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Dear Resident,

This pilot edition of 'Our Bromley' is packed with information which I hope that you will find both interesting and helpful.

Not everyone can sign up for our successful e-newsletter and coupled with the regular local news outlets' diminishing printed presence across the Borough, we felt it increasingly important as part of the Council's tackling Loneliness and Communication agendas, to deliver news of local events and opportunities, directly to your door in future as well.

And, as for that strapline – London's Best Borough! Whilst there will of course always be challenges for all of us to overcome in everything we do, when it comes to being a place to be proud to call home, raise our families, access the excellent local schools, partake in sport and leisure activity, relax in the Borough's abundant open green spaces or simply socialising with friends in and around our thriving town centres, I can't think of anywhere else in London I would rather live, can you?

With my kindest best wishes to one and all,

Cllr Colin P. Smith
Bromley Council Leader

Images by @KateDurrins, Adobe Stock, Bromley Council Leader Cllr Colin Smith with deputy Mayor for 2022/23, Cllr Christine Harris and (left) Cllr Kira Gabbert and (right) Deputy Leader Cllr Kate Lynner, joining residents at one of the Borough's many joyous street parties in celebration of the Coronation.

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Homes for

Ukraine

Supporting our neighbours fleeing from war



- The Ukraine war started on 24 February 2022.
- Since the Homes for Ukraine Scheme launched on 14 March 2022, Bromley has welcomed **741** Ukrainian guests across **385** residents who have opened their homes.



To find out more about Bromley's Homes For Ukraine Scheme and how you can support those fleeing from war:

Scan the QR code or call our team on 020 8313 4698
or email ukrainesupport@bromley.gov.uk

News round-up

The latest on our Borough - find out more at www.bromley.gov.uk/news
You can also sign up for our Update e-newsletter - straight to your email inbox



Potholes prioritised

Additional crews are carrying out road repairs across the Borough to deal with an overwhelming rise in jobs; up this year from 900 to a whopping 1500 a month. Planned resurfacing work also progresses at pace, with entire road surfacing completed at Westmoreland Road (pictured) and similar work underway in quieter residential side roads.

To report a problem visit:

www.bromley.gov.uk/report

Nature-friendly verges

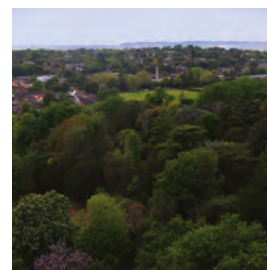
Bromley is piloting a change of management on selected verges, allowing wild grasses and flowers to establish. The grass verges will help support our pollinators such as butterflies and bees.

www.bromley.gov.uk/

[NatureFriendlyVerges](#)

Best borough – now it's official!

Bromley is the best place to live in London according to a survey by independent review platform HomeViews. Residents cited: best for transport links, green spaces and quality of schools. Also, a great place for shopping; lots of parks, pubs, coffee shops, restaurants; the community feel; and good bin collection!



Bromley Council Leader at the court

Challenging ULEZ

As many of you will have read, Bromley is one of five Councils that have come together to legally challenge the expansion of the Ultra-Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) across Bromley to the Kent and Surrey borders. At the time of going to print, the judgment, whilst imminent, remains unknown. If you would like to know more and our reaction to the decision once it is announced, please refer to the Council's website.



Park Life

Bromley's popular parks are being improved with an injection of extra funding.

Bandstand facelift starts

The colloquially known 'Bowie Bandstand' in Croydon Road is starting its £199,000 restoration.

Safety feature in St Paul's Cray

A new perimeter fence at Hoblingwell Recreation Ground aims to deter antisocial behaviour and improve safety. The £150,000 investment will also support recreation.

Bridge News

The beautiful wooden footbridge in the south of Kelsey Park is at the end of its life, so plans are afoot to replace it. Designs are under way with work due to start by the end of the year, completing in summer 2024.



