BROMLEY ENVIRONMENT NETWORK

October 2026

LOCAL ACTION. REAL 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.

The Bromley Environment Network (BEN) brings together community groups, charities and organisations from across the borough to share information, inspire action and support one another in making Bromley Borough a greener, healthier and more sustainable place to live.

Our free newsletter brings together the latest local environmental news, community projects, campaigns, volunteering opportunities and events, giving residents and organisations a way to discover what's happening across Bromley and get involved.

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 99 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 Hoblingwell ← New Member
Friends of Jubilee Country Park
Friends of Keston Common
Friends of Kelsey Lane
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
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
Soroptimists International Bromley
St Edward's Church, Mottingham
St Mary of Nazereth 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

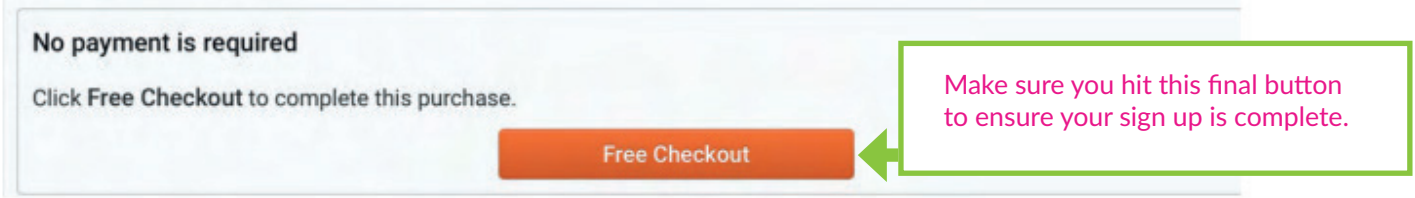
SIGN UP FOR FREE!

www.membermojo.co.uk/ben

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

BROMLEY ENVIRONMENT NETWORK **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.



DOWNLOAD PAST NEWSLETTERS

All newsletters can be downloaded from our website:

December Newsletter Submissions

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

bromleyenvironmentnetwork@gmail.com

15 Nov

Coach trip to Abberton Reservoir and Fingringhoe Wick Nature Park

The RSPB Bromley Local Group are running a coach trip on Sunday 29th November to Abberton Reservoir and Fingringhoe Wick Nature Reserves in Essex. These two reserves run by the Essex Wildlife Trust are a great place to see overwintering wading birds and wildfowl such as Avocets, Brent Goose, Teal and Red Breasted Merganser. Both have excellent visitor centres with facilities

Coach departs Hawthorne Road near Bickley Station at 0800hrs
Cost £25.00

If interested in joining us please email us on bromleyrspb@gmail.com or visit our website group.rspb.org.uk/bromley and download a booking form.

BROMLEY RSPB ENGLAND
LOCAL GROUP

Mums for Lungs: help offered to respond to Bromley's Air Quality Action Plan consultation.

Mums for Lungs is an organisation of people across the UK campaigning for cleaner air to protect children's health. We raise awareness of the health impacts of air pollution and champion effective solutions for tackling it.

Bromley Council is consulting on its 2027-2031 Air Quality Action Plan until 18th October, and we want to help you respond! We think the plan needs to go further, particularly on wood burning, traffic reduction measures, parking charges and School Streets.

Get in touch at hello@mumsforlungs.org for advice on how your response can help strengthen the plan - before 18th October.



Selce's Heat Pump Share Offer Hits Target!

Selce's 7th share offer reached its target! A huge thank you to the 60 people who invested.

With its new heat pump, the 24:7 hydrotherapy pool at Charlton Park Academy, a special educational needs school, will now shift from gas to largely solar-powered heating.



This will reduce emissions by an incredible equivalent of 33 households' electricity usage per year.

Over 20 years of operation, it is now projected to save the school more than £150,000, and 313 tonnes in CO2e emissions.

Look out for our next – and biggest ever – share offer launching in October – with the latest details at selce.org.uk/shares.

