



ISSUE 40 - Winter 2023

Brunswick

# NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS



Merry Christmas from all at S4B



## Christmas has landed in Brunswick

**On Friday, 1st December, residents came together for the Christmas light switch on in Gartside Gardens.**

The weather was super chilly but all added to the ambience to mark the start of the festive season for 2023.

Christmas songs were playing and everyone had a good sing along. There were warming drinks such as hot chocolate and Vimto plus lots of seasonal treats.

Councillor Tina Hewitson came along to the event and said: "It was so good to see so many of the community coming together to mark this special occasion, despite the very cold weather.

It was a great way to get Christmas off to a flying start in Brunswick and lovely to see so many smiling faces. Well done to all involved".



L - R, Cllr Hewitson, S4B, MCC and BTARA

And on Saturday 16th December, Brunswick Jingle came to Brunswick Village. Turn to page two to see photos from the event.

Festive info on pages 6 and 7.



# Jingle ALL THE WAY



On Saturday, 16th December, Brunswick Jingle came to Brunswick Village.

It was an afternoon full of festive fun and games, all topped off with a special visit from the man himself, Santa!

Look out for more events being organised by Lightime CIC and BTARA in 2024.



## Lord Mayor visits Mid-Autumn Festival

**Hundreds flocked to Gartside Gardens to join in the celebrations for Brunswick's Mid-Autumn festival and night fair.**

Supported by S4B, the Lightime CIC team successfully delivered another magnificent event for the whole community and visitors to enjoy.

The Mid-Autumn festival, also known as the Moon Festival, is celebrated in Chinese culture. Lanterns are traditionally made as part of the event and symbolise lighting the path to prosperity and good fortune.

Members of the Brunswick community attended craft classes to make their own lanterns which were displayed around Gartside Gardens and

as night fell, the lanterns were lit to be seen in all their glory.

Activities on the night included cultural and artistic performances, unique delicacies, games, wish card writing and tattoo stickers, all topped off with a lucky draw and dazzling firework display. There was also a selection of stalls with budding traders selling their wares and handmade crafts and stalls selling authentic treats.

Read the [full story](#) on the S4B website with our [gallery of images](#).



# Brunswick Bonanza is back!

The event which took place on Monday, 20th November, 2023, at Brunswick Parish Church, was another bumper sized event with lots of information, hints and tips to help see you through the winter and beyond.

There was everything from cost of living and home energy advice to health and wellbeing and crafts, plus jobs, training and volunteering opportunities. All this and much more. There really was something for everyone.

There was even a spectacular Tai Chi demonstration by the lovely ladies from the Wai Yin Centre, very zen and very inspiring, a great way to keep both body and mind active. There was a delicious free lunch complete with cake and a free raffle with great prizes such as gift vouchers.

Support is available 365 days a year, not just for the event, so if you were unable to attend here are some useful contact details:

**S4B**  
[info@s4bmanchester.co.uk](mailto:info@s4bmanchester.co.uk)  
Rent, repairs and housing management support

**Feed My City**  
[www.feedmycity.org](http://www.feedmycity.org)  
Emergency food support

**Wai Yin Society**  
[www.waiyon.org.uk](http://www.waiyon.org.uk)  
Wellbeing centre and Tai Chi

**Biffa**  
[www.biffa.co.uk](http://www.biffa.co.uk)  
Recycling

**The Growth Company**  
[www.gcemployment.uk](http://www.gcemployment.uk)  
Employment and education support

**Women's Footprints Group**  
[office@brunswickchurch.org.uk](mailto:office@brunswickchurch.org.uk)  
Brunswick Church group

Following on from previous success, S4B once again teamed up with Brunswick Church and local agencies to bring you Brunswick Bonanza.



# DARKER NIGHTS Crime Prevention Advice

Now the darker nights are here, it's time to think about home security especially during the late afternoon and evenings. Although our area continues to be a safe place to live, most burglaries are carried out by thieves during the darker hours.

