Dear Colleagues,

Many thanks to all who joined the 6th session and contributed to the emerging Community Action Plans for the Croydon South-West locality (which includes the Purley, Woodcote, Purley Oaks, Riddlesdown, Sanderstead, Kenley, Coulsdon and Old Coulsdon communities). With special thanks to our welcoming hosts at [Christ Church Purley : Christ Church Purley](https://www.christchurchpurley.org.uk/) for this event, please find a record of our meeting below:

This session focused on developing the Community Action Plan by and for this locality - see key actions from this meeting highlighted below and the **opportunity to join Action-Planning groups working on key outcomes**. Our solution-orientated activity will provide insight for Commissioners and enable more transparent, joined up and effective commissioning in localities.

**One Croydon Updates:**

**Community Hubs** We celebrated the launch of the One Croydon ‘Community Hub’ in the Croydon South-East locality and the extensive partnership work involved by viewing a short film. The film is to demonstrate how Community Hubs look in practice, to help others to understand how it operates and how they can get involved. We will likely need a number of Community Hubs in each locality and we discussed some of the existing community spaces that should be considered including:

* Purley Baptist Church
* Purley Masjid
* Purley United Reformed Church
* Priscilla’s Tea Room- Sanderstead
* Corner House Tea Room- Hamsey Green
* Old Lodge Lane Baptist Church
* Place 2 Be Café at St Mark’s Church- Woodcote
* Vitayu Café at Emmanuel Centre
* Chestnut Gardens- Care Home in Foxley Lane
* All Saints Church
* Swithuns Church

We hope to be invitingExpressions of Interest in the Croydon South West locality soon, see attached documents for information.

**One Croydon Community Facilitators**Acting as a bridge between the Voluntary and Community Sector and Health and Social Care, James Moore can be contacted when someone needs an assessment or a referral into health and social care services and you don’t know who could help. Equally, they want to know about your work so he can support Health and Social Care staff to connect people into community support. Contact James.Moore@cvalive.org.uk.

**Introducing our Co-Chairs**We are delighted that Brenda Quelch- Brown and Mandy Ashton are the newly appointed Co-Chairs of the Local Community Partnership South West. Please learn more about your Co-Chairs from their biographies here; [New Co-Chairs for the Local Community Partnership in Croydon South West (mailchi.mp)](https://mailchi.mp/cvalive.org.uk/meetnewcochairslcpcroydonsouthwest1159667?e=bda3907709)[﻿​​​​﻿​](https://mailchi.mp/cvalive.org.uk/meetnewcochairslcpcroydoncentraleast-1159655?e=3794b430c1).

**Electing the Host for a Community Builder for Croydon South West**

We held a vote, combined with an on-line voting option, and **Old Lodge Lane Baptist Church in Purley** has been chosen as the host organisation for a new Community Builder in this locality. A total of 28 organisations/teams took part in the election. Thank you to all those organisations who expressed an interest in hosting the Community Builder, particularly Priscilla’s Group Community Interest Company, who also presented such a strong case for carrying out the role.

**ACTION**The work will now start to recruit the Community Builder as soon as possible so that the benefits of having this role can be experienced by the organisations and residents of South-West Croydon.

**Communication** - we are sharing what support and activities are available on [Simply Connect Croydon - local services for local people](https://croydon.simplyconnect.uk/about-us).

By registering as a member of CVA you can advertise your services and activities; recruit volunteers and receive weekly newsletters about the amazing work across Croydon's Voluntary and Community Sector.

**ACTION** Complete this form to[register](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=i9wEh43LkkWuUb66zissjxbd6yjvd-BNtAGY3IPHZtlUQktEWkFFRU0yREwyRUE5WUFBTUFQWk1MRSQlQCN0PWcu) and CVA's team of volunteers will do the rest.

**Locality webpages** In order to have one place for all engagement activities in each locality we are developing webpages to sign post to all that’s happening in this area. We are not duplicate existing engagement tools but sharing what already exists to help coordinate local support and activities.

**ACTION:** We’ll share a first version soon and invite your input.

**Locality Maps** we discussed the large geography of this locality, see attached One Croydon Locality Profile maps

**The newly- elected Councillors and Mayor Perry** in line with the Mayor's Manifesto commitment to hear the voice of residents we have been informed that the Mayor will be attending the next round of Local Community Partnership events. The Mayor will join us to hear about all the excellent work within the South West and our ambitions as a partnership for this locality.

**Community Plan** We continued to develop our Community Plan on the key priority theme of **'LONELINESS and SOCIAL ISOLATION'**as an encompassing theme related to our earlier work on mental health. Using the actions identified at the last meeting to structure our discussion we started to work on more detailed Action Plans. In addition to those assets and activities that we've already mapped, we heard about:

**Empowering Tamil Community** teaching English, finance, health care to non-English speaking women. Keen to be able to do more for women in South West Croydon, [Home - Empowering Tamil Families (e-voice.org.uk)](https://e-voice.org.uk/empoweringtamilfamilies/). Contact: Mr and Mrs Irene and John Yorke, yorklandlmy@gmail.com.

**Mind in Croydon**please see attached a digital copy of our current Social Networking Service Hub activity programme and a digital copy of our Hub Referral form for those who wish to refer clients to our service, [Mind in Croydon – For better mental health](https://www.mindincroydon.org.uk/). Contact David Beall, david@mindincroydon.org.uk and Olivia Steeb, olivia@mindincroydon.org.uk.

