



**BROMLEY
ENVIRONMENT
NETWORK**

August 2026

Local action. Real impact.

Bromley Environment Network (BEN) exists to bring the borough's environmental and community groups together, sharing what's working, what's needed, and what's coming up. This newsletter is how we do that: a bi-monthly round-up written by and for our members, passed on to the residents, schools, churches and community groups who read it.

With almost 100 member organisations now sharing ideas, expertise and opportunities, BEN continues to connect people of Bromley borough turning environmental ambition into real-world impact.

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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.

Support Local Action. Sponsor BEN

Reach over 60,000 environmentally-engaged residents across Bromley by sponsoring this newsletter. Put your business in front of the borough's most active community groups, share your sustainability story, and show local customers you back the causes they care about.

Find out more

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 98 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
BLG Mind
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
Bromley Living Streets
Bromley Repair Cafe
Bromley Rotary Club
Bromley Woodcraft Folk
Bromley YouthStrike4Climate
CEYP (Geffery's Hall Mottingham)
CheYoga and Ayurveda Wellness
Chislehurst Eco Community
Clarion Housing Group/Clarion Futures
Connect the Buds
Copers Cope Area Residents Association
deafPLUS
DLC Europe
Downham 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 Jubilee Country Park
Friends of Keston Common
Friends of Kelsey Lane ← New Member
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
Greenwich Sustainability Hub
Hayes School PTA
Hilary Gee - Coaching for Excellence
↑ New Member
IBikeLondon CiC
Keep Bromley Green
Kidical Mass
Kitchen Buddy
Knoll Residents Association
Lewisham Local
Magpie Dance
Manak Solicitors
Mums for Lungs
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
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 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

SIGN UP FOR FREE!

www.membermojo.co.uk/ben

Share sustainability and environmental news and help spread the word of the amazing work by your organisation.



JOIN FOR FREE →

www.membermojo.co.uk/ben

The Bromley Environment Network brings together community groups from across Bromley Borough. Through our bi-monthly newsletter, we share information and support local people and community groups to make our borough a greener, healthier, and more sustainable place to live, now and in the future. As a member, you'll be added to our online directory and receive the newsletter, which you're welcome to contribute to.

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DOWNLOAD PAST NEWSLETTERS

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

October NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Please email your articles by 15 Sept 2026.
Events included should be for 1 Oct - 30 Nov

bromleyenvironmentnetwork@gmail.com



Selce Share Offer for Vital School Hydrotherapy Pool is Live!

Our latest share offer at Selce is now live – its our seventh and first to cover a heat pump, powering the 24/7 hydrotherapy pool facility at Charlton Park Academy, a special educational needs school.

If we reach our target, the heat pump will reduce emissions by the equivalent of 33 households' electricity usage per year. Over 20 years of operation, it will save the school more than £150,000, and around 313 tonnes in CO2e emissions.

More details at www.selce.org.uk/shares and please get in touch for any potential lighting, solar (or even heat pump) projects in Bromley to green your school or community building!



Nuthatch Retreats

Nuthatch Retreat's Men's Campfire is taking a break in August but will return monthly from September (dates TBC).

We are also planning a more immersive Men's Campfire Day Retreat on **19th September** at our home at Heartwood within Frylands Scout Centre.

Plans are to be finalised but are likely to include a chance to slow down in nature, wildlife reserve walk, woodcraft activity, campfire lunch and a chance to relax in the woods.

Do follow us on socials for announcements and you will be able to [book spaces here soon](#)

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



IBikeLondon-Women Ride Too!

'Women Ride Too!' is a Bike Buddy scheme, teaming female participants with an experienced IBikeLondon Bike Buddy, for support and guidance as needed.

Returning to cycling? Want to try but not sure how? Cycled before but don't feel confident? This could be perfect for you!

Have children? We have child trailers, child seats, tag-a-longs & spare bikes! Try them out at no cost.

Attend 1 of 5 Bike Buddy training sessions in 2026 (Saturday mornings - 3 hrs): August 15th, September 12th. Then join an IBikeLondon ride if you fancy it!

Want more info? We're here to help and work with you! Free, limited places available - [Get in touch](#)

Call or [email today!](#) Based in Sydenham, SE London.

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ParkBathe Walk Leader training

We are excited to share that we are in the midst of expanding the ParkBathe project and are interviewing new peer walk leaders to guide sessions in Bromley to support an exciting Green Social Prescribing (GSP) collaboration with local link workers. We provide comprehensive training and you will be part of a new team launch. To receive an information pack email vanessa@parkbathe.co.uk

In the meantime we have lots of upcoming free walks: 10th Aug at MHA The Wilderness, 16th Aug South Norwood Country Park, West Norwood Cemetery 29th Aug, and South Norwood Lake 30th Aug. Forest bathing involves a slow, guided one-hour stroll which teaches you sensory exercises to get into your body and out of your thoughts. Book free via <https://linktr.ee/parkbathe>



School Streets

School Streets - when motor traffic is restricted around a school at drop-off and pick-up - are simple but powerful. There are over 800 across London, but only 3 in Bromley - Mums for Lungs wants to change this!

