



Welcome to the February 2026 issue of the Bromley Environment Network newsletter

The Bromley Environment Network affectionately known as the BEN, is a group of local Bromley community groups and organisations that share a belief that a greener and cleaner borough is good for everyone.

We aren't all eco-ninjas - but we do all think that the best way forward is establishing a useful local network to share interesting, helpful information amongst groups in the borough of Bromley to help make it a nicer place to live.

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We aim to ensure that articles are correct at the time of publication. However, we advise that you check with organisers prior to travelling to events.

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MAKE A DONATION

If you would like to make a donation to help fund our community building and awareness raising efforts, then please get in touch:

bromleyenvironmentnetwork@gmail.com



BEN MEMBERS LIST

We now have 91 Member Groups swapping positive news stories and upcoming events with each other, and in turn thousands of local residents, through this uplifting Newsletter.

1230 The Women's Company
Beckenham Methodist Church
Beckenham & Penge Repair Cafe
Biggin Hill Evening Women's Institute
Birkbeck Community Initiative
Bromley Biodiversity Partnership (BBP)
Bromley Buzz
Bromley Civic Society
Bromley Community Land Trust
Bromley Friends Forum
Bromley Friends of the Earth (BFOE)
Bromley GP Friends Alliance ← **New Member**
Bromley Living Streets
Bromley Repair Cafe ← **New Member**
Bromley Rotary Club
Bromley YouthStrike4Climate
CheYoga and Ayurveda Wellness
Chislehurst Eco Community
Clarion Housing Group/Clarion Futures
Copers Cope Area Residents Association
Cudham Environmental Centre
deafPLUS
Downham (Wesley Halls) Community Association
Downham Celebrates
Eco Approach Ltd
Eco Church Network Bromley
Elmstead Woods Station Garden Club
EnBro
Environmental Action Coney Hall (EACH)
Friends of Betts Park
Friends of Bromley Town Parks & Gardens
Friends of Cator Park & Alexandra Rec. Ground
Friends of Chislehurst Rec. Ground (FOCRG)

Friends of Crofton and Sparrow Woods
Friends of Darrick and Newstead Woods
Friends of Forster Memorial Park
Friends of Green Street Green
Friends of Keston Common
Friends of Kings Meadow
Friends of Penge Recreation Ground
Friends of Priory Gardens
Friends of Whitehall Recreation Ground
Geffery's Hall Community Centre
GoodGym Bromley
Greener and Cleaner
Greener Greenwich Community Network
Greenpeace Bromley & Sevenoaks
↑ **New Member**
Greenwich Sustainability Hub
Hayes School PTA
IBikeLondon CiC
Kidical Mass
Kitchen Buddy
Knoll Residents Association
Lewisham Local
Magpie Dance
Manak Solicitors
Natural England
Neighbourhood Church Beckenham
Nuthatch Retreats
Only Pay What It Weighs Ltd
Orpington Repair Cafe
Our Technician
Package Less
Park Langley Residents Association (PLRA)
ParkBathe
Penge Climate Collective

Penge East Community Association
Penge Green Gym
Penge Street Friends
Petts Wood Memorial Hall and Gardens
Petts Wood Repair Cafe
Pine Walk Allotments
Plant-Based Councils Bromley
Ravensbourne Valley Residents (RVR)
Rotary Bromley Game Changers
Rotary Orpington District E-Club
RSPB Bromley Local Group
Saint Olave's Grammar School
SELCE
Sorooptimists International Bromley
St Edward's Church, Mottingham
St John's Church ← **New Member**
St Mary of Nazareth Church, West Wickham
St Paul's Church, Beckenham
Start Up Bromley
Successful Mums
Sustainable Energy 24
The Chislehurst Society
The Friends of Scadbury Park
Tubbenden Friends Association
Two Mindful Bees
West Beckenham Residents' Association
West Wickham Repair Cafe

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The Bromley Environment network brings together community groups from across Bromley Borough. Through our bi-monthly newsletter, we aim to share information, inspire and support local people, fellow community groups, and the Council to make our borough a greener, healthier and more sustainable place to live, both now and in the future. As a member you will be added to our online directory and receive the newsletter which you will be invited to contribute to.

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All newsletter can be downloaded from our website: bromleyenvironmentnetwork.org.uk

APRIL NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Please email your articles by 15 Mar 2026.
Events included should be for 1 Apr - 31 May
bromleyenvironmentnetwork@gmail.com



Using nature to support people's wellbeing through nature retreats and walks



We have some fun events coming up in 2026.

We're excited to be running 2 free family events as part of the Spark Festival - 8th February, 10AM and 1PM.

Explore the wild side of wellness with family activities, nature, and good vibes all around to connect kids and their parents in nature!

We're running 2 events for families with 7-11 or 12+ children, but if your children straddle the age groups, you're welcome to attend either event.

[Book here: Wild and Well - Part of the Spark Festival](#)

Our monthly men's campfire collective continues in 2026 on a Thursday night.

A supportive social group, we'll have a woodland activity, campfire supper and a chat. Sometimes we have a more structured discussion to check in on how everyone's doing.

[Sign up for events here](#)

Check the [diary](#) or [eventbrite](#) for upcoming events

<https://linktr.ee/nuthatchretreats>



Explore the wildlife of Scadbury Park



The RSPB Bromley Local Group are conducting a local bird watching walk around Scadbury Park. Explore the parks rich wildlife within the woodland and open meadows with hedges, streams ponds and thickets, where many bird species can be seen at this time of year

Free to all - non members welcome

Meet in Old Perry Street Car park BR7 6PN
Monday 16th February, 0930am.

group.rspb.org.uk/bromley/

Email bromleyrspb@gmail.com



Heron by the moat - Richard Harris

InCommon

[Visit the website to see all available events](#)

The Spark Festival is an opportunity for people of all ages in Bromley to get to know each other better over fun, inclusive and educational activities.

