



Brunswick

S4B

ISSUE 43 - Autumn 2024

NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS



## Summer Family Fun Day at Brunswick!

**Organised by Brunswick Tenants and Residents Association (BTARA), and with the help of S4B and other community group members, this year's Family Fun Day was another huge success.**

The event held at Brunswick Village Community space was a mixture of indoor and outdoor fun, including everything from arts and crafts, colouring and painting, jewellery making, face painting, swing ball, giant connect four, a bouncy castle, inflatable slide and bubble machine, along with refreshments to keep those hydration and energy levels up.

Chair of BTARA, Naz Begum said:

"A huge thank you to everyone who came together to support the event and make it the success it was. It was a real community effort, by the people, for the people of Brunswick.

"The event was bursting with fun and activity from start to finish, with everyone coming together in true community spirit. The smiling faces said it all and there really was something for everyone".

Take a look at the gallery of photos from the event [here](#).

You can read more about BTARA on pages 2 & 3.



### Annual General Meeting (AGM)

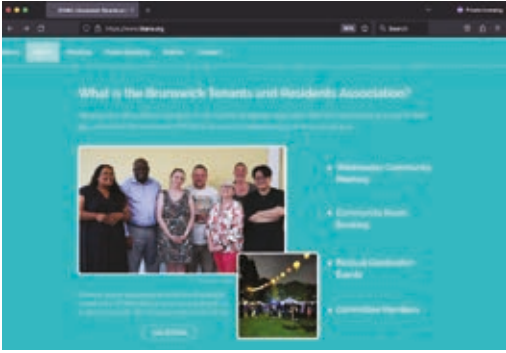
This year's AGM was held on Wednesday, 4th September in the community space, where the BTARA committee was joined by members of the community to vote on the panel members for the coming year and who should be chosen as Chairperson..

It was a great turn out with approximately 30 people in attendance including two local Councillors, Cllr. Abdullatif and Cllr. Muse.



Nazmina Begum (Naz) was voted back in as Chair and will lead the committee for the next year.

You too can join the committee. If you would like to know more or register your interest to join the panel, please get in touch with BTARA. Send an email to [btaraofficial@gmail.com](mailto:btaraofficial@gmail.com).



### Take a look at the all-new BTARA website here: [www.btara.org](http://www.btara.org)

Here you will find lots of useful information on who they are and their roles and responsibilities within the group and is kept up to date with the latest community events and activities coordinated by BTARA.

There is also a handy calendar for booking the Community space at Brunswick Village which is suitable for meetings, events and workshops. The space can host up to 50 people and comes complete with kitchen area to provide refreshments.

**Committee member Dymo Leung** has made a film about BTARA, who they are, what they do and their achievements throughout the year and plans for the future. View the BTARA [website](http://www.btara.org).



### Our very own star at Housing 24

Naz was asked to represent Brunswick at this years' Housing 24 event at Manchester central in June attended by visitors from all over the world.

Naz said: "It was a real honour to be asked to represent Brunswick at this year's Housing event, and I was delighted to accept. It was a real insight into what others are doing for customers and what help is out there, I took a lot away which will hopefully be of benefit to our residents here in Brunswick".

### BRUNSWICK VILLAGE COMMUNITY SPACE IS AVAILABLE TO RENT.

The venue is available for rental from 9:00am to 5:00pm with a maximum capacity of 50 people.

Onsite facilities include tables, chairs, a tea station, restrooms, and a TV equipped for computer connectivity.

To book or for more information, visit the BTARA website and search room booking.

[www.btara.org](http://www.btara.org)



## Brunswick Village Bistro

Brunswick Bistro is open daily for breakfast/brunch and lunch.

Menus include cooked breakfast, daily hot specials, sandwiches and cakes.