School Streets:

- Make the journey to school safer by reducing levels of traffic and congestion at the school gate.
- Reduce air pollution around a school
- Encourage walking and wheeling, which strengthens bones and muscles, develops coordination, helps children maintain a healthy weight and improves mood and behaviour.

Would you like a School Street at your school? Please get in touch - we offer one-to-one chats, advice and support. Email Anna at schools@mumsforlungs.org if you're interested!

www.mumsforlungs.org/about-school-streets

"It's not so scary when we cross the road, so my mum is calmer."



Image: Paul Gapper



Dates for the diary

Our August meeting on Tuesday 4th from 7.30 - 9.30 p.m. at the Friends Meeting House, Bromley - drop by for a chat and a preview of Ann Garrett's new Peace Play.

Tuesday September 1st, same time & venue and we have Ailish White, from the Fairtrade Foundation speaking, plus a Fair Trade Stall

And on September 6th we have a stall at the Country Fair at High Elms.

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



Green Flag Award - Friends of Chislehurst Recreation Ground

We have retained our Green Flag Award for another year!

The Green Flag Award is an annual accreditation scheme, independently judged and awarded to parks and green spaces that are assessed as being expertly managed. We are proud to continue flying the Green Flag for Chislehurst Recreation Ground.

A huge thank you to all our fantastic Gardening Club volunteers for their hard work, and to idverde for helping us keep the Rec a wonderful place for everyone to enjoy.

<https://www.focrg.org.uk/>



Friends of Betts Park – the Secret Garden

In March 2026, the Friends of Betts Park unlocked the gates to a 750m² abandoned depot hidden in a corner of the park. Unused for years, the site was overgrown with nettles and brambles and littered

with rubbish.

Just five months later, it is being transformed into a thriving community garden. Thanks to local volunteers, donated tools and countless hours of hard work; raised beds, accessible paths, a tool shed, greenhouse, resource centre and nature trail are taking shape. FrogLife has created a wildlife pond, which the London Fire Brigade kindly filled with water.

Next year the Secret Garden will host regular community events. Until then, visitors are welcome every Saturday from 10am to see the progress and meet the volunteers.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/friendsofbettpark/>

BettsParkSE20@gmail.com



Is the Ravensbourne your local river? Would you like to help monitor and care for this beautiful blue space?



Join our free Water Quality Monitoring training session on the 8th August at Creekside Discovery Centre.

Developed through the EMPOWER Rivers initiative, this course equips citizen scientists to use our water testing kits confidently.

We'll also cover topics such as:

- The multiple pressures impacting London's rivers;
- The importance of citizen science in monitoring water quality;
- Health and safety protocols;
- How the data makes a real-world impact;

And more!

If you live locally to the Ravensbourne and want to help protect and improve the river through citizen science, this is your chance!

[Register here](#)



The Big Butterfly Count

The Big Butterfly Count is a nationwide citizen science survey aimed at helping us assess the health of our environment. It was launched in 2010 and has rapidly become the world's biggest survey of butterflies.

The Big Butterfly Count 2026 reopened on the 1st of July ready for the main event between the 17th of July and 9th of August. All the counts can be viewed on the [interactive map](#).

[Download identification charts here](#)



Crofton Woods Summer walk

Saturday 22 August 2026

2pm

**Meet: Petts Wood Recreation Ground
car park, off Eynsford Close, BR5 1DP**

*Free & suitable for all ages. A stroll through the
woods identifying trees, birds and wildlife.*



Support your local wild space!

Website: friendsofcroftonandsparrowwoods.com

THANKS
for your
DONATION



Thank you to Beckenham Methodist Church for their donation to Bromley Environment Network which they collected at their screening of the National Emergency Briefing, organised by the 'Concerned Citizens of Beckenham and Penge' group.

If you would like to send a donation towards the running and improvement and development of Bromley Environment Network please email:

bromleyenvironmentnetwork@gmail.com

Friends of Kelsey Lane

NEW MEMBER!

In February 2025 a group of Beckenham residents started a community project 'Friends of Kelsey Lane'.

Kelsey Lane is a designated Ancient Highway now mainly used as a footpath which links Beckenham High Street with Stone Park Avenue. It is approximately a Kilometre long and has been very neglected. Bromley Council has no responsibility for the lane and their Tree Officer has seen, and approved our project.

We have raised about £1200 through a Gofundme page (of which £400 remains) and have received support from Dobbies Community Fund. We now need to hire a skip to dispose of a large amount of rubble we have extracted and the lane would benefit from the attention of an arborist to remove dead trees and chip large amounts of garden prunings dumped in the lane.

So far we have cleared and replanted approximately 100m of the border located close to the High Street. Previously this only grew weeds, it has been planted with trees, shrubs and ground cover, plants are thriving. Our aim is to replant the lane to enrich the local environment, involving the wider community as much as possible. The project is already extremely popular as it has transformed the lower part of the lane.

We are now clearing an area of the border much further up the lane. This was previously used to dump a large amount of building waste which we are extracting. Some native species have already been planted and the Woodland Trust are donating 30 native hedging species which will be planted in November. Wild flowers will be planted underneath. It is a very exciting project and you would be very welcome to come and see the scope of what we have achieved and plan for the future.