The Spark Festival takes place from **Monday 12 January to Friday 20 February** and is brought to you by Clarion Futures, Bromley Council and InCommon.



InCommon

In partnership with



Tong Farm fields to increase livestock, add trees and hedgerows & a wetlands area



Plans to increase the livestock on the Tong Farm fields in Hawkwood have received a massive £750,000 boost.

The National Trust, who own and run the estate, have landed the grant from England's Community Forests and the number of grazing cattle and sheep should start increasing from early next year.

More than 8,000 metres of fencing - that's five miles - will be replaced with stock fencing so more grazing animals can be accommodated.

The grant will also go towards adding 100 standard field trees and 1500m of hedgerows. A new wetlands area created from the Kyd Brook stream and the dredging of Flushers Pond before installing a sluice gate are also planned.

The ability to move livestock around the estate will be a huge benefit to the fields through natural grazing and make walks along the public pathways far more interesting, with 10 new benches sited to enjoy the views.

Currently just three fields are safe for livestock but the new fencing will allow at least 10 fields to be used in rotation. The popular Soldiers and Coopers fields will see sheep and cattle return after many years.

National Trust area ranger Luke Underwood said: "We are pleased to share that we have secured funding through Community Forests to completely restore and enhance Tong Farm."

"The aim is to maintain a farmed landscape that is of greater benefit to our local wildlife, while also improving the experience for visitors. Ten new benches will be installed across the farm to sit and enjoy this piece of countryside that we all cherish.

"A lot of work needs to be done before the project begins in earnest on January 5. The last of the sheep will be taken offsite before the end of the December and the cattle numbers will be decreased until further grazing is available."

Also, a total of 16,000 smaller trees will be planted, including 9,600 in hedgerows and 5,000 in enclosures.

Luke added: "The new fencing and water troughs in all fields will allow us to graze the entire farm field network. The new hedgerows will also vastly improve the field edge habitat and provide nectar and food for invertebrates, birds and small mammals."

Livestock is expected to return gradually from February.

The estate was donated to the National Trust by local conservationists Robert and Francesca Hall in 1957 with the main house, garden and Tong Farm added 50 years ago on the condition that farming continues in order to preserve its rural character.

By Steve Grimes

chislehurst-society.org.uk/

Join the IBikeLondon family friendly ride in SE London!

IBikeLondon are proud to be bringing their epic bike party to SE London, with a family friendly ride to celebrate! We have sound systems for people to ride along to, listening to great tunes!

We also have a Bike Library - just let us know if you don't have a bike and we'll do our best to help! - info@ibikelondon.com

We're especially keen for Clarion residents to join our ride - thanks to great support from Clarion Futures!

THEME: We'd love it if you're able to dress up and/or decorate bikes! Lots of hearts/ red theme/ roses etc!

START: Cator Park at 10:30, setting off between 10:30/ 11:00. Bring warm clothing and wet weather clothing. Toilets available at the finish.

GETTING THERE: Closest stations are New Beckenham (step free), Clock House (mainline to London Bridge), or Kent House (mainline to Victoria). You can take cycles on trains on weekends.

[Komoot route here](#)

The group ride will be at a relaxed pace, with all ages and abilities welcome! Bring food and drinks, or purchase at Beckenham Place Park - the ride is likely to finish approx 12:00, ready for lunch!



SUNDAY
15. February. 2026

JOIN OUR BIG VALENTINES CYCLE RIDE! EXPLORE THE AREA, WITH OUR
SOUND SYSTEMS PLAYING GREAT LOVE TUNES!
ALL WELCOME! SLOW PACE. HOT DRINKS/FOOD/TOILETS AT THE FINISH!

FREE EVENT - SUPPORTED
BY CLARION FUTURES

No bike? No worries!
We have a Bike
Library to help!

SIGN UP HERE
<https://www.ticket-source.co.uk/ibikelondon/t-jxzlaey>

10:30 - APPROX 1.5 HOURS
START: Cator Park (playground)
FINISH: Beckenham Place Park

IBikeLDN

CLARION FUTURES



Church House Gardens - Bring it back to Life - Literally - Bio-Diversity and Entertainment

Its been a few months and what a difference the Friends Group has already made to the Gardens.

Now listed on google maps - Bromley Amphitheatre, The Fleetwood Stage and Bromley Walled Garden.

As a result of our volunteers' efforts, the parks contract staff seem to have been inspired to also make this area better. This encourages us to carry on. Much more remains to be done, but this shows how our volunteers can make a difference.

In September the Friends Group started monthly pro-active working groups including two Performance Days at the Bromley Amphitheatre venue. The next Performance Day is in April with several hoped to be held over the Summer.



Planned working group dates:

22nd February, 15th March and 19th April. However other dates might be added. Watch for signs at the Gardens Entrances or check online: [Working party dates](#)

If you are interested in assisting with any of the activities at Church House Gardens, please get in touch: info@bromleytownparks.org.uk



Community, Inclusion and Sustainability in Penge

A Penge based community organisation - 'Community, Inclusion and Sustainability' are our goals.

PECA's spring programme (Jan - Mar 2026) is on our website: pecacommunitycentre.wordpress.com - or text on 07444579277. Activities at Penge East Community Centre are drop in - we'd love to meet you.

