



Lewisham

# Sydenham

Summer  
2016

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**Next meeting**  
**Saturday 30th July**  
**11:30am -1pm**

**The Sydenham Centre**  
**44a Sydenham Road**  
**SE26 5QF**

Buses 75, 194, 202, 450

## Agenda

- Westwood Hill road safety
- Car club
- London Wildlife Trust
- Planning process
- Community safety issues
- Town centre



## Poets R Us

### Last call for young people POETRY COMPETITION

The Sydenham Assembly is making its last call for young people between the age of 5 -11 years old to enter into the Assembly's poetry competition. The winner will have the opportunity to perform their poem at the Sydenham Assembly on Saturday 30th July, have lunch or dinner with a famous poet and see their poem published in the autumn newsletter. Two runners up will also be selected.

We'd like young people to tell us what they think about living or going to school in Sydenham. Poems should be no more than an A4 side of paper. Remember to include your name, age, school and address.

**Deadline Tuesday July 19th**

**Please submit poems to laura.luckhurst@lewisham.gov.uk.**



*Thanks to Kas Darley and Mark Stevenson from Teatro Vivo (see picture). With words given by those present from the last assembly they created this clever poem. Thanks!*

The shops are bursting with melons aplenty  
We're proud to live in SE's six and twenty  
Green spaces and the famous pocket squares

Parks Mayow, Wells and Home  
to take the airs

But if carousing is the thing for you  
Look for the creatures in our local zoo  
Drink with a Dolphin and a Lion of Gold

Soon hopefully the Greyhound  
will be sold

And like a Phoenix from the  
flames will rise

Transforming right before our very eyes  
If you like to sit in your car and sing

The queues on Sydenham  
high street are the thing

But if your journey you'd prefer was swift  
Bus, trains and Overground are  
Sydenham's gift

With High Street Happenings and  
Sydenham Arts

Culture is bursting out from many parts  
The library's brought to life by volunteers  
For whom we all would like to  
give three cheers!

Community in Sydenham is so strong  
Together we're a very happy throng  
A diverse bunch of ages and of races  
There's Sydenham Smiles on all our  
friendly faces.

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## News from the Chair

*I am very excited about the next Sydenham Assembly on 30th July at The Sydenham centre. The last Assembly was well received and there was a good opportunity for residents to provide their views on a variety of local issues. I look forward to meeting new residents and very much welcome any new ideas about how best to improve our Assembly.*

*I would also like to say a massive thank you to James Stagg who worked as the newsletter editor for 5 issues. The role is voluntary and requires time, skill and effort to ensure a good final product.*

*I am glad to welcome Alexandra Bourdelon as the new newsletter editor, and we look forward to working with Alexandra throughout the year.*



## Sydenham Market

Come along and support your local market. You will find a great community of traders selling a variety of food and crafts such as Rati's Indian Street Food, Mama's Little Rum Cake, DB Foods selling savoury preserves and food stuffs with a South African influence. Also beautiful handmade jewellery will be available from Jayne Williams Designs.

July saw a very lively and vibrant market with some new stall holders and some returning traders. Our regular stall holders are also local residents so if you would like to have a stall please contact the team at [markets@lewisham.gov.uk](mailto:markets@lewisham.gov.uk) or call 020 8314 2050.



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## Indoor pop-up market

Join us at The Sydenham Pop-Up Shop for our Mums & Kids event on August 13th. The day is all about treats for Mums and their little ones so expect lots of lovely jewellery, cosmetics and accessories for Mums and clothes, books and toys for children - plus delicious treats to eat and our Kids Corner workshop. Please check out our website [www.thesydenhampopupshop.co.uk](http://www.thesydenhampopupshop.co.uk) for the August and future events. We would also like you to visit our blog and picture gallery.



## Community Safety in Sydenham

### Cashpoint theft

Please be aware that there are criminals targetting vulnerable residents along the high street at cashpoints. Please remain vigilant, reporting defective machines to the relevant banks.



provide change for these individuals, and the latter is a tactic to short change residents. Begging is a criminal offence - please do not support this behaviour.