**Purley Baptist Church** proactive community church [Purley Baptist Church](https://purleybaptist.org/). Contact on 020 8668 0422 or office@purleybaptist.org .

**Barchester Chestnut Gardens Care Home** in Foxley Lane. Newly opened and keen to host community activity, [Barchester Chestnut Gardens Care Home, 95 Foxley Lane, Purley, London CR8 3HP](https://www.carehome.co.uk/carehome.cfm/searchazref/65432245547). Hosting a ‘Pamper Day’ for carers. Contact Louise Wood, Louise.Wood@barchester.com.

**ACTION:** Barchester to connect with Carers Information Service

**Old Lodge Lane Baptist Church** in Purley [Church | Purley | Croydon (ollbc.org.uk)](https://www.ollbc.org.uk/). Community focused church with Food Stop, Good Growth Fund as part of Connecting Kenley and provide employment advice by Maria-Luisa, maria.fuller@croydon.gov.uk and soon to open a new Community Space as a wing of the church with in and outdoor community space. Contact Pastor Nick, office@ollbc.org.uk.

**Croydon Adult Support Team**, Social Care front door. Contact Maria Fuller, maria.fuller@croydon.gov.uk.

**VITAYU CAFE – Sunday's at 4pm (Emmanuel Centre)** on **Sunday afternoons** at **4 to 5.30pm** to help support the refugees from Ukraine in our community. All Ukrainians are welcome to join us. Come and enjoy tea or coffee, cakes - a time to make new friends and chat with old friends. Anyone who would like to help support this initiative practically or in person, please contact Clare Buchanan at refugee.support@emmanuelcroydon.org.uk

**Purley in Bloom**A sense of community through improvement of public spaces and positive interaction between community members**,**[Purley In Bloom | Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/groups/purleyinbloom) Contact Pam Manisier, pammanisier@aol.com

‘Friends of’ Marlpit Lane Bowling Green [Marlpit Lane Bowling Green | Facebook](https://m.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100035059971935&_rdr) and other ‘Friends of’ groups in Croydon South West

**Age UK Croydon** In addition to Information, Advice and Guidance, personal safety project, berfiending and Personal Independence Service (PIC), there’s a new role of Care Home Connectors. Working in partnership with Asian Resource Centre to connect residents within Care Homes to Health and Social Care Staff and support from the wider voluntary and community sector. Contact Ann.Vigor@ageukcroydon.org.uk.

**Carers Information Service** support family, neighbours and all carers across Croydon, [Carers Information Service: informing carers in Croydon](http://www.carersinfo.org.uk/). Contact Amanda Ruck, amandaruck@carersinfo.org.uk and Kim Prowse, kymprowse@carersinfo.org.uk

**Croydon Neighbourhood Care Association (CNCA)** Membership group for lunch clubs offering information and advice, funding opportunities, complex befriending, advocacy. Welcoming new members. Contact Kelly Dale, Kelly@cnca.org.uk

 **St Christopher’s Hospice** offer a range of wellbeing activities including: online bingo, quizzes, creative chat. Supporting grassroots with help from CVA’s Community Builder, aracelly.idowu@cvalive.org.uk.Provide support on death lieracy and work in the community, connecting with other groups. Contact Malcolm Gill, M.Gill@stchristophers.org

ACTION: Bereavement another theme to work on as part of the Community Plan

**Active Citizen/Fire Soul** Maureen is a passionate resident working with people on hair hygiene, supported by CVA Community Builder Victoria victoria.kamara@cvalive.org.uk.

**Counsellor Enid Mollyneaux** Shadow Cabinet Member for Community Safety, Bensham. Contact Enid.mollyneaux@Croydon.gov.uk

**Counsellor Margret Bird**Deputy Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care, Old Coulsdon. Contact margaret.bird@croydon.gov.uk

**Outcomes**we reflected on the outcomes previously identified:

* Being better connected and less isolated
* Having greater access to opportunities as a result of better transport
* Having a greater sense of meaning and purpose in life
* Having access to a wider range of opportunities through better funding

**Outcomes could be achieved by further work in action groups:**

**Transport**Brenda (Co-Chair and Old Coulsdon South Medical Practice PPG) Kelly (CNCA), Louise (Chestnut Gardens) and OLLBC Community Builder to take forward

**Communications group**  Mandy (Co-Chair and Priscilla’s Group), Maria (Adult Social Care) and Amanda (Careers Info) and OLLBC Community Builder

**ACTION - Please get in touch if you'd like to join any of these Action-Planning groups.**

Many thanks to each of you for contributing to these emerging Community Action Plans and especially to all who are leading or taking on actions. An excellent start has been made and we are keen to build on this, using local knowledge and expertise to develop detailed Community Plans for the South-West locality.

So, please save the date for our next quarterly partnership meeting on **Wednesday 9th November 2022**which will be held in person, venue TBC. To book: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/local-community-partnerships-croydon-south-west-tickets-379746390677> (Please use Google Chrome rather than Internet Explorer if you have problems registering). Please do spread the word and invite others to join the Local Community Partnership in Croydon South West.

Warm wishes – Sarah, Andrew, Brenda & Mandy

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