<https://www.instagram.com/friendsofkelseylanebeckenham>

Green Community Grants Programme from The Wildlife Trust

The Green Community Grants Programme offers one-year flexible funding for not-for-profit groups in England, Scotland and Wales with an annual income between £10,000 and £1 million. Grants of up to £25,000 are available.

Eligibility

To be eligible for funding, you must have been operating for a minimum of 12 months and your organisation's main aims and objectives must fit with one of the two funding themes:

- Contributing to nature recovery and responding to the climate emergency
- Improving nature-rich spaces and access to them
- Whilst your organisational objects or purpose should fit one of these two themes, funding can also be used for a wider range of sustainable activities, including recycling, litter picking, beach cleans or sustainable transport.

Funding priorities

To assist with decision-making and through our assessment process, priority will be given to organisations:

- that have an income between £10,000 and £250,000
- that work in communities located in the top 15% of the Index of Multiple Deprivation

The fund will be open in 2026 for one further application window: 30 September to 21 October. [Find out more here](#)



GREEN COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAMME

Grants of up to £25,000 for community projects that help people and nature thrive

- Support nature recovery
- Tackle climate change
- Improve green spaces
- Encourage sustainable communities

NEXT ROUND OPEN: 30 Sept to 21 Oct

STRONGER COMMUNITIES GREENER FUTURES

THE WILDLIFE TRUSTS

GREENPEACE
Bromley & Sevenoaks

Working together to drive change

Bromley & Sevenoaks Greenpeace Group welcomes new members. Our current campaign focus is on demanding the government doubles down on renewable energy, following successful lobbying to decouple electricity pricing from the price of gas. Building relationships with other groups to drive the green agenda is key to us. If you would like to join, or partner with our Group, please get in touch at greenpeacebromleysevenoaks@outlook.com

We're also planning to have a stall on 8 August in Church House Gardens - it would be great to see you there.



HIGH ELMS COUNTRY FAIR

SUNDAY 6TH OF SEPTEMBER 11:00-15:00

We are running a country fair at High Elms Country Park.

We are looking for the following;

- Live Music Band
- Children fair ground rides
- Stall holders (£15 per 4m x 4m pitch)
- Archery and outdoor activities
- Dog agility or simialr for our arena
- People looking to do demonstration in our arena
- Children activity stalls (face painting)
- Wildlife groups and charities

NO FOOD STALLS

Please message us; beeche@idverde.co.uk

MUSIC IN THE PARK

8 August 2026 12noon-3pm

Amphitheatre

Church House Gardens BR2 0EG

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The Life of Brian Band



Unorfadox

FREE EVENT

Featuring local groups -

**The Life of Brian Band
& Unorfadox**



More...info@bromleytownparks.org.uk



EnBro Tea Meet & Greet

10th August

Come join us at EnBro Tea - Meet & Greet with like minded people who enjoy local walks in nature

Join us for an exciting afternoon of tea and mingling to find out more about EnBro at [The Hub From Greener & Cleaner](#).

Event info

Environment Bromley host lots of walks and strolls in nature. The walks programme contains a wide variety of walks from gentle strolls to more strenuous walks whereby leaders aim to complete a 5 mile walk within 2 hours.

They arrange walks for adults, maintain footpaths and circular walks and express views on local environment issues especially rights of way. Some 350 walks each year include walks of various lengths in and around the Borough, assistance dogs are welcome.

www.enbro.org.uk



Afternoon of Community Fun & Action at Church House Gardens

Saturday 8th August.

This exciting day will include a variety of live performances;

Two local bands playing from 12noon to 15.00 The Life of Brian Band and Unorfadox on Bromley Amphitheatre, plus some Wellness and Craft Activities, and Table-Displays from local environmental groups. Come along and enjoy the event!

Event info: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1894908374551812>



HELP OUR HEDGEHOGS!

Since 2000 hedgehog (*Erinaceus europaeus*) numbers in England have dropped by 30-75% in rural areas, up to 30% in urban areas where numbers were improving slightly. They become dehydrated easily so hot, dry summers may affect them badly. They live in scrubby areas and gardens, rough grassland and under hedgerows where there is plenty of insect prey and travel 1-2 kms/night looking food and mates. They hibernate in deep leaf litter beneath hedges and scrub. For more information see:

<https://www.hedgehogstreet.org>



How to Help Hedgehogs:

- Leave out water in hot or dry weather.
- Have a wild area in your garden or park.
- Check for hedgehogs before strimming, mowing or bonfires.
- Have 13 x 13cm holes at fence bases so hedgehogs can pass through.
- Don't use pesticides.
- Ensure your pond has a sloping side so if they fall in, they can escape.
- Wire or netting must be secure or 15cm above ground.

If you see a hedgehog, please scan the QR code below to record your sighting:



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Sustainability offerings for businesses

Greener and Cleaner has been in the City this month, working with a leading law firm to deliver a Lunch & Learn on sustainability, fighting anxiety with action and leveraging your spheres of influence. Greener and Cleaner also offer team days, volunteer days, round tables, webinars and brainstorming, and have so far worked with companies including ITV, John Lewis, Bupa, Bank of America and Apple. If you know a business who would be interested, please contact Parisa on: parisa@greenerandcleaner.co.uk

SAVE THE DATE

Our Comedy Night is back!