Activities include:

- Monthly Clothes Mending Café - including skills demonstrations
- Fortnightly Green Crew, PECA's gardening and nature club for primary school children and carers
- PECA's 'Make Penge a Swift Town' project - building swift boxes for these magical birds, and gardening that attracts insects swifts eat
- Volunteer gardening, including skill share sessions e.g. making cuttings
- Monthly peer Creative Sharing Circle, crafters, poets, writers, artists, gardeners: share creative ideas.

All abilities, mobilities, knowledge welcome!



PECA: Clothes Mending Café

Moths got the better of your jumper? A hole in your favourite jeans? Teddy falling apart? Come along to Penge East Community Centre for support and advice from Emma and the group, on mending your worn out or damaged clothing and reducing textile waste at the same time.

DATES:

- Saturday Feb 21st, 10am-12.30pm
- Saturday Mar 21st 10am-12.30pm

Each café starts with a 30-minute skills demonstration - in February it's patching and Sashiko.

Drop in, no need to book. Refreshments provided, with toys and games for little ones.

More info: pecacommunitycentre.wordpress.com or text 07444579277

The Tree of Togetherness: A Christmas Journey from Orpington to Pemberley Manor



The Rotary Orpington District e-Club is celebrating a heart-warming success following the annual Christmas Tree Festival at Orpington Methodist Church. This year, the club's entry—the “**Tree of Togetherness**”—stood tall as a symbol of community spirit and sustainability.

A Community Creation

Standing at seven feet, the tree was a true collaborative effort. It was decorated by volunteers and visitors to the club's **Warm Hub**, which provides a vital space for connection and comfort within the local community. In keeping with a commitment to the environment, the tree and all its decorations were **100% recycled from generous donations**.

[Visit Rotary Orpington District website](#)



Fundraising for Local Causes

The festival, a staple of the Orpington festive calendar, was a resounding success. This year's event raised over **£2,000**, which will be shared between two deserving charities:

- **CASPA Bromley:** Supporting children, young people, and families affected by Autism.
- **The Maypole Project:** Providing a lifeline of support for families with children who have complex medical needs.

While the festival has come to a close, the “Tree of Togetherness” continues to shine. The Rotary e-Club has donated the entire tree, including its lights and recycled decorations, to Pemberley Manor Care Home on Grays Farm Road.

The donation aims to bring continued joy to the residents, ensuring that the hard work of the volunteers and the spirit of the Warm Hub visitors live on well into the New Year, and for years to come.

We would like to thank everyone who visited the display and contributed to such a fantastic fundraising total.

South East London Community Energy – An Introduction

South East London Community Energy (Selce) is a co-operative formed in 2014, dedicated to a cleaner and fairer energy future through generating energy locally, reducing energy usage and ensuring no one gets left behind.



Its energy poverty alleviation focus includes supporting those struggling with bills through regular energy advice cafés in Bromley and across South East London, as well as support services hosted at its own offices in Greenwich.

Selce raises funds through community share offers - anyone can invest and enjoy an annual return. These fund solar panel arrays for schools and community buildings, or other energy efficiency measures such as installing LED lighting with no upfront cost.

Both regularly lead to significant energy cost savings for the institutions involved.



Selce Energy Advice Team Wins Award

Selce's energy advice team won the [Fuel Poverty Action Award 2025](#) at the Community Energy England awards in November.

In 2024-5, Selce's energy advice & targeted fuel poverty support unlocked over £1.06 million in total household savings — an average of £442 per family — projected to reach around £968 per household over 3 years.

Judges called their work “incredible,” highlighting the “innovative events, partnerships, and real difference made in people's lives, especially in hard-to-reach communities.”

Selce's CEO Giovanna Speciale was also recognised with the [Community Energy Champion award](#), which each year goes to an individual working in the sector.



Selce Energy Advice Crowdfunder Raises More than £7000

Thanks to everyone who donated and shared the [Crowdfunder supporting Selce's Energy Advice Team](#), currently facing a funding gap from January onwards.

Thanks to your kindness and generosity, we managed to raise £7764.66.

Although this was short of our ambitious target, it is still a vital boost, enabling us to use these funds immediately to prioritise those most urgently in need of support.

We are still not fully funded for 2026, but have enough to keep going for the moment: the fight against fuel poverty in South East London lives on, for another day, another month and hopefully eventually another year through to 2027.

Residents draw the line to protect St Mary Cray Green Belt

Local residents have come together to oppose proposals to build on Green Belt farmland at Derry Downs, St Mary Cray, highlighting the environmental value of the site and the wider implications of losing productive, open land.

Earlier this month, residents held a peaceful demonstration along the public footpath that crosses the fields, holding a green ribbon as a visual symbol of their opposition to development. The action was designed to show collective stewardship of the land and to underline the point at which people believe development should stop.

The fields are actively farmed and are currently growing rapeseed oil, an important part of the wider food chain. Campaigners argue that losing domestic food-producing land increases reliance on imports, longer supply chains and transport emissions, and weakens food security at a time of growing climate uncertainty.

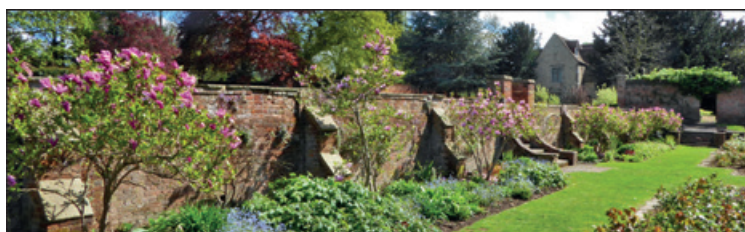


Beyond food production, residents point to the land's role in supporting biodiversity, including ancient hedgerows and protected species, and in helping regulate water in the River Cray valley. The site lies within a high flood-risk area, and the surrounding community has experienced repeated flooding, including severe events in 2021 that led to evacuations and temporary accommodation for some residents.

