



Welcome to Cross River Partnership's January Newsletter



CRP partners with London Councils to host 'A Clean Air Future' event

The event will bring together [London Councils](#), the [London Environment Directors' Network](#), and the [Association of Directors of Public Health London](#), as well as London's Business Improvement Districts Local Authorities for an in-depth discussion on how the business community and local government can work together to improve air quality on our roads. A Clean Air Future will be held on Thursday 27th February, 2pm - 5pm, Lord Mayor's Parlour, 19th Floor, [Westminster City Hall](#).

[Register here](#)



London Borough of Hackney shares its School Street experiences to improve air quality

From parklets to [Clean Air Day](#), there's a lot of exciting activities and interventions planned for the [Healthy Streets Everyday](#) programme during the year ahead.

Kicking off the new decade is the [Hackney](#) School Street Workshop on 31st January 2020. This workshop, funded by HSE, will take London borough officers through the key components of implementing a School Street; selecting suitable schools, discussing methods of school selection and the considerations that should be made when implementing such a scheme.

Follow Cross River Partnership on [Twitter](#) for updates on the workshop as it develops.

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Clean Air Thames announces first vessels to receive funding for engine retrofits

CRP announced the first set of successful applicants for [Clean Air Thames Mayor's Air Quality Funding](#) at the [Thames Vision Environmental Conference](#) on 28 January 2020. They are [GPS Marine Contractors](#) and the [Port of London Authority](#), for their vessels GPS Anglia and Driftwood 2 respectively.

The announcement was well-received at the conference by an enthusiastic and diverse group of stakeholders. The conference itself was themed around achieving net-zero on the Thames, and touched on biodiversity, air quality, trade and economy and water, thus making an excellent setting for the news.

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Smart Electric Urban Logistics - Final Event

CRP are delighted to be speaking alongside [Ikea](#), [Scania](#) and [Innogy Ventures](#) at [Move 2020](#) on 12th February, on the question 'Will fleets foster effective EV adoption?'

We will be using our knowledge of the potential for smart charging in aiding the electric vehicle transition for fleets, as well as **sharing exciting news of a new project** that will further expand the capabilities of charging infrastructure. Following on from our recent [Smart Electric Urban Logistics](#) (SEUL) project, we are keen to show how depot-based fleets can electrify in a cost effective way with the right collaborative planning in place.

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Buddy scheme in action - CRP's Rachael Aldridge shares her learnings

[CRP's buddy initiative](#) allows past and present CRP staff to connect and learn from each other. At the end of last year, my buddy Alistair Huggett ([London Borough of Southwark](#)) took me on the grand tour of Bankside! I got to see the legacy of CRP's projects along the river, and even current projects CRP is working on, such as the [Illuminated River](#). Alistair reminded me that CRP was originally formed to deliver the [Millennium and Hungerford Footbridges](#) across the Thames, and it was interesting to see the walkway from Bankside to Southbank that CRP and its partners installed along the river. I am looking forward to meeting with the whole CRP Buddy group on the 4th of February (see below).



Shaping our vision - CRP joins buddies for interactive session

As part of the CRP 2020/21 Business Planning process, next month the CRP team will be meeting with the whole CRP Buddy group to discuss our vision for 2020 and beyond. The session will be a productive platform to reiterate CRP's core values and forward plan for the next 10 years, with the group's outcomes feeding into the annual CRP 2020 business plan. We look forward to welcoming all the Buddies for an afternoon of insight and productivity!

[Follow us for updates on the Annual Report / Business Plan launch](#)



Clean Air Villages partners visit consolidation hub in Dartford

As part of the [Clean Air Villages](#) project, we are always looking for ways to reduce the quantity of freight vehicles coming into London and consolidating deliveries in an efficient way. Whilst working on the project, CRP have come [across best practice from St Guys & St Thomas NHS trust](#) who have started to consolidate their deliveries through the Dartford based hub, owned by [CEVA logistics](#). This is a great example to show how an organisation could reduce up to 90% of deliveries by using a consolidation method. We invited the partners of the project to come and visit the new facility to see consolidation in action!

