



ISSUE 16 - Winter 2017

Brunswick

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## Season's Greetings to All...

**Friday 8th December 2017**  
marked a very special occasion  
- the last Brunswick Christmas  
light switch-on at the current  
S4B housing office.

Medlock Primary school choir sang a selection of Christmas songs, and Father Christmas even took time out of his very busy schedule to come along to hand out treats.

Next year, S4B will have moved into new premises at the Polygon development on Stockport Road, opposite the O2 Apollo Theatre when a new location for the Christmas tree will be chosen.



More pics  
on the S4B  
Facebook page.

S4B office Christmas opening  
times on page 6.



# Worried about making ends meet during the Christmas Holidays?

It is important that your rent is paid.

Visit the S4B website :  
[s4bmanchester.co.uk/your-home-tenant-services/making-payments/](http://s4bmanchester.co.uk/your-home-tenant-services/making-payments/)  
to find out the different ways to pay your rent.

## If you have a clear rent account balance in December, you will have a rent free week (25th December).

If you want to discuss your rent account, or make an arrangement to clear any arrears, please get in touch.

If you're struggling to pay your rent or have other money worries, your financial inclusion officer Yvette Brown is here to help.

Yvette can help with - Benefits, utility grants, budgeting, debt support and other money matters.

T: 0300 555 0128,

E: [info@s4bmanchester.co.uk](mailto:info@s4bmanchester.co.uk)

or pop into the S4B housing office.



# Autumn Budget 2017

Here's a summary of some of the changes...



## Universal Credit - What's changing?

- From January 2018, people struggling financially can also get a full month's advance payment within five days of applying, which is paid back over 12 months in the form of an interest free loan.
- From February 2018, the current seven-day waiting period at the start of a new claim will be scrapped.
- From April 2018, anyone claiming universal credit for the first time who previously got housing benefit will continue to receive housing benefit for another two weeks after their application.

**The National Living Wage** is to rise by 4.4% to £7.83 an hour from next April - up from £7.50 for over 25s.

**The basic-rate income tax threshold** will rise to £11,850 in April next year, up from £11,500, while the higher rate threshold will rise to £46,350, up from £45,001.

**State Pension** will rise by 3% in April 2018 to £125.95 if you receive the basic state pension.

- People covered under the new state pension will see their pension increase from £159.55 per week to £164.35 a week.





# Doggy Delight!

**On Wednesday 1st November, S4B teamed up with the Dogs Trust to hold a free dog-chipping event for Brunswick residents and their four-legged friends.**

Local dog owners were invited to Brunswick Parish Church for the special drop-in session, which included free microchipping, a check your chip service, a basic health check and nail clipping, and advice on how to take care of your pet.

As well as protecting their pooch, attendees were also protecting themselves from a hefty fine. A new law introduced in April means owners of unchipped dogs could be charged up to £500.

For more information visit [www.dogstrust.org.uk/](http://www.dogstrust.org.uk/)



# Brunswick Bonanza

**On Tuesday 7th November, S4B teamed up with local community groups and partner organisations to bring you Brunswick Bonanza, a bumper sized day of information, advice and activities for all the family.**

Everything from arts and crafts, money advice, health advice and lifestyle checks, to job advice and training opportunities and much more. There was even a fashion show from a local designer. There really was something for everyone.

For more information about the events, or for details of any of the supports services available, contact S4B Community Development Officer, Sharon Thomas. T: **0300 555 0128** or E: [info@s4bmanchester.co.uk](mailto:info@s4bmanchester.co.uk)



Tai Chi display



Local designer's fashion show

# Road Safety Week

**In November it was National Road Safety Week (20-26th). In support of the campaign, S4B joined forces with Medlock Primary School to spread the word to help keep our community safe.**

On Monday and Tuesday we attended to help reinforce the message that it is **ILLEGAL** to park in front of the school at any time of the day, to reduce the dangers to schoolchildren.

On Wednesday there was a safety talk at the school assembly and on Thursday local PCSO's attended with S4B and teachers to further reinforce the safety message.

Zero tolerance to parking in front of the school came into effect from 25th April 2016 due to the constant problems of people parking illegally, causing a danger to pupils and pedestrians.



Medlock Primary School - Road safety poster competition winners



# The Looper Project is here!

**S4B is working in partnership with the University of Manchester to offer this unique programme to the Brunswick Community.**

Looper is a European initiative, involving communities from Brunswick, Brussels (Belgium) and Verona (Italy), and over the next two years S4B residents are invited to take part in a series of workshops and meetings to discuss what matters to them most about living here.

The first meeting took place in November and the next will be in the New Year, so if you would like to get involved, or would like more information, please get in touch with -

Community Development Officer, Sharon Thomas, T: **0300 555 0128**, E: [info@s4bmanchester.co.uk](mailto:info@s4bmanchester.co.uk) or call into the S4B office.







