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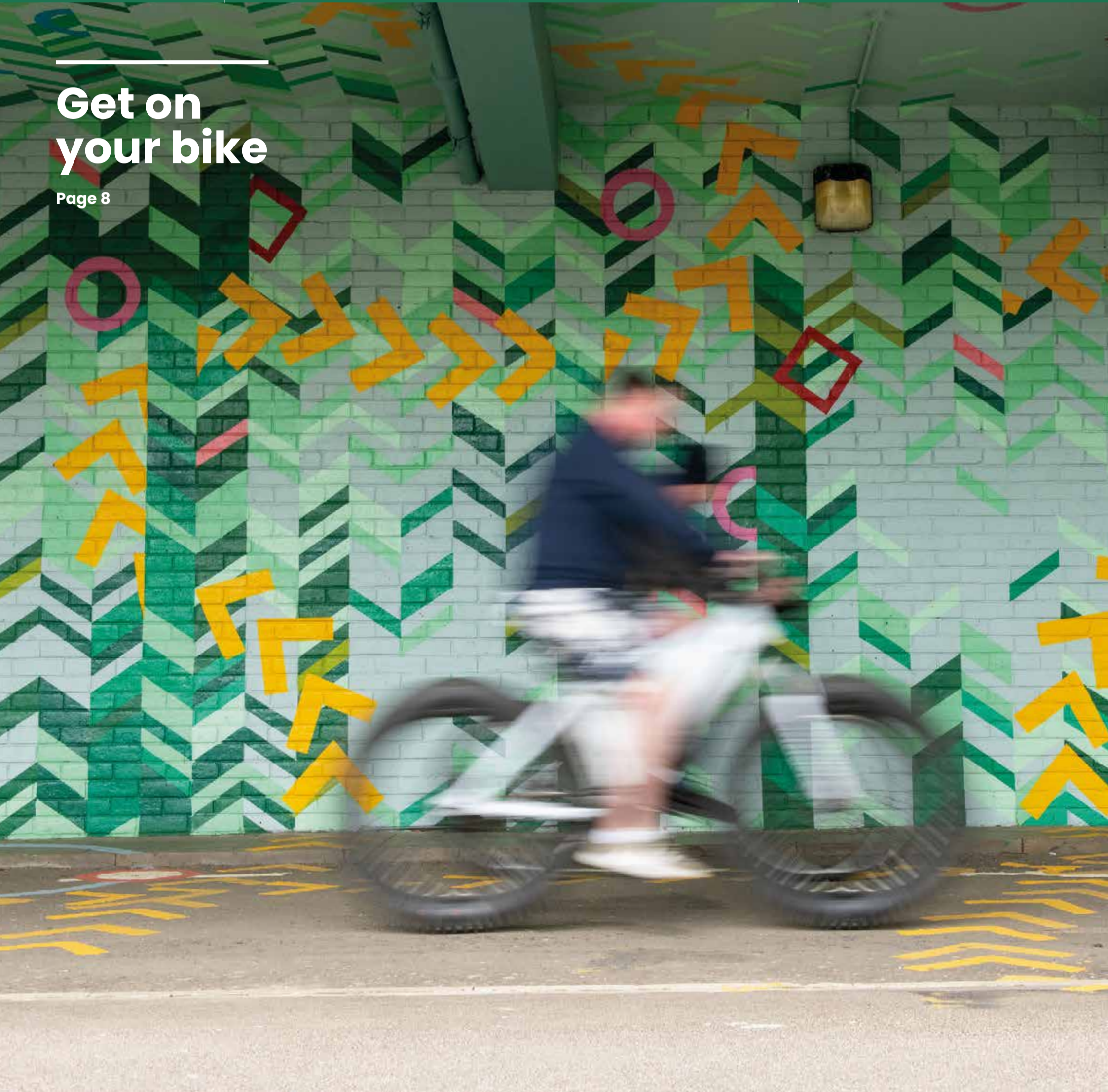
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We were all deeply shocked by the loss of two young lives in Thamesmead in November.

Because of the ongoing police investigation it is not appropriate to go into the circumstances around the deaths but it's absolutely tragic these lives have been cut short so senselessly.

The passing of Charlie Bartolo has been particularly felt by all at Peabody. Charlie was a Peabody resident and well-known to members of the team locally.

The friends and families who are feeling such loss so very painfully are in the thoughts of everyone at Peabody.

Find out what's happening

Do you want to find out more about what Peabody's team in Thamesmead has been doing and what's coming up? There are a number of ways you can stay in touch with developments.



Keep an eye on our website

www.thamesmeadnow.org.uk where we publish regular updates about our plans and share information about upcoming events.

Connect with our social channels

on Twitter and Facebook @ThamesmeadLDN and Instagram @thamesmeadnow to keep up to date with all things Thamesmead.



Sign up to our monthly online newsletter

via the 'Contact Us' section at www.thamesmeadnow.org.uk

If you have a question you can:

email thamesmeadnow@peabody.org.uk use the contact form on www.thamesmeadnow.org.uk or ring us on 020 3828 3671.



If you'd rather speak to someone in person

email thamesmeadnow@peabody.org.uk and we can arrange to meet you at The Nest - Community and Library Building, 3 Cygnet Square, SE2 9FA.

If you have a sales enquiry

you can visit our Marketing Suite and Discovery Centre from Tuesday to Saturday 10am-6pm and Thursday 11am-7pm by appointment only. Register your interest at www.peabodysales.co.uk and someone will be in touch.



Boating club sets sail

There are even more facilities for the people of Thamesmead to enjoy now the construction of the new boating club on Southmere Lake has completed.