### Rogue builders

Rogue builders are operating in Sydenham. Please ensure you research the individual or company prior to appointing them. If in doubt about the authenticity of the tradesman please alert the police Safer Neighbourhood Team.

### Begging

Individuals continue to beg for money or ask for change outside Tesco Metro and the Post Office. This behaviour has become quite harrassing for some residents. Please do not give money or

### Oyster card deception

Reports have been received that a woman purporting to work at Sydenham School continues to ask for money to top up her Oyster card around the Sydenham station area. Her method of operation is holding an Oyster card looking very distressed suggesting that she is unable to return home. This person does not work at Sydenham School and seeks to gain money by deception.

**You can contact your Police Safer**

**Neighbourhood Team via email –**

**[Sydenham.snt@met.police.uk](mailto:Sydenham.snt@met.police.uk)**

**To follow on twitter - @MPSSydenhamSgt**



## Road Safety — Westwood Hill

Sydenham schools, parents and residents have raised concerns regarding road safety along Westwood Hill particularly outside Sydenham High school. Lewisham are currently advertising for a new school crossing patrol officer to help ensure safety pre and post school and we are keen to fill the role as soon as possible. If you live locally and wish to work 10 hours per week, **please contact [graham.curtis@lewisham.gov.uk](mailto:graham.curtis@lewisham.gov.uk) or call on 020 8314 2021 for more information.**

Current safety measures outside the school include speed cameras and a pedestrian refuge. We are currently in discussions with TFL about what other safety measures they could introduce.



## Waste and recycling

### Weekly garden waste collections

Since its launch in February, the new garden waste service has over 6000 sign ups. It is not too late to sign up to the garden waste service, residents should call 020 8314-9756 or register online.

### What to put in recycling bins?

There appears much confusion about what items should go in the recycling (green) bin (if you are a resident that has one). The following items are accepted

recycling material: paper, card, glass, tins and plastics. Clothes, shoes and other textile materials are not accepted in residential bins. These items can be taken to the textiles bank on Sydenham Road junction with Porthcawe Road, Sydenham. For further information on any recycling questions or issues go to [www.lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/wasterecycle/](http://www.lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/wasterecycle/)

Residents can also take their recycling waste to the Recycling and Re-use centre, Landmann Way, Lewisham. No pre-booking required and it's a free service.

**Mattress collections are free, book online or call 020 8314 7171.**

**Fly-tipping** — This is a serious issue within Lewisham. The bulky collection service offers to collect three big items for £15, a widely used service. It is unfortunately a small minority of residents that throw their waste out on the streets. Fly-tipping is a criminal offence and those caught could be fined, summoned to court and/or imprisoned. We need to continue working together to reduce fly-tipping in Sydenham by collecting information about the perpetrators. **To report any fly-tipping residents can contact the Council on 020 8314 7171 or use the 'fix my street' app: [www.fixmystreet.com](http://www.fixmystreet.com)**



## Diary Dates

**Saturday 13th August,  
10th September &  
8th October**

Indoor Pop-up Market,  
family fun day at Here for  
Good, 17 Sydenham Road,  
Sydenham – 10am – 4pm.

**Saturday 20th August**

Sydenham Gardens - De  
Frene Summer Festival  
- "A festival of food &  
fun at our new De Frene  
site, found between 35  
& 37 De Frene Rd, SE26  
4AB. 12-5pm. Adults £3,  
children under 16 free  
(when accompanied by a  
paying adult)."

**Movies for over-50s**

Every Friday from 1pm  
to 3.30pm at The New  
Generation Centre, 111  
Wells Park Road, SE26  
6AD. Enjoy a film, meet  
new people and have some  
tea and cake, all for free!  
22 July - AMERICAN  
SNIPER (2014) - Starring  
Bradley Cooper and  
Sienna Miller  
The film club closes  
through August returning  
on Friday 9th September.

**Dame Cicely Saunders  
Concert Series**

Series of outstanding  
concerts at St Christopher's  
Hospice, featuring the  
talents of professional  
musicians from around  
the world. Concerts take  
place on the first Thursday  
of every month at 7.30pm.  
£10 tickets include interval  
canapés and wine.