SOUTH EAST LONDON COMMUNITY ENERGY

The Penge Climate Collective's People's Emergency Briefing Screening

Held on 8 September in Crystal Palace, this screening provoked impassioned discussion on topics such as the imperative to transition to electric vehicles, the role of regenerative farming and addressing how much meat we eat. The general feeling was the solutions are there - we just need to hold our politicians to account and drive action.

After the screening attendees signed a banner calling for any drilling in the North Sea's Rosebank oil field to be stopped.

Ideas for how you can take action can be found here: linktr.ee/PengePEB



ParkBathe: Helping people Slow Down, One Walk at a Time

parkbathe
Walk, absorb and destress

ParkBathe has been busy training new community Walk Leaders to run free forest bathing walks across Bromley parks. Inspired by the Japanese practice of shinrin-yoku, our slow, guided walks use simple sensory prompts to help people switch off, notice more and give busy minds time to settle. We're also developing dedicated walks for people experiencing loss and bereavement, offering a gentle way to spend time with grief through nature, reflection and supportive company. More than 2,000 people have now joined ParkBathe, with a growing team of 30 trained Walk Leaders across 14 parks.

Coming up here are just a few of our local walk dates:

4th Oct, 2pm - Crystal Palace Park, Bromley

10th Oct, 11am - Betts park, Bromley

11th Oct, 11am - Cator park, Bromley

12th Oct, 11am - MHA The Wilderness, Shirley

17th Oct, 11am - South Norwood Country Park LOSS WALK

8th Nov, 11am - Cator Park

8th Nov, 11.30am - Stambourne Woods Fabulous Fungi (mushrooms spotting and forest bathing fundraiser)

14th Nov, 11am - Betts Park, Bromley

15th Nov, 1pm - Crystal Palace park, Bromley

Lots more walks across other parks. Small friendly groups welcoming all adults. Book free via linktr.ee/parkbathe





Pampering with Purpose: Soroptimists Take Action to End Violence Against Women

Soroptimist International Bromley Club hosted an orange cafe pamper afternoon at The Hub by Greener and Cleaner on 25th September as part of the UN campaign to end violence against women. Supporting Secondhand September with preloved partywear for £10 an item. Shiatsu and Reiki taster treatments.

Soroptimist International Bromley Club are raising funds with a Quiz night on Sat 10th Oct email Jenni now for a booking form: Jennimog@aol.com.

THAMES21

Join us to bring the River Beck back to life!

A total of 7 fun and interactive volunteer events will be held throughout the winter season to restore the River Beck to its former glory.

The River Beck is a valued local blue space that runs through High Broom and Harvington Woods, but heavy public use has led to widespread bank erosion and increased sediment entering the river. Our mission is to use nature-based solutions upstream to reduce erosion, improve wildlife habitat, protect riverside paths, and help prevent costly downstream sediment build-up.

Activities include installing dead hedging, creating natural berms at the toe of the river bank, installing deflectors in the channel to improve the health of the river and removing invasive vegetation.

Booking link: https://book.plinth.org.uk/e/QecMzFyKI6OlgkbzTd5h



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



Does your teenager need a volunteering placement for their Duke of Edinburgh's Award?

We're looking for more young DofE volunteers to join us at Friends of Chislehurst Recreation Ground.

And there's lots to get involved with! We can now get back into our bird sanctuary to carry out woodland and conservation work.

It's a great way to complete the volunteering section of DofE while getting outdoors, learning practical skills and doing something genuinely useful for our local green space.

Activities can include woodland work, conservation tasks, litter picking and helping us look after the Rec.

If your son or daughter is looking for a local DofE volunteering opportunity, send Barbara an email (barbara@focrg.org.uk) to find out more.

Please share with other DofE parents too. We'd love to welcome a few more young volunteers to the team!

focrg.org.uk



Nuthatch Retreats are continuing their monthly Men's Campfire Collective and now have dates in the diary until summer 2027.

