

# ParkLife

Clapham Park Project Newsletter

Summer  
2023



Clapham Park Project



## Welcome to Park Life, CPP's quarterly newsletter

We, at CPP, are looking forward to the annual summer Fun Day on Saturday August 5th (details on the poster on this page). Our staff have been working hard alongside Metropolitan Thames Valley organising everything for the event. CPP will have its usual stall there so why don't you stop by to have a chat. We are always keen to hear your views and concerns.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you can read some exciting news about what is happening with the playground in Agnes Riley Gardens including the replacement of the paddling pool (this will be its last summer of operation). We are also increasing the amount of funding available through our Community Chest project. So do let us know if you have any interesting and innovative ideas about how you might help the local community. See you on Saturday 5th August!

*Diana Morris*  
Chair, Clapham Park Project



Join us

## Clapham Park Community Fun Day

**SATURDAY 5 AUGUST 2023**  
**1PM-5PM/THE CLAPHAM  
PARK CUBE**

BOUNCY CASTLE/FACE PAINTING/  
DJ SET/ARTS & CRAFTS/CARNIVAL/  
AFRICAN DRUMMING/BBO/  
COMPETITIONS/ PRIZES TO BE WON



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# Exciting changes at Agnes Riley Gardens

## EQUIPMENT



1.5m Swing



6.8' Tower - Junior Toddler



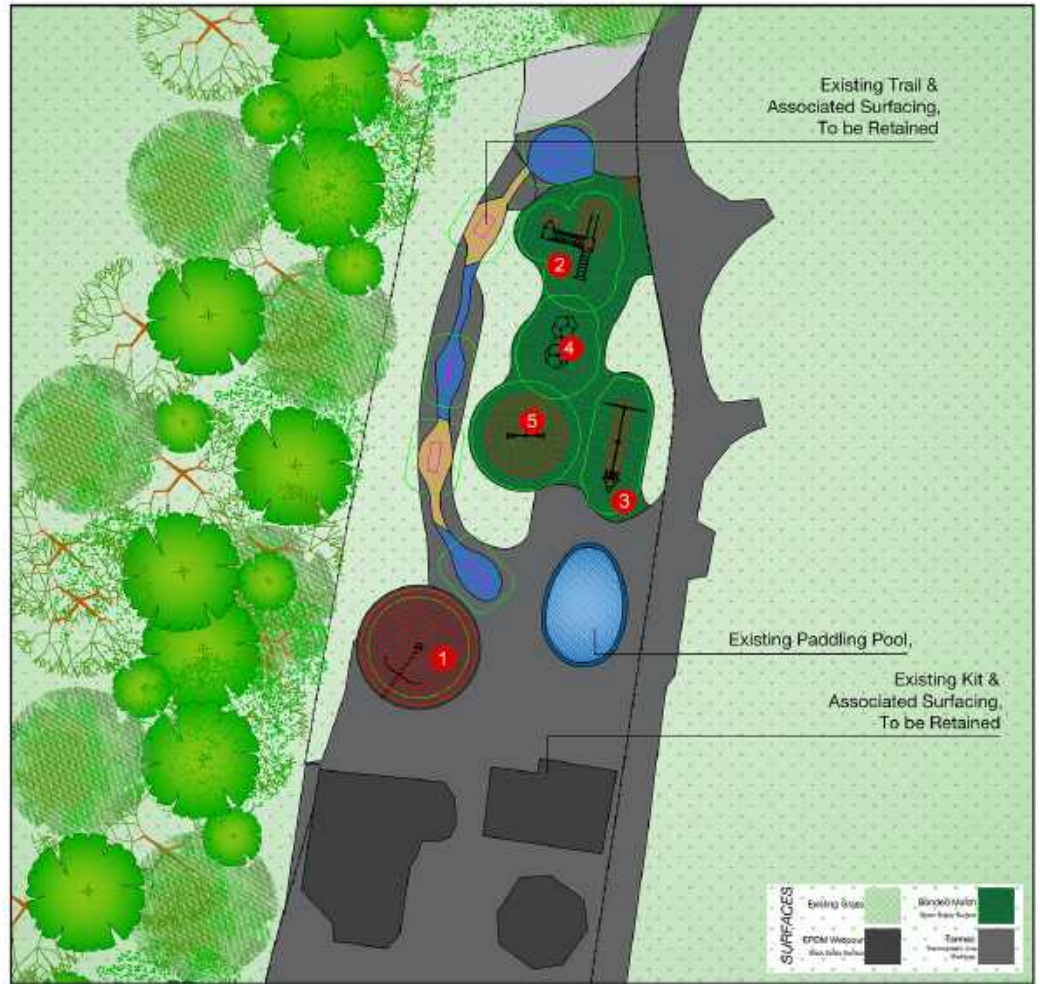
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4 BLOCK



5.0m Square



AGNES RILEY

## Young Clapham

CPP have recruited a new member of staff, Miriam Calis, to co-ordinate the activities of the Young Clapham Consortium. The Consortium brings together nine local youth organisations who deliver a wide range of activities in the Clapham area.