Local environmental groups supporting the campaign say the proposal raises broader questions about how Green Belt land is valued -not as empty space, but as working countryside that supports climate resilience, wildlife, health and wellbeing.

The campaign continues to encourage residents and environmental advocates to engage with the planning process and to speak up for the protection of Green Belt land that plays an active role in both local ecosystems and everyday life.

theknoll.org.uk



Friends of Priory Gardens **Annual Meeting** Saturday 28th February, 3.00pm

Community Room, Orpington Fire Station
Avalon Road, Orpington, BR6 9AX

Join us, and help preserve, protect and promote
Orpington's historic town-centre park.

Hear about Priory Gardens' past, present and future.

Find out about volunteering opportunities,
events and activities in 2026.

Register online at: bit.ly/4t0cHg4
or simply scan the QR code.

Contact us via email to friends@priorygardens.uk



Elmers End Recreation Ground – Community Tree Planting Event

Join us on 17 February 2026, from 10:00 to 14:00,
for a community tree planting day at Elmers End
Recreation Ground.

Last year, volunteers—including pupils from
Marian Vian Primary School—helped plant new
trees across the site. As part of the ongoing care
and management of these young trees, we will be
carrying out activities such as weeding, mulching to
protect and enrich the soil, and planting additional
trees. No experience is needed, and volunteers of
all ages are welcome. Children may take part under
the supervision of a parent or carer. All equipment
will be provided, but if you can, please bring a spade
(or a trowel for children).

For more information or to sign up,
please scan the QR code or visit:
www.eventbrite.com/e/help-plant-trees-at-elmers-end-recreation-ground-tickets-1980363397231



Bromley & Sevenoaks Greenpeace Group

Through its local groups, Greenpeace builds a movement of people who can make a difference, forcing politicians to act - fighting for climate justice, nature protection, fair energy systems powered by renewables, and peace (greenpeace.org.uk)

Our Group contributes by supporting national campaigns (see Great Gas Rip Off), participating in local environmental fairs and conservation projects and targeting local MPs and councillors. We aim to be inclusive and value ideas from Group members. Building local relationships to achieve greater impact is really important to us. We already work closely with our Croydon Group and a South London "supergroup". If you would like to find out more please contact r.leah.gp@gmail.com

Great Gas Rip-off

The UK has cheap, clean renewable energy, but it's expensive gas that sets the electricity price - 9.2% of households in Bromley live in fuel poverty (source: National Energy Action). Bromley & Sevenoaks Greenpeace Group aims to expose the profiteering and push solutions such as: stop tying electricity to gas prices; invest massively in wind/solar; and tax excess profits to ease bills. We've put up posters and engaged with local small businesses. But we need your help. We are planning workshops in late February to progress this campaign. If you are also concerned about addressing fuel poverty and driving the adoption of clean energy.

<https://www.facebook.com/greenpeacebromleysevenoaks/>

GREENPEACE
Bromley & Sevenoaks



One of our posters in Bromley

Step Lightly, Slow Down with ParkBathe

Sustainable living isn't just about long-distance travel, it's also about how we move locally, slow down, and reconnect with nearby green spaces. ParkBathe's guided forest bathing walks encourage low-impact, local travel and deeper noticing of the natural world around us.

We've been especially encouraged by how well our refugee ParkBathe sessions have been going, offering gentle, inclusive ways for people to feel welcome in nature and build a sense of belonging through shared outdoor experience.

This winter, there's something for everyone:

- Crystal Palace ParkBathe - Sun 1 Feb, 1pm
- Cator Park "BarkBathe" - Sun 8 Feb, 11am (dog-friendly)
- Women's Mindful Strolls at South Norwood Country Park - Sun 15 Feb, 11am
- South Norwood Lake & Grounds - Sun 22 Feb, 1pm
- Our flagship Crystal Palace ParkBathe - Sun 1 March, 2pm.

Book FREE via <https://linktr.ee/ParkBathe>

Let nature set your pace...



BarkBathe

mindful walking with dogs.

Cator Park BR3 1 NA

Free guided forest bathing walks
2nd Sunday every month.

More details and to book via the link

Relax Connect Paws...

One hour sensory stroll using mindfulness techniques to improve our health and well being with dogs.

Don't have a dog – no problem
Come and join us and get a dose of feel good hormones from stroking our BarkBathe guides' dog.

It's also a great pace for the dogs to enjoy a meandering sniff that releases the mood boosting chemical dopamine so they get benefit from BarkBathe as well.

<https://linktr.ee/ParkBathe>



Back in Beck - River Restoration Project



The River Beck sessions have been very popular and successful so far. We have one more session this season on the 11th March at Harvington Woods. Generally uptake has been very good on our events so far, we're often at max capacity which is really cool. The last event we have will be finishing up the Harvington site. We'll be making dead hedges and deflectors in the river.

If you're interested in joining you can [sign up here](#)

Where to meet:

High Broom Woods - Eresby Drive entrance - BR3 3SL (What 3 Words: usage.stores.bath). Nearest train - Eden Park

What to Bring:

- Dress for the weather and the task – long trousers and sleeves are advisable as there are nettles and brambles.
- Please bring a packed lunch and plenty of fluids.
- We will bring tea/coffee and biscuits.
- We will provide all other equipment (including wellies) needed for the event and we look forward to welcoming you!