Exciting news - Greener and Cleaner's Comedy Night Fundraiser at Bromley's Churchill Theatre is returning on **14th October** this year. With big names like Ed Gamble and Stuart Goldsmith, it's going to be another sell-out event. Tickets will go on sale later this summer - keep an eye out for more details.



Both our Energy and Repair teams will be at the Cancer Research Summer Fete.

Saturday 8th August 11am to 3pm
United Reformed Church, Widmore Road, Bromley.



Energy advice on offer

There's never been a better time to explore renewable energy. Rising costs, improved technology, and more funding opportunities mean more people can benefit from lower energy bills, greater energy independence, and a reduced carbon footprint. Greener and Cleaner's energy advice team provide impartial advice, helping you understand the choices, access the support that's available, and find the renewable energy solutions that best suit you.

Invite us to an event in your local community, or book a home visit email: energy@greenerandcleaner.co.uk



Sewing skills & activities

Greener and Cleaner were at the Valley School Fair & Shortlands Market on Sunday 5th July, promoting basic sewing and repair skills, and using the Japanese boro technique for creative patching.

Whether you're a pro or brand-new to the crafting world, come and join Greener and Cleaner's sewing circles! We learn everything from mending and upcycling, to traditional skills like embroidery and quilting. On Wednesdays from 2-4pm at Mottingham Library and Tuesdays 10am - 12pm at West Wickham Library.

[Event info](#)

Find Greener & Cleaner online:

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

Thank you to The Glades

We would like to thank The Glades for sponsoring our Kids & Teens Summer Workshops, with a focus on promoting sustainability through crafts and connecting young people with the Greener and Cleaner community Hub. These events are fully booked, however we always have a self-led, drop-in craft available for drop-ins outside of busy times.

FREE SUPPORT FOR SMALL BUSINESSES IN BROMLEY



Want to make your small business more ethical/
sustainable, but not sure where to start?
Keen to make real change and build long-lasting
sustainability practices into your business?
You are not alone - we are here to help.

WHAT IS SUSTAINABLE START?

Sustainable Start is a free ethical support service for small businesses in Bromley and the surrounding area. We provide a practical helping hand to support you in embedding sustainability and ethical practices into your business- strengthening what you already do and helping your business thrive. Sustainability isn't just about the environment - it boosts your business, strengthens your reputation and empowers employees.

WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?

We offer personalised 1:1 sessions to:

- Understand your carbon footprint and environmental impact
- Talk about your ethics and sustainability when bidding for business
- Consider greener suppliers and sustainable investments
- Strengthen staff wellbeing and engagement and build an inclusive workplace
- Cut through greenwashing and sustainability jargon
- Find practical steps that work for your business

Every business is different. We take time to understand your needs, supporting you to take the next steps and make informed decisions.



Book a free 1:1 session with one of our
friendly team to discuss your needs.

Register your
interest here

Meet the Sustainable Start Team:



Clare

A qualified climate coach, Clare is an experienced small business advisor and management consultant, passionate about helping businesses achieve their potential.



Parisa

A specialist in engaging and empowering leaders and staff to drive cultural change and normalise sustainable ways of working.

TOGETHER WITH THE WIDER TEAM AT GREENER AND CLEANER AND OUR COMMUNITY, THEY PROVIDE A HOLISTIC 360-DEGREE APPROACH TO SUPPORTING YOUR BUSINESS.

WHO IS THIS FOR?

You may be eligible if you:

- Are self-employed or run a small business
- Have five employees or fewer
- Have a turnover below £500,000
- Are based in Bromley or the surrounding area

**SUPPORT
SMALL
BUSINESS**

Get
started

Book a free 1:1 session with one of our
friendly team to discuss your needs.

We will get to know your business, help you work out the next steps and signpost useful support and resources so you can begin embedding sustainable practices today.

Register your interest here



Email: info@greenerandcleaner.co.uk
www.greenerandcleaner.co.uk

Scan the QR code or visit <https://bit.ly/3Pi4PXM>

WANT HELP WITH YOUR BILLS?



We offer **FREE**, impartial
and friendly energy advice
to help you save energy!

Let's talk about:

- ✓ Energy saving tips
- ✓ Your bills and tariffs
- ✓ Warm home upgrades & retrofit
- ✓ Support & grants
- ✓ Renewable energy incentives
- ✓ Spotting scams



Book your free consultation

WE'RE HERE TO HELP

Greener & Cleaner is a Bromley-based charity supporting the local community to lead more sustainable lives.

Our friendly team of qualified energy
champions have helped over 1000
families navigate their energy needs!



Get in touch to book a
free home visit:
energy@greenerandcleaner.co.uk

or



Come along to our one-to-
one energy clinics:
www.greenerandcleaner.co.uk/events



Testimonials

"They were very approachable and understood what we were dealing with."

"I didn't feel pressured or rushed and they made sure I understood what was being explained."