#CleanAirVillages



Solutions to improve air quality for local businesses

The [Clean Air Villages](#) (CAV) team has been busy hosting workshops for businesses to discuss local issues relating to air quality and what potential solutions could be. So far nine workshops have been organised; four of which – in Chelsea, Covent Garden, Hatton Garden/Strand and Streatham Hill – took place this month.

Brixton, Euston Road, Fulham Town and Lewisham Town Centre workshops will be taking place in the next few weeks.

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Cargo bike delivery schemes launch next month

February will see the launch of our [Clean Air Villages](#) cargo-bike delivery schemes. By providing a bike and rider – free for businesses to use – we hope to raise awareness of cargo-bikes and their suitability as a sustainable alternative to cars and vans for urban deliveries. These schemes are designed to help support local businesses, as well as enabling them to minimise the impact of their deliveries on local air quality and congestion. Each service is tailored to the business area within which it will operate.

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2019/20 closing of accounts

CRP's lead accountable body, [Westminster City Council](#), will be closing its accounts for 2019/20 early to enable publishing of the accounts by the end of April. CRP's deadline for the receipt of all supplier invoices will be Friday 28th February 2020, to enable us to meet Westminster's accounts closing deadlines. The CRP team will be in touch with project partners soon to provide more details.

For further information please contact CRP's [Carol Quamina](#).

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New CRP team member!

Eleri Paterson Hughes joined CRP this month as an intern as part of her master's degree in Climate Change at [King's College London](#). She will be working on various CRP projects, particularly in the [Clean Air Villages](#) team working to try and improve London's air quality within our villages.

She has really enjoyed her first month working in the team and is already getting stuck in with all the projects she is working on. She is excited to continue this work and get to know the team further!



Yasin bids farewell to CRP

After a year and eight months, Yasin – CRP's Business Apprentice, has come to the end of his time at the partnership. He has really enjoyed working with the team and wishes to thank everyone for supporting him with valuable experiences as part of his level 3 business administrator qualification.

Yasin's best highlights of CRP was being part of the new CRM tool 'Insightly' and the [CRP 25th year anniversary](#).

After graduating, he plans to pursue a career in local government and looks forward to the opportunities ahead.



CRP Director awarded prestigious Freedom of the City

CRP's Susannah Wilks was extremely pleased to receive her [Freedom of the City](#) award at the [City of London Corporation's Guildhall](#) this month.

She was nominated for the award by the City's [Councillor Wendy Hyde](#), and seconded by the City's Leader [Councillor Catherine McGuinness](#). The nomination coincided with the centenary of the first women securing the right to vote in the UK. The ceremony was attended by current and past active supporters of CRP.

What an honour!



Share your launches, openings and installations

We are expanding our media library to showcase exceptional images and videos of the amazing things our partners are achieving across London. If you have an event, activity or project launch that you would like to capture and have shared please let us know! Any pictures and videos can be shared on request (adhering to GDPR compliances).

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Dates for your diary

- [Clean Air Villages - cargo bike launches](#)
1st - 29th February

- [National Apprenticeship Week](#)
3rd - 7th February
- [Children's Mental Health Week](#)
3rd - 9th February
- [MOVE 2020 - mobility innovation event](#)
11th - 12th February
- [Imagine Children's Festival 2020](#)
12th - 23rd February
- [Future Commuter - Imperial College London event](#)
13th February
- [New London Architecture - 2020 report launch](#)
14th February
- [Smart City - Holy Grail? - Institute of Lighting Professionals](#)
19th February
- [World Day of Social Justice](#)
20th February
- [UK Air Quality Forum](#)
25th February
- [A Clean Air Future - Business and Local Authority Collaboration](#)
27th February



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