

Neighbourhood funding

Last chance to have your say on how we spend it!

*Happy
New Year!*

The council has some money to spend in Sydenham and we need your help to decide where to spend it. NCIL funding results from building development in the area and across Lewisham. It can be spent on new facilities, such as improving community centres, or anything that helps to manage the extra demands on Sydenham or to improve the area for those who live, work and learn here.

Many people have already taken part in the online consultation. Have a look at what they have come up with so far. You can either support an idea already listed or add your own. All the suggestions will be considered at our next assembly on Saturday 25 January, (see right for details) when we set our NCIL Funding priorities.

Go to www.sydenhamncilmap.commonplace.is/about and click on 'View map and comment'. Final deadline 10pm on Friday 17 January.



Christmas Lights

Congratulations to Sydenham Community Project who succeeded in raising funds for eight new column display lights this year. The lights look great and this is a great accomplishment after 10 months of work! Thank you to all those who have already supported this effort, with special thanks to Sydenham Society, The Poodle Club, Kirkdale Bookshop, Property World, R Woodfall and the Greyhound.

The project will continue to raise funds through their GoFundMe page ([gofundme.com](https://gofundme.com/search?query=Sydenham+Christmas+lights) search for Sydenham Christmas lights), for the transformation of Sydenham High Street. Next Fundraising event will be at Ignition Brewery on February 14th. Follow us on twitter @projectsydenham to be kept up to date. If you have an idea or can host an event, please get in touch with the team at sydenhamcommunityproject@gmail.com.

ASSEMBLY MEETING INFORMATION

The Assembly is an open community meeting that takes place four times a year. Anyone who lives, works or learns in Sydenham is invited to attend. Help shape our future!

ON THE AGENDA

- Sydenham Neighbourhood Fund Priorities
- East Sydenham Healthy Neighbourhood
- Community Updates
- Community Safety (SNT update)

*Last chance to have
your say on NCIL*

Next meeting

Saturday 25th January

11am - 1pm

Sydenham Centre

44A Sydenham Road, SE26 5QX

Buses 202, 75, 194, 450 (Newlands Park)

NEXT ASSEMBLY MARCH 21ST, 11-1PM



In an effort to do our part we will provide tea and coffee but no longer cups so don't forget to bring yours!

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Boundaries review

The Local Government Boundary Commission has reviewed the electoral boundaries within Lewisham for the first time since 1999. They have proposed that as of 2022, the local government elections in Lewisham will have 54 councillors representing 19 wards (there are currently 18 wards). Under this proposal, a small area of Bellingham will join Sydenham, which otherwise remains unchanged. You can see the proposals at consultation.lgbce.org.uk and follow the Boundary Commission on Twitter @LGBCE. If you have a comment or concern email reviews@lgbce.org.uk or write to the Commission at Review Officer (Lewisham), LGBCE, 1st Floor, Windsor House, 50 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0TL.

CPZ Zones

The council is considering the introduction of a new Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) in Sydenham. Officers will be meeting with councillors early in the New Year to discuss draft boundaries, after which a design process will be undertaken. This will then go out for consultation in the Spring. We hope to bring you an update at the Spring Assembly (date tbc).

St Philip Neri School

A planning enforcement notice was issued by Lewisham on 25th October 2019 following the refusal of a planning application seeking to address the non-compliances at OLSPN School. The School has notified Lewisham that they intend to lodge an appeal which will likely be heard at a Public Inquiry in mid-2020. Local Residents will be notified by Lewisham of the appeal when it is formally filed by the Planning Inspectorate.

Sydenham Arts

We are delighted to confirm that we have recouped our funding shortfall. Hats off to some generous supporters and friends who have been our champions! We are not out of the woods yet; monthly donations will keep us going and secure our future. You can donate at sydenhamarts.co.uk/donate 2020 will see a move to more outreach work with our project 'Moving with Parkinsons'. Two



9 week terms of dance and movement for sufferers of Parkinson's Disease and Dementia in SE London.