Civic Centre on the move

The purchase of Bromley Council's new Civic Centre headquarters is under way. The modern office accommodation at Churchill Court, previously Direct Line, will become the Council's new home by next year with the Stockwell Close Civic Centre being sold. The move will provide more efficient office space and will realise savings for taxpayers, plus a regular rental income from surplus space.

www.bromley.gov.uk/CivicCentre



Tackling Loneliness

Feeling you'd like to get out more? Bromley's 2023-24 Mayor is Councillor Loneliness Champion. Check out what he says on [page 29](#) www.bromley.gov.uk/loneliness

Tremendous News

The Council's ambitious £1.9 million Tremendous initiative to plant 5,000 new trees across the Borough's streets is well under way with many already flourishing. We water regularly, providing each new tree 50 litres of water a week, but please help us water our trees, particularly during the hot summer months. Find out more about becoming a Tree Friend at www.bromley.gov.uk/trees



Sprucing up for summer

Our diligent volunteer Street Friends are not afraid to 'get their hands dirty'. Clean-up events have smartened our streets and helped change behaviour about litter. If you're incensed by haphazardly discarded waste, get involved and be part of the solution. And, if you're a litter-bug – shame on you! www.bromley.gov.uk/streetfriends



Sparkling Crystal Palace Park

An ambitious £52m regeneration plan will help Crystal Palace Park shine and reflect its glorious Victorian history in a way that is just right for today

Joseph Paxton's Crystal Palace, created for the Hyde Park Great Exhibition in 1851, before moving to its final resting place in the Park, was a wondrous engineering feat of its time. A beautiful subway linked the site with the station to help Victorians promenade with ease.

Now, the heritage of Crystal Palace Park is being restored as part of an extensive £52m regeneration plan which includes the magnificent subway. This will be a sight to behold

at the top of the park, with a new glass courtyard roof creating a superb cultural events venue for neighbouring communities to enjoy; delighting the 900,000-plus annual visitors to the Park, whilst helping to grow local business.

The awe-inspiring Grade I listed dinosaurs will be returned to their former glory, carefully preserved to roam their island for years to come.

Find out more at:

www.crystalpalaceparkregenerationplan.com



Did you know?

- The Crystal Palace Grade I listed dinosaurs were the first attempt worldwide in the 1870s to create life-sized sculptures based on latest scientific knowledge at the time.

- The Crystal Palace was destroyed by fire in 1936, but majestic red sphinxes still grace the entrance steps in the Park.
- During WWII the subway was an air raid shelter protecting 192 people sleeping or 360 standing.



King Charles III's Coronation

Exciting events unfolded as the Borough rallied together, celebrating King Charles III's Coronation in a vibrant display of community unity

What a wonderful weekend! Everyone had a fantastic time with the Mayor of Bromley, Cllr Hannah Gray, and the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Christine Harris, visiting as many street parties as possible over the three-day weekend. The Mayor also planted a commemorative tree, crowned Bromley's very own

Pearly King, chose the winner of the best decorated shop competition and attended Coronation screenings in Bromley and Orpington. This weekend was all about community with so many residents taking time to come together and celebrate – that's what makes Bromley the best! To view a video round-up, visit: www.bromley.gov.uk/coronation

Pictures show residents coming together and joining in the Coronation fun at events and street parties across the Borough.

Bromley now has a new Mayor; you can meet him on page 29.



Coronation screening

Even rain couldn't diminish the enthusiasm at the live Coronation screening organised by the Council in Queens Gardens. Laughter filled the air before eyes were fixed on the screen, capturing every historic moment. The Mayor and Deputy Mayor enjoyed the spectacle and met residents and visitors, joining in the high-spirited celebrations, before setting off on a tour of street parties across the Borough.



Street parties galore

So many joined together to celebrate King Charles III's Coronation with more than 170 street parties taking place up and down the Borough. People of all ages gathered, adorned the streets with flags and filled the air with cheerful laughter and toasts reflecting the unity within their local communities. It was a heart-warming weekend that will be remembered for the way it brought neighbours together in such a joyous shared celebration.





Pictured above: poster competition winner, Cara, and her sister meeting the Mayor.

Poster competition

The Mayor congratulated six-year-old Cara, the winner of the Coronation poster competition run through local libraries. The colourful winning poster was used to help promote the Coronation screening on digital screens in Bromley town centre.



Coronation tree planting

To kick off the festivities, the Mayor of Bromley planted a commemorative tree. Invited guests looked on, including Bromley's very own new Pearly King, Chris Conlan. The tree represents the lasting legacy of the Coronation, symbolising the start of the King's reign, and will hopefully grow to reach magnificent heights.

