



Your New Look Newsletter



Welcome to your new look neighbourhood newsletter. A sleek new style but keeping the same community information about all things Brunswick. From community fun days and events, to environmental issues and caring for your home to name a few, it's all still here to share with you and keep you informed.

Recently we consulted with some of our customers to see what they thought of the newsletter and how it could be improved. We have listened to what they had to say and here are the results from their suggestions so far. The copy is mainly online giving more options for signposting to more information, but we have still produced this paper version. Should anyone need one, please get in touch.

We would love to know what you think of this first edition. Do you like it? What would you like to see less or more of and have we covered enough subjects?

Why not join one of our feedback groups? Please get in touch by [completing a short questionnaire](#) available online or on request, to join one of our groups, such as newsletter, block representatives, tenant inspectors and complaints panel, to help shape things for Brunswick.

For more information, send a WhatsApp message to 07500 065 270, email info@s4bmanchester.co.uk or give us a call on 0300 555 0128.

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Community Fun

Organised by Brunswick Tenants and Residents Association (BTARA) the Community Fun Day held in April was another huge success.

There was a bouncy castle, face painter and [BIFFA](#) and [Read Manchester](#) on hand with free gifts. [Sister](#) also provided plant pots to decorate and seeds to sow and [Projekts MCR](#) hosted a free skateboard session which the kids also loved.

The next Fun Day will take place on **Tuesday, 29th July, in Gartside Gardens** - keep an eye on the new events calendar and Facebook page for further details as get them. Once again there will be lots of local community partners working together to showcase what's on offer here in Brunswick along with lots of crafts and fun activities.



Bouncy Castle



Face Painting



Snack Station

Community Involvement



S4B has teamed up once again with Manchester Young Community Champions (MYCC) to bring you its second annual [Brunswick's Got Young Talent](#) event.

Date: **Monday, 14th July 2025**

Time: **5.00 – 7.00pm**

Venue: **Brunswick Village Community Room**, Brunswick Village, 50 Brunswick Street, M13 9PE.

Have you, your child, friend, nephew, niece or pupil, got a talent to share, then why not nominate them to come along and be part of this exciting event. Or nominate yourself with your parents consent. There will some great prizes to be won and free refreshments.

Entries are for individuals, pairs or as a group, the choice is open and the talent can be anything at all, such as:

- singing/rapping
- dancing
- telling jokes
- impressions
- magic tricks
- juggling acts

- writing and reading poetry or storytelling
- or any other talent we may not have thought of!

Entrants must be age 6-16 to take part in the event, but everyone is welcome to come along and watch the show. Anyone taking part will need to register.

The deadline for registration is Friday, 4th July.

To register or for more information, please get in touch with:

MYCC Director Mike Edwards, via phone 07447 918 371 or email info@youngchamps.co.uk or, S4B Social Investment Specialist, Sharon Thomas, via WhatsApp 07500 065 270, email info@s4bmanchester.co.uk or give us a call on 0300 555 0128.

The countdown is on with only a few days to register, so get in touch today!



Have you nominated your inspirational person?

Welcome to our all-new campaign '**Who Inspires you?**' This is your chance to nominate a friend, neighbour, young person or adult who inspires you for whatever reason. From courage and bravery to caring and kind or encouraging and helpful..., the list is endless.

It's open to all tenants and residents living in Brunswick. Collect a nomination card from the S4B office reception, or [download and print a copy here](#) You can also nominate via this online [nomination form](#).

There will be no outright winners – ALL nominees will receive their own special certificate which will be presented to them at an event we will be hosting later in the year, so watch this space! There is no age limit but if you are or the person you are nominating is under 16, a signature from a parent or guardian will be required.

For more information, please get in touch. Send a WhatsApp message to 07500 065 270, email info@s4bmanchester.co.uk, visit the S4B housing office, or give us a call on 0300 555 0128.

The closing date for nominations is Monday, 28th July at 5:00pm, so please get your recommendations in soon and show someone how inspiring and valued they are.



Have you joined the Sunflower growing competition yet?

Grab your FREE seeds from the housing office and join in the fun!

The S4B sunflower growing competition has started and is open to all tenants and residents in Brunswick. No age limit! Get your FREE sunflower seeds from the S4B housing office reception, plant your seeds in a pot with holes in the bottom for drainage, water well and watch them grow!

Sunflowers are great plants to have in a wildlife-friendly garden. Bees, and sometimes butterflies, love the nectar and feed on the flowers when they're in full bloom. Then Greenfinches and Goldfinches will munch on the seedheads.

