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## Hive of Activity at Annual Fun Day

**On Saturday 12th August, Brunswick residents once again flocked to Gartside Gardens to enjoy the free day of fun for the whole family.**

There were lots of fun activities including bouncy castles, a rodeo bull, face painting and balloon modelling. There was also homemade food on offer, as well as the chance to pot your own plant to take home.

The event which takes place every August is organised by the Friends of Gartside Gardens and supported by S4B. Take a look at more pics of the day on pages six and seven.



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# Save for Christmas with your local Credit Union...

**You can save set weekly or monthly amounts, or just a pound or two every now and then, whatever you can afford, whenever you can afford it.**

South Manchester Credit Union visits Brunswick Parish Church, every Tuesday, between 10:00am and 12:00noon, and is available for everyone who lives or works in the area.

It's easy to apply and you can do so in person or online - the choice is yours.

**For more information**

**tel: 0161 448 0200**

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# From October 2017 Universal Credit comes into effect.

**Did you know... you need to be online to claim Universal Credit?**

**You can only apply online and you need a bank account, or you won't receive a penny.**

**Make sure you're prepared.**

Financial Inclusion Officer Yvette Brown holds her '**Money Matters**' drop-in session at the S4B housing office every Tuesday 10:00am - 1:00pm.

If you need any help or support with your Universal Credit claim, please just come along and speak to Yvette.

At the drop-in sessions you can also get help with other money matters such as:

- Energy efficiency
- Council tax claims
- Money management and debt advice
- Find out about joining the Credit Union

For more information tel: **0300 555 0128**,  
email: **info@s4bmanchester.co.uk**  
or call into the S4B housing office.



## Know your Councillors

### Drop in Advice Sessions and Surgeries



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# FIRE SAFETY

## High Rise Fire Safety Update

**Following the terrible fire at Grenfell Tower, S4B has been carrying out a full technical review of the fire safety measures in the four high rise blocks.**

The review includes not just materials but also the management, servicing and testing regimes in the building.

We are now in the process of carrying out additional fire stopping works to communal areas and some flats.

While this work is carried out, Fire Wardens are in place 24/7.

In terms of the 'cladding', we can confirm that the 'curtain walling' system is not the same as Grenfell's cladding.

Large fires of the type seen at Grenfell are extremely rare and our high rise buildings are designed to prevent fire spreading.

We have sent all High Rise residents information about their building's policy.

If you are unsure about what to do in the event of a fire please contact the S4B Housing Team.



## Safe & Well Visits

Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service is offering Safe and Well visits for anyone worried about their personal fire safety. Please call 0800 555 815 to arrange a visit.

### Five minutes with Bob...

We spoke to Robert Birtles, Station Manager at Greater Manchester Fire & Rescue Service about Fire safety in Brunswick.

#### Are the High Rise blocks safe?

Large fires at high rise blocks are very rare. S4B, the Fire Service, and the Government are doing everything they can to ensure the fire safety at your blocks now and in the future.

#### Has S4B been working with the Fire Service?

Yes, the team at S4B has been working closely with the Fire Service, and we will continue to do so.

#### What if the electronic doors/gates break when you arrive?

Closed gates or doors would never prevent us from accessing a building in the event of a fire.







## Welcome Sharon and Matthew...

**Matthew Bardsley** is the new **Income Management Team Leader**, responsible for income collection, financial inclusion and leasehold management, leading a team of three people. Matthew brings a wealth of experience having worked in the housing sector for many years.

If you would like to speak to Matthew or Sharon, please get in touch.

Tel: **0300 555 0128**, email **info@s4bmanchester.co.uk** or call into the S4B housing office.

**Sharon Thomas** is the new **Community Development Officer** who joined S4B at the end of August. Sharon will be working with resident groups, organisations, agencies and other members of the community.

**Don't forget!**  
**Next estate walkabout.**  
**Thurs 5th October.**  
**Everyone welcome.**  
**Meet outside Brunswick Church - 10am.**



## Celebrating the diversity of the vibrant Brunswick Community.

**Saturday 7th October at Brunswick Church - 5:00-8:00pm.**

Bring and share some of your traditional food and introduce each other to your culture.

- Lots of activities - craft and circus skills workshops.

- Live music.
- FREE - everyone welcome.

For more information contact Mo Blue at Brunswick Church **0161 273 6608**  
**office@brunswickchurch.org.uk**



# Gartside Gardens Annual Fun Day



**Here are some more pics from the Fun Day on Saturday 12th August.**

Resident and Chair of the Friends of Gartside Gardens, Craig Eastham said: "Our annual party event is a great way of bringing members of our wonderfully diverse and vibrant community together.

"The event is proving so popular year on year. It's fabulous to see so many smiles and happy faces and I'd like to thank everyone involved in making it another roaring success."