Best decorated shop

Best Decorated Shop was Francis Chappell, Bromley which received a £100 gift voucher, courtesy of the Glades. In addition, a Bromley resident received a £50 voucher for the best photograph submitted.



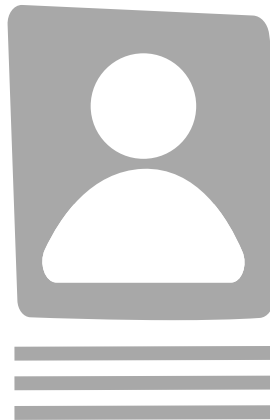
The hand knitted Coronation Crown and display in Francis Chappell's shop window.

Be ready for Voter ID

You now need identification to vote, but don't panic, there is still time to prepare so take action now!

Check now that you have valid photo ID. There are lots of forms you can use for elections:

- Passport
- Driver's licence
- Blue badge
- 60+ Oyster Card
- Freedom Pass
- And many more, as listed online



If you do not have any accepted forms of ID, apply for an alternative now at [bromley.gov.uk/VoterID](https://www.bromley.gov.uk/VoterID)



Find the wider ID list and more about the new rules at www.bromley.gov.uk/VoterID

Local Plan Review

The borough's planning policy is being updated

This aims to:

- respond to local priorities
- protect Bromley's unique character
- guide future development



Look out for future consultations and get involved in this important review

www.bromley.gov.uk/LocalPlanReview

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Bromley Adult Education College

With a wide range of courses, highly experienced and qualified tutors and free parking, you are sure to find inspiration and pursue your learning.



- English
 - Maths
 - ESOL
 - Modern foreign languages
 - Digital skills
 - Multiply – numeracy
 - Digital Drop in
 - Employability
 - Counselling
 - SEN provision for adults
 - Creative arts
 - Lip reading
 - Exercise
 - Photography
 - London walks
 - Wellbeing
 - Floristry
 - Cookery
 - Clothes/dressmaking
 - Upholstery
- And much, much more...



High Jinks

Thrills to the max as exciting entertainment hits our high streets and libraries with new BR1 Lates Events!

Intriguing, surprising and, quite literally, ‘a night to remember’- that was the inaugural Library Lates extravaganza.

A brief exchange with ‘Charles Dickens’ welcomed us to Bromley’s Central Library, the hub of the evening’s entertainment.

Sunday Times bestselling author Kate Lawler laid bare the emotions of fledgling parents, reading from her new book ‘Maybe Baby’, whilst author Sandra A. Agard’s story-telling developed an amazing rapport with her audience. Nothing prepared us for the sight of so many busting their moves at the silent disco, ably DJed

by Kate – no end to her talents! Silent it was, but all joined in the chorus, so no secret about the music.

Plied with delicious street food and a cocktail or two, watching the incredible Spark Drummers proved a real onslaught on the senses with magical showmanship bringing their rhythmic drumming and light show to a magnificent crescendo.

“The Spark Drummer’s magical showmanship on the high street proved an onslaught on the senses”



High Street Fest

Crowds had a blast at two special Sunday High Street Fest events, right on their doorstep. Live music, a free gaming bus, a DJ chill out zone, a smoothie bike and an upcycling station to rejuvenate pre-loved clothes were just some of the exciting activities on offer.

VERDICT:
The best time...until the next time....

Keep in touch with upcoming BR1 Lates Events in our high streets
www.bromley.gov.uk/
BR1Lates

In partnership with



Green Garden Waste Collection Service

Your neighbours use it,
why not join them?



Visit [bromley.gov.uk/gardencollections](https://www.bromley.gov.uk/gardencollections)
to find out more and **sign up today**

Green spaces freshened up

Marking her late Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, the Council announced a £1 million fund for project ideas from all over the Borough



Pictures - top:

Richmal Crompton Fields

middle:

Queensmead Playground

below:

Beckenham Green, formation of the woodland walk.

Parks across the Borough are benefitting from a share in Bromley's £1 million Platinum Jubilee Parks Fund.

Around 30 projects put forward by Friends and Community Groups have been awarded up to £20,000 each with a £40,000 threshold per ward in this significant tribute to her late Majesty the Queen announced by the Council at the time of her Platinum Jubilee.

