



Friends of Lloyd Park Newsletter

Summer 2025

New Pedestrian Crossing and Park Planting

Work on the new pedestrian crossing over the Tram line opposite Coombe Wood School and Melville Avenue is well underway and is expected to be completed by mid-September. This replaces the former vehicular access at the site.



Once finished, TfL will seed the areas on either side of the crossing on the park side with a native wildflower mix designed to attract pollinators, bringing white, yellow, and purple blooms next year. Following this, TCV will plant a hedgerow along the fence line to further enhance the space.

AGM

Our AGM is on 26th of November 2025, 6pm to 7:30pm in the Lloyd Park Café. Please do attend if you are able.

Bat Walk in May.

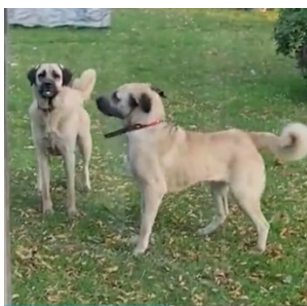
On 31 May, Ian Glover from Croydon Council led an engaging bat walk for residents. Using bat detectors, participants identified several local bat species and enjoyed watching them in the dusk sky. The event was a great opportunity to meet neighbours and learn about bats. Thanks to Ian for his expertise and Rhiannon for organising the walk.



Walking Groups in Lloyd Park

We have more social walking groups using Lloyd Park, for example organised by info@apsaraarts.co.uk and The Proper Blokes Club. But we are yet to have our own social walks simply for Friends of Lloyd Park, something for 2026 perhaps.

Dangerous Dogs.



The July 2023 Kangal incidents have resulted in a guilty verdict, with penalties of £72,300, destruction orders for the dogs, and a 10-year ban on dog ownership for the defendant. An appeal has been lodged and is scheduled for 29 October 2025, expected to last three days. Meanwhile, the dogs remain housed in kennels until the outcome is decided.

Playground Equipment Update

The council has confirmed the rocking horse will be replaced like-for-like once funds are available in September. We have also asked the council to reconsider repairing, rather than replacing, the tall climber and to share proposal examples. Please let us know your views on this in our survey by scanning or clicking here.



Grounds Maintenance and Pond plans

Park grass cutting has improved this year, and we may have more opportunities in future years to help with the TCV organised Ragwort pulling before mowing.

Maintenance around the pond is on TCV schedule of work for the Autumn.



Reminder regarding no BBQ's in the park

In previous years there were BBQs in the park which caught fire. So, we want to remind everyone that fires and BBQs are not permitted in any Croydon Parks.

Facebook Group Updates

We're planning to tighten the rules for posts in our Facebook group. All posts will have to have a clear connection to Lloyd Park, or they will be removed.

Future of the Bowling Green Site



Plans for Padel Tennis Courts on the old bowling green appear to have fizzled out. Instead, we're exploring with [CPRE \(the Countryside Charity\)](#) the idea of using the space as a community tree nursery to support the [London Tree Ring](#) project. This could include growing saplings for Lloyd Park and beyond, replacing storm-lost trees, maintaining treelines, improving the pond area, and managing brambles. Please share your views in our survey by clicking on or scanning our QR code.



CPRE London is the London branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England. Since Greater London doesn't really have "rural countryside" in the usual sense, CPRE London focuses on protecting and enhancing London's green spaces, campaigning against inappropriate development, promoting access to nature and encouraging sustainable development.

Proposed Cycle Path extension in Lloyd Park



Plans are being discussed for a new tarmac cycle path from the car park near the bowling green, around the car park, past the café and pavilion, to the new Tram pedestrian crossing opposite Coombe Wood School. Concerns have been raised that the route is unclear and could limit potential expansion of the café's park-facing seating area, which our members have previously expressed support for.

If you would like to express a support for the cycle path and/or for ensuring the possible future expansion of the café seating area overlooking the park, then please complete our survey, by clicking on or scanning our QR code.



Cuppa with a Copper – Police Update

Suspicious Behaviour: There have been reports of flashers in Lloyd Park. One has been arrested, but another may still be active. The Police request rapid reporting to 999 of any suspicious behaviour, even if it turns out to be unfounded.

Unlicensed Events: Covenants on the park prohibit steam and mechanical organs, reflecting its intended peaceful use. Recently, unauthorised events with loud music have occurred, which may be Unlicensed Music Events. These should be reported to the Police when happening.

Unauthorised Vehicles: Suspicious vehicles have been accessing the park fields, sometimes assumed to be legitimate. Police request that any suspicious vehicle access be reported as it occurs.

If you aren't one of our registered members

It is easy to become a registered member, just send us an e-mail to info@FriendsofLloydPark.com and let us know. We will email you our quarterly newsletter and send you an invitation to participate in our AGM.