

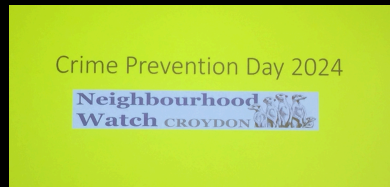
# Croydon Eye



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH IN ACTION

Dec 2024



### Croydon Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators and guests came together for a full programme of informative speakers at Royal Russell School, and a FREE Lunch!

Opened by the Mayor of Croydon, Jason Perry, and our very own Chairman Paul Voden.



Part of the Mayor's commitment to partnership working with Police and other partners, they have reviewed and refreshed the Safer Croydon Partnership to achieve his goals of making Croydon safer for all our residents.

Ola Kolade, Croydon Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Chair for the Safer Croydon Partnership (SCP). The SCP is the statutory crime reduction partnership that brings together the Police, Council, Health, Probation, and Fire Brigade to tackle crime and disorder in Croydon. The Partnership uses data and intelligence to identify the key issues facing the borough and then commits resources through a partnership plan and strategy to tackle those issues.



Trish from Trading Standards left us all with a tear in our eye, with her presentation.

There was Q&A for Croydon Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) Superintendent Mitch Carr gave us an encouraging talk (see some good news section on page 3) inspectors Richard Lovelock, Andy Smith & Miriam Chapman-Rosenfeld, answered questions from the floor concerning a wide range of issues.



Caspar Kennerdale from ClearCommunityWeb showed us how to check the security of our online passwords and how to keep WhatsApp safe through the new privacy checkup talk on how safe is my password. (see next page for more info)

Modern Slavery it is when an individual is exploited by others, for personal or commercial gain. Whether tricked, coerced, or forced, they lose their freedom. Croydon currently has the highest levels of human trafficking in London around 30% of the UK National average, approximately 7,556 potential victims



John Haywood-Cripps from National NHW We will provide the first step for neighbours to connect with each other & offer support, & be known for positive impact on crime and fear of crime as well as Community cohesion and Reducing loneliness and isolation.

#### MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN - PAUL VODEN

First may I take this opportunity to thank all our hard-working co-ordinators for all the work they do across the Borough, and to wish you all seasons greetings and a happy new year.  
I also remind you all, to stay alert during these dark evenings and to keep an eye on your neighbour's property if they are away during the festive season.

# CYBER ROADSHOW 2025

We will be holding a series of training workshops and information events in 2025 for both coordinators and residents, to be safer online and importantly, to know what to do to support your Watch, if someone is a victim of a cyber crime.



We will also explain how you can become a Cyberhood Ambassador, provide practical tips and be joined by guests from the MET, Trading Standards and CrimeStoppers.

Our Cyberhood Amabassador and MD of ClearCommunityWeb, Caspar Kennerdale, will be facilitating these workshops across Croydon and more details will be announced when confirmed.

ClearCommunityWeb help people feel more confident and comfortable with technology through classes, workshops and individual support and run activities across Croydon.

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***Visit our website to find out more***

## Croydon Community Lottery

Is 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 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 you good cause!

***This year it enabled us to pay for the Crime Prevention Day & the lunch.***

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



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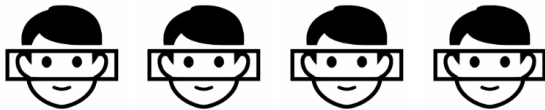
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# UPDATE ON POLICING & IMPROVEMENT IN CROYDON



## POLICE FACIAL RECOGNITION VAN



The software is so advanced and incredibly accurate, it only needs a small section of the face, to be able to identify someone, so even if they are wearing a mask & hoodies they can be identified.

Since this van has been operational in West & East Croydon 77 people have been caught for various crimes, such as rape, sexual assault, burglary & failing to appear in court some cases going back 10 years



Just to let you know, Police Inspector Richard Lovelock has now retired, from January we would like to welcome on board Rodney Kenny who will cover Croydon North

## Croydon Mayor Jason Perry is listening

The regeneration of Croydon town centre is moving forward, the iconic Allders frontage is due to open with shops and food places. With recent workshops and surveys on our Town Centre Regeneration Strategy, the Town Centre Taskforce cleaning hotspots and making areas feel safer.