Projects must reflect priorities such as enhancing community and sports facilities, benefitting health or enhancing biodiversity. You can see a small selection of projects on this page.

For further information or to join a group, please email:

jubileeparksfund@bromley.gov.uk

or visit: www.bromley.gov.uk/jubileeparksfund

[jubileeparksfund](http://www.bromley.gov.uk/jubileeparksfund)

Queensmead Playground

A £20,000 award will be used by the Playground Regeneration Group to provide more imaginative, active and inclusive play items for younger children. Parents/carers will have space to socialise, reducing loneliness. The Group aims to raise further funds and wants to hear from residents who would like to get involved.

Richmal Crompton Fields

An orchard and sensory garden are planned by Richmal Crompton Field's Friends Group using their £2,000 plus award. A 'wellness gym' will be formed and an existing flower bed will be reinvigorated to attract pollinators.

Betts Park

Improvements to the playground such as colourful markings for play, resurfacing, trails and restoration of a well-known meeting place.

Penge Recreation Ground

Addition of a wheelchair trampoline and refurbishment of play equipment.

Beckenham Green

The Friends Group will use its £20,000 to create a woodland walk, a new planting scheme and to introduce community gardening sessions to promote physical activity and combat loneliness in the community.



Adult Care Heroes

Hundreds of residents rely on crucial daily care support. The first Bromley Adult Care Awards 2023 hosted by Bromley Council says: thank you!



The Bromley Care Awards this summer shone a light on the important work of caring for Bromley's ageing population to ensure residents can enjoy fulfilled and successful lives, ageing well, retaining independence and making choices.

Recognising good care

Bromley has a larger population of older people compared to the rest of London, with more care providers than other boroughs. Considering Adult Care and Health is one of the largest service areas in the Council and the impact it has on residents, it's no wonder there was a desire to recognise those who help with everyday living for our older residents.

Diane Smith Award For outstanding contribution to adult care in Bromley.

Winner

Karina Brown of Home Instead

This hotly contested award recognised their contribution, presence and excellence in many areas of care.

Other awards included:

The Worker Award

for high-quality care for people in their own homes.

The Manager Award

for combining high-level expertise in the running of a care home.

The Team Award

for a shared vision and agreed goals.

Further accolades covered recruitment and retention.

Details of all the winners are at:
www.bromley.gov.uk/CareAwards



Pictures show:

Winners

Top: The Diane Smith Award

Middle: The Manager Award - one of the winners

Below: The Worker Award - one of the winners

Main picture: The Team Award



“Being able to show gratitude to care services is an important part of recognising the essential role they play in giving our residents the support they need to live fulfilled lives.”

Councillor Diane Smith, Executive Councillor for Adult Care and Health

Home Sweet Home

Residents are enjoying brand new 'Bromley Homes for Bromley People'

Three new developments have already been delivered as part of an innovative programme of building on Council land to help tackle the shortage of affordable housing.

The one and two-bedroom homes are in the Anerley, Chislehurst and Burnt Ash Lane communities, with the next development currently being built in Orpington.

Modern Methods of Construction mean complete housing units are created in factories and craned on site as groundworks are completed. This helps to minimise noise and disruption for the local community.

Energy saving technology, such as electric car charging points and sources of renewable energy, enhance each of the sites.



The Facts and Figures

- 60 new Bromley Homes for Bromley People from initial £10million investment.
- Working to reduce nightly-paid accommodation costs as pressure on housing increases nationally.
- Further Bromley partnership schemes and investments leading to more than 700 affordable homes.



"I am proud we are using the Council's land to create these smart new housing schemes, helping to enhance the borough's affordable housing stock"

Councillor Yvonne Bear, Executive Councillor for Renewal, Recreation and Housing



"Very happy with my new home, my two-bed flat is spacious and has a good layout. I enjoy having access to a communal garden." Resident at one of the new housing schemes

First for Recycling!

Bromley is best in London with residents at the very centre of our recycling partnership

Charlie and Albert have plenty to smile about for, with colleagues at Veolia, they make 82,000 waste and recycling collections on a busy day in Bromley.

That's a remarkable 1.7 million a month; a staggering 10,800 tonnes of recycling and waste a month - the equivalent of the weight of 900 double decker buses! Around half of the material collected is recycling, which means Bromley collected more recycling than any other London borough. That is no mean feat, but it couldn't happen without residents playing a key part.