A supportive social space, it's a chance for men to come together in the great outdoors, take part in a wildlife or woodland activity, have a simple campfire supper and check in with how you're doing. All men 18+ welcome.

Pay what you can via our Eventbrite page: Men's Campfire Collective by Nuthatch Retreats | Eventbrite

Upcoming events all Thursdays at 7pm to 9.30pm (ish!):

Free Fruit Trees for Bromley Communities – Apply Now!

Veolia's nationwide orchard now stands at over 1,995 apple and pear trees and 3,620 strawberry plants, with each of the participating 716 schools and 55 community organisations joining an environmental network which encourages sustainable practices and outdoor learning.

The scheme accepts applications from community settings, including schools, universities, colleges, prisons, care homes and community centres.

Applications are open from 21 Sept to 20 Nov for either five apple or pear trees or ten strawberry plants, so that even the most urban areas can benefit from access to nature.

Find out more here



Call for Repair Cafés: Join the London Fixathon 2026

Repair Cafés across London are invited to take part in the London Fixathon on Saturday 10 October 2026. The aim is to coordinate as many repair sessions as possible on the same day, helping residents repair household items for free, reduce waste and save money.

By working together, Repair Cafés can showcase the power of repair and support a more circular economy while aiming to achieve a record-breaking number of repairs across the capital.

If your Repair Café would like to participate, or if you are planning an event around this date, please get in touch and the carbon team can forward your details for further information, resources and coordination support to help make the day a success.

Contact details:

carbon.management@bromley.gov.uk

Halloween fun and volunteering at Hoblingwell

We love bringing neighbours together to care for our beautiful wild spaces! Join us for our Haunted Hallowe'en event on Saturday, 31 October 2026 (12:30pm–2:30pm) at Hoblingwell Wood Recreation Ground (BR5 2QB). Enjoy a spooky woodland trail, wildlife learning, activities, and treats! Book your slots at www.ticketsource.com/hoblingwell.

Want to support new park projects like our community orchard and sensory garden? Come along to our "Bloomin' Marvellous Volunteering" sessions. We meet at the pump track container:

- Wednesdays (10:00am): Conservation & wildlife surveys
- Thursdays (10:30am): Horticulture & flower beds
- Saturdays (11:00am): Weekend park refresh

Contact: hoblingwellfriends@gmail.com.





Selling Fast: Book your tickets for the Annual Greener and Cleaner Comedy Fundraiser

We're back at the Churchill Theatre, Bromley, on Wednesday 14 October. Curated by TV writer, stand up and RadioX DJ Matthew Crosby, this year's fabulous line-up includes Ed Gamble, Rosie Jones, Suzi Ruffell, Abi Clarke, and Stuart Goldsmith. Every ticket helps to support Greener and Cleaner's work in the local community.

Grab your tickets today!

Can you sponsor, donate or volunteer at our Annual Christmas Fair?

Greener and Cleaner's Annual Christmas Fair is back on **Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 November 2026** - a festive weekend celebrating community, creativity, and sustainable gifting.

We're now welcoming donations of quality preloved gifts for adults and children, seasonal handmade gifts, preloved Christmas jumpers, lucky dip items and bottles for the Bottle Tombola. Please bring items to The Hub, Upper Mall, The Glades.

There are also sponsorship opportunities including Lead Sponsor (£1K + raffle prize), Partner Sponsor (£500 + raffle prize), and additional raffle-prize sponsors, plus corporate volunteering roles for local businesses. It's a chance to connect with our community of more than 8,000 local residents, 1,500 monthly Hub visitors, and up to 2,000 attendees across the Christmas Fair weekend, with donations of raffle prizes and local business experiences especially welcome.