"They were clear, accommodating and informative"



Greener & Cleaner Hub,
The Glades,
Upper Mall (next to HMV),
Bromley, BR1 1DN



See our
Energy
Advisors
in action



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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Have you got Tech, Cables, adaptors that you no longer need? Recycle or Donate it at the Hub

Do you have Tech Devices that you no longer need and you are not sure what to do with them? Are you holding onto them because you are worried about your personal data on the device?

Tech Recycling & Donation session:
25 Sept 11am - 1pm
West Wickham Library

At this event we will accept Old Laptops and Old Tablets, phones, cables and adaptors. If you are donating phones or tablets, all passwords need to be disabled as otherwise they cannot be passed on to anyone else. We can help you with this.

Please come and talk to us about other larger items (monitors, tower computers, printers etc) you may have and we may be able to advise and help but don't bring larger items into the Hub this time as we may not be able to store them.

Website: ourtechnician.co.uk/tech-recycling

Email: james@ourtech.co.uk

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



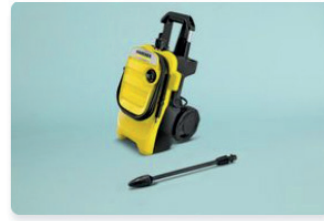
Projector

£15 per day



Staple Gun

£2 per day



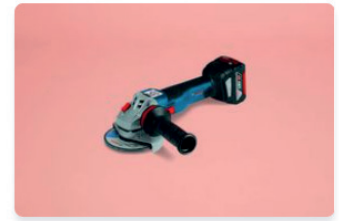
Heavy Duty Pressure Washer

£20 per day



Extendable Ladder

£6 per day



Angle Grinder (cordless)

£12 per day



Wet & Dry Vacuum Cleaner

£12 per day



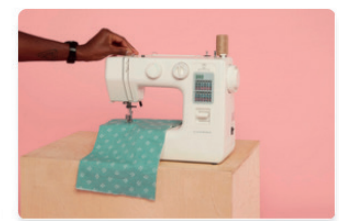
Speaker + PA System (mic, amp, speakers)

£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](#)

Bromley Borough News

Specialist regeneration works have delivered transformation in Crystal Palace Park, the hidden gem and historic landscape considered the world's first theme park, as the works programme concludes.

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The removal of the world-famous Crystal Palace Dinosaurs and Geological Court from Historic England's Heritage at Risk Register is one of the major successes of the project, which started last year. It is the largest regeneration programme delivered in the park since the Crystal Palace was destroyed in 1936.

Alongside the restoration of the Dinosaurs and their landscape, the project has delivered:

- the creation of a new, destination Dinosaur Playground.
- restoration of the Grade II-listed Italian Terraces upon which the architectural masterpiece, the Crystal Palace, sat when the park was created as its permanent home in 1854.
- a new Visitor Centre housing a permanent exhibition bringing to life all 170 years of history in the park.
- restoration of the Grand Centre Walk, one of the defining aspects of the park's original landscape design.
- reinstatement of the bust of the park's visionary founder, Sir Joseph Paxton, in its original position overlooking the park.
- improved footpaths, lighting and wayfinding around the Tidal Lakes and Italian Terraces, including the creation of two new accessible routes across the steep upper slopes of the park.
- the introduction of sustainable drainage systems in key areas of the park to improve water management.
- extensive planting to increase biodiversity and improve habitats for wildlife including birds and bats.

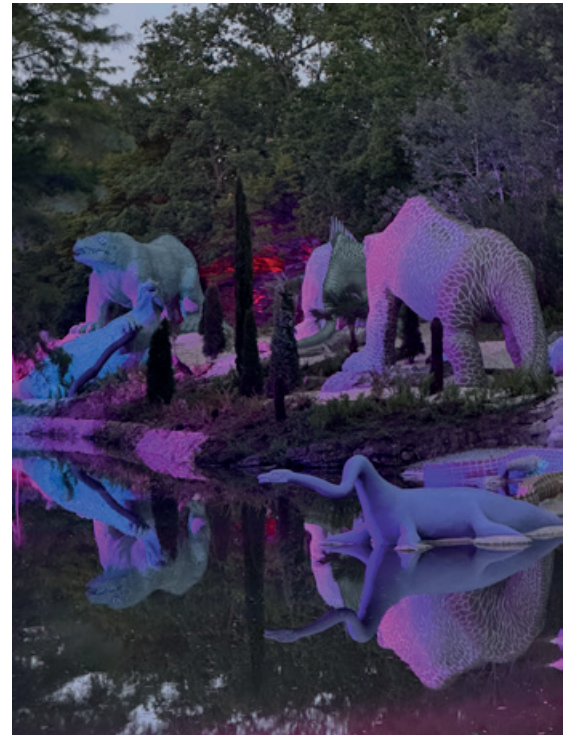


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[Read the full article here](#)

London news

TfL's Weekend Hopper scheme

Anyone travelling by bus or tram on a Saturday or Sunday during the summer holidays will be able to make unlimited journeys across London for the price of a single fare.

When you use pay as you go at adult rate on buses and trams, the Hopper fare gives unlimited journeys (made within one hour of touching in) for £1.75.