What happens next?

You can be sure when you recycle, it will go to the right place. Veolia works closely with the Environment Agency to ensure the recycling chain is accountable and efficient, though processing destinations may vary due to market conditions.

Recycled each month:



2,000 tonnes garden waste



1,100 tonnes plastics, cans and glass



900 tonnes paper and card



800 tonnes food



0% waste sent to landfill



Remember: 'wash and squash' your plastics, and you can buy nets from libraries to keep box contents contained.

Reduce: Reuse: Recycle

- **Reduce** single-use plastic by remembering to carry your water bottle. Borrow equipment you do not have from the 'Library of Things' in The Glades.
- **Reuse** items by giving them to charity or use a community-sharing app. Mend rather than throw away.
- **Recycle** to support zero waste to landfill. Let's keep it that way!

"Thank you to all for making Bromley the top recycling borough!"

CLlr Aisha Cuthbert, Executive Councillor for Sustainability, Green Services and Open Spaces





Recycling Heroes help save our planet

Children around the borough are becoming recycling 'heroes' making their school super green, while encouraging adults at home to reuse and recycle more.

An educational programme, developed by the Council with Veolia and delivered by their outreach team, promotes waste minimisation and recycling. Bromley Council has set a target of Net Zero Carbon by 2027, by which time these early 'Key Stage 2' adopters will be in their late teens and perhaps may be inspired to become Bromley's future sustainability leaders.



Pictures show: Bromley primary school children learning the 3 Rs – Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. More at www.bromley.gov.uk/RecyclingHeroes

What happens to my recycling?

Take one example - drinks bottles

Made to be remade

Most drinks bottles are made of PET plastic, ubiquitous in our shopping baskets, containing everything from fizzy drinks and squash to water.

PET bottles are identified by machine and human eye, baled and sent to a recycling plant. Here the bottles are washed, made into flakes, treated to be food safe and made into PET pellets which can be remade into new bottles.

This circular process can be repeated, so it is vital that plastic bottles are recycled and not put in the rubbish bin.

Check your collection days online

If your collection doesn't happen, check on progress on the Council's website and see whether there has been a delay. With 82,000 collections a day something could be missed. So, where you've put out your waste at the right time and there is no obvious delay, it's easy to report a missed collection online and the team will do their best to rectify the situation. Find out what you can recycle and much more at www.bromley.gov.uk/wastenews



DIRECT PAYMENTS

»»» YOUR CARE - YOUR WAY



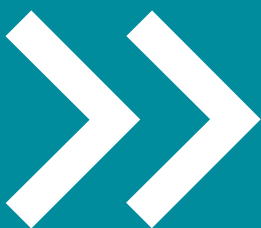
Direct payments put the budget for your care into your own hands.



Take control of the care you receive and personalise the support services you pay for.



Support is available to help with setting up and managing direct payments.



To learn more ask your care manager or visit:

www.bromley.gov.uk/directpayments

Or scan



Healthy Living

Public Health aims to reduce the causes of ill-health to improve health and wellbeing in the Borough. There are plenty of ways you can help.



Walking for Health

The summer is perfect to set the walking habit – it's free and one of the simplest ways to become healthier and with more than 2,900 acres of Council open spaces, it couldn't be easier.

Brisk walking for just 10 minutes a day has health benefits. There are plenty of other ways to be active too:

www.bromley.gov.uk/health-wellbeing/active-bromley

NHS Health Check

If you are between 40 - 74 years old and have not been diagnosed with heart disease, diabetes or a stroke, you may be eligible for a NHS Health Check at your GP Surgery or Bromley GP alliance. Ask your GP Practice. www.bromley.gov.uk/health-wellbeing/nhs-health-checks

Protect your child's health

The best way to help protect your child against polio, flu, measles, mumps and rubella is to make sure they are up to date with their routine vaccinations.

If you are unsure ask your GP.

www.nhs.uk/vaccinations

Help keep young people safe!

It is illegal to sell vapes to under-18s and for an adult to purchase them for someone under 18. If you suspect someone is selling vapes to children, or the vapes are illicit, please email as much detail as possible to trading_standards@bromley.gov.uk

Update on Vaping

Vaping or e-cigarettes can be useful for adults who already smoke, as an effective way to reduce or quit smoking by helping manage nicotine cravings. To get the best out of it, make sure you're using it as much as you need to and with the right strength of nicotine in your e-liquid.

