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# CROSS RIVER PARTNERSHIP

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## Monthly Newsletter Tuesday 26th October 2021



### Lunchtime Launch 10 - October: The Challenges and Opportunities of Fleet Electrification



#### CRP Lunchtime Launch Session

The Challenges and Opportunities of Fleet Electrification  
Thursday 28th October, 1:15pm - 2:00pm



Join us from **1:15pm – 2:00pm, Thursday 28th October**, to discuss findings from the [Electric Vehicle \(EV\) Fleet-Centre Local Energy System \(EFLES\)](#) project, a collaboration between [CRP](#), [UK Power Networks Services](#), [UPS](#) and [Moixa](#).

CRP Project Manager Sefinat Otaru will be giving an overview of all of CRP's past and present work with EVs and their associated infrastructure. We will also be joined by Pantelis Stefanis, [UK Power Networks Services](#), who will be highlighting how fleet owners can be supported to gain the benefits of going electric, as well as future areas of development in the sector. Also speaking will be Adam Cundy, [Moixa](#), introducing the cloud-based platform [GridShare](#) and its application and value to fleet electrification. Lastly, we will be joined by Claire Thompson-Sage, [UPS](#), who will be discussing best-practice case studies from around the globe and how UPS can bring down the cost of electrification of fleet.

The main learning points from this session include:

- How EFLES has explored the potential for shared charging for publicly accessible rapid charge points.
- How successful partnership can lead to the acceleration of rapid electrification of commercial fleets.
- How charging can be optimised to generate revenue within energy systems.

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

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## Lunchtime Launch 11 - November: Parks and Climate Change: Good Parks for London 2021 Report Launch



November's Lunchtime Launch showcases the virtual launch of this year's [Good Parks for London](#) report on **Thursday 18th November 2021, 1:15pm - 2:00pm**.

The annual report published by [Parks for London](#) showcases the great work that land managers are doing in and around London, especially in considering the effects of climate change and how parks can mitigate them.

This online interactive Lunchtime Launch session will explore the importance of parks and green infrastructure in climate change and air quality mitigation strategies through key addresses by; Judy Ling Wong CBE, the Honorary President of the [Black Environment Network](#) (BEN) and author of the report's foreword, [Parks for London](#), Joanne Dennis-Jones, National Head of Planning at [GL Hearn](#), report sponsors and [Cross River Partnership](#), as well as from the London Borough that has shown inspiring improvement in its parks service.

The main learning points from this session include:

- How London's parks can play a key role in climate and air quality strategies.

- How parks can mitigate the impacts of climate change.
- The importance of green infrastructure in our cities.