The scheme is intended to make travel cheaper and simpler for both Londoners and visitors looking to make the most of the city's attractions.

How does it work?

Passengers can tap in with an Oyster card, contactless bank card, or mobile device on their first bus or tram of the day. They will be charged £1.75.

Every subsequent touch-in on a bus or tram for the rest of that day is completely free, meaning travel is capped at £1.75 for the whole Saturday or Sunday.

The offer will run over weekends from July 25 to August 31.

[Check TFL for full details and conditions](#)

REPAIR CAFES

Beckenham & Penge Repair Cafe

Got something broken and gathering dust? Bring it along and let's give it a new lease of life! It's all about saving your stuff from landfill, having a good natter, and enjoying the community spirit.

When: SATURDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 10am - 1pm

Where: Christ Central Church, corner of Green & Parish Lane, Penge, SE20 7JA

Pop by, enjoy a cuppa, and let's fix it together. Don't miss it—your kettle, lamp, vacuum cleaner or favourite jacket will thank you! [Facebook Group](#)



REPAIR CAFE Orpington

2026 Dates:

16th May
20th June
18th July
15th August
19th September
17th October
21st November

Every 3rd Saturday of the month except for December

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

10am - 12.30pm
(last repair 12.30pm)

1 item per person
FREE - donations welcome

Sewing
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Small general repairs
Shear sharpening



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Petts Wood Repair Cafe [INFO](#)

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

SATURDAY 26 SEPTEMBER, 2pm - 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!

07760 992229

pettswoodrepaircafe@gmail.com



West Wickham Repair Cafe

West Wickham Library, Glebe Way, West Wickham BR4

SATURDAY 15th AUG, 19 SEPT, 10.30am - 1.30pm

Do you have items that have stopped working or are in need of repair? Bring them to the Repair Café to see if they can have a second life.

Our volunteers will look at small electronics, if parts are needed, they will let you know where to order your part and when you can come back to have it fitted at the next event. We do carry some spares so if it is something simple, it may be fixed there and then.

If you have small furniture that needs repair, visit us to see what can be done, it may be a repair to exactly how it was or an upcycle to update your piece.

Do you have a treasured piece of clothing that has a stain or a tear or moth eaten hole and you are not sure what to do. Our experienced team can help you.

Making a booking entitles you to join the repair queue when you arrive at the venue and does not provide priority in the queue. [Reserve a slot](#)

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

AUG

Sat 1 Aug

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

Tues 4 Aug

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

19:30 Bromley Friends of the Earth Meeting - Preview of Ann Garrett's Peace Play, Friends Meeting House, Ravensbourne Road, Bromley BR1 1HP [Info](#)

Fri 7 Aug

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

11:00 Greener and Cleaner MINI MAKERS: Magical Keepsakes, The Hub, The Glades, Bromley BR1 1DN [Book](#)

10:30 EnBro 6.5 mile circular walk, Meet at Eden Park station, [Info](#)

Mon 10 Aug

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

15:00 EnBro Tea - Meet & Greet, The Hub, The Glades, Bromley BR1 1DN [Book](#)

15:00 REWORK CLUB: From Cool to Awesome: Clothing Makeover, The Hub, The Glades, Bromley BR1 1DN [Book](#)

Thur 13 Aug

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

Sun 2 Aug

14:00 Greener and Cleaner MINI MAKERS: Recycled Masterpieces: Ocean Wonders, The Hub, The Glades, Bromley BR1 1DN [Book](#)

Wed 5 Aug

14:00 Greener and Cleaner - Community Sewing Circle, Mottingham Library [Book](#)

Sat 8 Aug

10:00 Thames 21 - Water Quality Monitoring Training, Creekside Discovery Centre, Deptford [Book](#)

11:00 Parkbathe - (all adults) Betts Park Forest Bathing, Anerley Road, SE20 8TQ [Book](#)

11:00 Cancer Research Summer Fete, United Reformed Church, Widmore Road, Bromley. [Info](#)

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

12:00 Music in the Park, Church House Gardens, Bromley BR2 0EG [Book](#)

Tues 11 Aug

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

Fri 14 Aug

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

Mon 3 Aug

10:45 EnBro 6 mile circular walk, Meet on the green opposite The Three Horseshoes pub, Knockholt Pound, [Info](#)

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

15:00 Greener and Cleaner - REWORK CLUB: Makers Market: Create & Wear! The Hub, The Glades, BR1 1DN [Book](#)

Thur 6 Aug

10:30 Greener and Cleaner ADHD Creative Unmasking, The Hub, The Glades, BR1 1DN [Book](#)

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

Sun 9 Aug

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

11:00 Parkbathe - (all adults) Cator Park Forest Bathing, Aldersmead Road, BR3 1NA [Book](#)

Wed 12 Aug

14:00 Greener and Cleaner - Community Sewing Circle, Mottingham Library [Book](#)

Sat 15 Aug



09:00 **Dr Bike session**, The Cow Shed in Norman Park [Info](#)
09:00 **IBikeLondon**, Women Ride Too Bike Buddy Scheme, Sydenham [Info](#)