However, young people and children should be discouraged from vaping, especially if they do not smoke cigarettes. There are concerns about nicotine addiction and the unknown health effects of vapes in the young. For more information about vaping and young people and to get help to stop smoking, please visit www.bromley.gov.uk/health



ONE BROMLEY

What to do when you are unwell

If you're not feeling well, **choosing the right place to go for help can save you a lot of time and effort.** There are plenty of Bromley health services that offer advice, support, and treatment if and when you need it. They're very simple to use and often available without an appointment.

Use our quick guide to help you decide what to do when you don't feel well.



When to CARE FOR YOURSELF AT HOME

Have a headache, aches and pains, cough, or runny nose? Treat these minor ailments at home. **Use over-the-counter medicines (available to buy in a pharmacy or supermarket)**, drink plenty of water, and get some rest. If your symptoms don't go away, please seek advice rather than waiting until you are very poorly. See your pharmacist or GP (or use 111 if your practice is closed).

- **Antibiotics won't help if you have a cold or flu caused by a virus.**



When to visit your PHARMACIST

Pharmacists are experts in medicines who **can help you with minor health concerns.** See them if you have minor illnesses such as coughs, cold, hayfever, stomach upsets, headaches that won't go away, bites and stings, etc. No appointment is needed, and your pharmacist can help you with dressings, medicines and healthy living advice.

- Your pharmacist will advise if you need to see a doctor.
- Find out what pharmacists do at www.selondonics.org/nhs-pharmacy
- You will not generally get a prescription for over-the-counter medicines. Find out more at www.selondonics.org/over-the-counter-medicines.



When to use NHS 111

If you need medical help fast and your GP surgery is closed, use NHS 111 online to get assessed and directed to the right place for you. www.111.nhs.uk

If necessary, an appointment will be made for you at a local service or a telephone appointment with a clinician out of working hours.

If you cannot get online, then call 111. NHS 111 is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.



What to do if you are struggling with your MENTAL HEALTH

Get general advice on your mental health at www.nhs.uk/mental-health
You can refer yourself to talking therapies at www.talktogetherbromley.co.uk

If you or a loved one is having a mental health crisis, call the **24-hour Crisis Line on 0800 330 8590**

ONE BROMLEY



When to see your GP PRACTICE TEAM

Make an appointment with your GP practice if you have persistent symptoms, chronic pain, or long-term health conditions. In your practice, you will now find a wider team of specialists and professionals working together to help and care for you. The larger practice team is designed to best manage the very busy workload and the range of health needs that people have.

Bromley practices are busy, and staff are answering calls as quickly as possible. **If you need help urgently, please call** and you will be triaged and treated accordingly by a local service. **If it's not urgent, please use eConsult or the NHS App** to ask questions, request prescriptions, and book appointments.

If your practice is closed and you cannot wait until it opens to be seen, then use 111.

- Use the online eConsult to tell your GP about your health concern. These are read by clinicians, and you will get a response by the end of the next working day. It's easy to use but ask your practice receptionist for help if you need it.
- Did you know there are **many services you can refer yourself to including physiotherapy, maternity, minor eye care, and talking therapies?** It can be quicker as you don't need to see your GP first. Information at www.selondonics.org/Bromley-self-refer
- Your GP may refer you to see your pharmacy for some common ailments.
- For more on how your GP practice works visit www.selondonics.org/bromleyprimarycare



When to go to the URGENT TREATMENT CENTRE

Use an urgent treatment centre **when advised to by NHS 111**. If you go there with a minor or ongoing condition that can be dealt with by your GP, pharmacist, or other community service, you may be redirected back to those services for your care. This is so **urgent treatment staff can focus on treating those with more serious conditions**.

- Urgent treatment staff cannot refer you to specialist services or for further tests. You will need to see your GP for this.
- There are two urgent treatment centres in Bromley, at the Princess Royal University Hospital, and Beckenham Beacon.



When to call an AMBULANCE or go to A&E

Call 999 or go straight to your nearest A&E if you or someone else **is seriously ill and their life is in danger**.

