

ParkLife

Clapham Park Project Newsletter

Summer
2025



Clapham Park Project



Welcome to Park Life, CPP's quarterly newsletter

What a strange spring and summer we've been having, weather-wise. No April showers and lots of sun: very un-British! But I hope the sun stays with us for the annual Fun Day at Clapham Park on Saturday 19th July (all the details, including the new location, are on the poster on this page). Among other attractions, we'll see the return of the Brixton Chamber Orchestra. CPP, MHTV and the Regeneration Joint Venture staff have been working hard alongside volunteers to put everything in place for the day. CPP will be there with our usual stall. We'd love to see you there too.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you can read about interesting projects supported by our Community Chest fund, activities for over-50's and for children and young people and the news about what's been going on in our local park, Agnes Riley Gardens.

Hoping to see you on the afternoon of Saturday 19th July.

Diana Morris
Chair, Clapham Park Project

Community Fun Day

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CLAPHAM PARK FUN DAY

SATURDAY 19TH JULY 1PM-5PM

NEW LOCATION!

FIND US ON THE CRESCENT PARK, SET BACK FROM KINGS AVENUE, ALONGSIDE HEADLAM ROAD.

HOT FOOD

ARTS AND CRAFTS

SNAKES AND REPTILES

FACE PAINTING AND MORE!

STALLS

BRIXTON CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A CASH ONLY EVENT

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Pinnacle Group

Clapham Park

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Over 50's trip to the Garden Museum



We held our first for the Over 50s group to the Garden Museum on 1st April 2025 which was a great success and well received by attendees

The Garden Museum has funded a series of activities for the Over 50s group. As part of this partnership, the museum delivered workshop sessions where participants created flavoured bath salts and hand cream.



Agnes Riley Gardens

In April, the Friends of Agnes Riley Gardens (FOARG) held a successful Pond Planting Session. The pond has received some much-needed care, including structural improvements, a thorough clean, and new planting to enhance the space.

The charity Froglife has been working in partnership with FOARG and Lambeth Council as part of the Blue Chain project, aiming to improve biodiversity and support local wildlife in and around the pond. As part of this initiative, dedicated volunteer Pond Champions are helping to monitor the pond and take part in training sessions provided by Frog life.

If you're interested in getting involved, please visit:
agnesrileygardens.org.uk

Splash Pad



The Splash Pad at Agnes Riley Gardens opened at the end of May and is currently open at weekends. Over the summer holidays, from 23/7/25 to 1/9/25, it will open daily and then will revert to weekend opening from 6/9/25 to 22/9/25.

Please note that these opening dates are dependent on volunteer availability.

If you would like to help keep the Splash Pad operational, please express your interest via our 'contact us' on our website:
agnesrileygardens.org.uk.

Young Clapham Consortium update



URBAN DEBATERS EMPOWERS YOUNG VOICES

The Hebe Foundation, a Christian youth organisation established in 2007, supports young people aged 13-20 to discover and develop their talents.

From April 23rd to 25th, Urban Debaters brought together 21 Year 10 students from Lilian Baylis Technology School for a four-day programme focused on critical thinking, public speaking and leadership. In partnership with law graduates from

Eversheds Sutherland and hosted with Lilian Baylis in Lambeth, the programme culminated in a final showcase on April 30th at Alchemmy's Central London offices. Through interactive workshops, students tackled real-world issues such as pollution, drug education, and social media's impact on youth, building confidence to express their ideas clearly and convincingly.

Clapham Youth Centre's Junior Group is growing in strength, with more young people attending



each week. This term, the group includes its largest cohort yet preparing to transition from Primary to Secondary school. Thanks to the Consortium's support, these young people are building confidence and social skills to ease their move.

A recent highlight was an off-site evening at the local park, where the group enjoyed games and team-building in a relaxed setting. More engaging activities are planned, continuing to provide valuable support at this important stage.

Community Chest Projects



COMMUNITY CELEBRATION DAY

Mehret Hope is the Director of the Hope Centre that was established in 2010. On May 5th 2025, she held a celebration day to showcase all her work over the years and this event was very well attended. Mehret also received a Special Recognition Award from the High Sheriff of Greater London, for the support to the young and elders in the community, making a valuable contribution to the lives of many.

