydon CR9 7AT

*Mon 23rd Jul 18 to Fri 24th Aug 18
flexible hours between
8:00am-6:00pm*

Festival on the Farm

Enjoy messy play, dance with mascots at the farm disco, and be inspired by their storytellers.

Look out for animal antics and garden games as well as delicious food and drink to keep you refuelled through all the excitement!

For more information please call
01883 742546

Godstone Farm, Tilburstow Hill
Road, Godstone, RH9 8LX
24 July to 03 September all day

Hillcrest Netball Club Summer Camp

With Mikki Austin from Surrey Storm.

Boys and girls 8-11, girls 12-14.

For more information please ring
02086601873 or 07957187314

Warlingham RFC, Limsfield Road,
Warlingham, CR6 9RB

*Monday 30 July – Friday 3 August
9.30am-3.30pm*

Selsdon Library Weekly Activities

All free, no booking required.

Storytime

Stories with crafts and colouring.

Admission: Free. For 0-5 Years

Tuesday 10.30–11.00am

Crafternoon

Craft in the Library.

Admission: Free. For 5-11 year olds,

Saturdays 2:00-3:00pm

Rhymetime

For 0-18 months.

Fridays and Saturdays

10.30-11.00am.

Wiggle and Jiggle

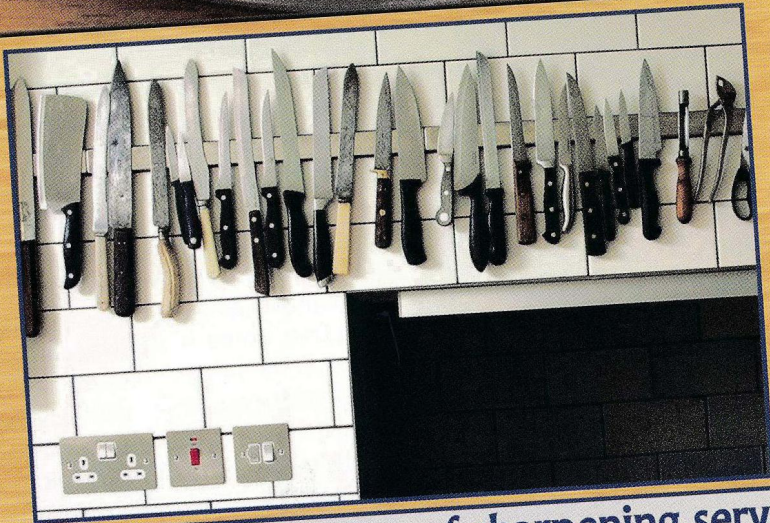
Rhymes and singing for babies, small children, and their carers.

For 18 months+

Monday 11.00-11:30pm



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“The Arts Society” – Sanderstead

By John Bamfield

From Small Beginnings

Fifty years ago eleven local arts groups founded a national association. Today “The Arts Society” has 387 local societies – including 20 in New Zealand, Australia and Europe.

The national society has selected some 400 professional speakers who between them offer 3,000



topics for talks. Individual members receive a quarterly arts magazine.

The Arts Society Sanderstead has 260 members who live in mainly in Croydon and Warlingham. Meetings take place in the Sanderstead United Reformed Church Hall on Sanderstead Hill.

Talks on Arts Topics

Ten hour-long talks on a wide range of arts topics are offered each year. They take place from 10:30 am on the fourth Tuesday of each month except for August and December. Coffee and tea are

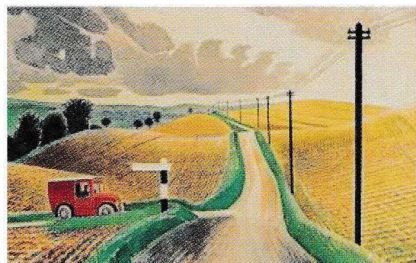
available from 9:30 to 10:15.

The current programme includes “artists in Paris in the 1920s and 1930s”, “The Golden Age of Danish Painting”, “Eric Ravilious”, “Rachel Whiteread”, and the 18C. Americans” John Singleton Copley and Benjamin West”. Talks in recent years have all been assessed as “Outstanding “ or “Excellent”.

People who are not members are encouraged to attend a talk free of charge.

Special Interest Days (SIDS)

We arrange two Special Interest Days each year, which give an opportunity to explore a subject area in greater depth and with a smaller group. Each day starts with coffee at 10.15 am followed by a series of three one hour lectures with opportunities for questions and a break for lunch. The topics for the next two study days in November and February are “how symbols have been used



in paintings”, and “Theatre from Charles II to David Garrick.”

Visits and Tours

We also have a programme of visits and an annual tour. Visits this year include the Modigliani exhibition at Tate Modern, the Wallace Collection, the Hindu Temple in Neasden, Hughenden and Cliveden, Ely and the Cathedral, and Petworth.