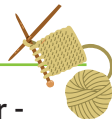
10:00 **Orpington Repair Cafe**, St Mary's Church Hall, Orpington [Info](#)

10:30 **West Wickham Repair Cafe**, West Wickham Library [Book](#)

11:00 **Betts Park Fun Day** [Info](#)

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

Thur 20 Aug



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

Sun 23 Aug

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

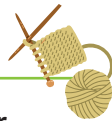
Mon 24 Aug



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

16:00 **Greener and Cleaner Book Club** The Hub, The Glades, Bromley BR1 1DN [Book](#)

Thur 27 Aug



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

Sun 30 Aug

13:00 **Parkbathe - South Norwood Lake & Grounds Forest Bathing (Women's)**, Norwood Road SE27 9JU [Book](#)

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

10:45 **EnBro 2 mile biodiversity walk**, Meet outside Regents Arcade entrance, The Glades [Info](#)

Sun 16 Aug

11:00 **Parkbathe - West Norwood Cemetery Forest Bathing (all adults)**, Norwood Road SE27 9JU [Book](#)

14:00 **Greener and Cleaner MINI MAKERS: Create Your Own Summer Vibes!** The Hub, The Glades, Bromley BR1 1DN [Book](#)

Tues 18 Aug

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

Fri 21 Aug

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

10:30 **EnBro 6 mile circular walk**, Meet in Goddington car park, Orpington [Info](#)

Tues 25 Aug

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

Fri 28 Aug

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

Mon 31 Aug

10:45 **EnBro 6 mile walk to Coolings**, Meet by the Bull, Pratts Bottom [Info](#)

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

16:00 **EnBro 5 mile circular walk**, Meet at Sparrow's Den, BR4 9BB [Info](#)

Mon 17 Aug

10:45 **EnBro 6 mile walk**, Meet at Biggin Hill Spitfire car park, [Info](#)

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

15:00 **Greener and Cleaner REWORK CLUB: Junk Jewellery: Wearable Art!** The Hub, The Glades, Bromley BR1 1DN [Book](#)

Wed 19 Aug

14:00 **Greener and Cleaner - Community Sewing Circle**, Mottingham Library [Book](#)

Sat 22 Aug

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

14:00 **Crofton Woods Summer Walk**, meet at Petts Wood Recreation Ground car park [Info](#)

Wed 26 Aug

14:00 **Greener and Cleaner - Community Sewing Circle**, Mottingham Library [Book](#)

Sat 29 Aug

11:00 **Parkbathe - West Norwood Cemetery Forest Bathing (all adults)**, Norwood Road SE27 9JU [Book](#)

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

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Tues 1 Sept



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

19:30 Bromley Friends of the Earth, Talk by Ailish White, from the Fairtrade Foundation, Friends Meeting House, 46 Ravensbourne Rd, Bromley BR1 1HP [Info](#)

Sun 6 Sept

11:00 High Elms Country Fair, High Elms Country Park [Info](#)

Thur 10 Sept

13:00 EnBro 5 mile circular walk, Meet at Sparrow's Den, BR4 9BB [Info](#)

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

19:45 Apologia Dress Rehearsal Performance at Bromley Little Theatre, Bromley Little Theatre, BR1 1SB [Book](#)

Sun 13 Sept

11:00 Parkbathe - (all adults) Cator Park Forest Bathing, Aldersmead Road, BR3 1NA [Book](#)

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



Wed 2 Sept



14:00 Greener and Cleaner - Community Sewing Circle, Mottingham Library [Book](#)

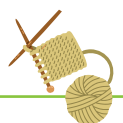
Fri 4 Sept

10:00 EnBro 7 mile circular walk, Meet at Chislehurst Station [Info](#)

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



Mon 7 Sept



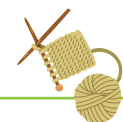
11:30 Greener and Cleaner - Knitting and Crochet Group, The Hub, The Glades, BR1 1DN [Book](#)

Fri 11 Sept

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



Mon 14 Sept



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

Thur 3 Sept

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

Sat 5 Sept



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

14:00 Parkbathe - Crystal Palace Park Forest Bathing (all adults), Sydenham Gate, Crystal Palace Park Road SE26 6UF [Book](#)

Wed 9 Sept

10:15 EnBro 4 mile linear walk, Meet at Burnt Ash Library [Info](#)



Sat 12 Sept



09:00 IBikeLondon, Women Ride Too Bike Buddy Scheme, Sydenham [Info](#)

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



14:00 EnBro 4 mile biodiversity walk, Meet outside Regents Arcade entrance to the Glades, Bromley [Info](#)



Thur 17 Sept

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



16:45 Greener and Cleaner - Duke of Edinburgh Jewellery Skills - 12 Week Course with Charmaine, The Hub, The Glades, BR1 1DN [Book](#)

Fri 18 Sept

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

10:00 EnBro 4.5 mile circular Walk, Meet near "The Greyhound" Commonside Keston BR2 6BP [info](#)

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

Mon 21 Sept

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

Sat 26 Sept

10:00 Beckenham & Penge Repair Café, Christ Central Church, corner of Green & Parish Lane, Penge, SE20 7JA [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, Greencourt Road, Petts Wood, Orpington BR5 1QW [Info](#)