If you don't have a garden, don't worry. Sunflowers can be grown in pots if you have a nice bright and sunny balcony or indoor space to put them. We hope you will love the challenge of seeing who can grow the tallest Sunflower!

Take pictures of your sunflowers and send them in to us. Prizes to be won for the tallest sunflowers and we'll feature the best ones in the newsletter, a gallery on the website and on social media.

Closing date for entries is 31st August and judging will follow shortly after in early September.

For some top tips on growing your sunflowers, visit [the RSPB website](#).

For more information, please get in touch. Send a WhatsApp message to 07500 065 270, email info@s4bmanchester.co.uk, visit the S4B housing office, or give us a call on 0300 555 0128.

Happy growing!



Have you signed up for Housing Perks yet?

Sign up today to start saving on your shopping. Discounts available at many places.

We've partnered with Housing Perks to give you access to discounts on your everyday shopping at over 100 shops and online stores.

Housing Perks is a free app offering up to a 20% discount at supermarkets, high street shops and online stores like ASDA, B&M, Sainsburys, Morrisons, Primark, Argos, TK Maxx and more.

Sign up today! To get started, simply download the app from the [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play Store](#) by searching for 'Housing Perks' on your mobile or tablet device. You'll need your Tenancy Reference Number to hand when signing up, which you can find on the rent letters we send to you in February, via the [My S4B Portal](#) or by [contacting us](#).

How does it work?

By using the app, you can choose to either:

- get a direct discount (paying £16 for a £20 voucher for example)

- put your discount into a pot which will automatically go towards your rent payments/arrears

To get a direct discount, please follow the steps below:

1. Open the Housing Perks app on your mobile or tablet device
2. Search for and select the brand you would like to get discount for
3. Enter the amount you would like to spend and press pay securely
4. Check the information to make sure you are happy
5. Choose how you want to pay for the discount voucher and make the payment
6. The discount voucher will then appear in your wallet on the app
7. View the discount voucher and use it in store or online

To put your discount into a pot towards your rent payments/arrears, please follow the steps below:

1. After you've signed up to the Housing Perks app, tap the 'Rent' icon in the menu at the bottom of your screen.
2. Then tap 'Rent Contributions'
3. Make sure it is set to 'On'
4. Once it is set to 'On', your savings will automatically be put towards your rent payments/arrears. This will happen every Friday.

How do I sign up?

1. Download the app from the [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play Store](#) by searching for 'Housing Perks' on your mobile or tablet device.
2. Enter your mobile phone number.
3. You will be sent a One Time Passcode (OTP) via text message to confirm your mobile phone number. Once you have received your OTP, enter it into the app.
4. When asked to choose your housing association, select 'S4B' from the drop-down list.
5. Enter your Tenancy Reference Number, which you can find on the rent review information we send to you each February, via the [My S4B Portal](#) or by [contacting us](#).

For more information or if you need any help in setting up, please get in touch. Send a WhatsApp message to 07500 065 270, email info@s4bmanchester.co.uk, visit the S4B housing office, or give us a call on 0300 555 0128.

Environment



 **recycle** for Manchester

Fly-tipping is the **ILLEGAL** dumping of rubbish and doesn't just look bad, it's also a serious health hazard. Every year, it costs Council Taxpayers around £300,000 to clear waste dumped illegally on public land.

Fly-tipping is not just large items dumped at the side of the road, it is also rubbish left at the side of your bin on the pavement, it's on the increase in Brunswick and we need to stamp it out. **ALL** rubbish must go in a bin or in the recycling.

S4B also incur a cost to remove waste, so if we can reduce this cost, the money saved could be better spent on improving your homes and the community. We all need to play our part in keeping our neighbourhood clean and safe,

Tip us off for a chance to win!

Please report fly tipping as soon as possible to us on 0300 555 0128, send a WhatsApp message to 07500 065 270, send an email to info@s4bmanchester.co.uk or complete our [online contact form](#). Alternatively you can report it directly to [Manchester City Council](#) and search 'fly tipping'.

How to report it:

- Safety first – do not confront fly-tippers.
- Do not look for clues in the waste yourself, as there may be harmful items hidden in it.
- Keep any notes you make at the time, even scribbled ones, which can be very valuable as evidence.
- Take photos but only if it is safe to do so.

Each month we will enter all reports in a prize draw for the **chance to win £50**. All valid reports will be sent to Manchester City Council (MCC) for them to take action

against the perpetrators. If any reports lead to prosecution, there is also the **chance to win a further £50.**

Anyone found guilty of fly-tipping face a fine of up to £50,000 and/or even a prison sentence.