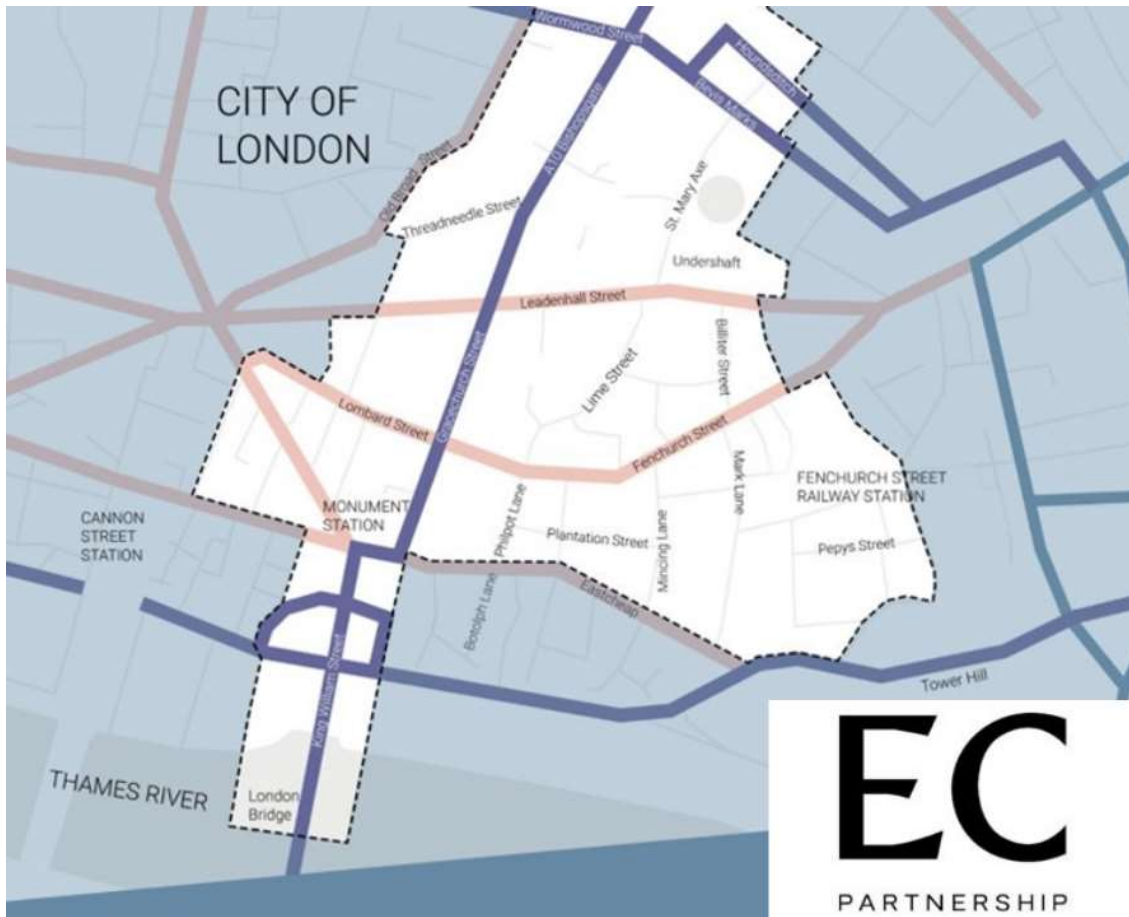
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Missed our last Lunchtime Launch? Watch 'Climate Effects: The Benefits of Greening', with speakers from CRP, Bloomberg and Greater London Authority.

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## **CRP's Spotlight On: Eastern City Partnership**



The [Eastern City Partnership](#) (EC Partnership) has been founded by a group of landowners and occupiers looking to work collaboratively with the [City of London Corporation](#), and other public sector partners.

The partnership has a shared view to champion local priorities, and amplify the significant assets across the footprint of the area.

The geographical area which the EC Partnership covers is vital to the UK economy. Success will create a ripple effect across the wider economy, which will be more important than ever in the post COVID era.

CRP is extremely pleased to be working alongside the EC Partnership. EC Partnership became a formal partner at the September 2021 Board meeting of Cross River Partnership – welcome!

For more information, please contact CRP Director [Susannah Wilks](#).

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## October is Black History Month



October is [Black History Month](#)!

The first UK event was launched in London back in October 1987. The month was founded by Ghanaian analyst, journalist and activist Akyaaba Addai-Sebo.

During Black History Month, the aim is for all communities to challenge different forms of racism, such as internalised, interpersonal, institutional, and structural racism, to address white privilege, and to educate ourselves and others about Black British history that is not yet consistently taught in all schools.

Schools and others can access educational Black History Month resource packs, including magazines, creative artwork posters as well as newly produced teaching materials, through the [BHM 2021](#) website.

At [Westminster City Council](#), the theme of this year's Black History Month is 'Everybody Connected'. The BAME Network has planned a series of events, such as free historic Black Legacy Walks around Westminster. You can sign up to the events [here](#).

There are also free digital displays provided by the Black Cultural Archives [here](#). You can also visit the [Black Cultural Archives](#) in person, for free in Brixton – this is the only national black heritage centre in the UK so far.