We kick off 2020 with our Film Club screening of Quentin Tarantino's *Once Upon a Time in Hollywood* on January 30th, details in Diary dates. Keep up to date on all events at sydenhamarts.co.uk/whats-on

Spontaneous Productions

Spontaneous Productions' amazing family theatre shows are a regular fixture at Sydenham Centre. Our next production is *Love Bites: 3rd Time Lucky*. Highly entertaining short playlets on the theme of 'love and heartbreak', by emerging writers, performed 'script-in-hand' by a professional cast, Sat 15 Feb 2020, 8pm at the Sydenham Centre. These events have sold out fast in the past so we highly recommend advance booking to secure your spot.



We are excited to be presenting the magical and incredible story of Sinbad's adventures on the high seas *The Seven Voyages of Sinbad the Sailor*. Expect comedy, original songs, fantastic special effects and wonderful dance routines. From the same team who brought you *Alice in Wonderland*, *Pinocchio* and *The Snow Queen*. From 7 March to 5 April (dates tbc). Two shows every Saturday and Sunday at 2 & 4pm. Tickets available from February. All tickets available at spontaneousproductions.co.uk plus all upcoming shows such as *Abigail's Party* by Mike Leigh!



Dragonfly Yoga

Dragonfly are now fully up and running with a variety of yoga and Pilates classes for adults and kids. The coffee shop and juice bar is also now open for business on the ground floor, making it a welcoming space to meet or work. Tables, chairs and free wifi available. Go to www.dragonfly-yoga.org/studios to see a schedule and book a class or pop in to 22 – 24 Sydenham Road and chat to their friendly reception staff.

Sydenham Fun Palaces

In early October, the 2nd annual Fun Palace took place in Sydenham. TNG hosted The Safer Neighbourhood Team, who set up a Crime Scene and invited the public to work out the modus operandi of the perpetrators. There was slime making, drumming lessons, and learning wall climbing.

A new gardening project was initiated in memory of James Ross Hunter, to provide a platform for young people to learn how to grow their own fruits, vegetables and herbs, and create a calming space where young and old can come together.

A local artist worked with young people on a mural for the garden area and local singer, Sam Wilkinson, winner of ITV's 'The Voice Kids 2019', came by to entertain.

Meanwhile, in the Sydenham Centre, the activities shared by our talented local residents included shadow puppetry and dance, jewellery making, children's crafts, digital photography, learning a Victorian music hall song, laughter yoga, leaf art, meeting the police horses and Zumba.

The Fun Palaces attracted people of all ages to try something new, meet their neighbours and make new friends. Sydenham Assembly was on hand outside the Sydenham Centre, giving out information to local residents on many topics from the NCIL funding consultation to Christmas lights.



Montage Art

Montage are now offering Mini Melodies for ages 2 – 4. They continue to offer Showtime for ages 5 – 7, and Street Dance for ages 6 – 8 and 8 – 13. They have a Half Term holiday course from 19 – 21 February and accept childcare vouchers for this. All classes take place at the Sydenham Centre. Prices and full details of all courses at www.montagetheatre.com

Fridays and Saturdays are comedy night in Sydenham at the Poodle Club!

Saturday 18 January

Richard Todd and mates

Friday 24 January

Craig Deeley and pals

Saturday 25 January

Diane Spencer and friends

Doors open 7.30 pm

Details and tickets at

www.poodleclub.co.uk

Thursday 30 January

Film Club

7:30pm (doors 7pm) £6

Screening of *Once Upon a Time in Hollywood*

Quentin Tarantino's latest film winning 3 Golden Globes this year and stars Leonardo DiCaprio, Brad Pitt & Margot Robbie. At Sydenham Centre. Tickets available at www.sydenhamarts.co.uk

Saturday 1 February

Beethoven & Mozart with enSEmble26

7.30pm (Doors 6.45pm)

Music by Beethoven & Mozart. Featuring Eleanor Meynell (piano) Ellie Fagg & Tom Norris (Violin) and guests. St Bartholomew's Church SE26 6QR Tickets available at www.sydenhamarts.co.uk

Thursday 6 February

Alfabeto Runico

7.30pm £15

A night of Italian traditional music. Tickets include wine and canapés at St Christopher's Hospice 51-59 Lawrie Park Road London SE26 6DZ. Tickets available at www.stchristophers.org.uk

Friday 14 February, 7:30pm

A night of fun. Entry free

A night of Karaoke, cocktails and raffle for the continued effort to raise funds for Christmas lights. At Ignition Brewery in the Sydenham Centre.

