



Brunswick

# NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS



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## New homes and shops for Brunswick

**S4B are pleased to announce work at the Polygon site started on Tuesday 7th June, seven months ahead of schedule, so residents will be seeing results much sooner than expected.**

The new building on Polygon Street and Stockport Road, will include 18 new two-bedroom council flats, a new S4B neighbourhood office and other retail facilities.

The new properties for rent on Westman Drive and Addison Close are now complete, and the residents

have moved in. The 15 new properties for rent on Grosvenor Street are due for completion in December this year.

The next batch of new properties for sale, including 12 facing the park, are due for completion this month, when we will welcome 27 new

households into the area.

The next phase of new roadworks will start in 2017, and we will soon be starting work on car parking areas and rear boundaries on Lockton Close and will be consulting with those residents shortly.

**And some more great news...work on Gartside Gardens is almost finished and the park will be ready for summer 2016.**



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## Don't risk losing your home

**Evictions are only ever a last resort.**

Regrettably, S4B has evicted three customers for rent arrears in April.

If you are struggling to pay your rent please get in touch – we are here to help and can make an arrangement with you to pay at an amount you can afford.

Don't risk losing your home.

## Leaseholders update

**In March, S4B and Manchester City Council carried out a review of major works charges.**

**As a result, some Leaseholders have seen a significant reduction in the charge they have to pay.**

Details of the outcome of the review and what it means for Leaseholders has now been issued.

If you are a leaseholder and not received your copy, please get in touch.

0300 555 0128 or email [info@s4bmanchester.co.uk](mailto:info@s4bmanchester.co.uk)

# The latest on refurbishment...

**Work on the high-rise blocks, Lamport Court and Silkin Court, are due to be finished this summer, with the remaining high-rise Artillery Court due for completion by the autumn.**

We will be holding special grand-reopening events, so keep an eye out for details.

Planning for the next round of reversal work and refurbishment phases are now underway and we will be speaking to residents affected in the coming months, to inform them on the next steps.

If you have any queries relating to any part of your refurbishment programme, boundary or reversal works, please give us a call on 0300 555 0128 or email [info@s4bmanchester.co.uk](mailto:info@s4bmanchester.co.uk)

We will be posting regular updates on the S4B website and the S4B Facebook & Twitter pages, so please take a look for more information.



*Artillery Court - one of the four high-rise blocks*

Trainee Customer Care Officer, Megan Holland, has been with the refurbishment team for six months and says she is thoroughly enjoying her role.

Megan is achieving and exceeding each goal set by the company and her tutor.

Well Done Megan!

*Trainee Customer Care Officer, Megan Holland*







# Want to grow your own?

**Sow the city, visited the Meanwhile Allotment at the S4B Housing office in April, to provide training and education on growing your own fruit and veg.**

Members of Chorlton-on-Medlock Allotment Society (COMAS), residents of Brunswick, and visitors from

other areas of Manchester came along to the session specifically aimed at people living in urban areas.

COMAS have also been busy helping Medlock Primary School to plant trees and bushes around the school and set up a bird box painting session for the children.

At the Meanwhile Allotment this year's crop is coming along nicely with both fruit and vegetables.

*Bird boxes painted by schoolchildren at Medlock Primary*

The greenhouse for residents at Elizabeth Yarwood Court is now complete, thanks to the help from Laing O'Rourke and S4B.

COMAS are also working on a project funded by First Transpennine Express green grants, to plant shrubs, bushes and plants around the area, that are especially beneficial to wildlife.

They will also be planting fruit producing bushes such as raspberry, gooseberry and elderflower for the residents to enjoy.

Interested in joining COMAS so you too can grow your own produce? Please email [COMAS.group@outlook.com](mailto:COMAS.group@outlook.com)



# The Well-being Café Launch



*Student Ayham with Craig, Chair of the Well-being Group*

**The Well-being Café based at Brunswick Church officially opened on Tuesday 17th May, all in support of National Vegetarian Week (16-22 May)**

To mark the occasion, a free vegetarian lunch was on offer as the church opened its doors for the residents of Brunswick to come along and sample the delicious food provided by S4B Scheme Manager Donna Shaw.

The lunch was repeated on Thursday 19th May, when catering students from Manchester College came along to showcase their skills and cook for the visitors. A live cookery demonstration was performed by student Ayham Alsahley, when he cooked up a delicious stir-fry for the spectators to sample.



