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Welcome to Cross River Partnership's Fortnightly Update

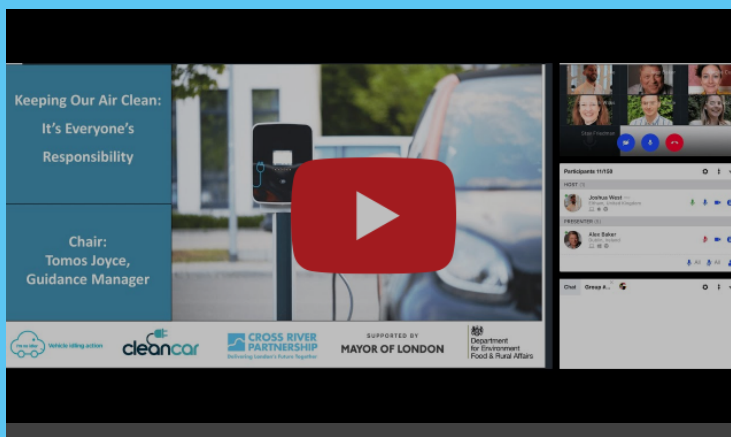


### **LiveShare - Re-Energise Your Business: Diversifying in Response to COVID-19**

Join our next online, interactive learning session on **Thursday 10th September, 2pm!** Tune in for information on re-energising your business and diversifying in response to COVID-19. We will be joined by Ojay McDonald, Chief Executive of the UK's [Association of Town & City Management](#), and Louise Abbotts, BID Manager at [InStreatham BID](#), to discuss the steps you can take as a business. This is an opportunity to rethink customer services, consumer habits, digital transformation and the role of the High Street, in the context of the pandemic and climate crisis. We will also be talking about how the [CRP Clean Air Villages Directory](#) of companies can support the transition to services that are environmentally as well as financially healthy. [Register your place via our Eventbrite page!](#)

For more information, please contact CRP Guidance Manager [Tomos Joyce](#).

**Missed our latest LiveShare 'Keeping our Air Clean: It's Everyone's Responsibility'?** Watch the whole event below, and see our dedicated [tool kit](#) for more information and resources. You can see our full library of LiveShare events on our [Videos page](#).



# World Car Free Day Summit 2020

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## Car Free Day Summit

Don't miss the [World Car Free Day Summit 2020](#)! As cities around the world go car free to enable safe social distancing, now is a great time to be discussing future car free cities and a green recovery. With many Car Free Day activities being held safely online, CRP have contributed to a Digital Workshop Session associated with low emission freight, available **21st-22nd September**, discussing zero emission logistics - the opportunities for scaling up and demolishing barriers to progress. [Register here](#) for CRP's digital workshop and more!

The World Car Free Day Summit 2020 is co-produced by [London Car Free Day](#) and [Menged Le Sew](#), Ethiopia's Open Streets movement. For more information, please contact HSE Project Manager [Fiona Coull](#).

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## New Clean Air Routes to be developed as part of CAV3

Some streets have cleaner air than others, and we can all reduce our exposure to air pollution by considering how we get from A to B. [CRP's Clean Air Route Finder](#) is designed to help you find a healthier way to reach your destination.

To understand clean air routes in action, take a look at [London's original clean air walking route](#) between King's Cross and Euston Stations. This route **reduces exposure to pollution by at least 50%** compared with walking along Euston Road, offering a healthier and less stressful journey between these key stations.

CRP is excited to be working with [Tranquil City](#) to develop additional clean air walking and cycling routes as part of the [Clean Air Villages 3](#) programme. We will be able to share further details as these routes are developed over the coming months.

For more information, please get in touch with CRP Air Quality Analysis Officer [Abby McDougall](#).

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## AIR QUALITY AMBASSADORS WANTED



### Air Quality Ambassadors - Launching Now!

[Cross River Partnership](#) is excited to introduce our first-ever Air Quality Ambassador programme! As part of [Clean Air Villages 3](#), we are working with the [City of London Corporation](#) on a community-focused Ambassador programme, which aims to educate, engage and empower City of London residents and employees on everything related to air quality.

The AQ Ambassador programme is open to residents and employees of the City of London Air Quality Focus area, from Monument up to Houndsditch. Ambassadors will take part in three AQ Training Workshops, where they'll learn everything from their local air quality status, to its impact on our health and what solutions can be implemented on individual and community levels.

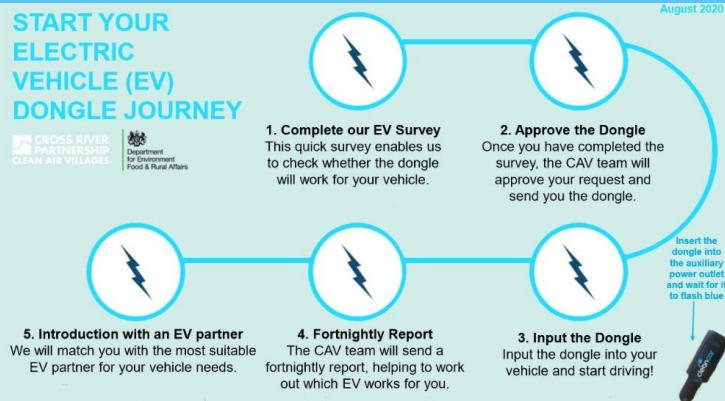
Are you ready to become an Air Quality Ambassador? Or know someone who would make a great one? Apply [here](#) - deadline September 30th, 2020! For more details, check out the [programme summary](#) or get in touch with CRP Project Officer [Stav Friedman](#).

