

CROSS RIVER PARTNERSHIP

Delivering London's Future Together

Welcome to Cross River Partnership's Fortnightly Update



COVID-19 and BAME Communities

During the pandemic, we have learned that there are disproportionate effects of coronavirus on the BAME community. This has led to an investigation into the causes of why this might be. It has been suggested that the structural issues that often affect the BAME community, coupled with disadvantages within the community, such as lower social/economic status, are relevant factors. [Public Health England](#) has published a [review of disparities in risks and outcomes of coronavirus](#), which tried to address some of the problems. We look forward to seeing how these impacts can be mitigated and also how these communities are being supported with possible solutions. It is even more important that we engage meaningfully with communities as 'structural inequality doesn't disappear in a pandemic, it is exacerbated'. We hope that more recommendations can be made, and that government, business and communities can work together to mitigate these circumstances.

Let's continue the conversation.

By [Chiomu Wuche](#), CRP Project Support Assistant.



Clean Air Villages 3 Launches: A breath of fresh air during a time of crisis

What better day to announce the launch of [Clean Air Villages 3 \(CAV3\)](#), than on [World Environment Day](#), a day in our calendars when awareness and action for the protection of our environment is encouraged.

CRP has funding from [Defra's Air Quality Grant](#) to deliver the [CAV3](#) project, with additional match funding, with [Westminster City Council](#) as the leading partner. [CAV3](#) will build on the success of phases [1](#) and [2](#) of the project which have delivered air quality solutions ranging from; London's first [shared electric van for local businesses in Brixton](#); [cargo bike schemes](#) in London Boroughs of [Wandsworth](#) and [Kensington & Chelsea](#); and a unique online resource, the [CRP Clean Air Villages Directory](#), of businesses offering deliveries and services via ultra-low emission methods. The project will work with businesses, communities and the health sector in 'villages' that have been chosen due to their high levels of pollution and human exposure. Solutions will be implemented that encourage long term behaviour change that results in improved local air quality.

The [CAV3](#) project partners are: [London Boroughs of Camden](#), [Hammersmith & Fulham](#), [Haringey](#), [Islington](#), [Lambeth](#), [Lewisham](#), [Merton](#), [Richmond upon Thames](#), [Wandsworth](#), [City of London Corporation](#), the [Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea](#) and the [City of Westminster](#), as well as Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) [angel.london](#), [The Fitzrovia Partnership](#), [Northbank BID](#) and [South Bank BID](#).

For more information, please contact CAV Project Manager [Kate Fenton](#).

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Getting From A to B: Your Latest Active Travel Options Explained

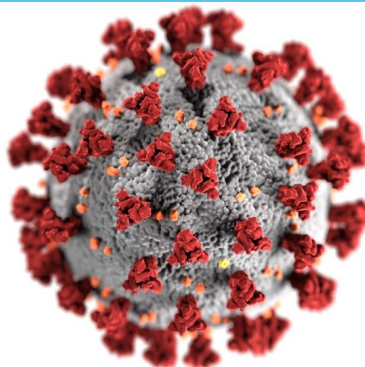
Join us on Wednesday 10th June, 2pm - 3pm (BST) for our first in a series of interactive online learning sessions – [Getting from A to B: your latest active travel options explained](#).

We'll be joined by representatives from [Transport for London](#) and [Sustrans](#) to discuss walking and cycling, recent infrastructure improvements, active travel's vital role for Londoners as we emerge from lockdown, and how it will impact the future of commuting across the capital in the longer term.

Please feel free to share this invite to anyone who may be interested.

We look forward to seeing you there!

[Register here](#)



We're here to help

Our [COVID-19 guidance and support page](#) is updated regularly with the latest

information on financial support, health and wellbeing, travel and transport, as well as key updates from CRP projects.

Find quick links to [TfL's Streetspace for London plan](#), specific plans for businesses reopening from June 15th, and all of our private and public sector partner support pages for tailored guidance across London.

Visit the [CRP Clean Air Villages Directory](#) to see which businesses are still operating and delivering via low emission methods in your area.

With many of us working from home, getting our 10,000 steps a day can seem like a challenge. [Plan your own Clean Air Route](#) to get your daily dose of outdoor exercise with less of the harmful air pollution.

[Visit our support page here](#)



Celebrating Bike Week!

[Bike Week](#) is taking place from 6th to 14th June; a week of events dedicated to improving the awareness of cycling and its benefits and to encourage people to use bikes for transport. These events are taking place in different countries throughout the world and has been taking place in the UK for nearly 100 years. This year, due to the pandemic, sessions are offered online. The [#7daysofcycling](#) campaign has been launched to encourage people to share their own experience of cycling during Bike Week. To show the advantages of cargo bike use, particularly around air quality, CRP has produced a number of best practice [case studies](#).