Chair of the Well-being group, Craig Eastham, said “the event was a great success where people could meet new faces and try some new dishes – a brilliant start to the Well-being Café project and a great way to celebrate vegetarian week”

The Well-being café is open Tuesdays and Thursdays 11:30-13:30, with free use of laptops and Wi-Fi also available, with people on hand to offer help and advice. The café is free but donations are always welcome.

*Resident and his son*



**For more information please contact [brunswickwellbeing@outlook.com](mailto:brunswickwellbeing@outlook.com)**



**Learn for  
free with  
V.A.P.**



# Happy 40th EYC

**It's 40 years since Elizabeth Yarwood Court was built on the 17th April 1976, so to mark the occasion a party was organised by S4B.**



S4B Scheme Manager, Donna Shaw provided the catering - there was a DJ, complete with sing-a-long, karaoke and of course a birthday cake!

When it was constructed, the property was named after Dame Elizabeth Yarwood (nee Gaskell), born on 25 November 1900 and who died on 31 December 1989.

She served for over thirty-five years as a councillor with Manchester City Council, was Lord Mayor of Manchester (1967-68) and in 1969, was appointed DBE (Dame Commander of the British Empire) in recognition of her extensive community work.

Read the full story on the S4B website, with more pics from the party on the S4B Facebook page.

**Voices of Active Parents (VAP) formed in 2013 for local people to help them connect with children and their education.**

The group has now been developed into a wider community project and now host FREE weekly computer training classes at Elizabeth Yarwood Court.

Dianne said: "The courses are open to all local people to come along and get used to using modern technology, build their confidence and learn new skills.

"Everyone is welcome, no booking required and you can attend as many as you like. Please just come along".

The sessions are on:  
Thursdays 1:00-2:30pm and  
Fridays 10:00-1:30am.



# TENANT SATISFACTION SURVEY

**Thank you to everyone who completed the survey.**

Your opinions are really important to us and are helping us to develop your neighbourhood plan which will be distributed shortly.

**In January 2016, a survey was sent to all residents**

**Opportunities available for resident involvement in Brunswick**



**87.3%** Target 45%

**Services provided by S4B**



**81.2%** Target 70%

**Rent as value for money**



**68%** up 7% from 2015

**Quality of home**

**75%**



Same as 2015

**Listens to views and acts upon them**



**73%** up 4% from 2015

**Repairs and maintenance**

**73%**



up 4% from 2015

**All surveys were entered into a prize draw to win shopping vouchers**

**The winners are:**

1st - Mr Maio	Condor Walk
2nd - Ms Lowcock	Sefton Close
3rd - Mr Bannaga	Silkin Court

# Volunteers wanted for Street and Food Festival



**Brunswick Tenants and Residents Association (TARA) are holding their 2nd annual street and food festival and are looking for volunteers.**

So, if you would like to help out and be part of this

wonderful event, please email [info@s4bmanchester.co.uk](mailto:info@s4bmanchester.co.uk)

The festival is being held on Saturday 16th July, Hartfield Close (behind Brunswick Church) 12:00-4:00pm for residents of the Brunswick neighbourhood.

The bring-a-dish event was a huge success last year, giving residents the opportunity to meet their neighbours and sample delights and flavours from around the world.

And in addition this year, there will be car boot and table top sales, stalls, side shows and lots of activities for the young ones including, cage football, face and henna painting plus two bouncy castles, to name just a few.

Other attractions include a DJ, bingo, raffle, tombola and a set of stocks, so get your sponges at the ready and prepare to get wet!

For more information email [info@s4bmanchester.co.uk](mailto:info@s4bmanchester.co.uk)



## Cookery sessions are back!

**Due to start on Wednesday 13th July, and expected to run for eight weeks, the sessions will once again be hosted by S4B scheme manager Donna Shaw at Elizabeth Yarwood Court.**

Call 0300 555 0128 by no later than noon each Monday to confirm your Wednesday session, or email [info@s4bmanchester.co.uk](mailto:info@s4bmanchester.co.uk) – BOOKING ESSENTIAL.

Details of each meal will be released each week, please ask when booking.

Spaces are very limited, so book early to avoid disappointment.



# Hope is the Key

Hope is the Key was set up last year by resident Alishia Johnson and who host a range of activities and events from Elizabeth Yarwood Court, all for the benefit of the Brunswick community.

