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### **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR CULTURE, CREATIVITY, CONNECTIVITY AND KEENLY PRICED HOMES THIS SOUTH LONDON SUBURB HAS TO BE ON YOUR SHORTLIST, SAYS ANDREA DEAN...





shopping super-mall have been shelved, Croydon has plenty of reasons to be positive. It's a leading hub for tech start-ups, has a burgeoning creative hub and is the London Borough of Culture in 2023. Properties are still relatively affordable, there's a great social scene and transport links are amongst the best in London – with trams, three stations and trains running down to the south coast via Gatwick and as far north as Bedford.

Try South Croydon or Park Hill for a family house on a quiet residential street, or check out the areas around East and West Croydon stations for a new or secondhand flat in the

#### WHAT'S NEW

This summer, Notting Hill Genesis will be launching one, two and three-bed shared ownership apartments at **Aspect Croydon**, a

ownership apartments at **Aspect Croydon**, a 26-storey tower with a concierge just five minutes' walk from East Croydon station. All have a private winter garden and many are dual aspect with floor to ceiling windows filling rooms with light. They start from E91,250 for a 25 per cent share of a full market value £365,000, nhgsales.com. **L&Q at Queen's Quarter**, also in East Croydon, consists of one, two and three-bed apartments for sale through shared ownership. It forms part of the wider Queen's Quarter masterplan, which, once complete, will deliver 513 homes alongside retail and commercial space. Featuring open-plan layouts and balconies, and use of communal Layouts and balconies, and use of communal outdoor spaces including a roof garden, homes start from £82,500 for 25 per cent of £330,000, lghomes.com.

At 21-storey Addiscombe Grove, Pocket Living is offering one-bedroom apartments to first-time buyers at a 20 per cent discount compared to local market nitries. Priority is

compared to local market prices. Priority is placed on creating a sense of community and there are three gardens and a variety of communal internal areas, including a workspace, lounge and wellness room, from £260,000, pocketliving.com. Two and three-bedroom shared ownership homes,



Well proportioned: 8 Croham Valley Road



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each with a balcony, are available from
Optivo Living at The Grove, which shares the
same building. Prices from £100,750 for 25
per cent of £403,000, optivosales.co.uk.
Redevelopment is underway next to West
Croydon station, where 108 apartments have
been unveiled London Square Croydon.
Spread over 20 storeys, the one, two and
three-bedroom homes will be ready next
year, and include flexible open-plan layouts,
WFH stations and private winter gardens,
plus access to rooftop gardens, a residents'
lounge and a concierge. They start at
£358,000, londonsquare.co.uk.
More one, two and three-bedroom high-rise
homes are on sale at Boulevard Point in the
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homes are on sale at Boulevard Point in the town centre, due to complete in September and starting from £355,000, through Foxtons, foxtons.co.uk. And there are 68 one and two-bedroom apartments available on floors 11-23 of Brick by Brick's Kindred House, located in the Old Town and incorporating a roof terrace, cycle storage and a new public square. They're from £340,000 with Help to Buy via Hamptons hamptons co.uk

Square. They let non-5-40,000 with help to Buy, via Hamptons, hamptons.co.uk. Moving to South Croydon, 8 Croham Valley Road features nine generously proportioned two and three-bedroom apartments, each with a private balcony or terrace, two bathrooms and tons of storage, from £435,00 and offering Help to Buy's from Fernham Homes for Nam-homes Co.uk. Fernham Homes, fernham-homes.co.uk

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heart of the action. 'There are so many new developments in the centre,' says Rezah Jaufuraully of Leaders estate Rezan Jauturaully of Leaders estate agents. They attract first-time buyers and investors, providing yields of five to seven per cent. One-bed resale homes typically start at £24(0,000 to £260,000 and three-bed houses are £400,000-£450,000.



Tall storevs: Addiscombe Grove



Masterplan: L&Q at Queen's Quarter

## **PROPERTY LADDER**

# FIRST RUNG

A brilliant buy if you're after a renovation project, this second-floor flat has two double bedrooms, a separate kitchen and living room and access to a communal garden. foxtons.co.uk



STEP UP This three-bedroom house is a short

walk from South

Croydon station and includes a through living/ dining room with a bay window and a lovely garden. leaders.co.uk



## TOP RUNG

East Croydon station and Boxpark are close to this four-bedroom detached house, which is arranged over three floors and has off-road parking for several cars.



#### VITAL STATISTICS

Average house price: £396,452

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Average rent: £1.480 pcm
Council tax (Band D): £1,965,66
Commuting time to Zone 1: from 16 mins
from East Croydon to Victoria
Annual Travelcard: £2.628
Amenities: ★★★☆ Lockdown hasn't
been kind to the dated Whitgift and
Centrale shopping centres which have an
uncertain future, however, there's plenty
more to Croydon than that. Surrey Street
market; street food, live music, screenings
and workshops at Boxpark; Fairfield Halls
is South London's largest arts centre,
hosting theatre, concerts, comedy and
dance; Croydon Clocktower arts &
museum complex; indie films at the David dance: Troydon Clocktower arts & museum complex; indie films at the David Lean Cinema; Matthews Yard is a community and cultural venue with a vegan café at events space; Restaurant Quarter in South Croydon
Open space: \*\*\*\* \times Lloyd Park; Park Hill Recreation Ground: Wandle Park
Schools: \*\*\*\* Above average GCSE results; virtually all state schools judged as outstanding or good by Ofsted:

as outstanding or good by Ofsted; Whitgift, Old Palace and Trinity are top independents; The BRIT School for

performing arts

Crime: Below average

Who lives there? First-time buyers and

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