Last year’s tour was to Puglia in Italy while this year’s is to Northumbria.

Young Arts

This year we have been able to run “Young Arts Programmes” in Courtwood Primary School, the Quest Academy and Riddlesdown Collegiate. Members are invited to exhibitions of the art produced by

the children and students.

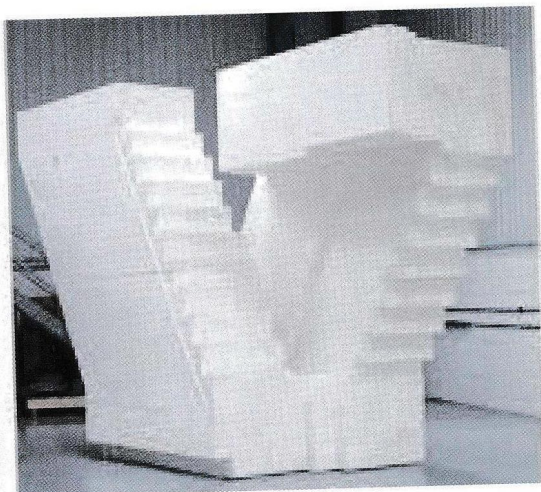
Social Activities

Social activities include an Annual Lunch - this year at the Westersham Golf Club. We serve Wine and Mince Pies or Nibbles after the November and June Talks. We also have a reception for new members after the February or March meetings.

Contacting Us and Web Site

You can contact us through the web site or on 0208 660 9122.

Full information on our current and past programmes is set out in our web site – the full address is www.theartssocietysanderstead.org.uk but “art sanderstead” or “sanderstead art” should be enough to locate it on the internet.



Ballards Farm Community holds a Big Lunch

Words and images by Sara Pevsner

On Sunday 3rd June families, friends and communities all over the United Kingdom were gathering to enjoy a Big Lunch, the annual event organised by The Eden Project bringing people together.

The residents within the Ballards Farm Estate were again taking part for our 3rd Big Lunch. After months of planning, form filling and discussion a crew of happy helpers set out the weekend of the 19th of May and delivered 400 invitations to every house within our boundary.

As the date drew closer we were all keeping an eye on the weather, fingers crossed. We were not disappointed, the sun shone over us for the whole day.



At midday we brought out the barriers and closed the road off and got to work decorating the street with bunting, flags and balloons.

There was a PA system on loan from Mark at FBT, a bouncy castle funded by local shop keepers.. We



had some great children's games organised by Manny and Jenny, and a fantastic local band, Rachel, Richard, Mary and James Coates who played some great music. We were joined again by Josh who is definitely a boy going places, I am always impressed by his confidence to get up in front of so many people and perform for us, every year he gets better. Electric guitar rock might not be everyone's taste but I think everyone agreed he is a star in the making. Unfortunately the photo booth wasn't available this year as it had

been booked for a wedding. I got a bit of a shock when a police van pulled up and out stepped 3 police officers, A moment of panic, what had we done wrong, was I going to be in trouble? Then I remembered I had invited them,



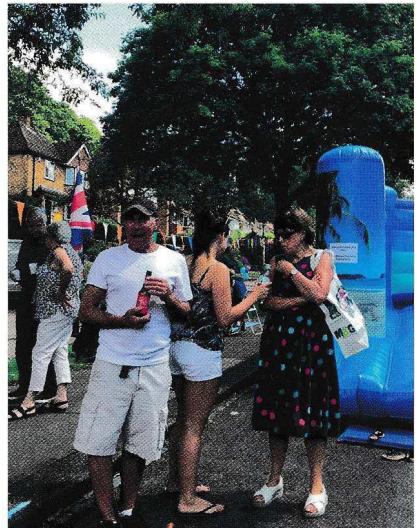
although I was expecting “Off duty” officers so the uniforms threw me a little. It was a great opportunity to meet them as they are new to our area after the ward boundary changes.

Another visitor was The Worshipful the Mayor of Croydon, Councillor Bernadette Khan and her Consort Qaiyum Khan who was doing a tour of many of the Big Lunches in Croydon.

I think it is fair to say we pulled off another fun day. It is always such a pleasure to for me to see everyone engaging and having a good time. The spirit of The Big Lunch is to bring communities together and I like to think that by

organising our Big Lunch street parties I am helping keep that spirit alive.

