



*Sam Mackie-McCartan
with his poem*

All things bright and beautiful

On Thursday, (24, February), residents of Brunswick Village were invited along to a special unveiling to see their masterpieces now adorning the perimeter fencing of the Vistry building site and the last of the major construction works in the area.

Residents at Brunswick Village joined the on-site art group after moving in last year and have already produced a unique collection of their very own creations.

Everything from drawing, painting, crafts such as knitting and crochet and even poetry.

Sam Mackie-McCartan (pictured) said:
"I was very proud to see my poem displayed on the hoardings on Thursday.

My wife Ruth and I moved into Brunswick Village last April, after a very traumatic few months, and the words I wrote reflect the strong feeling of community that was apparent from the very start of our tenancy".

Read the poem in full on the S4B website.

And the classes are not just for residents at Brunswick Village, you too can join them.

For more information contact
Yvette.barlow.noone@ageukmanchester.org.uk.



SPRING has finally SPRUNG

The Great British Spring Clean, takes place in Brunswick on Wednesday, 6th April.

Everything from litter pick and skip days, to helping with that essential spring clean, recycling info events and much more.

Look out for details of how you can take part on our website and social media channels, or get in touch with us via email, info@s4bmanchester.co.uk telephone 0300 555 0128, or pop into the S4B housing office.



Don't forget to bring in your bin after refuse collection (Friday) and don't leave them obstructing pathways.



MORE TREES FOR BRUNSWICK

In February 2022, a further 44 trees were planted across Brunswick.

The total tree count is now 552 - 76.5% of overall planting commitment, with a further 170 trees left to plant.

Demand is very high for trees at present with long lead in times and we are experiencing some difficulties purchasing the tree species originally specified, however; we are working closely with our landscape architects and the nursery for suitable alternatives, which provide the same outputs in terms of biodiversity and carbon capture.

We are fully committed to fulfilling our promise to this project and we will continue to keep residents updated on future locations and choices as we progress the remaining tree planting throughout 2022.

And we welcome comments and suggestions on planting locations so please get in touch.

Email info@s4bmanchester.co.uk.



S4B Brunswick Community Projects Funding

IS BACK!

On 1st April 2022, the S4B community funding programme, HIGH-5 is back.

If you are part of an organisation or community group in Brunswick, you could be eligible to apply for funding (up to £500) to support your project (t's and c's apply).

For more information, an application form or details of the terms and conditions, please visit the S4B website.

You can also send an email to Social Investment Specialist, Sharon Thomas info@s4bmanchester.co.uk or call into the S4B Housing Office, 15 Brunswick St, M13 9SU.

You must meet certain criteria and funding is limited so please get in touch soon.

THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE 2022

In 2022, Her Majesty the Queen will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee after 70 years of service.

How will you be getting involved in celebrating Her Majesty's historic reign?

Why not share your pics on our Instagram, Facebook and/or Twitter pages - we'd love to see them. We'll collate them into a gallery to share with each other and remember the day for many years to come.



Join the Jubilee story on social media using #HM70 and/or #PlatinumJubilee.

Don't forget to tag us @S4Bmanchester and include #BrunswickMcr and/or #ProudofBrunswick.

For more information about any events happening in the area please get in touch with Social Investment Specialist, Sharon Thomas info@s4bmanchester.co.uk or give us a call on 0300 555 0128.

Brunswick Sports-tacular

A sports & activity based fun-day for all ages

featuring the Official Opening of Refurb Phase One at 1pm

Saturday April 2, 12-3pm
in and around Brunswick Church

- Circus skills
- Zumba
- Refurb Display
- Football Tournament
- Chair Exercise
- Circuit Taster Session
- Outdoor games
- Cultural Dance
- Table Tennis*
- Pilates*
- Yoga*
- Play equipment
- Bingo
- Bouncy Castles
- Chill area with free healthy food
- Local services information stands

And more.

For the latest timetable of events go to:

www.brunswickchurch.org.uk/sports-tacular2

or [brunswickchurchmcr](#) on Facebook.

INFO: 273 6608 / office@brunswickchurch.org.uk

Please Note: All children must be supervised by a responsible adult.



ADMISSION FREE!



*to be confirmed



Alison and Mo
with the Archbishop

On Thursday 10th March,

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby

visited Manchester Diocese.