Get in touch to discuss sponsorship, gifting or volunteering: alya@greenerandcleaner.co.uk



Join us for Fun Palaces weekend

Fun Palaces weekend is coming up in early October - a national celebration of creativity, community and culture where everyone is invited to share skills, passions and make local connections. Join us in the Greener and Cleaner Hub for a free programme of hands-on, imaginative activities for all ages. From energy-saving adventures to crafty creations and fast-paced challenges, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

- Friday 2 to Sunday 4 October
- Greener and Cleaner Hub



It's International Repair Day: Saturday 17 October

Our West Wickham Repair Café will be adding our repair totals to the national count led by The Restart Project. At 3pm, we're hosting a special youth repair session for ages 10 -14 at West Wickham Library, introducing young people to repairing electronic devices. We're finalising the details now - keep an eye on our website and socials for updates.

See page 15 for local repair cafes

Join in on our big crafting for warmth activities this winter

Wrap Up London is back and since 2011, over 250,000 warm winter coats have been donated to help people stay warm across the capital. This year, you can drop off excellent-condition winter coats at the Greener and Cleaner Community Hub to support the campaign and make a real difference.

Collections run from Friday 16 October to Monday 9 November 2026, with donation points at the Greener and Cleaner Community Hub and The Glades Shopping Centre Guest Services Lounge. Thank you for helping keep London warm.

Blankets for London Community Group Gathering



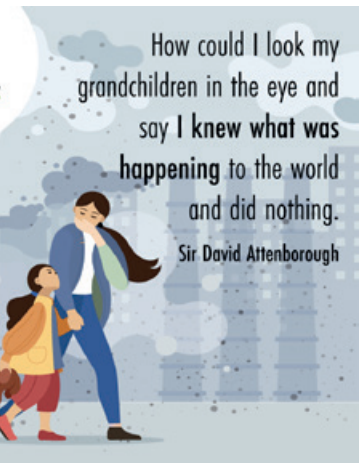
Greener and Cleaner's Knit and Crochet Groups are teaming up with Craft Forward to support Blankets for London, creating handmade blankets for people experiencing houselessness. Everyone is invited to join in by making 20 x 20 cm squares.

Save the date: to help us make the squares, we're hosting a big community crafting session in The Glades Atrium on Sunday 8 November, 11:00am–4pm. Come along, make a square and learn new skills.

Event details

HAVE YOUR SAY – your feedback is needed on our air quality future

Bromley Council is asking residents, schools, community groups and local organisations to share their views on the Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) 2027–2031, a five-year strategy that will shape how the borough tackles air pollution. The plan covers key areas such as cleaner transport, reducing idling, improving public health, managing construction emissions, and creating safer, greener streets for everyone.



Although Bromley currently meets national air quality targets, the Council wants to build on this progress and that means listening to the people who live, work and study here. Whether you're concerned about school-run traffic, want better walking and cycling routes, support more EV infrastructure, or simply want cleaner air for vulnerable residents, your feedback will help decide what actions are prioritised.

Greener and Cleaner is encouraging everyone to take part. The consultation takes around 15 minutes and is open until 18 October. A date will be coming soon at the Hub to learn more about this consultation and how to share your views – keep checking Greener and Cleaner's events page.

Find the consultation at www.bromley.gov.uk/pollution-control-air-quality

Find Greener & Cleaner online:
Facebook: @GreenerCleanerBromley
@The Hub from Greener and Cleaner
Insta: @greenerandcleanerUK
Web: greenerandcleaner.co.uk

Energy Champions WANTED! Find out about our Energy Advice Team

With Greener and Cleaner's Energy Project in its third year, we are looking for passionate and dedicated people to join our Energy Advice Team. Access to a National Qualification and full training will be provided, leading to flexible opportunities for both voluntary and paid roles. Will this be your next step?

Our Energy Advice Team helps residents save energy, reduce household bills and access practical support. As well as offering advice at community events and outreach sessions, the team can also arrange free one-to-one home visits, providing personalised energy-saving advice and support tailored to individual households.

Interested? Contact: alya@greenerandcleaner.co.uk

Greener and Cleaner's Energy Advice Team will also be at TEDx Bromley taking place at Bromley High School on Saturday 3 October at 12pm - 5:30pm.

