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Brunswick

NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS



New road name for Brunswick gets the vote!

A new road being built in Brunswick is to be named Sylvia Pankhurst Way - as chosen by S4B residents.

A special ceremony was held on Wednesday 3 October, attended by guest of honour Sylvia Pankhurst's granddaughter, Helen Pankhurst,

Residents decided on Sylvia Pankhurst Way - named after the Manchester-born women's rights campaigner and artist, daughter of Emmeline Pankhurst and co-founder of the suffragette movement.

The name was chosen as the opening of the road coincides with the centenary of

the Representation of the People's Act, which gave women the right to vote for the first time in 1918.

The road is being built as part of the regeneration of the Brunswick area and will form the new boulevard running directly through the neighbourhood, just half a mile from the Pankhurst Centre where the suffragette movement began.

Full story on the S4B website and more photographs on the S4B Facebook page.

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Christmas messages





Brunswick Tenants and Residents Association (BTARA)

Election results of BTARA for 2018-19.

Officers:

Ray Nelson (Chair),
Craig Eastham (Secretary),
Martin Toal (Treasurer),
Martin Greenwood (Vice-Chair).

Committee members:

Ann Carroll, Debbie Ellison,
Kirsty Fletcher, Zoe Hopkins,
Mavis Jeggo, Dean Miller.

A special feature highlighting all of BTARA's achievements so far will be published on the S4B website soon...

BTARA meetings are the first Wednesday of every month - 7pm at Brunswick Parish Church. Everyone welcome.

Please recycle your old real Christmas trees

Please email Biffa to arrange to have your real tree collected in January 2019.

Email: christmas.tree.manchester@biffa.co.uk



Allotment News...

The Hartfield Close allotment allocation meeting was held in October with S4B and Chorlton on Medlock Allotment Society (COMAS), and a decision has now been made.

Customers who registered an interest in having a plot at the new allotment site and were successful have been contacted.

A launch event will be announced soon.

For more information contact Suzannah Clothier T: **0300 555 0128**
E: info@s4bmanchester.co.uk or call into the **S4B housing office.**



Housing Office Christmas Opening Hours

Open

Monday 24th December – Christmas Eve
– 9:00am-5:00pm

Closed

Tuesday 25th December – Christmas Day
Wednesday 26th December – Boxing Day

Open

Thursday 27th December –
9:00am – 5:00pm

Friday 28th December – 9:00am – 5:00pm

Closed

Saturday 29th December
Sunday 30th December

Open

Monday 31st December – New Year's Eve

Closed

Tuesday 1st January – New Year's Day

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.

Stay Safe!

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

- Bogus callers - Always check details of anyone calling at your home, ask for ID and if you have any concerns don't let them in to your home.
- Keep all your doors and windows 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 presents by leaving big boxes outside.

Recycle it!

Don't forget... **recycle, recycle recycle!**

Paper, cardboard and gift wrap goes in your blue bin.

If you see anyone fly-tipping, report it and help to put a STOP to it.

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

Your usual Friday bin collection will take place on -

Sunday 30th December and Saturday 5th January.

Collections will return to normal after the festive period (**Fridays**).

Skatepark ramps up donations

A crowdfunding drive by Projekts MCR skatepark was extended following a late flurry of donations, which included a contribution from Onward as part of S4B.

Onward joined a number of local organisations in contributing to the fund, donating £5,000.

The funds will be used to expand the skatepark's current ramp capacity allowing the Projekts team to work with up to 10,000 more of Manchester's children and young people each year.



The funding will also go towards the city's first skate café, community space and a spectator viewing platform, plus the creation of a youth engagement room and meeting space to provide classes, coaching and training.



16-18 and looking to get into work?

Training opportunities and courses available with Longsight Training Centre. Visit gceducationandskills.ac.uk for more information or get in touch.

T: 0161 225 4241 E: longsight@theskillsco.com

New boundary walls and fences...

...will be completed over the next few months as part of the regeneration of Brunswick.

Each fence is treated to British Standards and designed to last seven years so should not need to be painted within this time - if you want to paint your fence, you must ask S4B first.

Tenants can report fencing repairs to S4B:

T: 0300 555 0128

E: repairs@s4bmanchester.co.uk or call into the S4B housing office.

Demolition update

Demolition of the old S4B housing office on Brunswick Street is now complete, making way for new homes to be built.

The old shops on Brunswick Street will be demolished at the end of the year when all services have been disconnected. Work will start in the new year to build a 60-bedroom extra care development for older people.

Further updates will be published in your development update - In Brunswick.

We helped Andrew save over £200 and we can help you too...

S4B contacted all single households in Artillery Court to look at a way to reduce their water rates bill.

On average a metered bill is half the cost of standard charges. Most properties in high rise blocks are unable to have a meter fitted due to shared pipework, so can request that they go onto an assessed charge.

For a single person household the assessed charge would be £267.42.

Financial Inclusion Yvette Brown helped one of the residents, Andrew, save over £200 per year in a reduction in water rates.

If you are a single tenant in any of our high rise blocks and want to look at reducing your water rates bill, please contact your Financial Inclusion Officer, Yvette Brown -

T: 0300 555 0128,

E: info@s4bmanchester.co.uk

or call into the S4B housing office.



Brunswick

YOUTH CLUB



The Salvation Army,
Grosvenor Street.
4:30 - 6.30pm every Monday.



Brunswick Youth Club re-opened its doors on Monday 29th October.

With everything from indoor football, badminton and table tennis, to face painting, arts and crafts, seed planting and henna painting, there really is something for everyone...

There is also be a chill out area and free refreshments, plus lots more on offer.

