

# CROSS RIVER PARTNERSHIP

## Delivering London's Future Together

Welcome to Cross River Partnership's Fortnightly Update



### HSE School Streets Hotline Extension

CRP's [Healthy Streets Everyday](#) (HSE) project is pleased to announce that the School Streets Hotline Service provided by [The London Borough of Hackney](#) has been extended to **Monday the 28<sup>th</sup> of September**. The Hotline is also now available to **ALL London Boroughs** with sessions occurring every Monday over the coming weeks.

School Streets are very much on the agenda in terms of transitioning out of lockdown, and the hotline has seen increased traffic over the past few months. HSE is fully committed to helping partners in light of COVID-19, and CRP is pleased that the extension will enable HSE partners, and other London Boroughs, to continue utilising the service, helping to quickly implement School Streets that are in line with [TfL's Streetspace](#) programme. CRP and its partners are extremely grateful to the [Mayor's Air Quality Fund](#) for making this Schools Streets Hotline Extension possible.

For further information about the service, including how to book a session, please contact CRP Project Manager Fiona Coull, [fionacoull@crossriverpartnership.org](mailto:fionacoull@crossriverpartnership.org)

[Read more here](#)



### CRP's LiveShare sessions: What's next?

CRP has broken into the world of webinars by creating a series of informative, interactive and innovative LiveShare sessions, bringing together industry experts in the world of sustainable travel, business and air quality aimed to help answer your questions as we emerge into a post-Covid world. These sessions will be held every other Thursday at 2pm.

CRP's next LiveShare Session, Parks and Open Spaces: Keeping Our Air Clean in a Post-Covid Era, will be held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm. **Sign up [here](#)!** We will be joined by [Parks for London](#) and [Global Urban Design](#) to discuss the increasingly important role that parks and open green spaces play in keeping our air clean - outlining the range of benefits they have on our physical and mental health, how they have served our communities during lockdown, and how their continued positive use will evolve as we emerge into a post Covid-era. We will also be launching CRP's new [Healthy Streets Everyday](#) Parklets Guidance and Tool Kit, showcasing how parklets have the potential to re-shape London's streets post-Covid to benefit businesses, residents, and visitors.

[Sign up to our next LiveShare](#)

[Read more here](#)

## Deliveries with a difference

From bakers and printers to cleaners and couriers - search using our CRP Clean Air Villages Directory.



**How our directory businesses deliver their goods and services:**



Foot



Bike or cargo bike



Electric vehicles



Hybrid (petrol) vehicles



Alternative  
fuel vehicles

Find your local directory here: [www.crossriverpartnership.org/directory](http://www.crossriverpartnership.org/directory)



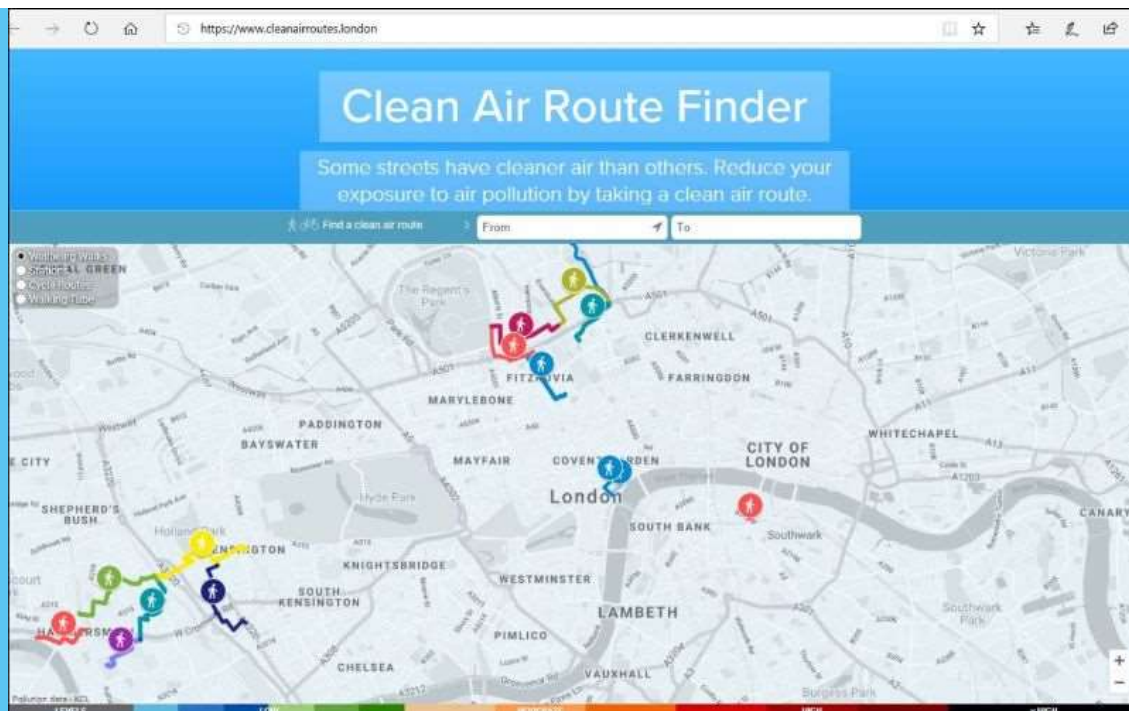
This directory forms part of the DEFRA-funded Clean Air Villages programme.