Open to the public. Access via the small door on Brunswick Street, M13 9PE

### COME AND JOIN US FOR SUNDAY DINNER

Sunday 20th October 2024  
12:00-13:30

Roast beef with yorkshire pudding  
mash potatoes & roast potatoes  
carrots  
green beans  
cabbage  
gravy

\*\*\*\*\*

Apple toffee crumble  
with custard or cream  
£8.99

Tel: 0161 676 8707 to book  
or speak to one of the Bistro staff



## FIRE SAFETY IN COMMUNAL AREAS

It is essential that communal areas and all access points are kept clear of any items that could prevent people from safely evacuating the building.

- Never leave any items in communal areas of your building
- Do not interfere with any fire doors, equipment or signage in the building
- Keep corridors, landings, foyers and stairways completely clear at all times
- Keep all meter and alarm panels accessible at all times

Any items or obstructions found in communal areas of your building will be removed.

If there is no immediate risk, or the item(s) might have value, we will give notice of our intention to remove the item(s).

Any item not claimed within 7 days of this notice will be disposed of permanently.

S4B will not be liable for any damage to the item during disposal

If you have any questions or concerns about fire safety, **0300 555 0128**.



## E-BIKES AND E-SCOOTERS: BATTERY SAFETY

Battery operated E-bikes and E-scooters are becoming increasingly popular, as part of a new generation of household products powered by Lithium-ion batteries.

Lithiumion batteries are responsible for a rising number of fires within homes. In the space of two years, the number of fires linked to this kind of technology has risen by more than 400%.

- ⚡ **2020: 40 fires reported**
- ⚡ **2021: 106 fires reported**
- ⚡ **2022: 203 fires reported**

It is essential that E-bikes, E-scooters and any other devices powered by Lithium-ion batteries are bought, stored, maintained, used and disposed of responsibly, to protect people and property.

View the full leaflet [here](#). Visit the GMFRS [website](#) for more information.

# Young TALENT

**The first ever Brunswick's Got Young Talent event was a roaring success, with young people from the area stepping up to show off their skills.**

The event held at Brunswick Village Community space, was organised by S4B Social Investment Specialist, Sharon Thomas and Manchester Young Community Champions Director, Mike Edwards, and attracted 14 entries including singing, dancing, gymnastics, DJ's and MC's.

There were three main prizes with winners each receiving a trophy, and everyone who entered received a goody bag containing loads of useful and fun back to school stuff, such as a pencil case, pens, pencils and felt tips plus a ruler, rubber, post-its and a mini-stapler.

Mike said: "It was a really wonderful event. Most acts were spontaneous and was a great effort from everyone. We had one of our young people on the panel judging and everyone went home with a smile on their face".

Here are some more photos in the gallery [here](#).



# S4B Another Summer of Fun in Brunswick

There was another three weeks of daily activities which ran from Monday 5th August to Friday 23rd August hosted by Mike and the Manchester Young Community Champions team.

Activities included, tennis, dodgeball, cricket and football and there was even the all - new game, manhunt which was a huge success. They were lucky with the weather with only one bad day when the group were taken bowling so the rest of the time everyone managed to get out in the fresh air.

There was also a trip to Old Trafford Cricket ground with We (heart) Mcr. The group were joined by parents and volunteers and were all given the chance to meet players at the club.

For more info on future activities and weekly sports sessions,  
Email: [info@youngchamps.co.uk](mailto:info@youngchamps.co.uk)  
Phone: 07447 918 371





# CELEBRATING BrunswICK Photography Competition

Here are the next round of winners in our 2024 photography competition.

Keep sending in your entries for the competition which is running throughout 2024 for your chance to win! The photographs can be anything you feel is a true representation of the BrunswICK neighbourhood: people; properties; green spaces; seasonal weather; flora and fauna etc. Whatever you like, the choice is yours!

The competition is open to all BrunswICK residents, including Leaseholders. There is no age limit. Terms and conditions apply.

Send your pictures via WhatsApp 07500 065 270, email to [info@s4bmanchester.co.uk](mailto:info@s4bmanchester.co.uk), or bring them into the S4B housing office. For more information please give us a call on 0300 555 0128.