Thursday 27 February

Film Club

7:30pm (doors 7pm)

Screening of *Amélie* This beautiful colourful film is light hearted, uplifting and subtitled. £6 at Sydenham Centre Tickets available at sydenhamarts.co.uk

Until 15 February

Exhibition of local emerging artists at Ignition Brewery Taproom, The Sydenham Centre SE26 5QX. 25% of all sales proceeds go to support Ignition Brewery.

TNG Community Youth Centre

Walking along Wells Park Road, you may have noticed that TNG Youth Centre have a fantastic new mural. It certainly brightens up the centre – and the neighbourhood! The mural was painted by James Titchner of Aeroarts with the involvement of the young people who attend the centre. We love it! TNG run regular after school sessions offering a wide range of exciting activities for children and young people from 8 – 19 (SEN 25), as well as holiday play schemes. Activities on offer include wall climbing, dance in a performance hall, table tennis, pool table, outdoor sports, music recording studio and much more. For details contact Deniz Amoah, Senior Youth Leader on 020 8314 3554 or 07875 091 098, or email deniz.amoah@youthfirst.org.uk



East Sydenham Healthy Neighbourhood (HN)

The Healthy Neighbourhood programme is aimed at encouraging walking and cycling for shorter journeys across the borough with a view to enhancing air quality, tackling congestion and improving road safety. In line with Lewisham's Transport Strategy the aim is to reduce Lewisham's carbon emissions to net zero by 2030. The initial consultation stage for East Sydenham HN is now closed. Officers are working hard on the implementation of the trial period. This will involve temporary road closures (modal filters) which will be closely monitored to assess their impact. If you would like to know more and how this may affect your journeys, please come to the Assembly to put your questions to our Healthy Neighbourhood Team. You can have your say on what other parts of Sydenham you feel should be included in the next phase of the Healthy Neighbourhood programme. More information can be seen at lewisham.gov.uk/HealthyNeighbourhoods, and you can sign up for regular email updates at www.streetbuilder.io/eastsydenham or email the team directly at eastsydenhamhn@lewisham.gov.uk

Sydenham Library

Sydenham Community library is now under new management. V22, an art organisation, manages several other Lewisham libraries including Forest Hill and specialises in collecting contemporary art, organising exhibitions, events and educational initiatives. They provide artists' studios and artisans' workshops as well as running community libraries. V22 are dealing with some of the structural problems that have beset the building in recent times such as roofing and guttering. V22 said "We are very proud to be the new custodians of this lovely old building and of this community library. We look forward to continuing Eco Communities' work and building upon our partnership with Lewisham Library Services to keep Sydenham library open in these difficult times."

We are excited to welcome V22 to Sydenham, and look forward to hearing more about all their plans for the future! For any information, call 020 8778 1753 or email contact@sydenhamlibrary.co.uk

Greening Sydenham!

The Sydenham Society has a new committee dedicated to improving the environment in the area. From providing planters in neglected spaces to helping improve smaller green areas and identifying roads which would benefit from new trees, there is plenty to be done to help brighten up Sydenham. The committee will help with the Sydenham Station improvement project, by providing planters for Station Approach and the two platforms plus installing noticeboards and posters.

If you would like to help, please email chair@sydenhamsociety.com

Get active in Wells Park

A grant from Lewisham's Greening Fund with generous match-funding from some local donors will provide an Outdoor Gym to be installed soon in Wells Park, a welcome addition.

Further, a successful bid to the Mayor of London's Drinking Fountain Fund means one will soon be installed close to the main playground. Congratulations!