Half-Term STEM Fun with Science Owl

This half term, Science Owl is bringing two exciting hands-on workshops to the Greener and Cleaner Hub on Friday 23 October, perfect for curious young makers. In the Broken Umbrella Challenge, children will investigate how everyday objects work, explore why things break, and engineer imaginative fixes. In Puzzle Constructors, they'll dive into logic, patterns and design, building their own puzzles while sharpening problem-solving skills. Final details are being confirmed - keep an eye on our website and socials for updates.

FREE SUPPORT FOR SMALL BUSINESSES IN BROMLEY

SUSTAINABLE START By G&C

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

SUSTAINABLE START By G&C

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

WANT HELP WITH YOUR BILLS?

Greener & Cleaner

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

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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

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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:
27 Nov 11am - 1pm
West Wickham Library

Website: ourtechnician.co.uk/tech-recycling

Email: james@ourtech.co.uk

We have teamed up with Our Tech to help you recycle those devices, safely wipe them clean and accept them for donation to reuse if they are still viable.

If possible please bring your device with some battery charge on it so that we can switch it on to wipe data and check settings.

At this event we will accept old laptops, 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.

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



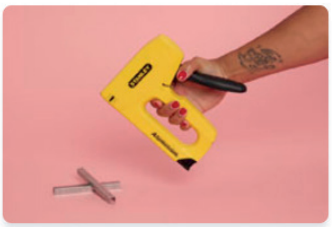
Carpet Cleaner
£29 per day



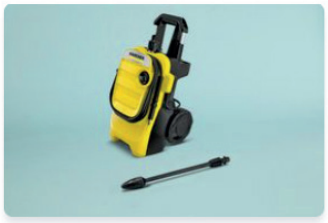
Drill (cordless)
£7 per day



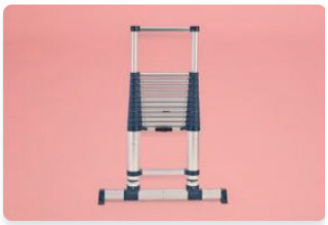
Projector
£15 per day



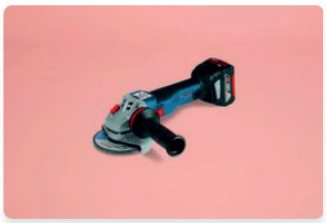
Staple Gun
£2 per day



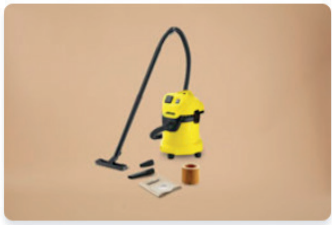
Heavy Duty Pressure Washer
£20 per day



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

Waldo Road Recycling Centre Set to Reopen in November

Bromley's Waldo Road Reuse and Recycling Centre is expected to reopen in mid-November following major infrastructure upgrades to the depot.

The improvements include new drainage and a fire suppression system at the waste transfer station. An initial booking system will help manage demand and minimise local congestion.

The centre will reopen with a slightly revised layout, following the relocation of a temporary paper storage facility installed during the works.

In the meantime, the temporary weekend disposal site at Baths Road will remain open for appointments until Waldo Road reopens. Weekend garden waste disposal sites will continue operating until the end of October.

The exact reopening date and booking details will be announced shortly.

Find out more on Bromley Council's website

Have Your Say on Bromley's Future Air Quality

Bromley residents, businesses and community groups are being invited to help shape the borough's future air quality by sharing their views on the Council's draft Air Quality Action Plan for 2027–2031.

The proposed plan sets out measures to tackle air pollution and create a cleaner, healthier environment for everyone. Key priorities include encouraging cleaner and more sustainable transport, expanding electric vehicle charging infrastructure, reducing emissions from construction sites and tackling unnecessary vehicle idling.

