



at the heart of Norbury
**Norbury Green
 Residents' Association**

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NGRA News

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Welcome to the latest issue of NGRA News - keeping you up to date with local issues in your neighbourhood.

Dates for your Diary

Norbury Neighbours Coffee Mornings

Back by popular demand – and thanks to a successful funding application. See page 3.

On the first Saturday of each month starting
 Saturday 2nd September - 10 am to 12 noon
 Norbury Library, Beatrice Avenue SW16 4UW

Come along for a cuppa, meet other local people, share ideas and opinions, find out what's happening in our neighbourhood.

Subsequent dates:

2017: 7th October - 4th November – 2nd December

2018: 6 January - 3rd February - 3rd March - 7th April

Croydon's newly constructed BMX track in Norbury Park opened on 19th August

Situated near the pavilion in Norbury Park, the BMX track offers riders of any level of ability and experience the opportunity to develop their skills. It is free for anyone to use at any time and will host exciting organised competitions and events.

Taking up less space than a football pitch, the track's challenging straights and tight, banked bends will make for exhilarating riding as well as providing a visual spectacle for other park users.

The newly formed Croydon BMX Club (Twitter @CroydonBMX) will operate from the sports pavilion alongside Croydon Amateur Boxing Club. BMX Coaches and Volunteers are urged to contact steph.walters@accesssport.co.uk



Designed to suit riders of all abilities from beginners to experts as well as those with disabilities, it consists of four long straights, each of which has a series of doubles and triples.

Costing around £123,000 it is a 70-metre by 40-metre track constructed of limestone and cement with grass verges and is a joint initiative between Croydon Council, using money obtained from private housing developments, and Access Sport, a national charity dedicated to improving the life chances of young people by giving them opportunities to take part in sporting activities.

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GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 19th September at 7:30pm

Leonard Memorial Hall

Norbury Baptist Church

Semley Road - SW16 4PL

ALL WELCOME!

Free Refreshments

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Raffle

Saturday 21st October – 7 for 7:30pm

NGRA QUIZ NIGHT

at St Philip's Church Hall, Beech Road SW16 4NW

Cash Bar ~ Refreshments ~ Raffle

First prize: £100

Teams of up to 6 people - £3pp/£15 per team

For more information or to purchase tickets

call or text 07864 538044 / 07768 806737

email: contact@norburygreen.co.uk

Thank you for your support – please spread the word about NGRA and increase our membership

New Eco Street Vacuum Cleaners

Croydon Council has taken delivery of its new street vacuum cleaners and staff are currently undertaking training on how to use them. Look out for one in our area! With their low noise and zero emissions, these will enable Veolia to deliver cleaner, greener streets for Croydon residents.



More Dates for your Diary

REGULAR LOCAL EVENTS

Norbury Library - Beatrice Avenue SW16 4UW

Healthier Lifestyles Hub – Age UK Croydon

Meets alternate Thursdays 1:30 – 3:30pm

Bring a friend, have a chat, a healthy snack, a health check and some exercise.

Upcoming dates:

14th & 28th September : 12th & 26th October :

9th & 23rd November : 7th December

Norbury Park

Keep Fit/Aerobics Jogging with Funky Bee

Meet by the main gate near Norbury Station

Mondays 1 – 2pm : 12:50 for registration

For everyone 18-55 who likes moving to music.

First session free, thereafter £5 per session.

Contact Bianca: sign up via WhatsApp or by text on 07918 791843

PLEASE NOTE: If it's raining 1 hour before session start the session is automatically cancelled.

Contact Bianca via Text or WhatsApp with any questions or concerns, or if you would prefer a 6-7pm session.

Norbury Methodist Church - 2a Pollards Hill North

- Yoga Classes

Thursdays 7:30 – 9pm from 14th September

£10 per class – discounts for multiple sessions

Contact: Swami Anasakti on 07903 421271 or anasaktis@gmail.com

REGULAR LOCAL EVENTS continued

St Philip's Church Hall - Beech Road SW16 4NW

- Table Tennis

Mondays and Fridays 10:00am – 12:30pm

£2 per session – Coach available on Fridays

All standards welcome – No booking necessary

Bats and balls provided – Tea and Coffee available

- IT Sessions

Every Friday 10.30am – 12.30pm

Learn how to use a computer, access the web and improve your IT skills – Tea and Coffee available

- Curry and Film Night

Saturday 9th September

Meal 6:30pm - £3 / Film 7:30pm - £2

'Fences' with Denzel Washington and Viola Davis

Email: revd.younis@gmail.com to book your place

- International Evening

Saturday 23rd September at 6:30 pm

- Film Night

Saturday 7th October at 7:30pm

Saturday 4th November at 7:30pm

£2 per film or £10 for the year

No booking necessary – Tea and Coffee available

- Quiz and Curry Night

14th October at 7:30pm

Email: revd.younis@gmail.com to book your place

- Christmas Fair

Saturday 25th November at 11:30am

For further details of these events please see Facebook posts or pew sheets.



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Please join us to...

CLEAN UP NORBURY!

SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 30, 2017
From 10am until 1pm
MEET AT NORBURY EDGE PUB
from 9.45am for registration
ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED
TEA AND COFFEE FOR VOLUNTEERS
STAY FOR AS LITTLE OR AS LONG AS YOU WANT!

HELP US DO SOMETHING ABOUT LITTER.
LET'S CLEAN-UP NORBURY!

Organised by Love Norbury with the help of Croydon Council.

www.lovenorbury.org.uk

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Please help to increase our Membership

Whilst our membership is growing year on year the numbers are still low compared with the population of the area we cover. If you have renewed your membership for this year – THANK YOU! – if not, please do so soon. And please encourage your friends and neighbours to join.

