



Brunswick

NEIGHBOURHOOD
NEWS



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Two years in



S4B turned two years old in January and since its launch has already successfully delivered on a number of projects including:

Refurbished over 500 homes, with installations ranging from new bathrooms and kitchens to heating, windows and external doors.

Built 35 new properties for sale and 32 for rent, rising to 66 for sale and 68 for rent by the end of 2016.

Built a brand new multi-

use games area in Gartside Gardens and installed a new purpose-built play area for the under-10s at Glenbarry Close.

Rehomed 150 households, the majority of which chose to stay living in Brunswick.

Ensured Brunswick residents are over £109,000 better off thanks to financial advice.

And supported 157 people into work and other trainee roles.

S4B marked the occasion with a celebration event held at Medlock Primary School at the end of January.

In this edition you can read more about the other ongoing projects and plans for the next stages, or contact us to find out more.

View the full gallery of pictures on our Facebook page - log in and search for S4B Manchester.





Spring clean your finances

Every Tuesday between 10:00am-12:00noon, South Manchester Credit Union will be at Brunswick Parish Church, Brunswick Street, M13 9TY.

So why not come along, become a member and start making regular savings at an amount you can afford, no matter how small.

For more info visit:
www.smcreditunion.co.uk or call us on 0300 555 0128 and ask for Yvette.

Benefits are changing...

The Benefit Cap is reducing from April 2016. The 'work allowance' under Universal Credit is being reduced from April 2016

Housing Benefit can only be backdated up to a month from April 2016.

If you are going abroad, Housing Benefit and Pension Credit can only be paid for 4 weeks in your absence from April 2016.

Jobs Fair

Over 85 people came through the doors of Brunswick Church on 21st January, to visit the Jobs Fair.

As a result, fifteen people are now taking part in courses to get their CSCS card and those who registered an interest in the opportunities available will be contacted about jobs and apprenticeships.

For more info please get in touch 0300 555 0128 or check the S4B Facebook page for regular updates.

Keeping our youngsters internet safe

On Tuesday 9th Feb S4B supported International Safer Internet Day 2016, when organisations from across the globe came together to help promote the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for our children and young people.

if you are concerned about your children and internet safety please visit saferinternet.org.uk or give us a call, we are here to help.

If you will be affected by any of these changes, or think you may be affected, please get in touch with S4B and speak to our Financial Inclusion Officer, who can offer advice and support on

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



GOING GREEN

Groundwork's Green Doctors are experts who give homes a 'check-up'. They offer energy saving advice, install draught proofing and give you other things to keep you warm.

They can also help you to get the lowest price for your electricity and gas, and if you have a debt with an energy company, they can help you with this too.

The visit is completely

free. All you need to do is check you are eligible and get in touch!

Contact: Josh Steiner
 T: 0161 220 1009, E: greendoctor.msstt@groundwork.co.uk

Spring Clean!

Get your unwanted items at the ready for the S4B Community Spring Clean up event from 9-15 May.

Keep checking our Facebook page for the locations of the skips.

There will also be other events taking place such as bulb planting.

For more information contact us on 0300 555 0128.

Fly-tipping

Once again fly-tipping incidents in Brunswick are on the decrease, with reported incidents almost halved last year.

Reported incidents

Year one 2014 - 900

Year two 2015 - 575

A huge thanks to everyone who is helping to look after the neighbourhood and let's aim to see another improvement in 2016 and be #Proud of Brunswick.

Recycling and bin collection days

The collection day for Brunswick is Friday. The timetable for which bin is collected on what week can be viewed on the Manchester City Council website <http://www.manchester.gov.uk/bincollections> with full details of what you should put in which bin.

What should I put in which colour bin?



Blue bin
 Cardboard and paper such as magazines, newspapers, paper food and drink cartons.



Green bin
 Raw and cooked food waste such as meat, tea bags, bread, dairy products and eggs shells, cut flowers, leaves and weeds.



Brown bin
 Items such as glass bottles and jars, drinks cans and food tins, foil

Your black bin is for any other non-recyclable waste only.

CONCESSIONARY Gardening

...is available to tenants who are elderly or disabled and who have no close family to help them with garden maintenance.

A new application needs to be made each year - if you received it last year, you won't automatically get it this year.

Applications must be made no later than 31st March, for the service to start in April.

Forms are available from the S4B office, tel 0300 555 0128 or email info@s4bmanchester.co.uk

'Bloomin Lovely'

The Community Wardens and Chorlton on Medlock Allotment Society teamed up recently to start work on building new planters for Brunswick Street.

Plants have also been replenished and surviving ones from last year pruned to give them a new lease of life ready for the spring.

If you would like to get involved in making Brunswick 'blooming' beautiful, please get in touch to come along and help at other planting events.