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### START YOUR ELECTRIC VEHICLE (EV) DONGLE JOURNEY



August 2020



### Clean Air Villages: September Update

The [Clean Air Villages](#) team are now underway with virtual business engagement, to understand how we can support with business recovery from COVID-19. Across all 16 village areas, we are contacting businesses to work out how best to support new initiatives including changes to businesses having delivery services. **If you are a business in Haringey, Wimbledon, Richmond, Tooting or Shepherds Bush - please get in contact with us!**

CRP are also looking for businesses who own their own fleet and would like to transition to an electric vehicle. We have telematic dongles, for businesses can use for free to find out which EV would work for their fleet/vehicle. If you are a supplier or a business within our Clean Air Villages locations, please get in contact with CRP Senior Project Officer [Laura Jacklin](#).





### Charging Ahead: World EV Day

With [World EV Day](#) ahead of us, the plethora of benefits offered by an electric transport system is non-negligible. The impact of the COVID-19 lockdown on our air quality has been a successful public service announcement in bringing attention to the health of our lungs and environment alike. As the 2035 target is fast approaching, the case for zero carbon transport is at an all-time high with [e-bike](#) and [EV sales](#) soaring since March 2020. Among which, local bodies are implementing incentives to switch to EVs and are setting up the infrastructure such as charging points to facilitate this changeover.

Taking heed of the current climate, CRP's [Clean Air Villages \(CAV\)](#) project is powering with local businesses to decarbonise their delivery and servicing trips as a way to support communities towards becoming climate resilient. An example is the installation of [Evie](#), a shared EV in Brixton which has saved 1,562kg of CO<sub>2</sub>, equivalent to approximately 4,000 miles driven by a passenger car!

For more information, please contact CRP Project Manager [Sefinat Otaru](#).

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### Cycling to Work: Safety First

As some London offices begin to reopen, cycling can be a great choice for those returning to the workplace. [Heart of London Business Alliance](#) has produced a [short guide](#) for employees on cycling tips and support, including information on free [Dr Bike](#) maintenance sessions taking place throughout September, as well as a comprehensive outdoor cycle parking map for the West End. Take a look to boost your cycle confidence!



### Air Quality Monitoring Begins on GPS Anglia

After delays caused by the national lockdown, the [Clean Air Thames](#) project is back on track, with monitoring now taking place on GPS Anglia, a 23 meter inland tug, owned and operated by [GPS Marine Contractors Ltd](#), which works along the tidal Thames. Mechanical Engineering PhD students, Christopher Ogbunuzor and Zuhaib Ali Khan from [University College London](#) boarded the vessel on 3rd September to undertake exhaust emissions sampling, gathering data on the particulates that are currently being produced by the engine.

The measurements taken will form the baseline for comparisons to be made after GPS Anglia is retrofitted with post-exhaust equipment that will reduce hazardous emissions, including particulate matter, nitrogen oxides and sulphur oxides. [Port of London Authority](#) vessel, Driftwood 2, is expected to begin monitoring in the coming weeks! Stay tuned for more updates which will be posted on CRP's [Twitter](#).

For more information, please contact CRP Project Manager [Sefinat Otaru](#).



### London Green Spaces Commission: Next Steps Workshop

The last few months have highlighted how important our parks and green spaces are, whilst shining a light on the need for inequalities to be addressed. Last week, CRP joined the [London Green Spaces Commission](#) workshop, for an opportunity to comment on the recent report, which recommends how boroughs can be helped to develop, strengthen and secure their parks services. Commissioners invited evidence and undertook research and workshops with borough officers for the report. The Commission was a commitment in the [London Environment Strategy](#) and supports London's title as the [world's first National Park City](#). Read the full report [here](#)!

For more information, please contact CRP Project Officer [Rachael Aldridge](#).



### International Day of Clean Air and Blue Skies

As of 2020, the [United Nations](#) have designated 7th September as the [International Day of Clean Air for blue skies](#)! The day came about after recognising the impact of clean air on our health and acknowledging the importance of raising public awareness on the topic. The UN recognise air pollution as a two-fold problem, impacting on both health and the environment. CRP is aligned with this effort and has developed actions and projects to reduce emissions and help to improve the air quality in London. If you are interested in knowing more, all of CRP's Clean Air Villages case studies are available [here](#). Please contact CRP Project Officer [Carina Mesquita](#) for further information.



### What will happen?

As Londoners get back to school, college, university, nursery, work after the summer break, we all have so many questions:

How can I keep my family safe?

What will office working look like?

Should the tube be for freight as well as passengers?

How am I going to socialise and have fun?

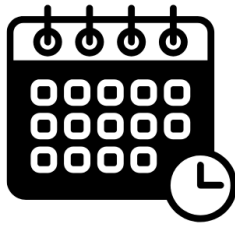
Will London's local centres see a surge in fancy restaurants?

How can central London's culture sector survive the winter?

Nobody has all of the answers. But we're all trying everything we can and journeying on our new discovery voyage together. CRP is continuing to bring together partners from government, business and the community to share knowledge, develop ideas, trial solutions.

If you would like to find out more, get in touch with CRP's Director [Susannah Wilks](#).

**Dates for your Diary:**



- 10th September, 10am - Public Relations for Small Businesses - COVID-19 Business Help Series. London Growth Hub. [Register here](#).
- 10th September, 1pm - CRP LiveShare, Re-Energise Your Business: Diversifying in Response to COVID-19. [Register here](#).
- 15th September, 11am IST. Confirming compliance for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations. UL. [Register here](#).
- 21st - 22nd September - World Car Free Day Summit 2020. [Register here](#).
- 7th October, 4:30pm - Mayor's London Scientist: Teacher Programme 2020/21. [Register here](#).



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