If you **See It, Report It**, so we can **Stop It**.

RECYCLE RIGHT!

Brown bin

Empty Plastic Bottles, pots, tubs & trays Empty foil & foil trays Empty Aerosols Tins & Cans Glass bottles & jars.

Blue bin

Egg boxes Telephone directories and catalogues Flyers and leaflets Cardboard Greetings cards Bus or train tickets Newspapers, magazines, comics and waste paper.

Green bin

Cut flowers Meat and fish-bones Plate scrapings Cooked and raw meat Bread products Tea bags Dairy products and eggshells Fruit and veg peelings.

Can't be recycled

Plastic film and bubble wrap Coffee cups Plastic bags / Polystyrene Nappies Bottle tops.

For more information visit the [MCC website here](#).

HELP KEEP BRITAIN AND BRUNSWICK TIDY.

Cigarette butts are rubbish, but bins aren't always there when you need them. If you smoke, why not [order a Butt Box](#) to help keep litter off the ground.

Don't Drop it Box it - [Keep Britain](#) and Brunswick Tidy.

YOUR HOME



Swap your Home

Need to move home for a new job, to gain more space or to downsize? Whatever the reason, you could swap your home through a [mutual exchange](#).

What is a mutual exchange?

Whether you're looking to move to a new home in your current area or to somewhere else in the UK, a mutual exchange is a great option.

Through a mutual exchange, you can swap your home with another household, whether that's an Onward customer, or someone from another registered provider.

Am I eligible for a mutual exchange?

Most customers with either a secure or assured tenancy type will be eligible to apply for a mutual exchange. There are some other factors that we consider, so please get in touch if you are interested in swapping your home.

How do I apply for a mutual exchange?

Head to the [House Exchange website](#) where you can register free of charge and start looking for your new home.

You'll need the following information when creating your account:

- Name
- Contact details
- Current address
- Property information
- Landlord (Manchester City Council/S4B)
- An idea of where you want to live

With House Exchange, you can advertise your home online and match with others looking to exchange and find swaps right across the UK.

If you find a mutual exchange via another platform, please get in touch to let us know.

How can I make my advert stand out?

Including lots of detail about your home will make your House Exchange advert more appealing to potential swappers.

Here are some tips to help you make your advert stand out:

- Include up to 25 photos of your home – a few of each room from different angles is best and don't forget to include any outdoor space too.
- Write a detailed description about your home, including any improvements such as new windows and any special features.
- Include details of the local area like what's great about living there such as it being close by to the shops and things to do.
- If there's something you're looking for, such as wheelchair access or being close to green spaces, be sure to include that too.

How regularly should I check the House Exchange website?

Staying active on the House Exchange website is key to a successful swap, so make sure you log in regularly to check your account.

You may have new messages that are waiting for a response; even if you're not interested in a swap, it's important to politely reply to people.

If you see a property you love in your matches, start the conversation by sending a message.

I'm viewing a mutual exchange home; do you have any advice?

There are three things to consider when viewing your potential new home:

1. **Time** – try to visit during daylight hours, allowing plenty of time to travel and find the home. It's important that you feel relaxed instead of rushed.
2. **Conditions** – visualise places for your furniture, look at the storage space available and don't be afraid to ask questions.
3. **Location** – have a look around the area and check where key things like shops and schools are located. Consider how far you'll be from family and friends.

What should I do once I've found a home I'd like to exchange?

When you've found a home, please let us know. Send a WhatsApp message to 07500 065 270, email info@s4bmanchester.co.uk or give us a call to request an application form.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Welcome to our all-new Events Calendar

We have introduced a new calendar events section to the [website homepage](#), to keep you up to date and informed on all things happening in Brunswick and surrounding areas.

There will be everything from community events, sports and recreational classes, jobs and training opportunities, along with all the usual neighbourhood inspections and walkabouts.

We will also be including any Bank Holiday opening hours and key dates throughout the year such as religious festivals.

If there is anything in particular you would like to be included, please get in touch. Send a WhatsApp message to 07500 065 270, email info@s4bmanchester.co.uk or give us a call on 0300 555 0128.

Bring in your bin!

Bin collection day in Brunswick is every **Friday**. Please make sure your bin is brought in as soon as possible after collection so your bins are not blocking access to the pavement etc.

And don't forget to recycle, recycle recycle whenever possible.

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Don't forget to keep up to date with your current email address and mobile number, so we can stay in touch and keep you informed!

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Bangla	এই তথ্যটি আপনার ভাষায় পেতে চাইলে দয়া করে টেলিফোন করুন 0300 555 0128 এই নম্বরে।
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