- A&E staff cannot refer you to specialists or arrange GP appointments.
- Worried when your child is poorly? Visit www.selondonics.org/sick-child for more information
- Worried your baby or toddler may be seriously ill? Visit www.selondonics.org/babyhealth for more information.

Other useful websites:

www.nhs.uk – for advice on all your healthcare needs

www.111.nhs.uk – online service for 111 where you can check your symptoms and get further advice





www.selondonics.org/childrenshealth – information about childhood vaccinations

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Find your trusted trader with

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-  Connecting residents with trustworthy traders
-  Trained and equipped to meet residents' needs
-  Reducing the threat of rogue traders

www.bromley.gov.uk/TradingStandardsChecked

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New Police Chief welcomed

A new chapter in policing opens as Bromley greets its new Superintendent



A new era of local policing has begun with the arrival of Superintendent Luke Baldock who heads up a Neighbourhood Policing team dedicated entirely to the Borough. This will mean local issues will be prioritised, working closely with the Council, other organisations and residents.

Cllr Angela Page, Executive Councillor for Public Protection and Enforcement said, "Our relationship with the police is a crucial part of ensuring our Borough continues to be one of the safest in London. I am delighted to welcome Luke and his team."

Superintendent Luke Baldock relishes the challenges of leading Bromley policing and looks forward to working with the Council.

Trading Standards work hard to protect against rogue traders and scams

Call blockers installed to protect particularly vulnerable residents are expected, over four years, to block more than 69,000 nuisance and scam calls, preventing more than 100 scams and saving vulnerable households more than £300,000, as well as NHS and Police time.

Be vigilant - don't give out personal information to cold callers.

Hang up and take time to check.



Non-emergency: call 101. Emergency: 999
If a rogue trader crime is in progress,
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Our Children

Charmaine loves improving the lives of our children and she loves being a busy mum too

As Principal Social Worker, Charmaine supports the Council's children's social workers on their journey of continuous improvement, balancing the demands of Bromley with those of everyday life as a mum through the Council's enlightened approach to flexible working and work-life balance. "I came to Bromley to take up a great position where I can use my knowledge of social work creatively," says Charmaine. "I love developing our

social workers and supporting them to do the very best for our children including ensuring our guidance is completely clear and focussed. It feels brilliant, it feels safe and I and the management team are always there to support with great resources and the belief to grow our social workers. The 'relationship model' at Bromley means that social workers connect with people and really get to know our children so we can support them well."

“Working together and connecting with our children is paramount, being compassionate and kind and always trying to do the right thing. The whole Council has a part to play in many ways as ‘corporate parents’ to our children.”

We're Bromley People

Why not bring your skills to Bromley? Watch Charmaine's full interview and find out more at www.bromley.gov.uk/jobs-careers



Award winning

Charmaine scooped a top prize at an event celebrating social work run by England's largest social work charity, Frontline.

The awards, to recognise excellent practice, leadership and innovation in children's social work across England, were an opportunity to celebrate the fantastic work that so many social workers are doing.

As the first ever winner of the Leadership Award, Charmaine is an example of just how much impact a strong leader can have both for social workers but also, crucially, the children and families they support.

Bromley Community Support Centres



Our experienced staff help residents build their futures.

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Advice



Information



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Sessions and Surgeries

Mottingham Community Support Centre

Mottingham Library
31 Mottingham Road
Mottingham, SE9 4QZ

Monday 9.30am - 11.30am
Tuesday 9am - 4pm (closed 1-2pm)
Wednesday 9.30am - 4pm (closed 1-2pm)
Thursday 9am - 4pm (closed 1-2pm)

St Edward's Church Hall,
St Keverne Road, Mottingham, SE9 4AA

Monday 1pm-4pm



020 8860 1150

St Paul's Cray Community Support Centre

St Paul's Cray Library*
Mickleham Road
Orpington, BR5 2RW

Monday - Wednesday
9am to 4pm (closed 1-2pm)
*Reopens in August



020 8402 0123

If you live nearby and need support,
come see how we can help.
You can call or check online about
the service before you visit.

www.bromley.gov.uk/CommunitySupport



Opening hours at both sites may change in the coming months.

