



S4B

Brunswick

NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS



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Summer Fun in the Sun!

The summer holidays were a hive of activity in Brunswick, including a street activities event with a cycle maintenance service provided by S4B which was a huge hit with residents who were invited to bring their bikes along for a safety check.

The Police were also on hand to offer cycle and scooter security stamping to add that bit of extra safety.

There were also daily sports activities in Gartside Gardens Park with Manchester Young Community Champions and even a ball for the over 50's at Brunswick Church.

August also saw the launch of the cycle library with bikes now available to rent free of charge. Just pop along to Brunswick Village any Tuesday or Thursday between 10:00am and 2:00pm to book your bike. (subject to availability).

It really has been a summer of fun with something for everyone.

Turn to pages 6 - 7 to see more pics of fun in the sun!



Rest in Peace
HRH QUEEN ELIZABETH II
1926 - 2022



Recruitment Open Day

S4B in partnership with Aspire Recruitment held an Open Day at the S4B Housing Office to promote the Building Attendant Opportunity at the University of Manchester to gauge interest from the local community to assess the types of jobs individuals would be interested in.

We are now looking at developing this into a regular session to diversify the partnerships and venues opportunities being promoted. Watch this space for further updates published on the website and social media channels.

Aspire - www.aspirerecruitment.org.uk
S4B - www.s4bmanchester.co.uk

NEW ACTIVITIES STARTING FROM SEPTEMBER AT BRUNSWICK CHURCH.

Mondays - Family Zumba
6:00-7:00pm - £3.00

Tuesdays - Floor Yoga
6:00-7:00pm - £3.00

Wednesdays - Circuit Training
6:00-7:00pm - £3.00

Thursdays - Chair Yoga
11:00am-12:00pm - £2.00



Remember - Working detectors save lives.



We recommend that you test smoke alarms/heat detectors on a **weekly basis** and **replace back-up batteries regularly** to keep them in the correct working order.



Tenants can get in touch with S4B if you are unable to do this yourself.

Send an email - info@s4bmanchester.co.uk,

Telephone - **0300 555 0128** or call into the housing office to request a visit.

And the award goes to..... Vistry Site Manager, Alex Carroll



Alex has been awarded the National House Building Council (NHBC) Pride in the Job Quality Award for his fantastic work at Brunswick in Manchester.

The competition covers England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland and the Isle of Man and includes house-building businesses of all sizes: small, medium and large, with a separate category for multi-storey construction.

Every site manager managing a site registered for NHBC Buildmark is automatically entered and they compete against each other at a regional level to win Quality Awards, Seals of Excellence and the overall Regional Awards in their categories.

Congratulations Alex for achieving the first Pride in The Job award for Vistry in the North West and we're wishing you the best of luck for the Regional NHBC Awards later this year.

SUMMER BALL

In June, a summer ball was held at Brunswick Church for the over 50's.

After canapes on arrival, over 80 attendees were treated to a three-course meal prepared by Cracking Good Food with young people from the local area on hand to serve the guests.

There was a live Swing Band for entertainment and resident DJ Rev Simon Gatenby who kept the dance floor filled throughout the night and a fun time was had by all.

The event was delivered in partnership with Brunswick Church, Positive Steps, S4B, Festival Manchester, Arawak Walton Housing Association & Forever Manchester.





The government will give every household £400 off their electricity bill, called the Energy Bills Support Scheme.

You don't need to do anything to get the money and you won't have to pay it back. You'll get the £400 in six instalments starting from October 2022.

You'll receive:

- £66 in October and November
- £67 in December, January, February and March

The discount will be paid monthly, even if you pay for your energy quarterly or use a payment card. How you get the discount will depend on how you pay for energy.

If you pay by direct debit, your supplier will either:

- reduce your direct debit amount
- refund the money to your bank account each month

Contact your supplier if you can't see the deduction on your bill or statement, or the refund in your bank account.

If you have a smart prepayment meter

The payment will be added directly to your smart meter in the first week of each month.

If you have a traditional prepayment meter

You'll get a voucher from your supplier by text message, email or post in the first week of each month. Your supplier will confirm how you'll get the voucher nearer the time.

You'll only be able to use your voucher for your own energy account and you'll need to take the voucher to your usual top-up point to use it.