Bromley Council reports that nitrogen dioxide levels have fallen by 46.7% since 2016. However, air pollution remains an important environmental and public health concern, particularly for children, older people and those with respiratory conditions.

The consultation offers an opportunity for residents and local organisations to influence how the borough addresses air pollution over the next five years. Whether you walk, cycle, drive or use public transport, your views can help shape future action.

The consultation closes on 18 October 2026, so make sure you have your say and help create a greener, healthier Bromley for future generations.

Find out more and take part in the consultation

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 28 NOV 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





Visit our Facebook group

Petts Wood Repair Cafe

INFO

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

SATURDAY 31 Oct & 28 NOV 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 17 OCT, 21 NOV, 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



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OCT

Sun 4 Oct

11:00 **ParkBathe –Crystal Palace Park Forest Bathing** Book

11:00 **Speed Puzzling** The Hub, The Glades, Bromley BR1 1DN Book

11:00 **T-shirt painting with Natali** The Hub, The Glades, Bromley BR1 1DN Book

14:00 **Autumn Garland Craft** The Hub, The Glades, Bromley BR1 Book

Tues 6 Oct

10:00 **Greener and Cleaner - Community Sewing Circle,** West Wickham Library, Glebe Way West Wickham BR4 0SH Book

Fri 9 Oct

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

Mon 12 Oct

11:00 **ParkBathe – MHA The Wilderness forest bathing walk (all mobilities welcome)** Book

11:30 **Greener and Cleaner - Knitting and Crochet Group,** The Hub, The Glades, BR1 1DN Book

Wed 14 Oct

17:00 **Greener and Cleaner - Community Gardening Session,** Southlands Road Allotments Book

19:30 **Greener and Cleaner - Comedy Fundraiser,** Churchill Theatre, Bromley Book

Fri 2 Oct

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

16:00 **Greener and Cleaner - Fun Places - Play Energy Detectives** The Hub, The Glades, Bromley BR1 1DN Book

Mon 5 Oct

11:30 **Greener and Cleaner - Knitting and Crochet Group,** The Hub, The Glades, BR1 1DN Book

15:00 **Introduction to Hand Stitching and Embroidery,** The Hub, The Glades, BR1 1DN Book

Wed 7 Oct

17:00 **Greener and Cleaner - Community Gardening Session,** Southlands Road Allotments Book

Sat 10 Oct

11:00 **ParkBathe – Crystal Palace Park Forest Bathing (all adults)** Book

11:00 **ParkBathe – Betts Park Forest Bathing (all adults)** Book

12:00 **Greener and Cleaner Mending clinic,** The Hub, The Glades, Bromley BR1 1DN Book

19:00 **Bromley Soroptimist Club Quiz Night,** Azelia Hall, 258 Croydon Road, Beckenham, BR3 4DA Book

Thur 15 Oct

14:00 **Greener and Cleaner - Knitting and Crochet Group,** The Hub, The Glades, BR1 1DN Book

20:00 **Mums for Lungs – Monthly Volunteer Meeting,** info

Sat 3 Oct

10:30 **Design your own beaded bracelet** The Hub, The Glades, Bromley BR1 1DN Book

10:30 **Live Music with Caroline Chan** The Hub, The Glades, Bromley BR1 1DN Book

12:00 **Ukrainian painting with Tatyana** The Hub, The Glades, Bromley BR1 1DN Details

12:00 **Greener and Cleaner Mending clinic,** The Hub, The Glades, Bromley BR1 1DN Book

14:00 **Lego Challenge!** The Hub, The Glades, Bromley BR1 1DN Book

14:00 **Whimsical Nature Crafts** The Hub, The Glades, Bromley BR1 1DN Book

Thur 8 Oct

14:00 **Greener and Cleaner - Knitting and Crochet Group,** The Hub, The Glades, BR1 1DN Book