## Housing Office Christmas Opening Hours

### Open

Friday 22nd December - 9am-5pm

### Closed

Saturday 23rd December

Sunday 24th December (Christmas Eve)

Monday 25th December (Christmas Day)

Tuesday 26th December (Boxing Day)

### Open

Wednesday 27th December - 9am-5pm

Thursday 28th December - 9am-5pm

Friday 29th December - 9am-5pm

### Closed

Saturday 30th December

Sunday 31st December

Monday 1st January (New Year's Day)

### Re-Opens

Tuesday 2nd January - 9am-5pm

For any emergency repairs during this time, please call 0300 555 0128 (24 hours).

For any ASB or Domestic Violence Emergencies, please call 999/101 in the first instance.

## Brunswick's Big Light Switch On!

Friday 8th December



## Recycle it!

During the Christmas period there will be additional waste, so please make sure that you **recycle, recycle recycle!**

All paper and cardboard, including gift wrapping, can be put into your **blue bin**.

And don't forget, if you see anyone fly-tipping, you can report it and help to put a STOP to it.

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

Let's work together so we can look after where we live and be **#ProudoofBrunswick**

For details of your bin collection dates over the Christmas period visit: **www.manchester.gov.uk/bincollections**

## Stay Safe!

Here are some tips to help keep you safe this Christmas:

- Ensure that all your doors and windows are closed and locked
- Don't leave presents under the Christmas tree before the big day
- Don't leave any valuables or presents in your car
- Don't carry large amounts of cash or valuables
- Make sure you dispose of packaging from presents - don't advertise your new toys to everyone!



# Snap Happy!

We're on the lookout for the next budding David Bailey of Brunswick. So if photography is your thing then why not enter the S4B Instagram photo competition.

Simply send in a pic or two of your favourite shots of the neighbourhood, it could be people, buildings, flora and fauna, or events - simply anything Brunswick related.

Email your pics to - **info@s4bmanchester.co.uk** or bring them into the office, or, if you have your own Instagram page, please post them not forgetting to tag - **@s4bmanchester** and

include the hashtags **#BrunswickMcr** **#ProudoofBrunswick** along with plenty of your own.

There will be a 1st 2nd and 3rd prize for the best pictures.

The closing date for entries is - **February 14th 2018**, so get snapping and good luck!



Remember the three Ps - PEES, POOS and (toilet) PAPER only.



## Think before you flush!

Did you know that around 1,000 homes and 6,000 gardens are affected by flooding each year? That's just in the North West.

Millions of pounds are spent on cleaning drains and sewers right across the UK because of items that shouldn't be in them. Wet wipes, cotton wool, nappies, cotton buds and dental floss are just some of the culprits.

Things like wipes and nappies don't just disappear down the u-bend and dissolve -

they clump together and cause havoc in the sewers. We often see the misery caused to people when blocked sewers have caused their homes and gardens to flood.

Keep a waste bin in your bathroom and make sure that it is used for anything that is not meant to be flushed.

Visit the United Utilities website for more information: **www.unitedutilities.com**.

## Stay Warm and Well

Every day, throughout the colder months, Brunswick residents can come along to Elizabeth Yarwood Court to keep warm, have something to eat and drink and enjoy some good company.

S4B scheme manager, Donna Shaw, said: "With winter underway and the worrying rise of heating costs, it is sometimes so difficult to keep warm as well as eat.

"My doors are open every day for residents in the community to come along and avoid the worry of having to choose

between heating their home or having a warm meal.

"Plus, we have other activities throughout the week, so no two days are the same.

Please do come along and see what's on offer - the lounge is always heated and there is a real Brunswick community spirit feel".



For more information contact Donna on **0300 555 0128** or email **donna.shaw@s4bmanchester.co.uk**

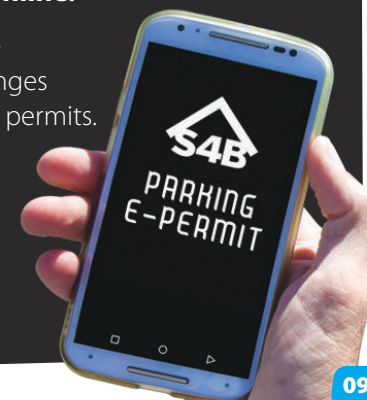
## Parking Reminder

From Monday 16th October, e-permits for parking in Brunswick replaced all paper ones. This change applies to the whole neighbourhood and applications for a new e-permit can only be made online.