If you are reading this newsletter and are not a member please join us. Membership is only £5 for the year or £2.50 for concessions.

The higher our numbers, the bigger our voice! See back page for how to join.

Love Norbury

The Love Norbury in Bloom Summer Festival was held on St Helen's Road Triangle on Sunday the 18th June 2017. It was a fun-filled event with live music, entertainment – including a stilt walker and Morris dancers – stalls, lots of activities for young people and a visit from the Mayor of Croydon. Many local residents enjoyed a lovely afternoon in the sunshine with their neighbours.

Our local Police and Fire Brigade teams came along with a police car and fire engine which were greatly enjoyed by the youngsters; Norbury Knitters did a fine job with the knitted decorations; and we had some amazing prizes in our raffle. A big thank you to all who contributed to the event and to everyone who came along. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.



SAVE THE DATE!

Love Norbury Christmas Fayre

Sunday 26th November 12 noon – 4pm

Norbury Manor Primary School, Abingdon Road

Last year's Fayre included a visit from Santa, face painting, decorating gingerbread men, temporary tattoos and the hugely popular 'Pass the Brussel Sprout' – as well as mince pies and mulled wine for the adults. Look out for further details!

Helen's '10-yard Rule'

Helen Toumazos has worked tirelessly for the Association for several years to help make Norbury a better place to live and work. She has now stepped down from the Committee, but continues her work as a Clean & Green Croydon Street Champion. She urges all residents to help keep Norbury clean by keeping the area around their home clean and tidy. Helen calls it her '**10-yard rule**'. If everyone picks up any bits of litter, cans, etc., within 10 yards of their property it will make a huge difference to our environment and affirm a big 'Thank You' to Helen for her efforts.

What is a Clean & Green Street Champion?

Clean and Green Street Champions are a network of people who have volunteered to improve the environment in their local area. Champions are local people who work alongside Croydon Council and its partners to encourage residents and businesses to recycle more, manage their waste responsibly and reduce instances of environmental crime.

If you would like to become a Street Champion contact: champions@croydon.gov.uk
Telephone: 020 8726 6200 / 07825 103788

Successful Funding Application

We heard that Croydon were offering Community Grants to organisations which work to these ends:



- Croydon is a place of opportunity and fairness
- Croydon is a place where people from different back grounds get on well together, and
- Croydon is a place that has a thriving and joined-up community

We believed the Norbury Neighbours Coffee Mornings would more than satisfy these criteria. We submitted an application for a share of this funding and are delighted to inform you that our application was successful. The Grant will cover the cost of an urn, tea, coffee, sugar, milk, biscuits and 14 months' rent of the library space.

The Norbury Neighbours Coffee Mornings will be on the first Saturday of each month from 10am to 12 noon commencing on 2nd September. This is the same morning that our local Councillors hold their monthly surgeries at the library and you may wish to take the opportunity to raise any specific concerns you have with them – or just come and have a natter over a cuppa with your neighbours. Either way we look forward to seeing you there!

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

Report a Fly-Tip

Croydon Council has made it easy for you to report a fly-tip. Use whichever method suits you best:

Email: flytip@croydon.gov.uk

Call the environmental team on 020 8726 6200 (option 2 for fly-tipping)

Download the free My Croydon app (available from the Google Play store for Android smartphones or Apple iTunes store for iPhones)

Call the dedicated **fly-tip hotline** 020 8604 7000

Report it via My Account - Register at:

<https://my.croydon.gov.uk/User/Registration>

Report a Power Cut

If you experience a power cut, simply call **105** for free. 105 is the new nationwide number that will put you through to your local electricity network operator - the company that manages the cables, wires and substations that bring electricity into local homes and businesses.

Report a Gas Leak

Smell Gas? To report a gas or carbon monoxide emergency call the National Gas Emergency Service 24 hours a day on **0800 111 999**.

Contact the Police

999 – The main emergency number

This is the **EMERGENCY** number for police, ambulance, fire brigade, etc. *To be used only when urgent attendance by the emergency services is required – for example someone is seriously ill or injured, or a crime is in progress.*

101 – The non-emergency number for the police

111 – The non-emergency medical number

Our Local Police Team

Tel: 020 8721 2477 - Twitter: @MPS Norbury

Email: Norbury.snt@met.police.uk

Contact your Councillors:

If you have any issues involving the Council you can discuss it with one of our local Councillors who hold a surgery at Norbury Library on the first Saturday of each month between 11am and 12 noon.

Cllr Sherwan Chowdhury - Tel: 020 8764 7606

Email: sherwan.chowdhury@croydon.gov.uk

Cllr Shafi Khan - Tel: 020 8405 6753 /07912 786288

Email: shafi.khan@croydon.gov.uk

Cllr Maggie Mansell - Tel: 020 8679 3733

Email: maggie.mansell@croydon.gov.uk

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Your Committee for 2017-2018

Chair	Anita Konczak
Vice-Chair	Charmian Gunnis
Treasurer	John McGillivray
Secretary	Barbara Armstrong
Members	Ann McGillivray Eddie Coleman Jim Pedder Mercedes Alonso Sue Barsatoo

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NGRA Membership

Simply cut out this coupon, fill in your details and send or deliver to:

Membership Secretary, NGRA

32 Semley Road, Norbury SW16 4PH

Name:

Address:

..... Postcode:

Telephone:

Email:

Current membership year runs to 31 March 2018
£5 per household (£2.50 concessions)

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