**Local Community Partnership in Croydon South West - Notes 9 November 2022**

Dear Croydon South West Colleagues,

It was wonderful to meet with you all and hear from people, groups and teams across the locality (including Purley, Woodcote, Purley Oaks, Riddlesdown, Sanderstead, Kenley, Coulsdon and Old Coulsdon communities). Special thanks to our wonderful host Pastor Nick and his team at [Old Lodge Lane Baptist Church | (ollbc.org.uk)](https://ollbc.org.uk/)

Apologies from The Mayor of Croydon Jason Perry who was remembering those we lost in the tram derailment 6 years ago to the day and will attend our next event. Apologies also from Andrew Slegg who is currently on Carer's leave.

Please find a record of our meeting below with actions highlighted.

**Community Plan for Croydon South West** - based on what we've heard to date, please find the first draft of your full Community Plan attached. Your feedback, join-up with other partnership work and revisions are most welcome - please email Sarah Burns.

**Croydon South West LCP Community Plan ‘Action groups’:**

With so much information and so many ideas being captured in the locality’s Community Plan, the group was asked to form smaller ‘Action Groups’ to work on specific outcomes related to the key priority of Later Life:

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| **Action Group**    | **Suggested Outcome(s) from Community Plan**    | **Suggested Action Agreed from Community Plan**    | **Who Volunteered to a Deeper Dive**    | **By When**    |
| **Transport**  | Having greater access to opportunities as a result of better transportBeing better connected and less isolatedHaving a greater sense of meaning and purpose in life | Promote existing schemes that provide transport support (incl. Dial a Ride) and look at where additional transport support could help people later in life achieve the outcomes that they have identified.  Increase no. of minibus drivers   | CNCAChestnut GardensSW Senior Community BuilderSocial prescribing Link WorkerRe-engageCVAAdult Social CareCarer's   |  Feb. 2023 |
| **Communications** |  Being better connected and less isolatedHaving a greater sense of meaning and purpose in lifeHaving access to a wider range of opportunities through better funding | Campaign for inclusivity- access to NHS appointments, banks etc. Intergenerational activities Volunteers to support digital inclusion at Community Hubs  | SW Senior Community BuilderCALATCroydon WorksCarer's InfoCVA |  Feb. 2023 |
| **Street Champions** Mutual Aid/Door-knocking project  | Extending existing community connection    | On a street-by-street basis, VCS workers and Active Citizens offer direct, door-step support to fellow residents living in their neighbourhood, connecting people, safely and sensitively into local support (such as grief relief), establishing trust and strengthening compassionate communities. (See Heating and Eating)  | St Christopher'sMutual Aid CroydonCVAFloating Counselling SupportAge UK CroydonNeighbourhood Watch  | Feb. 2023  |

\*\*\*The success of these Deeper Dive **Action Groups** in achieving suggested initial Community Plan outcomes is dependent on the input and offers of support by members of the Local Community Partnership. If you have ideas, skills, knowledge, experience or expertise in any of the above areas and would like to join an Action Group, please contact the Group Leads above or Sarah Burns. We will be scheduling interim meetings of these groups and will share the details with all. Please attend any that you think you would like to contribute to deeper dive thinking and action. **\*\*\***

**Co-Chairs** - Our Co-Chairs, Brenda Quelch-Brown and Mandy Ashton, have both had to stand down for personal reasons. Thanks to them both for their contributions and we look forward to working with them in the future. We are now inviting Expressions of Interest to stand for Co-Chair of Croydon South West. Please see the Role Description and Selection Process attached and if interested contact Sarah.Burns@cvalive.org.uk.

**Locality webpages** - Following the idea from a Local Community Partnership (LCP) member, we are developing locality webpages which will help people and groups to share information about what's going on in this locality. Here's the first draft, feedback and content welcomed, [Croydon South West - Local Community Partnership - Croydon Voluntary Action (cvalive.org.uk)](https://cvalive.org.uk/empowering-the-community/networks/local-community-partnerships/croydon-south-west-local-com/)

**Simply Connect Croydon** - brings together information on activities and services across Croydon that is accessible to the public, charities, Social Prescribers, health and social care professionals etc. There are currently just over 900 listings by 700 organisations, Simply Connect Croydon - connecting you to your local community. If you want to list your activities and/or services, free of charge, please [register](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=i9wEh43LkkWuUb66zissjxbd6yjvd-BNtAGY3IPHZtlUQktEWkFFRU0yREwyRUE5WUFBTUFQWk1MRSQlQCN0PWcu) and once you have submitted your form, a volunteer will upload your information to the website. If they need more details, they will contact you directly. Sharing information on support and activities will need a team effort so we're encouraging everyone to be ‘Connect Well Guides’. Contact Karen Chillman for more information about Simply Connect Croydon and becoming a ‘Connect Well Guide’ - Karen.Chillman@cvalive.org.uk

**CVA's Volunteer Centre** - also promotes volunteering opportunities if you would like to advertise your volunteer roles free of charge, here is the form to [*register*](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=i9wEh43LkkWuUb66zissjxbd6yjvd-BNtAGY3IPHZtlUQktEWkFFRU0yREwyRUE5WUFBTUFQWk1MRSQlQCN0PWcu)*and our team of volunteers will do the rest.*

**Community Hubs**- The Local Community Partnership South West has previously noted a number of existing **Community** Hubs as potential spaces for greater interconnection with One Croydon, CVA's Community Facilitator is the contact to support this within Croydon South West, contact James.Moore@cvalive.org.uk.

Many thanks to each of you for your valuable contributions, please spread the word on our Local Community Partnership events. The next event is on **Wednesday 1 February 2023** venue TBC.

With warm wishes - Sarah

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