I would like to thank everyone who donated time, financial help and positive energy, without you all I might have given up. So thank you to Margaret, Esme, Carol, Fiona, Neil, Shashank, Manny, Jenny, Mark and Hamid. If you live in the Ballards Farm Estate and would like to help for next years event we will start planning around late autumn once we have been notified of the date for 2019. All you need is enthusiasm. Please email me at ballards60th@gmail.com





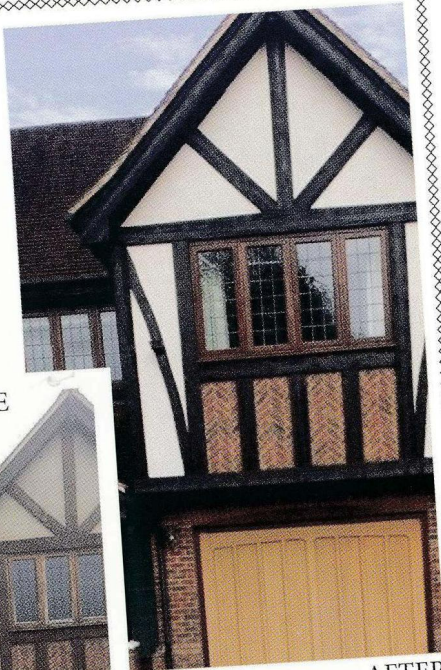
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New Addington
CR0 0JA

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Bernard Weatherill House, 8
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Councillors for South Croydon Ward

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CLr. Helen Pollard,
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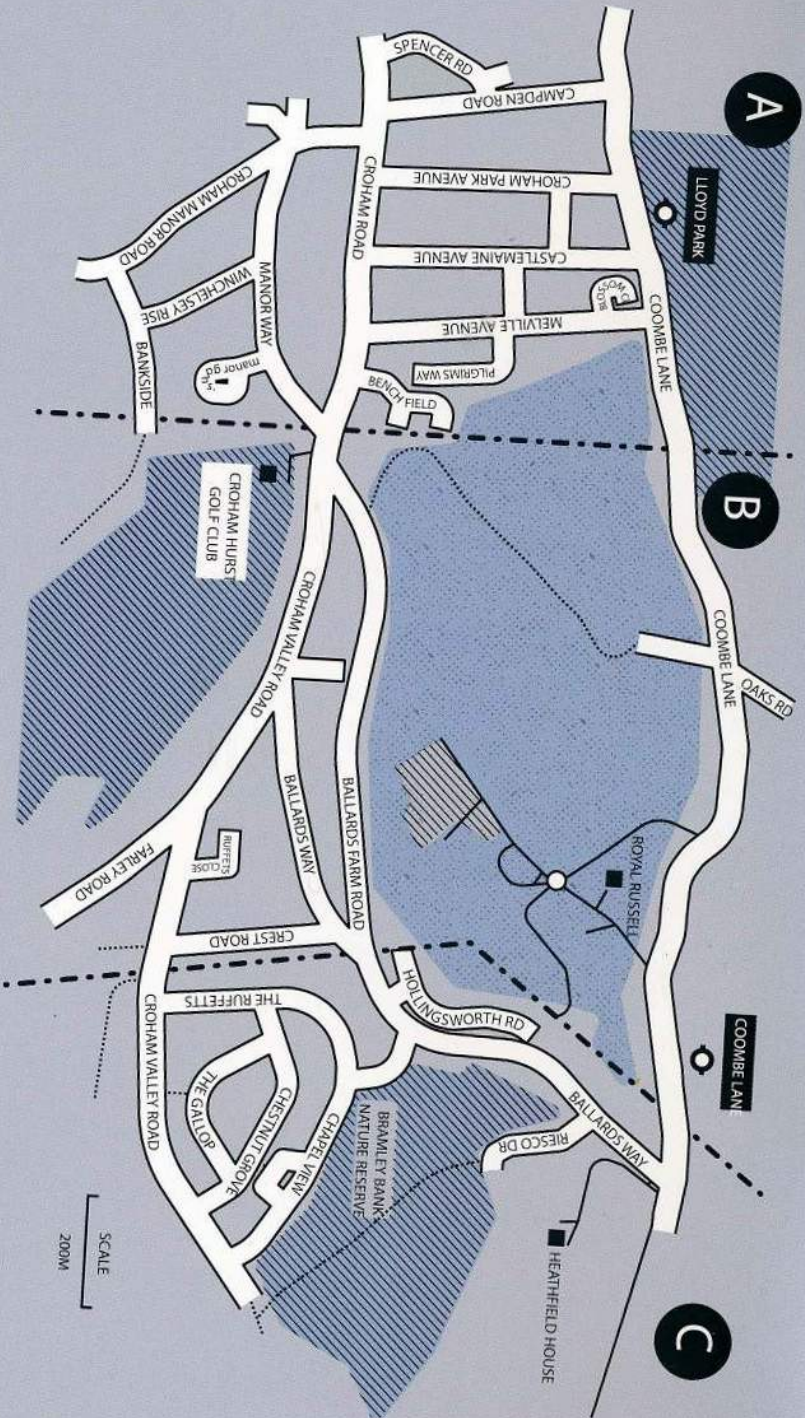
Blue recycling box: paper.
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Collection fortnightly

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The above map indicates the areas that are covered by each association's representatives in respect of planning application or any other matters of concern. The phone numbers to contact for each are as follows:

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