### CRP Clean Air Villages Directory: new village areas

As part of [Clean Air Villages 3](#), the [CRP Clean Air Villages Directory](#) has expanded, meaning all new villages now have their own page on the directory! These pages show which businesses deliver to your local area. Improve air quality in your area by using companies that offer ultra-low emission deliveries and services. Using suppliers from the directory allows businesses to actively reduce air pollution. To be included as a business on the Directory, please complete [this short form](#)!





## Upgrading the Clean Air Route Finder

We're excited to announce the first phase of upgrades to our [Clean Air Route Finder](https://www.cleanairroutes.london)! Since lockdown, more Londoners than ever are walking and cycling to get around. CRP have been working with [King's College London](https://www.kcl.ac.uk) to improve the Clean Air Route Finder to make it even more useful for active travel, while reducing your exposure to air pollution. Now live, the tool is layered to display:

- Clean Air Walking Routes (*Wellbeing Walks*) showing alternative routes between transport hubs and key pedestrian destinations that we have identified with participating partners. These routes have air pollutant concentrations 30-60% lower than the usual, more heavily trafficked options.
- Cycling Times to central London's Rail Stations (*Stations*) showing users how far they can cycle from each station in 2- and 5-minute intervals
- TfL's Cycleways (*Cycle Routes*) showing a single network cycle (formerly known as Superhighways and Quietways) that links communities, businesses and destinations across the city
- Walking Tube routes showing walking routes between select stations across central London.

We are continuing to refine our upgrades and will be releasing more useful features over the coming weeks. For more information, please contact CRP Project Manager Sefinat Oturu, [sefinatotaru@crossriverpartnership.org](mailto:sefinatotaru@crossriverpartnership.org)



## COVID-19: Temporary changes to Square Mile streets

[The City of London Corporation](#) has begun delivery of its transport recovery plan, designed to ensure the safety of residents, workers and visitors as people return to the Square Mile. The scheme is primarily focused on providing the space needed to maintain social distancing on our streets and enabling safe walking, cycling and the managed use of public transport, similar to all other London boroughs. Temporary on-street measures include introducing:

- more space for walking and cycling, including increased cycle parking
- timed closures to motor vehicles on some streets (7am–7pm Monday to Friday), allowing limited access to premises for people with access needs, deliveries and servicing
- closures of streets to through traffic or other changes in operation, e.g. switching to one-way or giving priority to buses
- an advisory 15 miles per hour speed limit
- signage to promote social distancing and encourage considerate behaviour

Details of the changes to individual streets are displayed in the windows of the Guildhall, on on-street notices and [online](#). These changes are being installed on street in stages. They are adaptable to the changing circumstances and measures can be scaled up or reduced as required and in line with the latest Government guidance. The City of London Corporation are continuously reviewing and monitoring the changes to ensure the safety of all residents, workers and visitors as people return to the Square Mile in the coming months.



## Keeping an ear on quiet deliveries

As we emerge from lockdown, many people have enjoyed the benefits of quiet streets and cleaner air. We need to protect this alongside supporting the economic recovery. One proven method to help improve air quality and ease traffic congestion is retiming of deliveries out of peak times. There are also benefits for freight operators and their customers.

In doing this, it's vital to ensure that such deliveries do not cause another kind of pollution: noise. As part of our work co-ordinating the [Central London Sub-Regional Transport Partnership](#), CRP have commissioned [EMSOL](#) to undertake monitoring of delivery points which will test technology that matches specific deliveries to any excessive noise detected and we aim to use this to identify the exact source. This will help freight operators, landowners and local authorities in understanding and ensuring best practice in quiet deliveries. Tied with commitments to best practice such as adopting [TfL's Quiet Deliveries guidance](#), this can help to provide confidence to residents that deliveries can take place without disturbance and any incidents can be investigated and managed effectively. We look forward to sharing our findings later this year.