A gallery of the Fun Day can also be found on the S4B Manchester Facebook page.







# Memorial Peace Tree

The Fun day event was also a chance for local residents to get a first glimpse of the new Peace Tree in Gartside Gardens Park, which was planted during a special ceremony held on Saturday 29th July to commemorate those who were tragically killed or injured in the Manchester Arena bomb attack.

The tree, which was purchased with the help of Greater Manchester Police's #WeStandTogether campaign, sits alongside a wood carving of Manchester's iconic Worker Bee.



# SAFETY FIRST



School



**S4B have donated twenty traffic cones to Medlock Primary School, as part of the road safety campaign which starts again this autumn.**

Craig Nemeth, Project Director, said: "The existing cones are used on a daily basis and are getting very tired and worn, so we thought this was the perfect opportunity to replace them with new ones to help to continue road safety measures at the school."



## Decorating Materials Allowance

**If you lived in your property whilst it was being refurbished, you are entitled to decorating materials.**

All kitchens and bathrooms will be decorated as part of the works and in addition, materials (paint, paper etc) can be provided up to the following equivalent values:

**1, 2 and 3 bedroom properties - £230**

**4+ bedroom properties - £280**

If you have not yet claimed your decorating allowance, please get in touch.

Tel: **0300 555 0128**,

email: **info@s4bmanchester.co.uk**

or call into the housing office to speak to one of the team.



# Did you know, you can report a repair online?

**Visit the S4B website homepage. The easy to follow diagram allows you to identify exactly where and what the problem is.**

You can report the problem as soon as you know about it, no waiting for the office to open. You can even select your preferred appointment.

Or send an email to **[repairs@S4Bmanchester.co.uk](mailto:repairs@S4Bmanchester.co.uk)**.

The messages are actioned daily and you will receive your appointment by email.



## Start and Grow your own Business

**Have you ever thought that you have a great business idea, but you just don't know where to begin?**

Our Bright Idea Programme can offer you the support you need to help you take the plunge.

We will be holding a free information session soon. To register please get in touch.

Or, to find out more tel: **0300 555 0128**  
or send an email to **[info@s4bmanchester.co.uk](mailto:info@s4bmanchester.co.uk)**  
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# What's the latest...?

**Demolition** is progressing well with work at Stockport Road and Deanwater Close complete.

There is restricted parking on Wadeson Road and we are asking customers and visitors not to block access to the new build areas.

**Parking and vehicle access** is also restricted at Skerry Close for work to be carried out to build the new through road which will be ongoing for the next 20 weeks.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause, but the road closure is an essential part of the works programme.

To receive a more detailed update on all of the development work in the area, sign up for **In Brunswick**, our regular e-bulletin delivered direct to your inbox.

All you need to do is provide your current email address to **info@s4bmanchester.co.uk**.



## Due a gas safety check?

Don't forget, by law we must carry one out each year.

So, if yours is due, we'll be in touch to arrange an appointment.

Any queries, give us a call -

**0300 555 0128** or email **info@s4bmanchester.co.uk**.



## Have you checked your heating?

With the colder months around the corner, now would be a good time to turn on your heating and check everything is working properly, if you haven't checked it already.

If you experience any problems, please let us know -

**0300 555 0128**.

# Brunswick Gardening Competition

Thank you to everyone who entered this year's Brunswick gardening competition.

The 2017 green-fingered winners are:

**1st - Ms Danesh, Mawson Road**

**2nd - Mrs Cooney, Kincardine Rd**

**3rd - Miss Grant, Kincardine Rd**

If you would like to get growing and don't know where to start, why not join COMAS at one of their sessions?

For more information contact [info@comallsoc.co.uk](mailto:info@comallsoc.co.uk) or visit their website [www.comallsoc.co.uk](http://www.comallsoc.co.uk).



**Young Champs Sports work with S4B and MCR Games to get young people in Brunswick active and this summer has been another sporting success for the young people of Brunswick, with lots of regular faces coming back time and time again.**

The fun continues into the autumn with Saturday sports sessions between 1:00-3:00pm in Gartside Gardens Park, Brunswick.

To find out more about the Saturday sessions and the other sports activities in the pipeline, contact **Mike Edwards** on **07447 918 371**.







## We're moving soon...

In June 2016, construction started on the new multi-million pound Polygon development, and is now reaching the final stages of completion.

The site will be home to a new S4B housing office for the Brunswick community, 18 two-bedroom flats for rent and four retail units.

When complete, staff will move from the existing office on Bramwell Drive, which is due to be demolished early next year to make way for more new homes.

Our move date will be announced soon on the S4B website and social media pages.

For more information, please get in touch tel: 0300 555 0128 or email: [info@s4bmanchester.co.uk](mailto:info@s4bmanchester.co.uk)



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