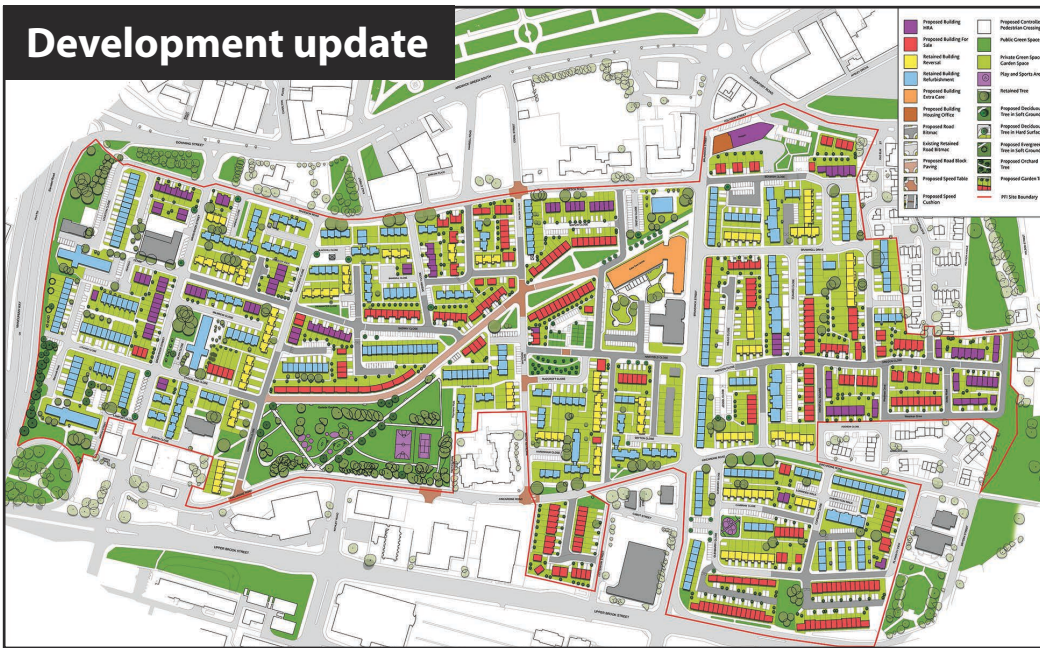
Residents affected will have received letters explaining the changes taking effect from the 16th October, how the changes will affect them, and what they need to do to update their permits.

To apply for an e-permit online, or for more information, please visit **www.manchester.gov.uk/ardwickparking**.

If you need help applying for your permit, please contact S4B on **0300 555 0128**, visit the S4B office or email **info@s4bmanchester.co.uk**.



## Development update



## Brunswick Masterplan Consultation Notice of Section 73 Planning Amendment

**On 27th November, we issued a letter to tell residents they will soon receive correspondence from Manchester City Council about planning changes to the original masterplan for the Brunswick area, which were approved in May 2013.**

We are not proposing any major re-design for the area, and are only making changes where they deliver improvements or where they are absolutely necessary to meet safety or design requirements.

### Where can I see the plans?

Since Monday 4th December 2017, the plans have been on display in the S4B housing office, along with a schedule of all of the changes. The plans are also available on the S4B website.

The plans will be available up until planning committee meeting in March 2018.

The office is open Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm and our staff will be on hand to answer any questions you may have.

### What are the changes?

1. Removal of some new build phases
2. Changes to Driveways and Parking
3. Changes to Boundary Treatments
4. Changes to Roads
5. Re positioning New Build Homes

Join us on Sat 13th January 2018 from 11:00am until 2:00pm at Medlock Primary School to find out more.

### What are the timescales for agreeing these changes?

Residents received a formal notice on Thursday 30th November 2017 and a notice was published in the Manchester Evening News. On 1st December 2017 the plans were submitted to Planning Committee for a decision to be made on 8th March 2018.

We will continue with our programme of works and will keep residents updated and informed as things progress.

If you are unable to come along to the office but do have any questions, please get in touch.

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# FIRE SAFETY

## High Rise Fire Safety Update

**Some additional fire stopping works are to be carried out in the high rise in 2018.**

We are looking at the best options for this work together with specialist fire engineers, so we can be absolutely sure we have the right and safest solution in place.

In the meantime, fire wardens who are currently on the high rise will remain.

We take your safety very seriously and Manchester City Council is looking to install sprinklers in all its high rise in order to maximise fire safety.

There will be a consultation with residents in each block before coming to a final conclusion.

For more information please get in touch.

T: **0300 555 0128**

E: [info@s4bmanchester.co.uk](mailto:info@s4bmanchester.co.uk)

or call into the S4B housing office to speak to a member of the team.



## Over Christmas...

**Most building work in Brunswick will now have ceased for the Christmas holidays, and will start up again in the New Year.**

To report any issues on the demolition sites, new build homes construction, sites, or unauthorised person(s) on a building site during the Christmas period, please tel: **0300 555 0128** 24-hour line (select option 1).

In an emergency, contact Archon mobile security patrol direct. Tel: **07903 916 044**.

### High-rise blocks and maisonettes

Issues at high-rise or maisonettes - 24-hour emergency service. Tel G4S: **07786 312 672**.

### Emergency repairs

Please continue to use the 24-hour contact number: Tel: **0300 555 0128** (select option 2).

### Smell gas?

If you smell gas or think there may be a gas leak (anytime). Contact National Grid immediately on **0800 111 999**.



# Satisfaction Survey 2018

In January, we will be delivering your Resident Satisfaction Survey Questionnaire. We will be asking about your experience of living in Brunswick and the service that S4B provides.

So keep an eye out for it landing on your doormat. Complete it and return it to us for the chance to win shopping vouchers.

You can also do this online: [www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/S4B2018](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/S4B2018)



**Don't forget - keep us up-to-date with your current email address to receive the latest information on all things Brunswick.**

**Seasons Greetings and Best Wishes for 2018 from all at S4B.**

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