For more information, please contact CRP Project Manager Tom Linton-Smith, [tomlintonsmith@crossriverpartnership.org](mailto:tomlintonsmith@crossriverpartnership.org)





## Continuing to work from home

CRP's accountable body, [Westminster City Council](#), is supporting [businesses exiting the lockdown](#) by implementing measures such as footway widening and temporary road closures to make the West End as safe as possible for visitors. Businesses can also apply for fast-track temporary licences to extend their facilities into outdoor spaces for customers, and these measures support [social distancing](#).

CRP's partner [Transport for London](#) is continuing to work with London businesses to support a safe and sustainable restart and would be grateful if you could kindly spare around 5 minutes to complete [this short survey](#) before it closes at **17:00 on**

**14<sup>th</sup> July**. The findings from this research will inform the ways TfL can best support the return of office-based employees to restart and recover from the Coronavirus crisis by providing tailored travel advice to help you and your employees.

CRP are also continuing to deliver our [programme of projects](#) whilst working remotely in collaboration with our various funders and partners. Working from home is now feeling like the new 'normal' and we have all increased our skills on MS Teams which has been instrumental in making contacting and collaborating with partners and stakeholders much easier.

For further information please contact CRP Operations Manager Carol Quamina, [carolquamina@crossriverpartnership.org](mailto:carolquamina@crossriverpartnership.org)

# WE ARE OPEN

## #LondonIsOpen

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CRP is supporting the [Mayor of London](#)'s plans to help restart London's economy in a COVID-safe way. As lockdown eases, our city faces the unprecedented challenge of recovering from the economic impacts of COVID-19, whilst staying safe. London is Open, but we must still all play our part to control the spread of COVID-19. Together we can keep London safe. We want to make sure London emerges from lockdown stronger than ever.

**Find out more about culture during COVID-19**





## The New Normal

As reported in [The Guardian](#), High Street spending enjoyed a much-needed boost as lockdown eased on 4th July, but hairdressers benefited more than pubs and restaurants, according to an early snapshot of consumer behaviour. As economists wait for hard data on the strength of consumer spending for this latest easing of lockdown restrictions, analysis of 3 million UK customers' spending habits by the digital bank [Revolut](#) suggested that high-street spending on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July was double that of the previous weekend, despite only England relaxing lockdown restrictions, and ran at 86% of an average pre-Covid Saturday.

CRP's [High Streets as Havens](#) LiveShare session on 2<sup>nd</sup> July showed the 92 attendees how High Streets can re-open safely and sustainably. Please see [CRP's Toolkit](#) for all sorts of advice, guidance and top tips on how to make High Streets good for business, good for our health, and good for air quality.

[Read more here](#)



## Home Holidays

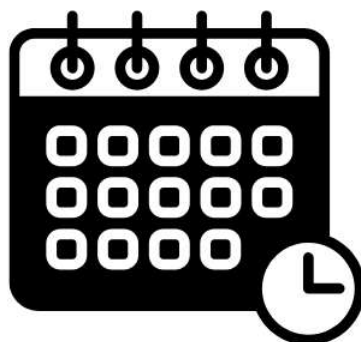
The summer season is well and truly here! Many of us will be enjoying Home Holidays, or Staycations, this year. There is a silver lining to every cloud, and there is certainly the opportunity for domestic tourism to replace at least some of the usual London summer overseas visitors and their expenditure. [London & Partners' #BecauseImaLondoner](#) campaign is something we can all get behind and support in helping promote [London's hidden gems](#) to new and expanded audiences - just [register online](#) and start uploading your area's attractions.

There will also be a [Heritage Open Days](#) festival from 11-20 September 2020. Again,

[register online](#) and start promoting interesting buildings and sites for people to visit, including heritage walks and cycle rides.

For any of you lucky enough to be taking any holiday over the coming summer months, have a fantastic time, and we look forward to continuing working with you when you're back!

### Dates for the Diary:



- 15th July, 2pm. The Royal Docks: Equalising opportunity in public space. NLA. More information [here](#).
- 16th July, 10am. UK Dialogue: How are UK cities adapting their streets for active travel? NLA. More information [here](#).
- 16th July, 2pm. Parks and Open Spaces: Keeping Our Air Clean in a Post-Covid Era. CRP. More information [here](#).
- 23rd July, 10am. Respiratory Health Challenges for the Urban Supply chain. EMSOL. More information [here](#).
- 24th July, 10am. Global Dialogue - Cities after COVID-19: the lessons that will shape better cities. More information [here](#).



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