CRP is proud to run programmes which tie in with Bike Week: [Clean Air Villages 3](#) (CAV3), [Healthy Streets Everyday](#), and the [Central London Sub-Regional Transport Partnership](#) (CLSRTP). [Clean Air Villages 3](#) will be engaging with businesses, hospitals and communities via cargo bikes, promoting active travel and encouraging behaviour change about bike usage. Like CAV3, [Healthy Streets Every Day](#) has works to encourage bike use and behaviour change providing information and guidance about Active Travel. [CLSTRP](#) developed a [study](#) last year, evaluating best practice in cycle logistics and worked on a project on installation of dual-purpose cycle stations to support active travel.



Walkable London

CRP and its government, business and community partners welcome the paradigm shift in urban space to walking and cycling. This is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to create a London that is fairer, safer and healthier. London's Boroughs and Business Improvement Districts are working at a phenomenal pace with the [Mayor of London](#), his Walking and Cycling Commissioner [Dr Will Norman](#), and [Transport for](#)

[London](#), to deliver his [Streetspace programme](#) as a key part of the COVID-19 response. [Walkable London](#) and Cyclable London is now in sight for many more of London's communities. Please see CRP's [Clean Air Route Finder](#) to help you plan a healthy journey.

Let's keep working together!



Recent Congestion Charge Consultation

Did you know that nearly half of London's NOx comes from road transport?

Temporary changes have been proposed in support of [Transport for London](#) and boroughs' response to the coronavirus pandemic, and this week [TfL](#) welcomed views on these changes. The suggested changes include increasing the daily charge to £15 and removing the £1 Auto Pay and Fleet discounts, extending the charging hours to 07:00-22:00, seven days a week, and closing the Residents' Discount to new applicants. If confirmed, the changes could be implemented from 22nd June 2020 on a temporary basis, helping to keep London's air clean.

[More information here](#)



EFLES: Capturing the opportunities in EV fleet charging

Following the launch of [EV Fleet-Centred Local Energy Systems \(EFLES\)](#) last month, CRP is excited to have begun delivering this innovative project in collaboration with [UK Power Networks Services](#), [UPS](#) and [Moixa](#).

[EFLES](#) aims to provide a model to facilitate the rapid transition to EVs. In 2018 there were over 5.1 million vans, trucks and buses on the roads in the UK with EVs accounting for less than 1% of those vehicles. The UK aims to ban the sale of petrol and diesel cars and vans by 2040 as part of an urgent call to decarbonise transport. In achieving this, the UK could expect to see a 30% increase from today's electricity consumption by 2050. This would place increasing pressure on an already constrained power network. Reinforcements can be costly, which would ultimately be met by fleet operators and consumers.

[Read more](#)



New starter: A big welcome to Anusha!

Anusha Rajamani joined CRP as a new Project Officer in June 2020. Below is an account of her experience from her first week.

My first week at CRP has been most welcoming despite starting this position virtually. It has been great meeting the team and getting an insight into everyone's role. As life slowly resumes post lockdown, the role of CRP projects are important in reinforcing local businesses' attitudes towards sustainable practices. Therefore, making my involvement in CRP's work at a time like this is all the more meaningful. I look forward to growing into my role and responsibilities within [CAV](#).



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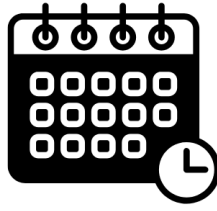
Ross Phillips joined CRP as a Project Officer at the start of June 2020. These are his thoughts on his first week with the team.

It's been an exciting (and strange) week to start a new job at CRP. Starting remotely will always bring challenges but the team has been supportive and friendly in providing plenty of information about projects and the organisation, and generous with their time.

I have spent my first few days on video calls, project inductions and reading about the [Healthy Streets Everyday](#) and [Clean Air Villages 3](#) projects. Due to COVID-19, engaging with organisations and businesses will be challenging but it can also present new, digital ways of communicating internally and externally and a real opportunity for change, which I am excited to help implement.

I am thrilled to join the team and contribute to delivering these projects to improve London's environmental sustainability and air quality.

Dates for the Diary:



- Friday 5th June. World Environment Day.
- Friday 5th June. The future of traffic-free mega cities: London, Lagos & Mexico City. Sign up [here](#).
- 6th - 14th June. Bike Week.
- Wednesday 10th June. Getting From A to B: Your Latest Active Travel Options Explained. Sign up [here](#).
- Wednesday 10th June. Getting back to business in a cleaner air City: commuting, logistics and air pollution. Sign up [here](#).
- Saturday 13th June. Guided walk to explore car-free City of London. Sign up [here](#).
- Thursday 18th June. How has COVID-19 affected transport emissions and air quality? Act TravelWise. More information [here](#).
- Friday 26th June. Progress on traffic-free city centre: Oslo, London & Lagos. Sign up [here](#).



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