For more information, please go to the [Black History Month](#) website, which is full of inspiration for ongoing attention beyond the month of October, always.

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## A People First Vision for London's Streets



Cross River Partnership's latest report '[The Lived Experience of Our Streets: A People First Vision for London's Streets](#)', produced by [NOOMA Studio](#) for the [TfL-funded Central London Sub Regional Transport Partnership](#), sets a vision to create a more equitable and accessible street for all users across London.

Now presents a timely opportunity for London's key players to work together to implement practical solutions to address issues regarding transport, footfall, environment and functionality of London's street space.

This report aims to guide decision makers to put people at the centre of London's street space, exploring four different street typologies across the London Boroughs of [Camden](#), [Lambeth](#), [Wandsworth](#) and [Westminster](#) and the lived experience of those who use London's streets.

The report includes a Foreword by Keith Bottomley, Vice Chair of Policy at the [City of London Corporation](#) and Co-Chair of the CRP Board, alongside Simon Pitkeathley of [Camden Town Unlimited](#) and [Euston Town BIDs](#).

*"The question of how our streets look, feel and function is more important than ever. Fresh and radical thinking is needed to deliver accessible and inclusive streets that will support the Capital's recovery from Covid-19, tackle carbon emissions, improve air quality and adapt to a changing climate."*

The report makes recommendations on how to balance the needs of different street users at different locations, including freight deliverers, pedestrians, cyclists and others. These will be developed further as part of CRP's [Defra-funded Clean Air Villages 4](#) programme.

To read the report, please see below:

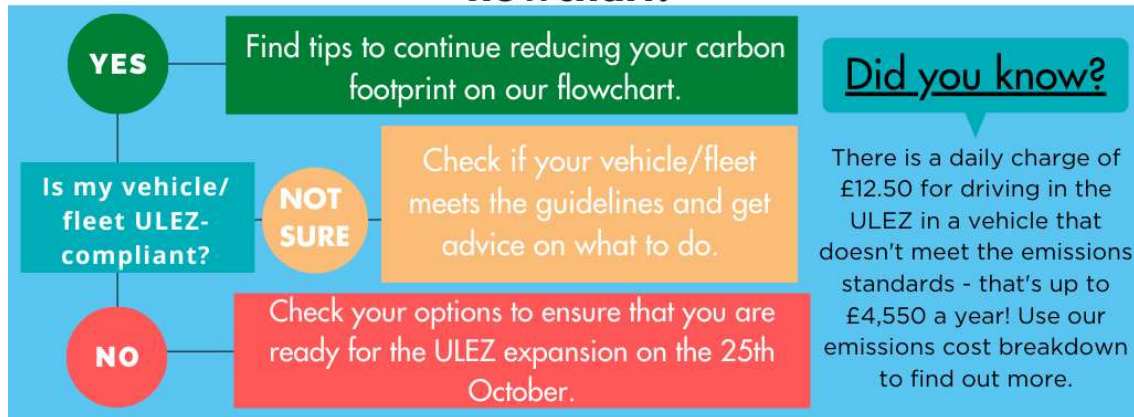
Full Report: [The Lived Experience of Our Streets: A People First Vision for London's Streets](#)

Executive Summary: [The Lived Experience of Our Streets: A People First Vision for London's Streets](#)

For further information please contact CRP Communications Project Manager [Rachael Aldridge](#).

## ULEZ has expanded

## London's Ultra-Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) is expanding - make sure you or your business is ready with our flowchart!



The [Ultra-Low Emission Zone \(ULEZ\)](#) expanded yesterday to create a single larger zone up to, but not including, the North Circular Road (A406) and South Circular Road (A205).

Cars, motorcycles, vans and other specialist vehicles (up to and including 3.5 tonnes), and minibuses (up to and including 5 tonnes) will either need to meet the ULEZ emissions standards, or pay a £12.50 daily charge when driving within the expanded ULEZ zone.