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Meet the new Mayor

Bromley's Mayor is an ambassador for the Borough, meeting residents, fundraising and chairing Full Council. This year we welcome Cllr Mike Botting



I am honoured to be your Mayor of Bromley 2023/24. Already I have enjoyed attending events from charity fundraisers to visiting care homes, as well as local businesses.

I am excited to use my Mayoralty to highlight two other areas in which I am involved, the Council's work tackling loneliness and with the armed forces.

“I would love to meet as many Bromley residents as I can this year.”

This summer saw the Council host a Tackling Loneliness Summit, bringing together experts and those working in the field of loneliness to share experiences and learn. We also signed the Armed Forces Covenant, an agreement that reasserts our

commitment to support veterans, serving military personnel, reservists and military families living and working in the Borough.

I shall also be supporting my chosen local charities.

Throughout the year I would love to meet as many Bromley residents as I can, so if you have an event you would like me to attend, please let me know through the website at

www.bromley.gov.uk/mayor



The Mayor's chosen Charities for 2023/24

- Orpington Sea Cadets.
- The emergency service trauma support organisation PTSD999.
- The MumMum Foundation, which helps put smiles on the faces of those suffering with cancer, and their families.

Useful Contacts

Mayor's Office

Invite the Mayor to an event or ask for a call.

www.bromley.gov.uk/mayor

Tackling Loneliness

Supportive, reliable relationships.

www.bromley.gov.uk/befriending

Local Community

Connecting you to local organisations.

bromley.simplyconnect.uk

Bromley Well

Supporting health, wellbeing and independence

www.bromleywell.org.uk

0808 278 7898

(Mon-Sat 9am-5pm)

spa@bromleywell.org.uk

Armed Forces

The Bromley Covenant and local services

www.bromley.gov.uk/armedforces



Spotlight on

Foster Care

Our Bromley Magazine talked to foster carers at a special get-together to meet each other and the Fostering Team

There's an enthusiasm about Eddie but also a calmness – you sense he's got it sorted. He's one of Bromley's dedicated Foster Carers and he talks candidly about his fostering experiences. "I would highly recommend it – there's times when you cry and times when you laugh. But 99 per cent of it is fantastic, a real privilege. I would really recommend it to anyone. It has changed our lives for the better – it really has."

His chest swells with pride as he talks fondly of those he fosters. "It's the best feeling in the world when they succeed," says Eddie. It's clear he holds his family in high esteem including

those he looks after. "The children that come to us are looking for a stable life with security," he says. In Eddie's family, they have undoubtedly found this in spades!

There are more than

340

Bromley children in care at any one time



"Our foster carers do a life-changing job - thank you!"

Councillor Kate Lymer, Deputy Leader and Executive Councillor for Children, Education and Families



Types of Foster Care

- **Short Term** - overnight to two years
- **Long Term** - where the child is unable to return home
- **Respite** - for a short period regularly
- **Emergency** - immediate need for a short time.

If you are over 21 with a spare room and think you have what it takes, call for a chat on 020 8461 7701

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AT THE CHURCHILL THEATRE



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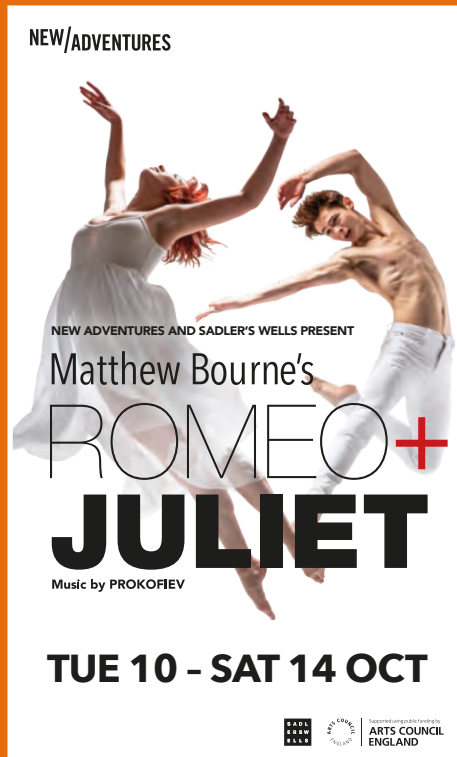
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Matthew Bourne's
ROMEO + JULIET
Music by PROKOFIEV

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as Shylock

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THE MERCHANT OF VENICE 1936
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