After morning prayer at Christ Church, Brunswick, he took time to speak with the congregation to learn about some of the growth projects that are being delivered by the Church.

International Women's Day



In celebration of this special annual event, S4B once again worked in partnership with the ladies groups of Brunswick church to deliver two creative sessions.

Activities on the first day included cultural dancing, creative writing workshop hosted by Dynamic Engagement Project and a fabulous Caribbean lunch.

Sharon Thomas, Social Investment Specialist added: "We had a great time working together to deliver an informative and enjoyable day, S4B staff were on hand to answer queries on repairs and offer money and other advice".

This was followed on Saturday 12th March, by an Open Mic session delivered by the Women's Footprints group.

Mo Blue, Community Resource Manager said: "It brought out the creativity of the group and also gave a snippet into each other lives. It led to the reading of the poem created by the Women at the Open Mic event".

For information on future activities please get in touch.



ANNUAL RENT INCREASE

You will by now have received a letter from us outlining your new rent charges for 2022-23.

From April 2022, rent prices will increase by 4.1% in line with the Government Rent Standard which allows rent increases of Consumer Price Index (CPI) +1%.

The increase is vital for us to continue to manage and maintain homes and support the neighbourhood.

Our Financial Inclusion Specialist Yvette Brown is available if you have affordability concerns about your rent.

She can also help support with any other money or budgeting worries to both our tenants and leaseholders.

Email info@s4bmanchester.co.uk or call **0300 555 0128** and ask to speak to Yvette.



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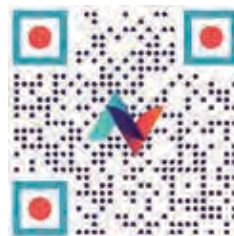
They provide savings accounts and loans to support local people.

They're not-for-profit and are dedicated to giving our community peace of mind.

How to open an account

Opening an account is quick and simple with their mobile message app called Nivo - it works like WhatsApp and will guide you through opening your account.

For more information:
www.smcreditunion.co.uk
0161 448 0200



ADVICE ON ENERGY COSTS

We know that life is getting more expensive at the moment and that it is putting pressure on personal and household budgets.

From April, the energy price cap is set to rise. The current advice is not to switch suppliers but if you're thinking of switching always check the options available beforehand. Remember exit fees may apply if you're within a contract and decide to switch.

You may be eligible for up to £140 off your electricity bill for winter 2021-2022 under the Warm Home Discount Scheme. Contact your supplier to find out if you're eligible.

If you're in arrears with fuel bills or unable to top up your pre-payment meter, your supplier may be able to assist with a one-off grant to help or issue an emergency hardship payment.

The Government has recently announced financial support to help with fuel bills and council tax, as well as further discretionary funding to support households who may not qualify for the council tax rebate.

This includes a £150 non-repayable council tax rebate for households in Council Tax bands A to D.

There may also be welfare assistance available if you need financial support, so please check the Manchester.gov website.

If you have any concerns about finances, contact our Financial Inclusion Specialist, Yvette Brown for free and confidential advice on email info@s4bmanchester.co.uk or call **0300 555 0128**.

NEED TO TALK?

Here are a few services to help you through difficult times:

- Be Well Service - finding a way to live and feel well **0161 470 7120**.
- Citizen's Advice Bureau (CAB) - free, confidential, impartial advice **03444 111 222**.
- Gateway M40 provide debt advice with full resolution and support with managing debt. They also offer welfare rights advocacy, food pantry support and fuel voucher support (subject to availability) www.gatewayM40.org **0161 202 3511**.
- Samaritans - call free, any time, from any phone - **116 123**.
- For confidential 24/7 crisis text support for times when you need immediate assistance, text **"SHOUT"** to **85258**.
- CALM is the Campaign Against Living Miserably, for people who are down or have hit a wall for any reason - call free and anonymous **0800 58 58 58** (daily, 5pm to midnight) or webchat with trained CALM staff www.thecalmzone.net.
- Free 24-hour National Domestic Violence Helpline **0808 2000 247**.
- Free Male Advice Line **0808 801 0327**.

If you're unsure on the help and support you need, please speak to one of the S4B team who can help guide you in the right direction. Send an email telling us what help you need help to info@s4bmanchester.co.uk or give us call on **0300 555 0128** (24/7). Help is available, so please get in touch.