Through the [Clean Air Villages 4](#) programme, CRP has produced some ULEZ expansion resources to support business and residents with the change. These focus on providing flow charts to mitigate the impact of the ULEZ for any non-compliant vehicles, whilst providing detailed financial costs of the impact for use throughout a week, month and year.

Listen to CRP Project Manager Ross Phillips speaking about the ULEZ expansion on the Evening Standard's podcast 'The Leader' [here](#).

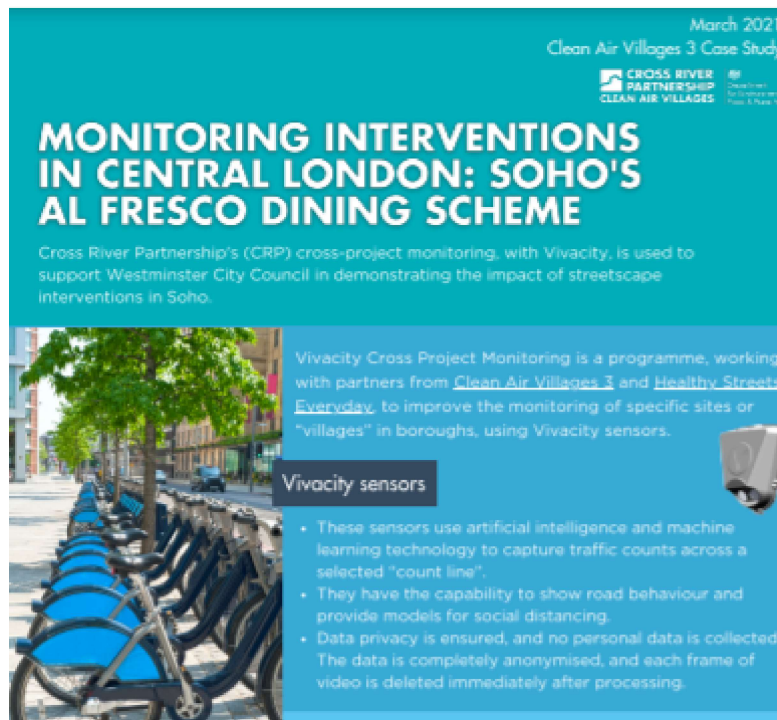
You can download the resources here:

- [ULEZ Resident Flow Chart](#)
- [ULEZ Business Flow Chart](#)
- [ULEZ, LEZ, Congestion Charge costs](#)

If you have any questions about the ULEZ expansion resources, please contact CRP Communications Project Manager [Rachael Aldridge](#).

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## CRP's Monitoring and Data Analysis Services



CRP is building on the success of its cross-project Vivacity monitoring programme by offering bespoke, value-for-money data analysis services to unlock the potential of your traffic monitoring data.

By providing in-depth analysis that is tailored to your needs, CRP can help to provide the proof of concept for local initiatives whilst enabling evidence-based decision making for both you and your stakeholders.

CRP has also developed new capabilities that compliment existing analysis provided by the service and can deliver tailored reports on the following activities:

- Active travel and traffic count analysis (e.g., pedestrians, cyclists, motorbikes, cars, vans, HGVs and buses)
- Granular level event analysis
- Movement / road user behaviour analysis (including social distancing)
- Speed reporting
- Turning count analysis
- Air quality impacts

As part of the [Clean Air Villages 4](#) (CAV4) programme, CRP will also be supporting [The Fitzrovia Partnership](#) with monitoring and data analysis by looking at the impact of the Ultra-Low Emission Zone expansion on vehicle movements along streets in the BID area.

Please contact CRP Project Manager [Fiona Coull](#) if you are interested in CRP supporting your evidenced-based decision-making with detailed data analysis services.

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## World Car Free Day Play Streets in Tower Hamlets



CRP's [Healthy Streets Everyday](#) programme has helped to fund six play streets at schools in [London Borough of Tower Hamlets](#) as part of the borough's Car Free Day celebrations.