Tel 0300 555 0128 or check out the S4B Facebook page for event updates.

Dog Fouling is an offence!

In Manchester, it is an offence for a person in control of a dog not to clean up immediately if the dog has fouled on public land.

Therefore, if you have a dog, or ever have a dog in your care, always carry bags when you take the dog out so you can clean up when it goes to the toilet!

Manchester City Council can issue an £80 fixed penalty notice to a dog walker who fails to pick up after their dog has fouled, and if taken to court a fine of up to £1000 can be issued.

If you see somebody who does not clean up after their dog you can report them on the Manchester City Council website via an online form.

https://secure.manchester.gov.uk/forms/form/160/dog_fouling_problem_form

The S4B Community wardens are also aware of the problem and are monitoring the situation, and will report any issues accordingly.



S4B ARE STILL OFFERING THE TOOL HIRE SCHEME.

If you are interested in hiring tools such as a lawn mower or spades etc then please get in touch.

The tools are delivered and picked up from your home free of charge - all you need is a £5 refundable deposit.

For full terms and conditions, please visit the S4B website or contact us on 0300 555 0128.

Monthly Estate Walkabout

On the first Thursday of each month, S4B invites Brunswick TARA and residents to come along on the monthly estate walkabout.

During the walkabout issues can be identified

such as fly-tipping, untidy gardens, broken fencing, street lighting and issues with pavements.

If you would like to come along, please meet outside Brunswick Church at 10:00am.

The next walkabout is Thursday 5th May, and check out our Facebook page for other dates.

For more info please contact us on 0300 555 0128.

S4B Tenancy visits will begin this spring.

A tenancy visit is an opportunity for us to make sure that your tenancy details are up to date and to ensure that you are able to access any services that may be of use to you.

During a visit we will:

- Visit you in your home and ask you to complete a short questionnaire
- Carry out a brief inspection of the property

- Ask you for two forms of identification: one that includes a photo of you and one that proves you live in the property such as a utility bill to ensure the property is not being sub-let

- Offer support and advice on claiming benefits and referrals to support agencies
- Give advice and support if you wish to move to a smaller home

When can I expect a visit?

We will write to you giving at least 10 working days notice.

If you would like more information about the tenancy audit visits, please contact us on 0300 555 0128 or email info@s4bmanchester.co.uk

This new group, co-ordinated by resident Craig Eastham, has been set up by members of the community to help keep the neighbourhood safe.



If you would like to join please email ourwatch@outlook.com

2nd Birthday Event

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Here are more pictures from the Birthday event on 27th January – take a look at our Facebook page to see more from the event.



Your local Councillors are

Contact
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0161 917 6129

Contact
Bernard Priest
cldr.b.priest@manchester.gov.uk
0161 740 8407

Contact
Mavis Smitheman
cldr.m.smitheman@manchester.gov.uk
0161 683 5282

Drop in Advice Sessions and Surgeries

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

27th January 2016

End of an era...

On 24th March, Brunswick Fish and Chips will close its doors as the site makes way for a new phase of development work in Brunswick.



Owner Dave Brooke, told us the story of how it all began.

He said: "In 1937 my Grandfather bought his first fish and chip shop, which my Grandmother continued to run throughout the war while my Grandfather volunteered for the Royal Navy.

"After the war, fish & chips was the only food available without rationing, and the shop continued until 1946 when the shop was sold and my Grandfather looked into other business ventures, but it wasn't long before he returned to the chip shop trade.

"My father took over the business in 1968 where my brother and I worked on Saturdays for pocket money. He transferred the business to what is now Brunswick

Fish & Chips, which my brother Mike took over ownership in 1976. Sadly my brother died later that year aged just 17.

"On 3rd September 1984 my Father bought Brunswick Fish and Chips where he traded for the next 14 years, when he allegedly 'retired' and I bought the shop, but he still continues to work here every day!

"Now, 79 years of frying tradition comes to an end and not without an extreme amount of sadness I shall batter the fish and fry the chips for the last time.

We asked Dave what's next for this brand new chapter in his life, he said: "I'm not too sure right now, but I intend to learn to ski

which is a lifetime desire, and then a whole new way of life begins for me.

"I want to say a huge thanks to my staff, whom without their dedication could not have succeeded this far and I would like to express my sincere thanks to all our customers past and present for their loyalty – best wishes to you all!"

A new retail centre and neighbourhood office will be located on Polygon Street near to the new health centre.

The new retail development includes plans for a new neighbourhood office, convenience store and other shops.

**If you would like more information please get in touch
tel S4B on 0300 555 0128 or email
info@s4bmanchester.co.uk**

See you in 2018

To date, 35 new properties have been built for sale, rising to 66 by summer 2016.