Sat 19 Sep

09:00 Dr Bike session, The Cow Shed in Norman Park [Info](#)

10:00 Orpington Repair Cafe, St Mary's Church Hall, Orpington [Info](#)

10:30 West Wickham Repair Cafe, West Wickham Library [Book](#)

10:00 Men's Campfire - Day Retreat - Frylands Wood Scout Outdoor Centre, CR0 9AA [Book](#)

Thur 24 Sept

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

Sun 27 Sept

11:00 Green 1 hour Walk, Meet at Bickley Train Station

13:00 Parkbathe - South Norwood Country Park Forest Bathing (all adults), 193 Albert Road SE25 4NE [Book](#)

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

15:00 Green 1 hour Walk, Meet at the junction of Churchill way and the Main Road at Biggin Hill Airport

Sun 20 Sept

11:00 Parkbathe - South Norwood Country Park Forest Bathing (all adults), 193 Albert Road SE25 4NE [Book](#)

Fri 25 Sept

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

10:00 Tech Recycling & Donation session, West Wickham Library [Info](#)

Mon 28 Sept

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

16:00 Greener and Cleaner Book Club The Hub, The Glades, Bromley BR1 1DN [Book](#)



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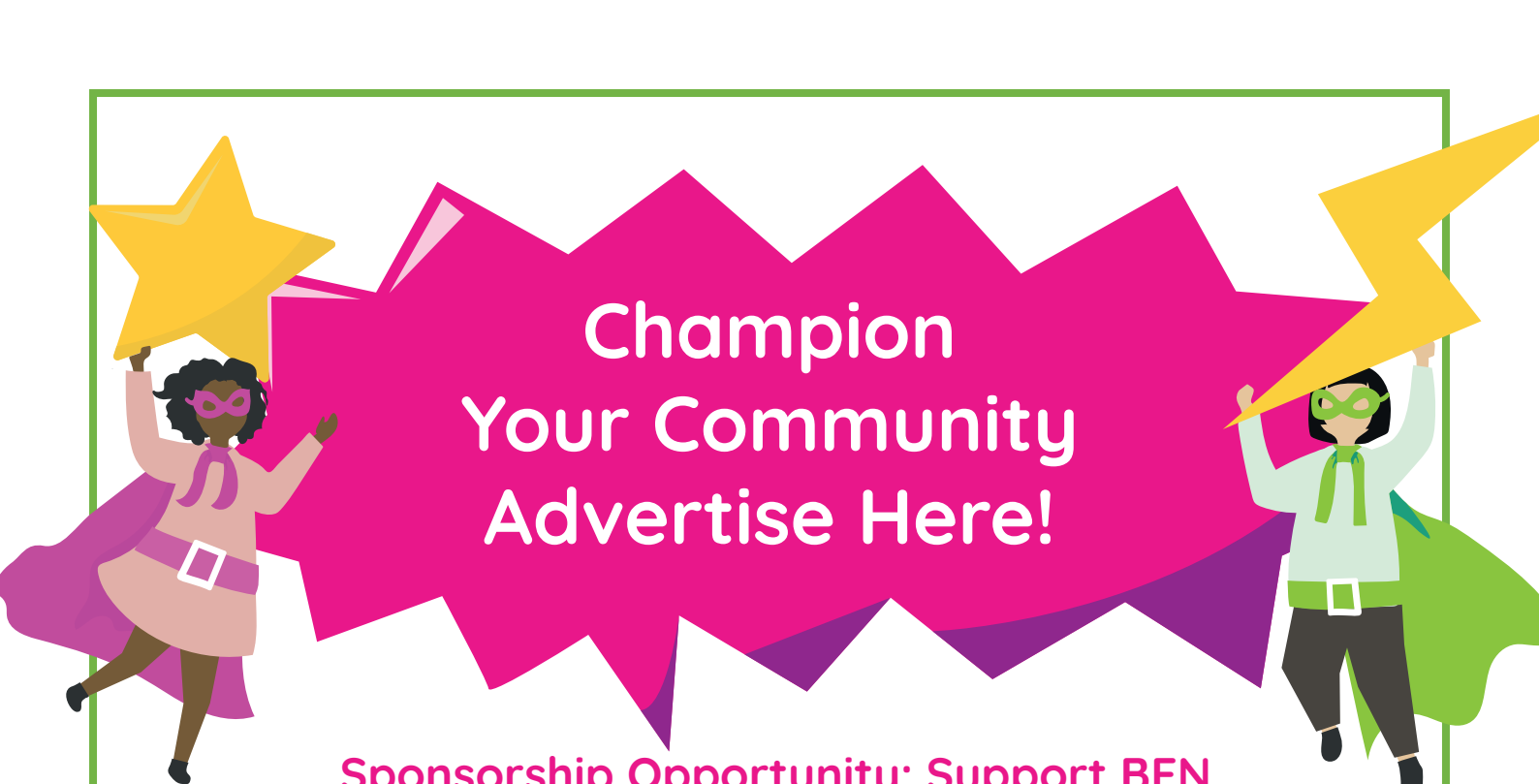
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