[World Car Free Day](#), which occurred on the 22nd of September, is a day dedicated to prioritising streets for pedestrians, cyclists, and children, enabling them to play safely without the danger of road traffic.

This year, pupils from six schools across Tower Hamlets ([Harry Gosling Primary School](#), [Culloden Primary School](#), [Globe Primary School](#), [Kobi Nazrul Primary School](#), [Lansbury Lawrence Primary](#) and [Cayley Primary School](#)) enjoyed car free streets as part of the celebrations. The play streets also included a variety of activities, such as disco bikes, games and toys from the [Museum of Childhood](#), and a BMX show.

As well as providing additional space for children to play, the events also helped to raise awareness around the issues associated with road safety and poor air quality, which particularly impact young children.

The celebrations also helped to highlight the roll out of [School Streets across Tower Hamlets](#), with the borough committing to deliver 50 School Streets across the borough, 21 of which have already been delivered and 16 of which are in progress.

For further information about Car Free Day, school streets and the Healthy Streets Everyday project, please visit the [HSE webpage](#) or contact CRP Project Manager [Fiona Coull](#).

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## Clean Air Villages 4 article in the Public Sector Executive magazine

## Recognising the importance of air quality in London

Kate Fenton



The [Public Sector Executive](#) have published an article about the [Clean Air Villages 4](#) (CAV4) programme. You can read it [here](#). CRP's recently launched [ULEZ resources](#) were referenced, as was river freight and the [Clean Air Tool](#).

For further information, please contact CRP Project Manager [Kate Fenton](#).

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## Clean Air Villages 4 – Quarter 2 Steering Group Meeting



CRP held the second Steering Group meeting on Thursday 14th October for the [DEFRA](#)-funded [Clean Air Villages 4](#) (CAV4) project, attended by its project partners.

The CAV4 project is helping all of the project partners to make improvements to air quality through the delivery of innovative freight solutions that address consolidation, distribution, mode, technology and policy issues.

Some of the progress made to date on the CAV4 project during the last quarter includes:

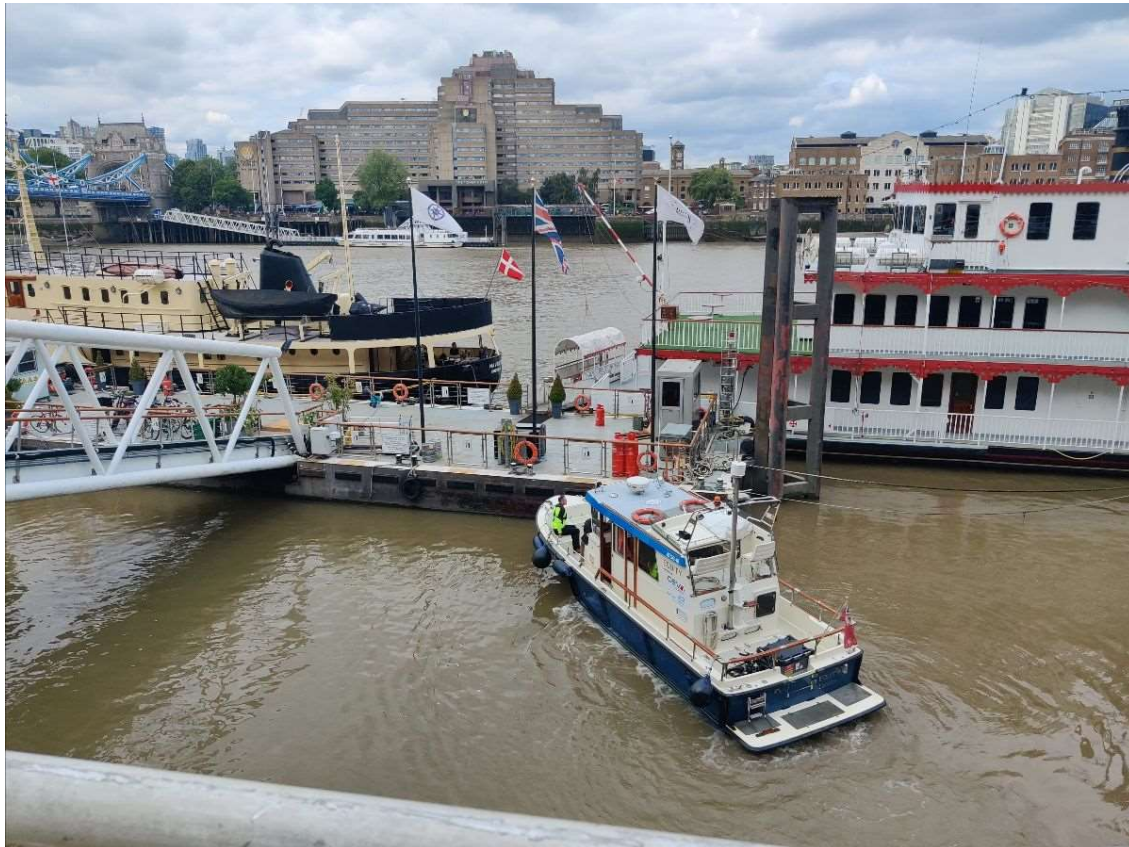
- Air quality and noise monitors on the [Guy's & St Thomas](#)' river boat and the piers at Dartford and London Bridge.
- Surveys of tenants / members of [Cadogan Estates](#) and [Central District Alliance](#) to explore potential for consolidation and/or preferred supplier lists.
- Introductions between landowners and logistics operators for spaces listed on the urban logistics hub map.
- Procurement of [telematic dongles](#) to provide free support to businesses gathering data informed choice whilst switching.