[See all Thames21 events](#)

penge climate collective

free film night

TUESDAY 3 FEBRUARY 7PM
SOUTHEY BREWING, SE20 7JD

tickets: linktr.ee/pengeclimatecollective
pengeclimatecollective@gmail.com @pengeclimatecollective

Free Film Night - ACTIONism

Penge Climate Collective are hosting another Free Film Night upstairs at Southey Brewing Co from 7pm. We'll be screening ACTIONism, a short documentary about climate, sustainability and community. Come for the film, stick around for drinks and discussion!

For more info email:

pengeclimatecollective@gmail.com

Microforest Success

After a survey of the trees in the Kings Meadow microforest we can report an incredible 80% success rate! To keep the area thriving, a morning of weeding, planting and mulching is planned.

26 Feb - 10am - 2pm



[Check Facebook page for info](#)

Friends of Cator and Alex

Save the Dates 2026

- Feb 28th, 11-1pm Tiny Forest Birthday & Cake!
- March 8th, 11-12pm BarkBathe - Cator Park

Creative Voices, Activist Voices: Sensory Stories of Creative Communities

Exhibition running until 20th Feb

The project highlights how communities come together across social divides to share knowledge, create cultural value and unlock wider civic activism.

Together they addressed the question:

"To what extent can finding your creative voice unlock your wider civic activist voice, and what might be the potential barriers or social inequalities preventing this from happening?"

This exhibition presents findings from a research project funded by the [Collaborate Fund](#) (Centre for Cultural Value), and exhibition tour funded by the [Economic and Social Research Council](#) (ESRC), jointly led by [Fun Palaces](#) and sociologist [Dr Katy Pilcher](#) from Aston University.



Free and impartial Energy Advice

Having helped 500+ Bromley households save energy and money over last winter, Greener and Cleaner's team of Energy Champions are pleased to offer our free and impartial Energy Advice service once again, covering:

- Energy efficiency advice (measures to save energy and costs including retro-fitting homes etc)
- Behavioural change (simple tips and tricks)
- Information about grants and funding (subject to eligibility)
- Scam awareness
- Smart meter advice
- Flexible tariffs advice
- Electric vehicle advice

Our qualified and DBS-checked Energy Advisors are trained to deliver group talks, as well as provide personalised advice & home visits to those who need further support.

Please reach out via the following links to book your session:

[Book here to visit the Hub for an Energy Clinic](#)

[Invite us to talk to your Community Group](#)

[Request a home visit here](#)

Join us every Friday at Lunchtime 12:30-1:30pm at The Hub, The Glades, Bromley

We look forward to supporting you in keeping warm while saving energy and reducing your costs!

SPARK FESTIVAL – ART & ACTIVISM

We are inviting you to join us for a free inter-generational Community Art session where you can create artwork about topics that concern you.

We will also be decorating wooden and metal hexagons for inclusion in a larger community installation.

Join us to paint a placard, make a banner or create a sculpture to convey your message

THE HUB: SUN 15TH FEB 2PM-4PM



SPARK FESTIVAL – #SHOW THE LOVE

We are inviting you to join us for an inter-generational social craft session and chat where we can share skills and experience with each other.

February is the month of love and affection! We will be using various crafts to 'show the love' for the people in our community, the local places and nature that we enjoy and our beautiful planet.

We will be hoping to incorporate some of your work into an art installation that we can display.

THE HUB WED 18TH FEB 11AM – 1 PM



An amazing First Repair Cafe at West Wickham Library took place in January 2026!

37 items presented for Repair, 24 Repaired, 2 part repairs and 11 items that couldn't be repaired with advice given for other options or safe disposal. Huge thanks to the Library for hosting us!

Next Repair Cafe will be Sat 21 Feb 10.30-1.30pm - [join us as a fixer or a 'customer'](#) (donations only).



Webinar: Strengthening civil society decarbonisation action

Parisa Wright will be presenting a case study of Greener and Cleaner at a webinar exploring a paper written by Cumbria University in conjunction with the Zero Carbon Cumbria Partnership on strengthening civil society to deliver decarbonisation.

[Book your free tickets here](#)





connect the buds
By G&C

WHERE FRIENDSHIP MEETS ACTION.

MANY ROOTS, ONE COMMUNITY, ALL PART OF THE PICTURE

At Greener and Cleaner, we empower young people by co-producing events, addressing loneliness and climate anxiety while increasing employability.

If you are interested in environmental and social sustainability and would like to be part of the community, please get in touch with Amber, the 18-25 Sustainability Hub Officer or scan the QR code and join us at the upcoming events.



WE INVITE 18-25 YEAR OLDS IN SOUTH EAST LONDON

If you have any questions, contact: amber@greenerandcleaner.co.uk

Monthly Environmental Film Café at The Hub

Following the success of our Environmental Film Café in 2025 we have decided to have a regular showing on the 3rd Friday of each month.

The films will be announced nearer the date of the showing.

The films are mainly suitable for age 12+

[Book here](#)



Weekly Community Sewing Circle at West Wickham Library

Join us every Tues 10am-12pm for a fun and creative session of sewing together. Whether you're a beginner or an expert, this event is open to all skill levels. Bring your own materials and projects or use what's provided. We have access to sewing machines and other sewing equipment. Let's stitch, chat, and enjoy the company of fellow sewing enthusiasts and newcomers to the craft. [Check the diary dates](#)



Find Greener & Cleaner online:

Facebook: [@GreenerCleanerBromley](#)
[@The Hub from Greener and Cleaner](#)
 Insta: [@greenerandcleanerUK](#)
 Web: www.greenerandcleaner.co.uk

Connect The Buds for 18 to 25 year-olds

We have various upcoming events as part of our Connect the Buds programme tailored for 18 to 25 year-olds including:

Connect The Buds: CV Surgery

- Looking for a fresh perspective to make sure your CV is application-ready?
- Are you finding it challenging to articulate your relevant experiences and skills for the job you're aiming for?