Alishia said: "We have afternoon tea and cake on a Thursday, day trips throughout the year and we even have a beauty salon who visit EYC on the first Friday of each month

– there really is something for everyone - all we ask in return is a small donation to allow us to keep the group running".

Keep an eye on the S4B Facebook page for details of all future events and activities.



## Know your councillors

### Drop in Advice Sessions and Surgeries



**Contact Tina Hewitson Tel: 0161 917 6129**  
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**Contact Mavis Smitheman Tel: 0161 683 5282**  
cllr.m.smitheman@manchester.gov.uk

Attended by the ward's three Councillors on a rota basis. *Every Monday at 6.00 pm (Excluding Bank Holidays).*

Ida Kinsey Centre, 17 Guide Post Road,  
Ardwick, Manchester M13 9HP

Town Hall contact number: 0161 234 3235

# OPEN DOORS

Get into Construction

**S4B once again hosted an open day in Brunswick to give an insight to working in the construction industry.**

Students of high school and college age, as well as school leavers and university graduates, were invited to the event on Thursday 16th June.

Alyssa Knowles, bid coordinator for Galliford Try Partnerships, said: "There are lots of different careers available in construction, which people may not even know about, and the event could hopefully spark a new career for them."

For more information please visit <http://opendoors.construction/careers-information/>

## S4B Community Warden Team

**Stefan Salmon, has been working with the S4B Community Warden Team for six months now.**

When asked what he enjoys most about his role he said: "I am very much a people person and enjoy being able to help them wherever I can – I feel I act as a role model for the younger people in the

neighbourhood and that is really rewarding and important to me.

"I also like the fact that no two days are the same. My job is so varied and I like that I get to work out and about as well as in the office".

Well done Stefan - it's good to have you on board!



**We're now on Facebook!**



**Follow us for all the latest events and information on what's happening in Brunswick.**

Simply log into Facebook and search for S4B Manchester.

**Medlock Primary School Summer Fayre**

**9th July  
2-4pm**

**Want to help or donate a prize?**

Please contact Mrs Parkinson or Ms Herbert on 0161 273 1830

# Half-term sports fun

The school holidays can sometimes be quite a challenge to keep schoolkids occupied, not to mention the expense of it all.

So once again, S4B jumped at the chance to team up with Ardwick Community Football Consortium CIC, to help to provide something fun and boredom beating for the kids.

And what better than football, badminton, cricket, basketball and other sports activities – and dodgeball turned out to be the favourite of them all – there was even free Pizza at half-time!

The activities were held on 1st, 2nd and 3rd June, and mainly aimed at girls and boys aged 10-15 years old, but the younger ones were welcome to come along with an adult.

Mike Edwards, of Manchester Young Community Champions, said: "It is always a pleasure to get involved with the community working with the young people from the area.

"The sessions were well attended and everyone who took part enjoyed the activities.

"It was great to hear the feedback at the end with them all wanting more

sessions, and it was a great way to run off that pizza!"

More events are being planned for the summer holidays, so please keep an eye out on the S4B Facebook page and website for details.

Also, why not check out the S4B Facebook page for more pics of the event.



## Zero tolerance parking fines

S4B worked in partnership with Greater Manchester Police and Medlock Primary School, to reinforce the message that it is illegal to park in front of the school at any time of day, to reduce danger to schoolchildren.

From Monday 25th April, zero tolerance came into effect - any vehicle found illegally parking in front of the school can now be issued with an 'on-the-spot' fine.

If you have any concerns or queries please contact the Police on 101.

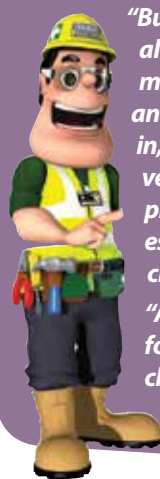


## Ivor Goodsite's safety warning

*"Building sites are all around us - there may even be one close to your house or school.*

*"But remember, although they may look exciting and fun to play in, they can be very dangerous places... especially for children.*

*"And don't forget! Never climb over fences".*





**FREE**



*This year  
back in  
the park!*

# Gartside Gardens **FUN DAY**

**Kincardine Road**  
**Saturday 13th August**  
**12-4pm**

**BIRDS  
OF  
PREY**

**BALLOON  
ART**

**RODEO  
BULL**

**FREE  
PLANT**

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more ...**

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