In July, Linden Homes will be moving off site due to a break in the building for sale programme, but will be back in 2018 to continue their work in Brunswick.

The sales and marketing suite, which is located on Plymouth View, will also close its doors this summer but will return in January 2018. **To stay up to date with upcoming phases or to request a brochure email: newbrunswick@lindenhomes.co.uk or go to www.lindenhomes.co.uk/newbrunswick**



New kits for football team thanks to


**Linden
HOMES**



Linden Homes are the new official sponsors of local football team East Central Falcons, who have played in the Tameside Sunday League for the past five years.

Manager and Brunswick resident Mike Edwards said: "The team are thrilled with the support from Linden Homes and we were very much in need of a new football kit so special thanks to them.

"The team is doing really well this season and are currently sitting in third place in the league table."

Elizabeth Yarwood Court is 40 years old!

and you are invited to come and join in the celebrations.

Thursday 21st April 2016

Kincardine Road M13 9TS.

2:00-5:00pm.

Tel: 0300 555 0128 or email info@s4bmanchester.co.uk for more info.



Everyone welcome. Food, cake and refreshments, fun for kids and prizes to be won.

What's on at Elizabeth Yarwood Court



Activity	Details	Day	Time	Cost
Keep warm this winter	The doors are open to all older residents of the Brunswick community. So please just come along and keep warm in the communal lounge. You can enjoy a warm drink, meet your friends and even make some new ones!	Every day Monday - Friday	8.30-6.00pm	Free
Breakfast time	Every Thursday morning everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy a cooked breakfast, for just a small charge.	Every Thursday	9:30-10:30am	Small charge
Tea and cake	Every Thursday afternoon, Hope is the Key and S4B host a tea and cake afternoon. Just come along and join in the fun.	Every Thursday	1:00-3:00pm	Free
Computer classes	Every Thursday afternoon and every Friday morning. Free Wi-Fi and access to computers to get you started and get online.	Thursday Friday	1:00-3:00pm 10:00-12:00noon	Free
Healthy eating sessions	Learn how to cook nutritious healthy food on a budget. Five week course running from 2nd to 30th March 2016 at Elizabeth Yarwood Court. Cooking demos and eat what you cook. Places will be limited - booking essential.	Wednesday	12:00-2:00pm	Free

for info on any of above please get in touch - tel 0300 555 0128 or email info@s4bmanchester.co.uk

What's the latest?



32 new build council homes for rent are now complete across five developments.

Part of the Gartside Gardens Park and play area are now open to the public and residents can walk down through the park and enjoy the spring flowers. We are continuing to liaise with the Council's leisure department regarding full handover of the park.

Additional street calming (speed bumps) are now in place on Hartfield Close. Unfortunately this work was delayed due to issues with the Sub-Contractor ceasing to trade.

And work continues on...

Grosvenor Street	Two properties are nearing completion, which are for social housing
Former school site - Addison Close	Seven homes in construction have been affected by the poor weather, so slightly behind schedule
Lockton Close/ Grosvenor Street	The site has now been cleared in preparation for the construction of 11 homes – further updates will be provided when available.
Grosvenor Street	Work on 15 homes will start in March and this will mean the closure of 30 car parking spaces on Grosvenor street. Alternative parking can be found on Kincardine Road. If you own a car and live in the high rise please contact S4B on 0300 555 0128

PLANNED ELECTRICITY SHUTDOWNS

Artillery Court

Thursday 7th April 9.00am - 6.00pm **Wednesday 4th May 10am - 2pm**



The next phase of the engineering project to upgrade the electricity supply to 62 properties at Artillery Court in Manchester is now underway.

The region's power network operator, Electricity North West, has started work to upgrade the power cables, which are more than 50 years old. This work has already been completed at Lockton Court and Silkin Court last year.

Residents at Artillery Court will receive a letter notifying them of the planned shutdown (including exact dates and times) around ten days before the work is

due to commence. Information will also be available on the resident notice board

For information on what to do during the shutdown, residents can refer to the advice section on the letters, or visit www.electricitynorthwest.co.uk/power-cuts/dealing-with-power-cuts.

If any residents are vulnerable or medically dependant on electricity, they can register to receive extra support by signing up to the Priority Services Register either by calling 0800 195 4141, or online at www.electricitynorthwest.co.uk/priority.

Free refreshments will be available in the Brunswick Church café during the shutdown times.

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Bringing energy to your door

Contact Electricity North West:

☎ Call 0800 195 4141

✉ Email enquiries@enwl.co.uk

🐦 Twitter@ElectricityNW

📘 Facebook ElectricityNorthWest

Look out for this year's Satisfaction survey results which will be published in the summer edition of the newsletter.

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