**Sydenham Market**

The Sydenham market is  
on the second Saturday  
of every month with free  
entertainment usually from  
11.30am to 2.30pm on  
Venner square.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### • French Cuisine

For something different *La Petite Bouchée* is a French brasserie offering traditional cuisine from a van located in the middle of Wells Park - bookings online @ lapetitebouchee.me

### • Greyhound

The Asset of Community Value (ACV) process which allowed for interested parties to submit a bid to purchase the pub closed on 28th April. A commercial operator is currently in negotiation with the owners to potentially run the pub. We look forward to a final opening as quickly as possible.

### • Zipcar, Car Club Sydenham

Do you want to use a car without the hassle of ownership? if so Zipcar might be for you. Check out [www.zipcar.co.uk](http://www.zipcar.co.uk).

### • London Wildlife Trust

Glad to announce that the London Wildlife Trust have submitted a bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for the natural restoration of various woodland sites. If successful the Trust are interested in delivering the Great North Wood project which could include Sydenham's Hillcrest Estate nature reserve. Come and hear from the London Wildlife Trust on the 30th July.

### • EU Referendum

The result of the EU referendum revealed that Britain will be exiting its long-standing membership with the European Union. Conversely, results across London saw a strong vote for remain. In particular, Lewisham revealed that out of the 63% of residents that voted, 69.9% voted for the UK to remain in Europe. The UK Government is now preparing its exit and we will better understand the impact of leaving the EU as the exit strategy and future national policies are prepared.

## Conservation in Sydenham

Many residents have asked questions about planning permission, so please see the summary below. Please however always check with the Council before you embark on changes to your premises.

There are conservation areas within Sydenham, specifically Cobbs Corner, the Thorpes, Jews Walk and Sydenham Road west of Mayow Road. These areas in particular require formal planning consent for work such as rear extensions, loft conversions, new roofing and new windows, erecting, altering or removing a chimney, vehicle crossovers, installing a satellite dish to the front, rendering or cladding the exterior, pollarding or cutting down trees. In these areas work carried out without permission could result in enforcement action against you by the Council. You can check out the boundaries of the conservation areas on [www.lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/planning/conservation/](http://www.lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/planning/conservation/)

To reduce any uncertainty, please check with the planning department before starting your works, especially areas falling within the conservation areas. The planning department can be contacted on 020 8314 7400, or email [planning@lewisham.gov.uk](mailto:planning@lewisham.gov.uk)

## Current planning in Sydenham

We understand that there is interest in the Greyhound pub - see News In Brief.

Sainsbury's Local opened in March & the second retail unit, temporarily occupied by Sydenham Beds, is under offer.

The commercial unit below the new Orb Apartments at 278-280 Kirkdale has been sold on. Work has begun on the site at 22a-24 Sydenham Road for new homes and a commercial unit. Another major development "in the pipeline" is the former Regency Club (Cobbs Corner site fronting Kirkdale & Spring Hill).

The new owners are exploring options, potentially retail units on the ground floor and offices above. Connaught Leisure at 96a Sydenham Road is increasingly unsightly so we are hoping that a planning application will shortly be submitted for a new development

### Other developments at varying stages

- A planning application has been lodged for the rebuilding of St Philip Neri R.C Primary School to accommodate infant pupils. Nearby residents are concerned about increased car traffic and air pollution.

- An application for a residential scheme at 154-156 Sydenham Road (the O'Rourke's site) has caused some concern amongst nearby residents in relation to proximity of site to their



homes and the blocking of natural light.

- A revised planning application for the site at 138 Sydenham Road junction with Knighton Park Road saw residents raise strong objections at a community meeting on 19th May.

- A planning application for the development of a block of six 2-bedroom flats to the front of 5 Churchley Villas, a site which borders the Longton Nursery Allotments. As access would be via an unadopted road, there are concerns about parking, highway safety and over-development of a particularly sensitive site.

Further information on planning applications in Sydenham can be found at [www.lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/planning/Pages](http://www.lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/planning/Pages)