ADERITO'S FOOTBALL ACADEMY

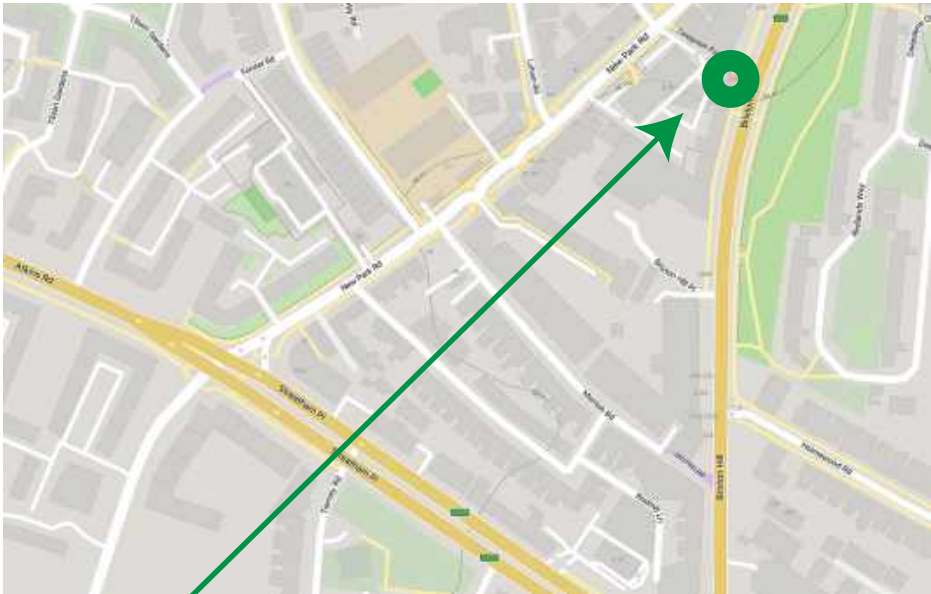
Aderito is an accomplished semi – professional football player, a very well qualified football coach, and runs regular sessions weekly (Saturdays) for young people in Clapham Park and Clapham Common. He has a very holistic approach to his young people, encouraging them to embrace the many benefits it has for mental health and well-being fitness, self confidence and self-esteem. (see photo)



To apply for funding of up to £1000, for your projects and activities, go to our website claphampark.org.uk.

There you will find application forms, criteria, etc. Or contact the Community Development Officer at pjoseph@claphampark.org.uk

We are on the move



Clapham Park Project will be leaving its Brixton Hill Place premises at the end of July. We are moving to a new office on Brixton Hill, our new address will be:

Clapham Park Project
Units 1 & 2
Alexander Dumas House
230-242 Brixton Hill
London, SW2 1HF.

Our landline will be: 020 8678 5900.
All our staff email addresses will remain the same.

Calling Clapham Park Residents – Get Involved in Your Community!

A group of local residents are coming together to form a new Clapham Park Tenants and Residents Association (TRA). This is your chance to have a say, help shape the future of our neighbourhood, and connect with others who care about our community. Whether you're interested in joining the committee, volunteering, or just staying informed, we'd love to hear from you.

Interested? Email Theresa at: Theresa.Agyeman@mtvh.co.uk

FREE - Learn how to build/repair a bike

Our Bikes Project empowers young people by teaching them valuable bicycle maintenance and repair skills. Through hands-on experience, each participant refurbishes and upgrades a donated bicycle—transforming it into a ride they can proudly call their own. Alongside technical skills, participants also receive guidance on safe cycling practices, promoting both independence and confidence on the road.

Age 8-18 years old
Saturday 11am to 1pm and 2 to 4pm
There are no costs involved except your time and commitment.

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

You can contact Angela Nelson for more details on 07831 418611 or email her at anelson@claphampark.org.uk

Venue: Clapham Park Project, 1-4 Brixton Hill Place, off Brixton Hill SW2 1HJ



Save the Dates

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 & fruit. OVER 50s ACTIVITIES (FREE) Tuesdays 1pm to 3pm (DROP IN) at the Clapham Park Cube, 116 Kings Avenue. Enjoy a variety of activities over a chat with a cuppa and snacks. <i>For more info, contact Angela Nelson 07831 418611 or anelson@claphampark.org.uk</i>	LEARN HOW TO REPAIR/ BUILD A BIKE (FREE) Children & Young People (8-18 years of age) Saturdays 11am to 1pm and 2pm to 4pm At 1-4 Brixton Hill Place, Off Brixton Hill SW2 1HJ <i>BOOKING ESSENTIAL. Call Angela Nelson on 07831 418611 or e-mail anelson@claphampark.org.uk</i> <i>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.</i> CLAPHAM PARK WARD SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD PANEL MEETING Thursday 17th July 2025 6.30pm to 8.30pm at the Clapham Park Cube, 116 Kings Avenue SW4 8EP. All welcome to discuss any concerns about crime and safety in our community
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