If you pay by standard credit or payment card

Your supplier will add the discount as a credit to your account in the first week of each month. The credit will appear on your account in the same way as if you had made a payment.



BEWARE! Energy Scams are on the rise.

Scammers have different ways of getting hold of personal information or bank details. For example, by pretending to be a supplier offering a refund:

- be from Ofgem - asking for information so you can get the £400 energy rebate
- be a debt collector asking for money owed to a supplier that's gone bust
- offer green home improvement grants
- offer energy investment opportunities
- offer cheap prepayment meter top up keys or cards
- offer energy-saving devices

Always check if something is a scam. You can also contact the Citizens Advice Bureau scam advisers if you think something may be a scam or need advice about scams.

For more information, help or support in managing your money, please get in touch: email info@s4bmanchester.co.uk give us a call on **0300 555 0128** or call into the S4B housing office and ask to speak to one of the financial inclusion team.

It's going to be a tough winter and we're encouraging everyone to ask their older friends and family if they have checked they are receiving all they are entitled to.

The new helping hands page on the Manchester City Council website details all what you can and can't claim for when you reach pension age.

So many older people are missing out on vital income because they don't realise, they are eligible to claim for certain things. Around 7,500 Manchester residents could be getting on average an extra £78 per week in Pension Credit alone, and once receiving Pension Credit, you could also be eligible for help with housing costs, Council Tax reduction and a free TV licence if you're over 75, this includes homeowners.

Visit the Help for older people Manchester City Council website.

There's information on free NHS prescriptions and the free bus pass. You can also check whether you can get Carer's Allowance, Pension Credit, Housing Benefit and Attendance Allowance.

If you'd rather speak to someone, call Independent Age **0800 319 6789**.



What WE DID this SUMMER!



An **Active Street Games Event** took place on Tuesday 2 August. There was everything from swingball, connect 4, noughts and crosses, basketball hoop, soft tennis and giant Jenga. A delicious healthy lunch was provided by Brunswick Church along with a selection of sweet treats for everyone to enjoy.

The Police were on hand to offer security stamping on bikes and scooters and S4B provided a bicycle maintenance service where residents were invited to bring along their bikes for a safety check.

It was a very wet start but the clouds soon cleared and the sun came out and everyone left with a smile on their face.



August saw a month of multi-sports activities with Mike and his **MANCHESTER YOUNG COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS (MYCC)**.

Daily activities included football, basketball, tennis and softball. There was even an impromptu dance provided by two of the boys! (pictured).

Lunch was also provided each day.

For more information on future MYCC activities such as half-term and Saturday sessions, contact Director, Mike Edwards: Tel or WhatsApp on **07447918371**.

Send an email: info@youngchamps.co.uk or visit the MYCC website: www.youngchamps.co.uk.



A new **CYCLE LIBRARY** was launched in Brunswick on 2 August at the Active Streets Event. Customers can now borrow a bike for **FREE**.

Just pop along to **Brunswick Village, 50 Brunswick Street, M13 9PE** any Tuesday or Thursday between 10:00am and 2:00pm and see what's on offer subject to availability. (T's and c's).

For more information, please get in touch: info@s4bmanchester.co.uk or telephone **0161 676 8709**.





Celebrating Brunswick

As part of the S4B action plan following feedback received in the 2022 satisfaction survey, S4B have been taking the Customer Service reception team out into the neighbourhood by arranging a summer of community drop-in events.

We have made two stops already and planning on a third, so why not pop along and have a chat. We will be on hand to discuss any repairs work or neighbourhood concerns.

You don't have to just live in that part of the neighbourhood - everyone welcome, so please feel free to come along to discuss any repairs, tenancy or community issues you may have.

And we would love you to come by and have a chat about our new campaign, **Celebrating Brunswick**, when we will be showcasing the many changes that have taken place here in the neighbourhood.

Please drop by and share your memories or old photos to help us celebrate how things have progressed in Brunswick.

Look out for dates and times of the next drop-in locations which will be published here and on social media when they become available.

For more information please get in touch: info@s4bmanchester.co.uk or give us a call **0300 555 0128**.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

**Got a story to share?
Get in touch!**



Unfortunately there weren't enough entries to hold a Garden Competition this year, however a huge thank you to those who did contribute and they receive the prize money in each category as follows:

Front Garden -
12 Balsam Close

Hanging basket -
16 Ardeen Walk (pictured)

Containers -
39 Brunswick Street

Each will receive a £30 shopping voucher

THANK YOU FOR TAKING PRIDE IN BRUNSWICK.