PARKING, DRIVES AND PERMITS



As part of the Brunswick neighbourhood improvement programme, there have been alterations to the layout of the estate. These include the parking restrictions, speed limits, traffic calming features and one-way streets.

If you have a driveway on your home, we ask that you use this for parking and not park on the street whenever possible.

This will free up more space for those who do not have a driveway and any visitors.

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

the noise app

Unresolved noise nuisance problems with a neighbour? The noise app is here to help.

It's easy to use and you can report the issue from the comfort of your own home in total confidence.

Download the app to your iPhone or Android handset, then create your account and select ONWARD.

To report noise nuisance, tap the icon and make a 30-second recording of the noise, complete the form and press submit.

Your report will be sent directly to us at S4B and we will be in touch to advise how we are to proceed.



Moisture Produced in your Home

Everyday activities add extra moisture to the air inside our homes. Even our breathing adds some moisture (remember breathing on cold windows and mirrors to fog them up?).

To give you some idea as to how much extra water this could be in a day, here are a few examples, imagine the pints as milk bottles.

2 people at home for 16 hours

= 3 pints 

A bath or shower

= 2 pints 


Drying clothes indoors

= 9 pints 

Cooking and use of a kettle

= 6 pints 

Washing dishes

= 2 pints 

Bottled gas heater (8 hours use)

= 4 pints 

**Total Moisture added in one day
= 26 pints or 14.8 litres.**

The simplest way to help reduce condensation in your home is good ventilation, so open a window whenever possible to keep the air circulating especially while cooking for example.

IMPORTANT!



Resident property alterations

If you want to make any alterations to your property, you can only do so with prior permission of S4B.

Please get in touch if you would like to make any alterations to your home, such as:

- Laminate flooring
- Wi-fi controlled heating such as Nest or Hive
- External decorations or structures in garden

Email your request to:
info@s4bmanchester.co.uk.

Any consent will be provided in writing to residents.

Know your Councillors



Tina Hewitson - Tel: 0161 237 1805.
cllr.t.hewitson@manchester.gov.uk



Bernard Priest - Tel: 0161 740 8407.
cllr.b.priest@manchester.gov.uk



Amna Abdullatif - Tel: 07971 384 539.
cllr.amna.abdullatif@manchester.gov.uk



Think you have the best garden, hanging baskets or window box in Brunswick, no matter how large or small? Then why not enter our gardening competition.

The competition is open to all S4B tenants, leaseholders and owner occupiers of Brunswick and there's chance to win some great prizes.

The categories are:

- Best garden
- Best hanging basket
- Best container - window boxes, pots & tubs

(You can only enter one category).

Winners and runners up with receive a prize.

Closing date Friday 22nd July 2022.

For more information contact Sharon Thomas, Social Investment Specialist, info@s4bmanchester.co.uk

BACK 2 WORK COMPLETE TRAINING

LOOKING TO GET BACK TO WORK AND NEED A BIT OF HELP?

Back2Work Complete Training has been delivering employability programmes across the UK for 7 years and has trained and placed over **10,000 people with employers across the UK.**

Their online courses include

- Contact centre training
- Construction/CSCS course
- Digital technologies

IMPORTANT: Candidates must have access to a PC, Laptop or tablet, plus Internet access.

A smart phone will not support course content.

For more information, email faye.hornsby@b2wcompletetraining.com including the customers name, email address and a contact number.



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New Build Homes update

**New houses for sale in Manchester
New Brunswick | Linden Homes**

There are nine phases of development works/homes for sale which will be completed by the end of the year (2022).

This is the final stage of major building works in the Brunswick area, with homes being built on, Beamish Close, Oregon Close, Bramwell Close, Falcon Street, Abel Road, Kincardine Road, Copeman Close and Glenbarry Close and Plymouth View.

The developers, Vistry have highlighted they are experiencing some difficulties with obtaining certain building materials shortages which is impacting widely on the construction sector throughout, and there is some slowing of sales particularly on larger properties.

However, things are still moving and on target to be completed withing the specified timescales.

If you'd like to register your interest in purchasing one of the new homes, fill out the contact form on the website or give them a call 01615 160 647.



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Answer for a
chance to win -
£25 in shopping
vouchers.

Return completed entries to S4B housing office, 15 Brunswick Street, Manchester M13 9SU.

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