Join our CV surgery sessions to refine and enhance your resume. Let's make sure you feel confident about your CV, whether it's for sustainability related jobs or any local volunteering opportunities!

This event for 18-25 year-olds.

Time and Date: 17th February 6-7.30pm

Location: Community Hub upstairs in The Glades

[Book here](#)



From awareness to action: The role of community climate hubs in encouraging low-carbon lifestyles

The latest CAST Briefing is now published on their website, which features The Hub in Bromley. Summary of the full report (also available on the website) focused on informing policy decisions: [read the report](#)

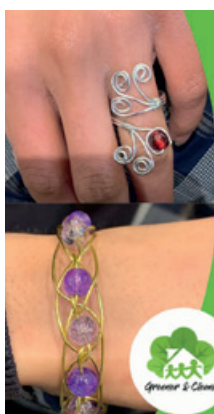


Duke of Edinburgh Skills Course

Come join us for a fun and creative 12-week jewellery skills course with instructor Charmaine and her assistant Annie!

Whether you're a beginner or have some experience, this course is perfect for all genders to learn basic techniques in jewellery making using creative, technical and business skills, with no experience needed.

The course starts Thurs 26th Feb, 4:15pm at The Hub, The Glades, Bromley, and will run for 10 weekly sessions every Thursday across the spring term. [Book here](#)



DUKE OF EDINBURGH JEWELLERY SKILLS
12 WEEK COURSE WITH CHARMINE
FROM ECO ELEGANCE

AIMED AT TEENAGERS WHO ARE COMPLETING THEIR BRONZE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

CHARMAINE WILL BE TAKING YOU THROUGH VARIOUS JEWELLERY MAKING TECHNIQUES DURING THE COURSE WHICH WILL HELP YOU COMPLETE THE SKILLS REQUIREMENTS FOR DOFE BRONZE AWARD

Only £20 for the course to cover materials

STARTING THURS 26TH FEB 4:45-5:45PM



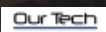
YOU CLEAR IT, WE UPDATE IT, THEY REUSE IT

Help YOUR COMMUNITY by donating old tech to support the work of local charities, schools, community groups and reduce digital isolation locally.

Two Ways To Get Involved:

Donate laptops, tablets, unlocked phones and cables at our Community Hub (Thurs – Mon, upstairs in The Glades).

Donate those key items plus PCs, gaming consoles & monitors at our monthly In-Person Donation Session with Our Tech



All hard drives securely destroyed (or can be removed/returned at monthly In-Person Sessions).



Find our
Community
Hub & Events
Schedule here



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Website: ourtechnician.co.uk/tech-recycling

Email: james@ourtech.co.uk

If you have unused computers, laptops, or devices, consider donating them instead of letting them sit unused. Bring them to the new monthly Tech Reuse and Recycling Day at the Greener and Cleaner Hub in the Glades hosted by Our Tech. By giving your old tech a second life, you help build a more sustainable and supportive future for the whole community.

The donations and recycling initiative supports local schools, families, and charities by giving them access to essential technology. Each donated computer creates valuable opportunities for learning, work, and communication for people who may not otherwise have access. With strong partnerships and ongoing community involvement, the programme aims to broaden its positive impact even further.

[Keep an eye on the Greener and Cleaner events page for the next date](#)

LIBRARY OF THINGS

Borrow top quality household items

The Hub hosts Bromley's Library of Things. The Library of Things helps residents to save money and reduce waste by affordably renting out a mine of useful equipment from PA systems to carpet cleaners and drills. Borrow top quality household items rather than buying them saving you money and space – win win!

3 easy steps: 1. Register 2. Reserve 3. Collect

[Find out more](#)

Location

The borrowing kiosk is located inside the Greener and Cleaner Hub on the 1st Floor of The Glades Bromley, High Street, Bromley BR1 1DN, in between HMV and Superdry, and opposite The Entertainer.



Opening hours

Monday	10:00 - 18:00
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	10:00 - 18:00
Friday	10:00 - 18:00
Saturday	10:00 - 18:00
Sunday	11:00 - 17:00

Example of what you can borrow:



Steam Cleaner

£12 per day



Carpet Cleaner

£29 per day



Drill (cordless)

£7 per day



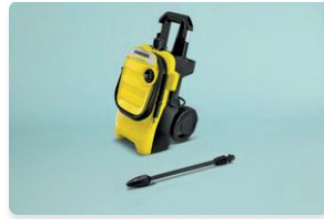
Projector

£15 per day



Staple Gun

£2 per day



Heavy Duty Pressure Washer

£20 per day



Extendable Ladder

£6 per day



Angle Grinder (cordless)

£12 per day



Wet & Dry Vacuum Cleaner

£12 per day



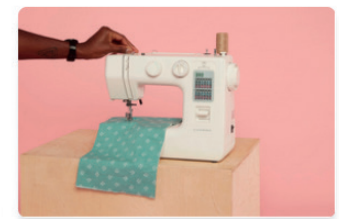
Speaker + PA System (mic, amp, speakers)

£12 per day



Dehumidifier

£6 per day / £25 a week



Sewing Machine

£6 per day / £22 a week

[Find the full list of what you can borrow](#)

REPAIR CAFES

Beckenham & Penge Repair Cafe

NEW LOCATION ALERT! Beckenham & Penge Repair Café has moved! Join us at our new home - Christ Central Church, Green Lane, Penge, SE20 7JA -

Bring your broken electronics, wobbly furniture, or moth-eaten clothing and our skilled volunteers will help you fix them for FREE (or a small donation). Whether it's a dodgy vacuum cleaner, a treasured jumper with holes, or a lamp that needs some TLC, we've got you covered. Let's reduce waste and learn new skills together!