### Miriam introduces herself:

I moved to London when I was 18, 6 years ago, from Hastings, a small

town in East Sussex, to go to Goldsmiths University. I had always dreamed about living and working in London from a young age and I have always wanted to work in the charity sector.

Prior to my current role I worked as a Youth and Outreach worker at Knights Youth Centre and also as a Youth worker at St Margaret's hub in Streatham. I love my job and being able to work with a range of different people and organizations.

I am still learning every day and that is what makes this job so exciting. In this role, I'm hoping to use my skills to bring everyone together and to work for the common goal of helping the young people of Clapham.



There was a successful consultation (160 responses) on the proposed improvements to the playground in the park, replacing outworn equipment. This was carried out by the Friends of Agnes Riley Gardens in May both in the Park and on the Friends' website.

The Clapham Park Councillors also sought the views of students at Glenbrook school. Playground layout Option 3 (see above) was the selected choice.

The final layout of the play equipment may be subject to change due to the location on site of tree roots' protection areas and also utilities such as drains. We hope the work on the playground will start in early September and that the SplashPad (to which there was an overwhelmingly positive response) will be installed in October.

The Friends will work with Lambeth Council to ensure there is advanced notification of the works and that they cause the least possible disruption to users of the Park.

# Clapham Park Councillors



## Our pledges

- Championing the needs of our area, seeking new facilities, and making sure Metropolitan listen as the Clapham Park Estate is regenerated.
- Pushing for the Agnes Riley Gardens playground to be upgraded and for new play facilities around Clapham Park.
- Seeking new investment for our shopping parades to make them litter-free, clean, green and successful.
- Tackling speeding, rat running and pollution on our streets, and securing more bike parking for local residents.
- Campaigning for many more trees and pocket parks in our area and supporting community growing schemes.

We were delighted to be elected last year as the local councillors for Clapham Park area (see map). At the election, we made five pledges and we've already made progress.

In autumn, new play equipment and a splash pad will be installed in Agnes Riley Gardens. Residents have been consulted on the Brixton Hill Low Traffic Neighbourhood (LTN) that aims to reduce through-traffic in our area. We lobbied the Council about plans to fell 11 trees on Clarence Avenue late last year, alongside a community campaign and the trees were saved.

Since the election, the cost of living crisis has taken hold here in Clapham Park. We have heard from many residents about the challenges you are facing. If you need our help, you can contact us by email or phone, or visit our surgery which takes place on the first Saturday of every month (except August and January), 11-12pm, at **The Hub, 1 Mullins Place SW4 8EU**.

### Councillor Irfan Mohammed

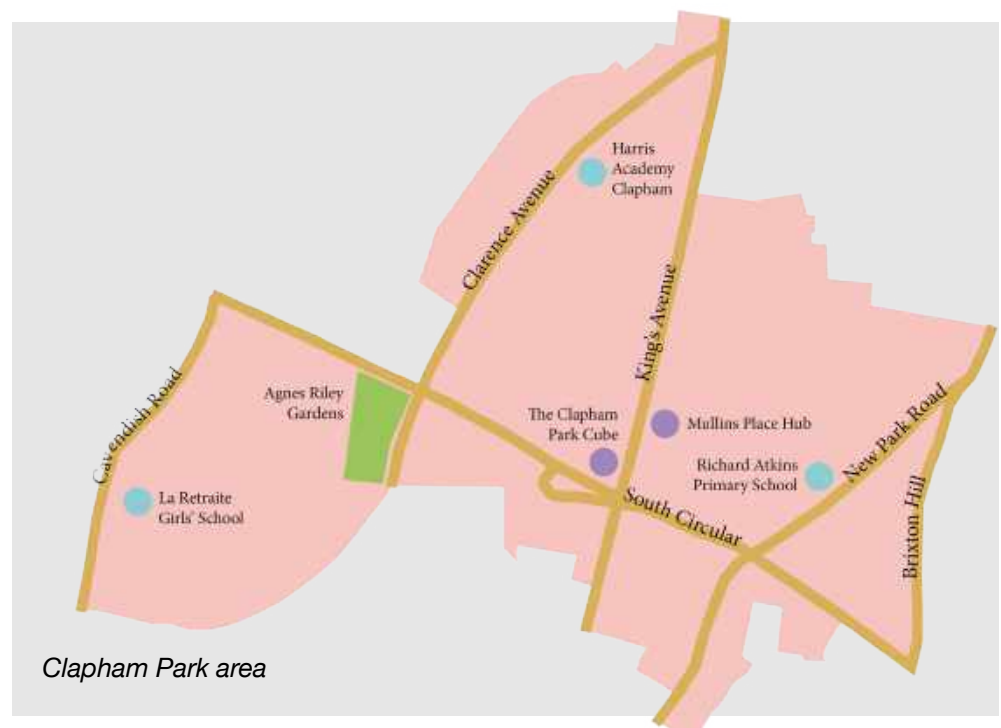
Irfan previously owned a small family business and understands the challenges local businesses face.  
imohammed@lambeth.gov.uk  
07542 943503