- Focus group held on walking freight.
- Expansion of the [CRP Clean Air Villages Directory](#) to include 11 new local village pages.
- Delivery of [Lunchtime Launch](#) online webinars.

For more information, please visit the [CAV4](#) Project Page.

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## Submission to the DEFRA Air Quality Grant



CRP is pleased to announce that we have submitted a collaborative bid to Defra's latest round of [Air Quality Grant](#) funding. We are thankful to [Westminster City Council](#) for leading the application.

If the bid is successful, then CRP will deliver reductions in air quality with a focus on river freight and onward journeys by zero and ultra-low emission vehicles. The [Port of London Authority](#) would be a key strategic partner.

The outcome is set to be announced in March 2022.

For further information, please contact CRP Project Manager [Kate Fenton](#).

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## London Port Health Authority Inspection



I was honoured to take part in the London Port Health Authority's Annual Inspection of the Port on Monday 11th October 2021, hosted by [Mr. Keith Bottomley](#), CC, Chairman of the [City of London Corporation](#)'s Port Health and Environmental Services Committee.

After an early 07:45 start from Tower Millennium Pier, we were able to travel Eastwards along the Thames to visit the newly-constructed [Tilbury 2](#) facility, where the Port Health & Public Protection Division is responsible for imported food and feed controls.

Thank you very much indeed to Mr. Keith Bottomley for an extremely informative, interesting and useful day. It was wonderful to meet and renew so many important partner relationships with guests whose work supports the Port in a wide range of capacities.