By taking some simple steps you can reduce this potential opportunity from happening to you:

- ✓ Keep windows and doors locked and secure at all times, whether you are in or out of your home.
- ✓ Keep valuables out of sight and out of reach of cap flaps, letterboxes, downstairs doors and windows, including car keys.
- ✓ Make your home look occupied when you are out - draw your curtains, leave a lamp on or leave a radio playing.
- ✓ If it will be dark before you get home, set your lights on timer and consider fitting a burglar alarm.
- ✓ A thorny hedge along the boundary of your property may put thieves off, as may a gravel path, as it's noisy to walk on.
- ✓ Keep gates, garages, sheds or outbuildings secure and ensure no tools are left outside.
- ✓ Make sure your house is visible from the street - keep shrubbery and hedges at the front of the house pruned.
- ✓ Be careful when opening the door to unexpected visitors - prior to opening the door use a peep hole, window or a Ring doorbell to see who is visiting and use a chain on the door.
- ✗ Never let anyone in your house unless it is someone you know and trust. Do not be tempted to deal with businesses who call at your door.
- ✗ Never leave a spare key outside of your house.

We encourage people to be a good neighbour and to contact the police if you see anyone acting suspiciously in your area on the below contact methods.

In an emergency always call **999**, non-emergency **101** or click the chat option on the main GMP website. Information about crime can also be shared anonymously via, the independent charity, Crimestoppers on **0800 555 111**.





# MERRY CHRISTMAS AND BEST WISHES FOR 2024.

**S4B continues to provide neighbourhood services and repairs over the festive period.**

## CLOSED

Monday 25th December - Christmas Day  
Tuesday 26th December - Boxing Day

## OPEN - 9:00AM-5:00PM

Wednesday 27th December  
Thursday 28th December  
Friday 29th December

## CLOSED

Monday 1st January - News Year's Day

**Business as usual from Tuesday 2nd January 2024 - open 9.00am-5.00pm**



## Repairs

For any **emergency repairs** during this time, please call **0300 555 0128**

(24-hours) Choose option 2.

## Emergencies

For any ASB or Domestic Violence Emergencies, please call **999/101** in the first instance or you can call us at S4B on **0300 555 0128** (24-hours).

## Recycle, Recycle, Recycle!

Don't forget to recycle! All paper, cardboard and gift wrap can go into your blue bin.

## RECYCLE YOUR TREE



**Did you know your real Christmas trees can be recycled?**

Manchester City Council will collect your old tree along with your green bin, so please leave them together outside by your bins and they will be collected in January 2024.

More information on the MCC website here:

[Bins and recycling at Christmas.](#)

## Useful numbers:



To report any issues on any construction areas during the Christmas period, please tel: **0300 555 0128** 24-hour line (select option 1).

Issues at high-rise or maisonettes - 24-hour emergency service. Bridgewater Security: **07921 215361**.

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

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

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**

It **cost** the council **£1.3m to clear up 14,000 fly-tipping incidents** in **Manchester last year.**

This money could have been spent on vital services.

**Get rid of items correctly**

**dumping rubbish is a crime**



**No fly Tipping. Recycle when possible. Make sure all litter goes in your bins.**

Arrange for up to three bulky items to be collected for free by Manchester City Council. Visit their website for more info.

## CHRISTMAS BIN COLLECTION DATES

Brunswick's Friday collections days will move to

**Sunday 31 December and Saturday 6 January.**

For more information visit the MCC website here:

[Bins and recycling at Christmas.](#)

**Having a Power Cut?**

**CALL 105**

## HELP AND SUPPORT FOR YOU THIS WINTER

If you've found that increases in food and energy bills mean you're really struggling financially, help is available. If you're having trouble paying your rent or have any other financial worries, don't ignore the issue.

Please contact the S4B Financial Inclusion Team straight away so we can see what we can do to help. Send an email [info@s4bmanchester.co.uk](mailto:info@s4bmanchester.co.uk) or call us on **0300 555 0128**.

We are here to help, so please get in touch. Or you can visit the [Money Matters](#) section of the S4B website. In this section you will find advice to support and help you with the cost-of-living situation:

- Managing energy costs
- Living costs support
- Help with Transport costs
- Health matters



There's also the Manchester City Council's [Helping Hands](#) website and their [Cost of Living Support Line](#) - just complete the short form and someone will be in touch, or telephone free on **0800 023 2692**, open Monday to Friday, 9.00am - 4.30pm.

You can also apply for up to £300 to help with emergency living costs. Contact S4B for an application form.

There is also [this booklet](#) developed by the NHS and MCC Keeping you warm and Well to help support you this winter.