Check the Facebook group for the next repair cafe date:

www.facebook.com/groups/beckenhamrepaircafe



West Wickham Repair Cafe

West Wickham Library, Glebe Way, West Wickham BR4

21st Feb, 10.30am - 1.30pm

Bring your broken items and our skilled and experienced repair volunteers will help you fix them for free!

Whether it's a wonky toaster, a wobbly chair or a moth holed jumper, we've got you covered. Let's reduce waste and learn new skills together.



[Reserve a slot](#)

WEST WICKHAM

REPAIR CAFE

NEEDS REPAIRERS



- All Level of skills
- Join like minded people
- make a difference

CONTACT US

repair@greenerandcleaner.co.uk



REPAIR CAFE Orpington

2026 Dates:

17th January

21st February

21st March

St Mary's Church Hall
Worlds End Lane
Orpington
BR6 6AG

10am - 12.30pm
(last repair 12.30pm)

- 1 item per person
- £5 suggested donation

Repair it, don't bin it!

[Visit our Facebook group](#)

Sewing
Woodwork
Small electrical
Small general repairs
Shear sharpening

Bromley Repair Cafe [Reserve a slot](#)

The Hub, The Glades, Bromley

7th February

Bring your broken items and our skilled and experienced volunteers will help you fix them for free or a small donation if you would like to support our work!

Our volunteers will look at

- small electronics,
- small furniture that needs repair
- clothing that has a stain or a hole

Petts Wood Repair Cafe [INFO](#)

St Francis of Assisi Church Hall, Greencourt Rd, Petts Wood, Orpington BR5 1QW

28th February, 28th March

2pm to 5pm (last repair 4.30pm)

We can look at most electrical items (no microwaves or flat screen TVs though), sharpen knives and garden tools and sewing (but no zips!). Our baking team are working hard this week to bake our fabulous cakes!



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February

Sun 1 Feb

13:00 - ParkBathe, Crystal Palace Park (Sydenham Gate) [Details](#)

Thur 5 Feb

10:30 - ADHD Creative Unmasking, The Hub, The Glades, Bromley BR1 1DN [Book](#)

14:00 - Greener and Cleaner - Knitting and Crochet Group, The Hub, The Glades, Bromley BR1 1DN [Book online](#)

Sun 8 Feb

10:00 - Nuthatch Retreats - Wild and Well (families 7-11), St David's Prep, Beckenham Road, West Wickham BR4 0QS [Book](#)

11:00 - ParkBathe Mindful stroll in MHA The Wilderness (all mobilities welcome), 17 Shirley Church Road [Book](#)

11:00 - ParkBathe - Forest Bathing (dog-friendly), Cator Park, Beckenham [Book](#)

13:00 - Nuthatch Retreats - Wild and Well (families 12+), St David's Prep, Beckenham Road, West Wickham BR4 0QS [Book](#)

14:00 - Greener and Cleaner Chess & Board Games Afternoon, The Hub, The Glades, Bromley BR1 1DN [Book](#)

Sat 14 Feb

12:00 - Greener and Cleaner Mending clinic, The Hub, The Glades, Bromley BR1 1DN [Book](#)

Mon 2 Feb

11:30 - Greener and Cleaner - Knit and Crochet group, The Hub, The Glades, Bromley BR1 1DN [Book](#)

15:00 - Greener and Cleaner - Introduction to Hand Stitching and Embroidery, The Hub, The Glades, Bromley BR1 1DN [Book](#)

Fri 6 Feb

10:30 - Greener and Cleaner - Weekly Baby & Toddler Group, The Hub, The Glades, Bromley BR1 1DN [Book online](#)

12:30 - Greener and Cleaner - Energy Advice Clinic, The Hub, The Glades, Bromley BR1 1DN [Book](#)

Mon 9 Feb

14:00 - Greener and Cleaner - Knitting and Crochet Group, The Hub, The Glades, Bromley BR1 1DN [Book online](#)

Thur 12 Feb

14:00 - Greener and Cleaner - Knitting and Crochet Group, The Hub, The Glades, Bromley BR1 [Book](#)

19:00 - Nuthatch Retreats - Men's Campfire Collective, Frylands Wood Scout Outdoor Centre [Book](#)

Sun 15 Feb

10:30 - IBike London - The Big Valentines Cycle Ride!, Cator Park, Beckenham, BR3 1NA- [Book](#)

11:00 - ParkBathe Women's Mindful Stroll & Forest Bathing, South Norwood Country Park [Book](#)

14:00 - Greener and Cleaner - Spark Festival: Art & Activism Workshop, The Hub, The Glades, Bromley BR1 1DN [Book](#)

Tues 3 Feb

10:00 - Greener and Cleaner - Community Sewing Circle, West Wickham Library, Glebe Way West Wickham BR4 0SH [Book online](#)

19:00 - Penge Climate Collective FREE FILM NIGHT, Southey Brewing Co, 21 Southey Street [Book](#)

Sat 7 Feb

10:30 - Bromley Repair Cafe, The Hub, The Glades, Bromley BR1 1DN [Reserve a spot](#)

12:00 - Greener and Cleaner Mending clinic, The Hub, The Glades, Bromley BR1 1DN [Book](#)

14:30 - Greener and Cleaner Plant to Cloth with artist Shane Waltener, The Hub, The Glades, Bromley BR1 1DN [Book](#)

Tues 10 Feb

10:00 - Greener and Cleaner - Community Sewing Circle, West Wickham Library, Glebe Way West Wickham BR4 0SH [Book online](#)