By [Susannah Wilks](#), CRP Director

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## COP26 in Glasgow



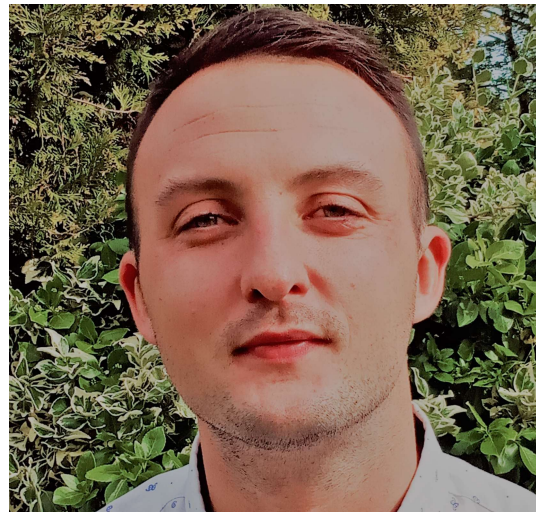
'Green Place' is the literal translation of the name Glasgow, and to Glaswegians the city is known as the Dear Green Place. This etymology seems apt as Glasgow will host the [26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties](#), also known as COP26 at the SEC in Glasgow on **31 October – 12 November 2021**.

It will bring international leaders together for a crucial occasion; to decide how the world will act to tackle climate change and steer the future of our planet. Glasgow has announced its plans to become carbon-neutral by 2030, in a commitment reflective of its green ambitions with London also sharing this goal. Cross River Partnership is helping London to reach this goal through programmes such as [Clean Air Villages 4](#) (CAV4) and [Healthy Streets Everyday](#). COP 26 will be an opportunity for the UK to lead by example and it is a great opportunity to emphasise the importance of carbon-neutral projects, aims and actions.

For more information, please contact CRP Director [Susannah Wilks](#).



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## Officer Jack!

Since joining the team in October I've been introduced to the [Clean Air Villages](#) project where I will be working on technology solutions –developing CRP's fantastic [online tools](#) and distribution, establishing [urban logistics microhubs](#).

I am excited to apply my experience working on air quality projects to CAV4 and to branch out into new areas of work including transport, built environment and circularity.

The [CRP team](#) have been a delight. Everyone has taken the time to introduce themselves, explain their work, and help me feel confident with the projects I will be working on. Making London a greener, healthier place is so important to me and I know I will be proud of the work I deliver at CRP.

For more information, please contact Project Officer [Jack Alexander](#)

## Officer Dave!

I've really enjoyed my first fortnight at the Cross River Partnership and meeting all of the [CRP team](#), both in-person and virtually. Everyone has been really supportive and friendly and I've felt very welcomed throughout the induction period. As London continues to open up again, and with COP26 almost upon us, the environment and air quality remain at the forefront of the public consciousness, and it's exciting to be at an organisation working to make London greener.

It's been very interesting to about the diverse range of projects that CRP have been working on, both in meetings and through publications. So far, I've been doing my introductory training, promoting our next [Lunchtime Launch Webinar](#) as part of [Clean Air Villages 4](#), and working on promoting our [publications](#) to coincide with the ULEZ expansion.

For more information, please contact [Dave Ebbrell](#).

## Dates for your Diary



28th October, 1:15pm. [The Challenges and Opportunities of Fleet Electrification](#). CRP Lunchtime Launch.

31st October - 12th November - [COP26](#). Glasgow

November - [Lung Cancer Awareness Month](#)

9th-10th November. [Move: Mobility Reimagined Exhibition](#). London ExCel.

9th-11th November. [Green Horizons Summit](#). Glasgow.

15th-21st November. [Living Wage Week](#).

18th November. [Good Parks for London 2021: Parks and Climate Change Report Launch](#). CRP Lunchtime Launch.

30th November. [The London Conference 2021](#).

Cross River Partnership is an alliance of Angel London, Better Bankside BID, Brixton BID, Cadogan, Camden Town Unlimited BID, Central District Alliance, Cheapside Business Alliance, City of London Corporation, Eastern City Partnership, Euston Town BID, Greater London Authority, Groundwork London, Hammersmith BID, Hatton Garden BID, London and Partners, London Borough of Camden, London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham, London Borough of Islington, London Borough of Lambeth, London Borough of Lewisham, London Borough of Southwark, Network Rail, Port of London Authority, Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, South Bank BID, Team London Bridge BID, The Fitzrovia Partnership BID, The Northbank BID, Transport for London, Vauxhall One BID, Victoria BID, Westminster City Council.

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