Happy snapping!

JUNE



JULY



AUGUST



## Join us for our Customer Film and Showcase Free Event

Thursday, 24th October 2024

More details and film booking links here

Celebrating BrunswICK Cinema and Showcase Event | S4B Manchester

**S4B 70 Years** Celebrating BrunswICK 10th Anniversary

### Customer Film and Showcase Free Event

Thursday, 24th October 2024  
Showcase Event from 3.00pm  
Community Space, BrunswICK Village, M13 9PE

SHOWCASE DISPLAY EVENT - JUST COME ALONG!  
PLUS CINEMA STYLE FILM SHOWING (BOOKING REQUIRED)  
COMPLETE WITH TREATS AND ICE CREAM!

TWO FILM SHOWINGS AVAILABLE:  
3.30PM AND 5.30PM  
(Booking Required)

For more information - WhatsApp: 07500 065 270  
Email: [info@s4bmanchester.co.uk](mailto:info@s4bmanchester.co.uk) Telephone: 0300 555 0128



## Are you missing out on Pension Credit?

**The Government has recently announced that Winter Fuel Payments will only be available to those receiving certain benefits, one of which is Pension Credit.**

1 in 4 pensioners who are entitled to Pension Credit are missing out, so there is no better time to check if you are entitled.

You may still be eligible if you have savings or receive Disability Benefits in addition to your State Retirement Pension.

Contact our Money Advice Team for a full Benefit check and if you are eligible, we can support you in making a claim.



Department for Work & Pensions



## MANAGED MIGRATION CONTINUES...

**In our last newsletter we talked about the migration from 'old style' benefits to Universal Credit.**

It's important to remember that you must make a claim for Universal Credit by the deadline date on your migration letter, or your benefits will stop.

Contact the S4B Money Advice team if you have any questions or need help in making your claim.

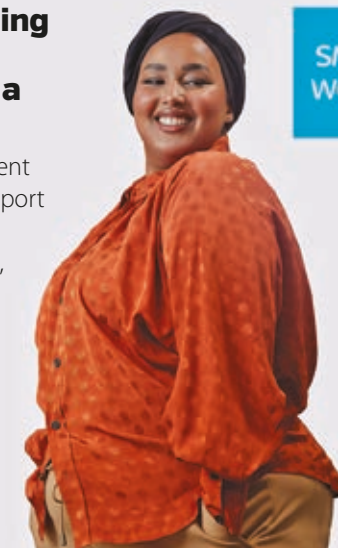
Send a WhatsApp to **07500 065 270** or email [info@s4bmanchester.co.uk](mailto:info@s4bmanchester.co.uk),

**Smart Works is a dressing and coaching service designed to help our women be the best version of themselves at a crucial moment in their lives.**

S4B is proud to announce that we are now a referral agent for Smart Works. So if you feel you need some extra support to access an outfit for interview or would like some one-to-one coaching sessions to prepare for interviews, please get in touch.

Contact Social Investment Specialist, Sharon Thomas via WhatsApp on **07500 065 270**, email [info@s4bmanchester.co.uk](mailto:info@s4bmanchester.co.uk), call into the **S4B housing office** or give us a call on **0300 555 0128**.

Find more information on Smart Works [here](#).



SMART WORKS



**PLEASE STOP FLUSHING WET WIPES DOWN THE TOILET**



**Wet wipes cause the drains to block and will lead to them backing up and flooding.**

Please place all wet wipes in the bin not the toilet. This includes ALL wipes: baby wipes, cosmetic face wipes plus floor and surface wipes.

Products like wipes and nappies don't just disappear down the u-bend and dissolve - they clump together and cause havoc in the sewers.

All-too-often we see the misery caused to people when blocked sewers have caused their homes and gardens to flood.

Please help prevent this from happening. Your co-operation is appreciated.