18:00 - Connect the Buds: Boardgames Evening, The Hub, The Glades, Bromley BR1 1DN [Book](#)

Fri 13 Feb

10:30 - Greener and Cleaner - Weekly Baby & Toddler Group, The Hub, The Glades, Bromley BR1 1DN [Book online](#)

12:30 - Greener and Cleaner - Energy Advice Clinic, The Hub, The Glades, Bromley BR1 1DN [Book](#)

Mon 16 Feb

9:30 - RSPB Bromley Local Group - Bird Walk - Scadbury Park (Old Perry Street Car Park, BR7 6PN) [Details](#)

11:30 - Greener and Cleaner - Knitting and Crochet Group, The Hub, The Glades, Bromley BR1 1DN [Book online](#)



Tues 17 Feb

10:00 - Community Tree Planting, Elmers End Recreation Ground
[Details](#)

10:00 - Greener and Cleaner - Community Sewing Circle, West Wickham Library, Glebe Way West Wickham BR4 0SH [Book online](#)

18:00 - Connect the Buds: CV Surgery, The Hub, The Glades, Bromley BR1 1DN [Book](#)

Sat 21 Feb

10:00 - PECA - Clothes Mending Café, Penge East Community Centre [Info](#)

10:00 - Orpington Repair Café, St Mary's Church Hall, Worlds End Lane, BR6 6AG - [info](#)

10:30 - West Wickham Repair Café, West Wickham Library, Glebe Way, West Wickham BR4 - [Book](#)

12:00 - Greener and Cleaner Mending clinic, The Hub, The Glades, Bromley BR1 1DN [Book](#)

13:00 - ParkBathe Mindful Stroll & Forest Bathing in Stambourne Woods, 122 Auckland Rd [Book](#)

Sat 28 Feb

11:00 - 2 Year Tiny Forest Celebration Cator Park [Info](#)

12:00 - Greener and Cleaner Mending clinic, The Hub, The Glades, Bromley BR1 1DN [Book](#)

14:00 - Petts Wood Repair Café, St Francis of Assisi Church Hall, Petts Wood - [info](#)

15:00 - Friends of Priory Gardens AGM, Community Room, Orpington Fire Station, BR6 9AX [Book](#)

March

Sun 1 Mar

14:00 - Mindful stroll & Forest Bathing in Crystal Palace Park Sydenham Gate [Book](#)

Thur 19 Feb

14:00 - Greener and Cleaner - Knitting and Crochet Group, The Hub, The Glades, Bromley BR1 1DN
[Book online](#)

Sun 22 Feb

11:00 - Church House Gardens Volunteer Working Group session, Church Road, Bromley, BR2 0 [Info](#)

14:00 - Greener and Cleaner Mend with Friends, The Hub, The Glades, Bromley BR1 1DN [Book](#)

Thur 26 Feb

10:00 - Microforest Gardening session, Kings Meadow, Burnt Ash Ln, Bromley BR1 5AF [Info](#)

14:00 - Greener and Cleaner - Knitting and Crochet Group, The Hub, The Glades, Bromley BR1 1DN
[Book online](#)

16:45 - Duke of Edinburgh Jewellery Skills, The Hub, The Glades, Bromley BR1 1DN [Book](#)

19:00 - Nuthatch Retreats - Men's Campfire Collective, Frylands Wood Scout Outdoor Centre [Book](#)

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Fri 20 Feb

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12:30 - Greener and Cleaner - Energy Advice Clinic, The Hub, The Glades, Bromley BR1 1DN [Book](#)

18:00 - Greener and Cleaner - Environmental Film Cafe, The Hub, The Glades, Bromley BR1 1DN
[Book](#)

Mon 23 Feb

11:30 - Greener and Cleaner - Knitting and Crochet Group, The Hub, The Glades, Bromley BR1 1DN
[Book online](#)

Tues 24 Feb

10:00 - Greener and Cleaner - Community Sewing Circle, West Wickham Library, Glebe Way West Wickham BR4 0SH [Book online](#)

Fri 27 Feb

10:30 - Greener and Cleaner - Weekly Baby & Toddler Group, The Hub, The Glades, Bromley BR1 1DN [Book online](#)

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Wed 11 Mar

10:00 - Back in Beck River Restoration Project, Harvington Woods, meet: High Broom Woods [Info](#)

Sat 14 Mar

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Thur 26 Mar

14:00 - Greener and Cleaner - Knitting and Crochet Group, The Hub, The Glades, Bromley BR1 [Book](#)

Mon 30 Mar

11:30 - Greener and Cleaner - Knitting and Crochet Group, The Hub, The Glades, Bromley BR1 [Book](#)

Sat 7 Mar

12:00 - Greener and Cleaner Mending clinic, The Hub, The Glades, Bromley BR1 1DN [Book](#)

Sun 8 Mar

11:00 - BarkBathe in Cator Park Aldersmead Road, Beckenham BR3 1NA [Book](#)

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Tues 31 Mar

10:00 - Greener and Cleaner - Community Sewing Circle, West Wickham Library, Glebe Way BR4 OSH [Book](#)



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The Newsletter is a ray of light in these difficult times, enabling groups to share relevant insights into their community focused work and events, and inspire and encourage each other to take the next step to reduce their waste and environmental impact. Members connect and collaborate, put out requests for volunteers, learn from peers, and highlight opportunities for funding or participating in consultations.

See website and past newsletters here:

Home - Bromley Environment Network <https://bromleyenvironmentnetwork.org.uk>

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- can also share the newsletter and it's wonderful, good news stories via their socials etc.

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