Sun 11 Oct

11:00 **ParkBathe – Cator Park Forest Bathing (all adults)** Book

14:00 **Greener and Cleaner Chess & Board Games Afternoon,** The Hub, The Glades, BR1 1DN Book

Tues 13 Oct

10:00 **Greener and Cleaner - Community Sewing Circle,** West Wickham Library, Glebe Way West Wickham BR4 0SH Book

Fri 16 Oct

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

18:00 **Greener and Cleaner - Environmental Film Café,** The Hub, The Glades, Bromley BR1 Book

Sat 17 Oct

10:00 **Orpington Repair Café,** St Mary's Church Hall, Orpington Info

10:30 **West Wickham Repair Café,** West Wickham Library Book

11:00 **ParkBathe – Loss Walk at South Norwood Country Park Forest Bathing** Book

12:00 **Greener and Cleaner Mending clinic,** The Hub, The Glades, Bromley BR1 1DN Book

15:00 **West Wickham Repair Café youth repair session,** West Wickham Library Info

Thur 22 Oct

14:00 **Greener and Cleaner - Knitting and Crochet Group,** The Hub, The Glades, BR1 1DN Book

Sun 25 Oct

11:00 **ParkBathe – South Norwood Lake & Grounds Forest Bathing (Women's)** Book

14:00 **Mend with Friends** The Hub, The Glades, Bromley BR1 1DN Book

14:00 **Sewing Survival Skills** The Hub, The Glades, Bromley BR1 1DN Book

Thur 29 Oct

14:00 **Greener and Cleaner - Knitting and Crochet Group,** The Hub, The Glades, BR1 1DN Book

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Sun 1 Nov

15:00 **Skill Share Sunday** The Hub, The Glades, Bromley BR1 1DN Book

Thur 5 Nov

10:30 **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 25 Oct

13:00 **ParkBathe – South Norwood Country Park Forest Bathing (all adults)** Book

Tues 20 Oct

10:00 **Greener and Cleaner - Community Sewing Circle,** West Wickham Library, Glebe Way West Wickham BR4 0SH Book

Fri 23 Oct

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

11:00 **Broken Umbrella Challenge,** The Hub, The Glades, Bromley BR1 1DN Book

14:00 **Puzzle Engineers** The Hub, The Glades, Bromley BR1 1DN Book

16:00 **Greener and Cleaner Book Club** The Hub, The Glades, Bromley BR1 1DN Book

Tues 27 Oct

10:00 **Greener and Cleaner - Community Sewing Circle,** West Wickham Library, Glebe Way West Wickham BR4 0SH Book

Fri 30 Oct

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

Mon 2 Nov

11:30 **Greener and Cleaner - Knitting and Crochet Group,** The Hub, The Glades, BR1 1DN Book

15:00 **Introduction to Hand Stitching and Embroidery,** The Hub, The Glades, BR1 1DN Book

Fri 6 Nov

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

Mon 19 Oct

11:30 **Greener and Cleaner - Knitting and Crochet Group,** The Hub, The Glades, BR1 1DN Book

Wed 21 Oct

17:00 **Greener and Cleaner - Community Gardening Session,** Southlands Road Allotments Book

Sat 24 Oct

11:00 **ParkBathe – West Norwood Cemetery Forest Bathing (all adults)** Book

12:00 **Greener and Cleaner Mending clinic,** The Hub, The Glades, Bromley BR1 1DN Book

14:30 **Crafting for Warmth-Sweater SOS!,** The Hub, The Glades, Bromley BR1 1DN Book

Sat 31 Oct

12:00 **Greener and Cleaner Mending clinic,** The Hub, The Glades, Bromley BR1 1DN Book

12:30 **Haunted Hallowe'en at Hoblingwell Wood** Hoblingwell Wood Recreation Ground, BR5 2QB Book

14:00 **Petts Wood Repair Cafe** St Francis of Assisi Church Hall, Greencourt Rd, Petts Wood Info

Tues 3 Nov

10:00 **Greener and Cleaner - Community Sewing Circle,** West Wickham Library, Glebe Way West Wickham BR4 0SH Book