**SOME CUSTOMERS ARE STILL TRYING TO FLUSH BANNED ITEMS DOWN THE TOILET. PLEASE STOP, AS IT IS CAUSING UNNECESSARY BLOCKAGES IN THE SYSTEM.**

**REMEMBER the three PPP's: Pees, Poo and Paper ONLY.**

NO nappies or wet/baby wipes to be flushed down the toilet. They must be disposed of in a bin.

**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](mailto:info@s4bmanchester.co.uk)

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



**Due a Gas Safety check?**

A gas safety check must be carried out by law every twelve months.

If you have received a reminder from us, please get in touch to arrange an appointment.

Send a WhatsApp message to **07500 065 270** or email [info@s4bmanchester.co.uk](mailto:info@s4bmanchester.co.uk).

**IS YOUR HOME WINTER READY?**



With the colder months fast approaching, now is a good time to check your home to see everything is in working order.

If anything appears to be faulty, then please get in touch to arrange a repair.

**Tel: 0300 555 0128 or email: [repairs@s4bmanchester.co.uk](mailto:repairs@s4bmanchester.co.uk)**

**CHECK YOUR HEATING!**



Now is a good time to check your central heating is in good working order.

If you have any problems, you can report the repair online at [www.s4bmanchester.co.uk](http://www.s4bmanchester.co.uk)

or you can send a WhatsApp to **07500 065 270**

or email [repairs@s4bmanchester.co.uk](mailto:repairs@s4bmanchester.co.uk)

and we will arrange for an engineer to visit.



**Damp and mould**

If you spot any damp or mould in your home it's important to let us know as soon as you can.

Take a look at our website for advice on spotting damp and mould and reporting it to us.

**Search damp, mould and condensation on the S4B website for further information.**



**I.D. Check**

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.

This includes checking the ID of any of our operatives as they may be bogus.

If you are unsure who they are or they cannot provide their ID badge, please call us straight away. **0300 555 0128.**



# TSM Survey 2024

Keep a look out for this years'  
Tenant Satisfaction Measures (TSM)  
survey landing in your mailbox.



The survey can be  
completed online  
or via a paper copy  
delivered to all  
households to be  
returned to S4B by  
1st December 2024.



[www.surveymonkey.com/r/S4B2024](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/S4B2024)

Presented by **BTARA** Sponsor: S4B

Friday Nights Fun & Thrilling Board Games for All Ages

# Brunswick Friday GAMES Night

BOARD GAMES | SWITCH | CHESS | FAMILY GAMES | TEA

**EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT**  
**BRUNSWICK VILLAGE COMMUNITY ROOM**  
50 BRUNSWICK ST., MANCHESTER M13 9PE

**Game Time: 18:00pm-21:00**

**FREE FOR REGISTERED BRUNSWICK RESIDENTS**

When you join the event for the first time, please bring  
your proof of address for registration

**NON BRUNSWICK PARTICIPATE £3**

[groups/brunswickforum](https://www.facebook.com/groups/brunswickforum) [starasofficial](https://www.instagram.com/starasofficial) [starasofficial](https://www.tiktok.com/@starasofficial) [YT](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)

\*Please follow BTARA on Facebook group, Instagram, and Threads!



## 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
French	Pour recevoir ces informations dans votre langue prière d'appeler le 0300 555 0128
Somali	Si aad u hesho macluumaadkaani oo luqaddaada ku qoran fadlan wax 0300 555 0128
Turkish	Bu bilgiyi kendi dilinizde almak için lütfen 0300 555 0128 numarayı arayınız.
Urdu	یہ معلومات اپنی زبان میں حاصل کرنے کیلئے براہ مہربانی 0300 555 0128 پر فون کیجئے۔

**S4B Housing Office**  
15 Brunswick Street Manchester M13 9SU  
T: 0300 555 0128 E: [Info@s4bmanchester.co.uk](mailto:Info@s4bmanchester.co.uk)  
W: [s4bmanchester.co.uk](http://s4bmanchester.co.uk)

**FOLLOW US ON**