To find out more about our Town Centre please visit [www.croydonurbanroom.com](http://www.croydonurbanroom.com)

OR

[www.urwcroydon.com](http://www.urwcroydon.com)

The Croydon Urban Room is a space to talk about the future of the North End Quarter and wider town centre

## Street Rangers

### The eyes and ears of Croydon town centre

The Croydon BID Street Ranger team provide over 160 hours per week of additional uniformed patrolling, increased visibility, and reassurance to make Croydon town centre a safer and more welcoming environment for those who visit, live, and work there.

Our Street Ranger team are here to help to make residents, employees and visitors feel welcomed and aid businesses with the recovery of stolen goods, managing anti-social behaviour, and other on-street issues.

Equipped with the Croydon BID Radio Link, the team are always ready to assist businesses, their staff, and customers - improving the feeling of safety.



## Some good news!

There has been a significant reduction in robberies near schools, in September last year there were 130 incidents, this year there were 71, this is due to unmarked police cars in certain problem areas during arriving & home time.

Croydon town centre will be updating the security cameras to Hi-definition ones which will be manned 24/7.

E'scooters on pavements, if an officer sees one they will be stopped.

East Croydon area, Police are working with British Transport Police, there are also plain clothed officers in the area to reduce Anti-Social Behavior.

Weapon sweeps have been taking place near Croydon college, where knives, machettes & drugs have been found.

4 arrests have been made at the drug den in Elmwood Road.





# Crime Prevention



## Tips & Advice

### STOP BANKING SCAMS

If you receive a call stating it's your bank, but are unsure  
**STOP, HANG UP & CALL 159**

find out more visit  
[www.stopscamsuk.org.uk](http://www.stopscamsuk.org.uk)

**On average 100 cars are stolen each day in London**

Use secondary devices to secure your vehicles

- Steering wheel locks
- Pedal Locks
- Wheel clamps
- OBD port locks
- Tracking devices (Apple Air tags included)
- Immobiliser
- Key fob protectors (Faraday Bags)
- Driveway Posts



### Croydon BID Radio Link:

Together, we strive to maintain a safe and thriving town centre.

The Croydon BID Radio Link is a 5G and Wi-Fi enabled radio system designed to create an immediate network of users throughout the Croydon town centre.

Utilised by the Metropolitan Police, Croydon BID Street Rangers, and local authority officers, use our radio system which provides a crucial foundation of support for businesses in the heart of Croydon

find out more visit  
[www.croydonbid.com](http://www.croydonbid.com)



Police Preferred Specification

### REDUCING CRIME BY GOOD DESIGN

Secured by Design is the Official Police security initiative that works to approve the security of buildings & their immediate surroundings, to create safe places to live, work, shop.

For great advice visit  
[www.securedbydesign.com](http://www.securedbydesign.com)

### Authorised push payment (APP)

Fraud involves criminals tricking victims into sending money via a bank transfer to an account which the criminal controls. This makes the fraud very hard to detect as the genuine customer is logging in, setting up and authorising the transfer, using their own devices.

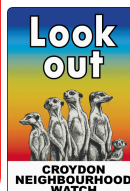
APP scams have been rising quickly over recent years, according to the latest UK Finance Annual Fraud Report figures. In the first half of 2023, unauthorised UK fraud losses reached a staggering £580 million, of which £239.3million relates to APP fraud.

**As of 7th October 2024, the reimbursement limit has been raised to £85,000**

If you think you have been scamed call your bank or 159

There is also good advice on [WWW.PSR.org.uk](http://WWW.PSR.org.uk)

To subscribe to our mailing list and receive upto date communications OR if you wish to become a coordinator 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  
[www.cbnwa.com](http://www.cbnwa.com)      [www.ourwatch.org.uk](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk)



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