Good Neighbours Proposal Update

Sharon Thomas is representing S4B on the Ardwick & Longsight Good Neighbours Group and will be actively getting involved in gathering feedback from our residents concerning the development of a Good Neighbours Group in Ardwick.

We propose to set up a system to provide appropriate support to local volunteers who are providing day-to-day help to isolated people in Ardwick & Longsight. This can be through befriending, transport (medical and shopping), advice or anything else that helps people remain connected to communities and services. These lifelines play a huge role in reducing social isolation, loneliness and helps keep people well.

The social impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic have included increased feelings

of loss and absence for many people, especially those already suffering from isolation. Lots of activities closed during lockdown and many haven't reopened. We are also an aging population - in less than 20 years' time 1 in 4 people will be over 65 so it's important to ensure that people remain socially connected.

In response to the pandemic Ardwick & Longsight Mutual Aid Group was created in March 2020. Now, a partnership of health, city council and voluntary sector workers are talking with local residents to find out about how the work can be continued to maintain the benefits and support to isolated people in the community.

To find out more contact Social Investment Specialist, Sharon Thomas
info@s4bmanchester.co.uk

WANT TO BE A REP FOR YOUR BLOCK?

If you live in a block, either high rise or maisonette and want to become one of our block reps, then we'd love to hear from you.

What would you have to do?

You would accompany S4B colleagues on the monthly block inspection to discuss and agree any issues that need to be actioned. Be part of the team and have your say in keeping Brunswick clean, tidy and the best it can be.

Interested or want to know more?

Contact us via email
info@s4bmanchester.co.uk
or give us a call - **0300 555 0128**.



THE GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK

The great big green week is the UK's biggest ever celebration of community action to tackle climate change and protect nature, and everyone's invited.

Help make the 24 September - 2 October 2022 the greatest, biggest, greenest week the UK has ever seen by joining an event in your community.

With the support of S4B, the Ardwick Climate Action Group held their first event.

Planting on Kale Street took place on 30th July.

Residents, Comas, Neighbourly Garden Projects, Manchester Museum, MCC and students from Manchester University. Cllr Amna and Social investment from S4B were all in attendance.

And a huge thanks to local firm Tyrewise who kindly gave access to the group so they could water the plants throughout the day.

SATURDAY 1ST OCTOBER

Come along and watch the film 2040 (PG rating) at Brunswick Church.

Doors open at 7.00pm - FREE admission.

Originally released in 2019, this is a film about a father concerned about his young daughter's future. Filmmaker Damon Gameau travels the world in search of new approaches and solutions to climate change. He meets with innovators and changemakers in many fields to draw on their expertise.

It comes with great reviews from watchers and is a film of hope and positive perspectives on what covers a difficult subject.

View the official trailer on YouTube.



SUNDAY, 2ND OCTOBER

There will be a community event to highlight air quality issues in inner city Manchester.

We want to look at options to regreen local parks, improve school entrances, litter pick, promote green travel and active lifestyles, and look to what is possible to stop climate change in Ardwick.

This is an event where you can get your hands dirty as there will be lots of planting opportunities and a community litter pick. Come and experience new ways of doing things (Cycles, scooters, exercise), and have your say on how we and the council can improve our existing green spaces.

9:30 am - 1:00 pm

Ardwick Green, Manchester, M13 9XE.

EVENT TYPE

- Family friendly
- Free event
- Outdoor event
- Wheelchair accessible

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The A6 between the event will be happening in and around closed A6 between Ardwick Green and Brunswick - including Kale Street, Ardwick Green Park and Coral Street

Contact COMAS for more information.

Email: info@comallsoc.co.uk

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WORD SEARCH

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- blackberries
- guy fawkes
- harvest
- leaves
- pumpkin
- parkin
- toffee apples
- fireworks
- bonfire
- broomstick
- chilly
- snug
- chestnuts
- halloween
- witches
- conkers
- ghosts



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

Winner of the Summer word search is Ms Mitchell, 15 Bramwell Drive.

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

Name:

Address:

Email: Phone number:

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