### Councillor Verity McGivern

Verity works in the charity sector campaigning for older people.  
vmcgivern@lambeth.gov.uk  
07842 034662

### Councillor Martin Tiedemann

Martin lives on New Park Road and is a Spanish speaker.  
mtiedemann@lambeth.gov.uk  
07842 034662



Clapham Park area

Look for @claphamparklab on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter

## Community chest

Clapham Park Project is pleased to announce that it has revised its Community Chest funding programme so that local residents who have a passion and commitment to develop community projects and activities can now apply for a grant of £1000.

The community chest continues to be very successful, and we encourage you to apply at [claphamparkproject.org.uk](http://claphamparkproject.org.uk). Here you will find an application form, funding criteria and guidance notes. Please read very carefully the CRITERIA and TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

Alternatively you can e-mail [pjoseph@claphampark.org.uk](mailto:pjoseph@claphampark.org.uk) for further information.



## Trustees wanted

Clapham Park Project is a local, resident led, community organisation working to improve the life chances of residents in Clapham Park and the surrounding neighbourhood. Our primary focus is on community development and empowerment; we also run projects and activities which support young people and the elderly.

We are currently looking to recruit new trustees to oversee and guide the organisation through its next phase of development. If you are passionate about your community and want to make a contribution, we would love to hear from you.

For more information, or an informal discussion, please e-mail Angus Johnson, Chief Executive [ajohnson@claphampark.org.uk](mailto:ajohnson@claphampark.org.uk). in the first instance.

## Learn to build/repair a bike for free

*Ages 8-16 years old*

*Saturdays 11am to 1pm and 2pm to 4pm*

*Venue: The Clapham Park Cube, 116 Kings Avenue SW4 8EP*

Children and young people are taught basic bike building and maintenance skills. Each participant will learn to build/repair their own bike or one of our second-hand ones which they can then take away. No costs are involved.

Hilary, a former participant told us that she enjoyed attending the sessions and meeting and playing with new friends at the sessions.

"I am using the bike to ride to school and in the park".

Call Ching Wah on 07958337305 or email [cwong@claphampark.org.uk](mailto:cwong@claphampark.org.uk)

## Save the Dates

### CLAPHAM PARK COMMUNITY FUN DAY

Saturday 5th August 2023 1pm TO 5pm  
See front page poster for details.

### CLAPHAM PARK WARD SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD PANEL MEETING

Thursday 26th October 2023 6:30pm – 8:30pm at the Clapham Park Cube, 116 Kings Avenue SW4 8EP. All welcome.

### TAI CHI CLASSES (FREE) 18+

Tuesdays 10am to 11am at the Clapham Park Cube, 116 Kings Avenue.

### OVER 50S COFFEE MORNING £2.00

Tuesdays 11am to 12:30pm at the Clapham Park Cube, 116 Kings Avenue.  
Meet your neighbours & make new friends over a cuppa & sandwiches.

### ESPORTS YOUTH CLUB SUMMER GAMING LEAGUE (FREE)

Thursdays 13th July -17th August 6:30pm – 8:30pm at the Clapham Park Cube, 116 Kings Avenue, SW4 8EP.  
Free pizza & weekly prizes.

### ST THOMAS & ST STEPHENS YOUTH NIGHTS – FREE ENTRY

Tuesdays at the Clapham Park Cube, 116 Kings Avenue. All welcome.

#### Younger Youth Night

School Years 6-8. 5:30pm – 6:45pm

#### Older Youth Nights

School Years 9-12. 7pm – 8:30pm

Table Tennis, football, pool, Nintendo Switch, arts & crafts and more!. It's a chance to make new friends and develop your gift. To attend, register at [stwss.org.uk/register](http://stwss.org.uk/register)

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**Booking essential.**

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