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## Welcome to Cross River Partnership's August Newsletter

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The [Clean Air Villages](#) team are excited to be out and about engaging with businesses in the 13 village areas, identified across London as part of the [DEFRA](#) funded air quality project. During the summer we will be visiting the villages to talk to businesses about their deliveries and servicing to support them in finding ways to reduce their impact on congestion and pollution. We are looking to expand our [Ultra-Low Emission Supplier Directory](#) to all the areas, so that we can promote deliveries and services that are made using ultra-low emission vehicles! If you know of a business that could be on the directory contact us! [Read more.](#)



London's biggest Car Free Day takes place on 22<sup>nd</sup> September. The [Mayor of London](#) and [Transport for London](#) have partnered to 'Reimagine' London car-free, while walking, cycling and exploring the city. Hundreds of activities will take place across more than 20km of closed streets in Central London - the equivalent of nearly 200 football pitches in length - including Tower Bridge, London Bridge and much of the City of London. As part of CRP's [Healthy Streets Everyday](#) project we are encouraging project partners to participate in what is set to be an exciting day of events! [Read more.](#)

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[Euston Green Link](#) serves as a low exposure alternative to often congested and heavily polluted Euston Road for people cycling or



walking between The Regent's Park and Euston Station. Over the past year, Euston Town has implemented a variety of measures including, most recently, a green wall at Drummond and Gower Streets to make the Link a pleasant route for pedestrians and cyclists. In early August, CRP continued to support [Euston Town BID](#) by completing the second half of a monitoring exercise along the Link which runs along Longford Street and Drummond Street. [Read more.](#)

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CRP's [Smart Electric Urban Logistics \(SEUL\)](#) project will be the subject of an upcoming [GreenBiz](#) webcast on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2019. The webcast will cover practical solutions that [UPS](#) have deployed in overcoming barriers to fleet electrification, insights from testing smart-grid and energy storage systems in real-world operations and how to make the business case for investing in and testing new technologies. [Read more.](#)



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The [Mayor's Construction Academy \(MCA\)](#), which brings together construction skills training providers and construction employers to ensure greater collaboration across the industry, held a stakeholder networking event at London's Living Room, City Hall on 29 July. The event was opened by the Deputy Mayor, Jules Pipe, who announced four new Quality Marked Providers as well as highlighting plans to target an area in south-west London with no existing hub coverage. [Read more.](#)

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The third round of the Mayor's [Good Growth Fund](#) will open for applications on 2 September. There is over £20 million funding available for a broad range of public, private and third-sector organisations in London who want to drive regeneration in their local area. To ensure a well-balanced programme, the [Mayor of London](#) is encouraging collaborative proposals that bring together a range of partners to focus resources and seize opportunities in local areas across London. Round 3 applications will be fully managed through the Greater London Authority's online investment management system ([GLA OPS](#)). [Read more.](#)



[Joshua West](#) has joined CRP in July and will be working for us as and our partners as a dedicated Communications and Business Development Officer. Josh has previously spent over 3 years working in the higher education sector, working with Universities to embed sustainability in their estates operations and academic offering. [Read more.](#)

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[The National Lottery Community Fund](#) recently launched its Climate Action Strategy and announced that it was making a £100 million [Climate Action Fund](#) available, dedicated at helping communities to tackle climate change. For further details on [past](#) projects and how to apply for funding for community-led projects please click [here](#). [Read more.](#)





Last week I spent my time working on the [Clean Air Villages \(CAV\)](#) project at Cross River Partnership. My name is Rachael Aldridge and I'm a recent graduate from Cardiff University, where I studied Human Geography. From my course I have taken away a passion for sustainability, hence I was happy to be placed in a project which aims to make a difference in highly polluted areas throughout London. I've learnt a lot during my time at CRP, especially about electric vehicles and cargo bikes within London. I'd like to thank Cross River Partnership for a great week and for being so welcoming towards me. I've gained some valuable office experience whilst learning a lot about London's air pollution and beyond. [Read more.](#)

Exciting news for apprentices at [Westminster City Council](#), CRP's lead accountable body. As part of the Council's ambition to deliver a world-class apprenticeship programme and to make everyone feel valued in line with the Westminster Way, Westminster's elected Members have agreed to increase the pay rate for apprentices. The Council will reward their existing apprentices by paying the [London Living Wage](#) to recognise the significant contribution each of them make to services across the organisation. The salary for all apprentices will therefore increase from £8.80 per hour to a new hourly rate of £10.55 per hour backdated to 1<sup>st</sup> August. [Read more.](#)



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