For more information contact S4B community development officer, Sharon Thomas.

T: 0300 555 0128

or E: info@s4bmanchester.co.uk

Ages 8+



Brunswick Community Festive Ball

Friday 7th December 2018



Photographs from the day!



S4B will soon be Five!

S4B turns five on 6th January!

To celebrate our achievements so far and to mark this significant milestone, we will be running a series of events and activities throughout the year in 2019.

Details of upcoming events will be published on the S4B website, Facebook and Twitter pages, so keep a look out!



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**.

Is your home overcrowded by law?

To check if you are living in overcrowded conditions and find out what your options are, visit the **www.england.shelter.org.uk** website and search overcrowded under the housing advice section.

Tips to help you stay well this winter



Keeping seasonal coughs and colds at bay

Always seek advice from your pharmacist at the first sign of a cough or cold before it gets more serious.

Stay warm

It is also important to keep warm in winter - both inside and outdoors.

Keep your bedroom window closed on winter nights - breathing cold air can be bad for your health as it increases the risk of chest infections.

Stay active

Keep active when you're indoors. Try not to sit still for more than an hour or so.

Stay informed

Learn how to make your home more energy efficient, at www.gov.uk/phe/keep-warm.

Catch it. Bin it. Kill it!

Flu is very infectious and spread by germs from coughs and sneezes, which can live on hands and surfaces for 24 hours.

To reduce the risk of spreading flu:

- use tissues to trap germs when you cough or sneeze
- wash your hands often with warm water and soap
- bin used tissues as quickly as possible

For more information visit the NHS stay well website - **<https://www.nhs.uk/staywell/>**



FOODBANK COLLECTION POINT for The Trussell Trust, Manchester Central Foodbank.

If you have any items you wish to donate please bring them in.

For more information -

T: 0300 555 0128 E: info@s4bmanchester.co.uk
or call into the S4B housing office and speak to Yvette Brown

Food items such as:

- Cereal
- Soup
- Pasta/Rice
- Tinned tomatoes/pasta sauce
- Lentils, beans and pulses
- Tinned meat
- Tinned vegetables
- Tea/coffee
- Tinned fruit
- Biscuits
- UHT milk
- Fruit juice
- Long life juice
- Halal tinned meat
- Tinned fish
- Peanut butter

Non-food items such as:

- Toiletries
- Household items
- Feminine products
- Baby supplies

Brunswick Bonanza

On 13th November, S4B held its second resident information and activity event - Brunswick Bonanza.

A bumper sized information day for residents to access money, health and lifestyle advice, training and volunteering opportunities, recycling information and free IT - all this and a free lunch!

Special thanks to all of the community organisations who attended to showcase what they do and how residents in Brunswick can access their services.

For more information about the event or any of the services, contact Sharon Thomas T: **0300 555 0128** or E: **info@s4bmanchester.co.uk**



Urban Village

The University of Manchester and the Manchester Institute for Collaborative Research on Ageing (MICRA) are involved in a project that supports older residents to come together with the aim of creating a better quality of health, community life and local well-being for the over 50's.



The research is being conducted over two years, in two local neighbourhoods - one being Brunswick.

The University is working with people aged 50+ in each area to develop a British version of the Urban Village model that has already been introduced in the US and the Netherlands.

To get involved in one of the four projects running in Brunswick, or for more information, please contact S4B community development officer Sharon Thomas.

T: **0300 555 0128**.

E: info@s4bmanchester.co.uk or call into the S4B housing office.



The LOOPER project (Learning Loops in the Public Realm) is about learning together and trying out ways to make things better in the public areas of a neighbourhood.

Brunswick residents who have participated in the process to date have expressed concerns about the following issues: air quality; traffic volume and safety; improving community spaces; greening the neighbourhood; and feeling safe and secure.

During the next two years Brunswick residents and the University of Manchester will be working together to trial and test suggested improvements and projects.

For more information contact S4B Community Development Officer - Sharon Thomas.

T: **0300 555 0128** or

E: info@s4bmanchester.co.uk.



Fire Safety

important
PLEASE READ

Fire kills over 300 people per year in the UK.

How you can help prevent fires:

- Never smoke in bed and don't leave lit cigarettes unattended.
- Don't leave pans unattended, and turn appliances off when you're not using them.
- Make sure that your electrical appliances are in good working order, do not use them if there is any sign of damage.
- Do not overload sockets and unplug appliances before going to bed.
- Keep portable heaters clear and do not put wet clothes over them to dry.
- Never leave a burning candle unattended and extinguish before going out.
- Keep doors and communal areas clear at all time.
- Report any rubbish left in corridors and arrange for bulky items such as mattresses to be collected by the council.
- Limit storage on balconies and **do not** use BBQs or outdoor fire pits and chimeneas of any kind on balcony.

Complete your personal emergency evacuation plan (PEEP) with S4B if you live in a flat so we are fully aware of any residents requiring help in the event of a fire.

You can also get advice from us at S4B. T: **0300 555 0128**,
E: info@s4bmanchester.co.uk or call into the S4B housing office.

Know your Councillors

Drop in Advice Sessions and Surgeries



Tina Hewitson - Tel: 0161 917 6129. cllr.t.hewitson@manchester.gov.uk



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Mavis Smitheman - Tel: 0161 683 5282. cllr.m.smitheman@manchester.gov.uk

Satisfaction Survey 2019

In January, we will be delivering your annual 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

Bring your completed survey to the S4B housing office to receive a free water bottle or mug.



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

E: info@s4bmanchester.co.uk or call into the S4B housing office.

Seasons Greetings and Best Wishes for 2019 from all at S4B.

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