19.30 **Friends of the Earth Bromley – Monthly Meeting,** Friends Meeting House, Bromley Info

Sat 7 Nov

12:00 **Greener and Cleaner Mending clinic,** The Hub, The Glades, Bromley BR1 1DN Book

Tues 10 Nov

10:00 **Greener and Cleaner - Community Sewing Circle,** West Wickham Library, Glebe Way West Wickham BR4 0SH Book

Fri 13 Nov

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

Sun 15 Nov

13:00 **ParkBathe – Crystal Palace Park Forest Bathing (all adults)** Book

13:00 **ParkBathe – South Norwood Country Park Forest Bathing (all adults)** Book

Fri 20 Nov

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

Mon 23 Nov

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

Sat 28 Nov

10:00 **Beckenham & Penge Repair Café,** Christ Central Church, Penge Info

11:00 **ParkBathe – West Norwood Cemetery Forest Bathing (all adults)** Book

12:00 **Greener and Cleaner Mending clinic,** The Hub, The Glades, Bromley BR1 1DN Book

14:00 **Petts Wood Repair Cafe** St Francis of Assisi Church Hall, Greencourt Rd, Petts Wood Info

Sun 8 Nov

11:00 **Crafting for Warmth- Blankets for London Community Group Gathering** The Glades central atrium Book

11:00 **ParkBathe – Cator Park Forest Bathing,** Beckenham Book

11:00 **ParkBathe – Fabulous Fungi & Forest Bathing in Stambourne Woods** Book

14:00 **Greener and Cleaner Chess & Board Games Afternoon,** The Hub, The Glades, BR1 1DN Book

Sat 14 Nov

11:00 **ParkBathe – Betts Park Forest Bathing (all adults)** Book

11:00 **ParkBathe – Loss Walk at South Norwood Country Park Forest Bathing** Book

12:00 **Greener and Cleaner Mending clinic,** The Hub, The Glades, Bromley BR1 1DN Book

Sat 21 Nov

10:00 **Greener and Cleaner Christmas Fair,** The Hub, The Glades, Bromley BR1 1DN

10:00 **Orpington Repair Café,** St Mary's Church Hall, Orpington Info

10:30 **West Wickham Repair Café,** West Wickham Library Book

Thur 26 Nov

14:00 **Greener and Cleaner - Knitting and Crochet Group,** The Hub, The Glades, BR1 1DN Book

Sun 29 Nov

08:00 **RSPB Bromley, coach trip, Abberton Reservoir and Fingringhoe Wick Nature Park** Info

11:00 **ParkBathe – South Norwood Lake & Grounds Forest Bathing (Women's)** Book

Mon 9 Nov

11:30 **Greener and Cleaner - Knitting and Crochet Group,** The Hub, The Glades, BR1 1DN Book

15:00 **Introduction to Hand Stitching and Embroidery,** The Hub, The Glades, BR1 1DN Book

Thur 12 Nov

14:00 **Greener and Cleaner - Knitting and Crochet Group,** The Hub, The Glades, BR1 1DN Book

19:00 **Nuthatch Retreats - Men's Campfire Collective,** Frylands Wood Scout Outdoor Centre, Croydon, Book

Mon 16 Nov

11:30 **Greener and Cleaner - Knitting and Crochet Group,** The Hub, The Glades, BR1 1DN Book

Thur 19 Nov

14:00 **Greener and Cleaner - Knitting and Crochet Group,** The Hub, The Glades, BR1 1DN Book

Sun 22 Nov

10:00 **Greener and Cleaner Christmas Fair,** The Hub, The Glades, Bromley BR1 1DN

Fri 27 Nov

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

11:00 **Tech Recycling & Donation,** West Wickham Library Book

Mon 30 Nov

11:30 **Greener and Cleaner - Knitting and Crochet Group,** The Hub, The Glades, BR1 1DN Book



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