**As part of a small pilot Manchester City Council (MCC) officers will be visiting some homes within the Brunswick PFI, to assess the overall condition of your home.**

MCC officers will carry the necessary identification and should they need to enter your property, please check their ID before doing so.

Do not allow anyone into your home unless you have first checked the identity of the person to avoid any risk of bogus callers.

**Want to join our editorial panel and influence future publications and communication with customers?**



If so, please get in touch. We'd love to hear from you. Meetings will be quarterly starting in the New Year and can be in person, or online, whatever suits you best.

Your input will help us adopt the best approach for future publications such as the newsletter.

For more information, please get in touch. Send a WhatsApp message to **07500 065 270**, email [info@s4bmanchester.co.uk](mailto:info@s4bmanchester.co.uk), or telephone **0300 555 0128**.

## How to get your parking permit



E-permits for parking in Brunswick have replaced all paper ones. This change applies to the whole neighbourhood and applications for a new e-permit can only be made by the resident. No-one can do this for you.

To apply for an e-permit online, or for more information, please visit [www.manchester.gov.uk/ardwickparking](http://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](mailto:info@s4bmanchester.co.uk).

## BRUNSWICK VILLAGE COMMUNITY SPACE IS AVAILABLE TO RENT.



Please complete a [booking form](#) and send it to [BrunswickCommunityRoom@outlook.com](mailto:BrunswickCommunityRoom@outlook.com)

If you would like to view the area first, please contact Sue Agar [Sue.Agar@ageukmanchester.org.uk](mailto:Sue.Agar@ageukmanchester.org.uk)

# MONTHLY ESTATE INSPECTION WALKABOUTS 2024

Why not join members of the S4B team on our monthly estate walkabouts and inspections of the neighbourhood and help keep Brunswick clean and tidy.

Here are the dates to add to your diary for 2024.

4th January	8th February
7th March	4th April
2nd May	6th June
4th July	1st August
5th September	3rd October
7th November	5th December

Walkabouts are scheduled for the 1st Thursday of each month and the meeting point is outside Brunswick Church at 10 am. If you're interested, then just come along, no need to book.

For more information, please get in touch. Send a WhatsApp message to **07500 065 270**, email **info@s4bmanchester.co.uk** or telephone **0300 555 0128**.

# RENT DROP-IN SESSIONS

Meet our Income Management Specialist, **Stuart Christian** who is on hand to help with any of your rent issues or queries.

Why not visit the S4B office every Monday between 1.00-4.00pm to discuss your rent.



No need to book, just come along. Stuart or one of the team will be available to help.

For more information or to speak to Stuart, please get in touch. Send a WhatsApp message to **07500 065 270**, email **info@s4bmanchester.co.uk** or telephone **0300 555 0128**.

## BRUNSWICK DEVELOPMENT



## AUTUMN 2023 SAW THE END OF DEVELOPMENT WORKS IN BRUNSWICK.

Over 500 newbuild homes for both sale and rent are now complete, along with 124 homes reversed. The first ten years also saw major road and infrastructure works.

The next stage of the 25-year programme will focus on planned programmed works and continued community development and social investment.



**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
From Your Councillors



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# Celebrating Brunswick

...THEN AND NOW!

## S4B will be ten years old on 6th January 2024.

Look out for a series of events and activities throughout the year to help us celebrate this momentous milestone together.

We're looking for residents to influence the activities. Want to join the project group then please get in touch. Whether you're born and bred in Brunswick or new to the area, we'd love you to hear from you - all ages welcome!

Contact Social Investment Specialist, Sharon Thomas, email [info@s4bmanchester.co.uk](mailto:info@s4bmanchester.co.uk), give us a call on **0300 555 0128** or call into the S4B housing office.



### DON'T FORGET

if you've changed your email address or mobile number, please get in touch to update our records

Arabic	0300 555 0128 للحصول على هذه المعلومات بلغتك الرجاء الاتصال برقم الهاتف
Bangla	এই তথ্যটি আপনার ভাষায় পেতে চাইলে দয়া করে টেলিফোন করুন 0300 555 0128 এই নম্বরে।
Chinese	如欲索取這資訊以閣下語言編制的副本請致電 0300 555 0128
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Somali	Si aad u hesho macluumaadkaani oo luqaddaada ku qoran fadlan wax0300 555 0128
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