From spring there'll be a wide variety of sailing and kayaking activities, aimed at local schools and young people.

The boating club, which was funded by Peabody, will be run by YMCA Thames Gateway Group - who are also managing the café and early years nursery in the Lakeside Centre next door.

The new building, designed by Architecture 00, is an important part of Peabody's £2.5m improvement works at Southmere Lake in recent years, which aim to improve water quality, increase biodiversity and encourage people's enjoyment of the local landscape.

Matthew Foulis, Peabody's Project Director for Thamesmead, said: "Southmere Lake is a much-loved part of the local community. Providing great facilities and well-run activities are part of our plan to help people make the most of the fantastic natural assets in Thamesmead."

Samantha Latouche, Director of Communities for YMCA Thames Gateway Group, added: "We're really excited about extending our presence in Thamesmead and providing this fantastic service, which complements our organisational health and wellbeing focus."



More information about the boating club will be available in the coming months on YMCA Thames Gateway Group's website - www.ymcatg.org

Cost of living help for everyone

Head to the Hub

The cost of living crisis means many people are finding it hard to make ends meet, whether that's struggling to pay rising energy bills or putting food on the table for the family.

In Thamesmead there's a wide range of help and support available, some provided by Peabody, some by charities and community groups.

The first place to start might be the Thamesmead Advice Hub, which as well as providing advice about energy bill problems can also help with issues such as housing, benefits, immigration and employment guidance.

You can go along to the free, confidential weekly drop-in sessions at The Moorings Sociable Club, Arnott Close, London SE28 8BG every Wednesday between 9.30am and 12.30pm.



For further information, please contact 07815 734 080 or tmadviceinschs@peabody.org.uk

If you need any additional support or information about Peabody's support services is also available online at www.peabody.org.uk/help-advice-and-cost-of-living/cost-of-living-support

Cut bills, keep warm



Are you a private tenant or homeowner living in a cold, draughty property? Do you receive benefits or are a low-income household?

If the answer is yes to both of these questions, your home could qualify for a full energy-efficiency upgrade.

The Mayor of London's Warmer Homes Programme is offering up to £25,000 per household to make poorly insulated homes warmer and cheaper to heat.

Long-term savings on energy bills can be made by home upgrades such as wall, loft and floor insulation, double-glazing, draught-proofing, solar panels or heat pumps.

Don't miss out on the chance to take the pain out of your energy bills and protect your home (and yourself!) from the cold, please visit www.warmerhomes.london



For help with your application, please contact South-East London Community Energy's advice team on 0204 566 5764 or email energy.advice@selce.org.uk

South-East London Community Energy (SELCE) provides a whole range of support for anyone struggling with their bills.

Services include: advice on reducing bills and increasing energy efficiency; speaking to energy companies for you, help with applications for financial help or to change payment methods and installation of energy saving devices

You can contact SELCE at the email address above or visit www.selce.org.uk for more information.



Both the London Borough of Bexley and Royal Borough of Greenwich offer a wide range of support and advice designed to help you cope with the rising cost of living throughout the winter.

At www.bexley.gov.uk/news/keeping-warm-and-well-winter you'll find lots of tips and advice about staying safe this winter as well as a list of all the free warm spaces across the borough.

Visit www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/Greenwich-Supports to find guidance about paying your energy bills and everyday costs. You can also download the very helpful Greenwich Supports Winter Booklet.



Local Council support

Join the food club

Family Action has launched Food On Our Doorstep (FOOD) clubs in Greenwich to provide families with good-quality food at a low cost, while also reducing waste.

It costs just £1 a year for your family to become a member and everyone is welcome. Once you've joined, you can purchase a bag of tasty food items every week worth approx. £15 for just £3.50!

The club is open every Friday between 10am and 12pm at Jubilee Hall, Lytton Strachey Path, Titmuss Avenue, Thamesmead, SE28 8DU.

Get cosy



This winter Peabody has introduced Cosy Corners at its community centres and everyone's welcome.

At each Cosy Corner you'll find a welcoming and friendly space where you can relax, stay out of the cold and receive advice about how to stay warm at home too.

You can speak to Peabody's community centre teams about any other support you and your family might need.

In Thamesmead Cosy Corners are at:

Sporting Club Thamesmead
Bayliss Avenue,
SE28 8NJ.
Monday to Friday -
9.00am to 10.00pm

The Moorings Sociable Club
Arnott Close,
SE28 8BG.
Monday to Friday -
9.00am to 5.00pm

Cost of living directory



Here's a list of the services that Peabody and external organisations offer to help you tackle the cost of living issues you might be facing:

National Debtline

National Debtline is a charity who gives free and independent debt advice over the phone and online.

Webchat with an advisor, Monday to Friday 9.00am – 8.00pm and Saturday 9:30 am – 1.00pm.

Call on 0808 808 4000, Monday to Friday 9.00am – 8.00pm and Saturday 9:30 am – 1.00pm

www.nationaldebtline.org

Step Change

Step Change provide free, confidential and expert debt advice and money guidance and recommend the best solution or service for your circumstances.

www.stepchange.org

Citizen's Advice

Citizen's Advice Offer a range of online and 1:1 support for various challenges including legal, employment issues, finances, debt and energy issues.

www.citizensadvice.org.uk

Council Household support fund

Vulnerable households across the country can access a new £500m support fund to help them with essentials over winter. Those in need of support should contact their local council who will help them access the fund.

Find and contact your local council here - www.gov.uk/find-local-council

Perennial Budget Calculator

If you are struggling to make ends meet, or unable to put anything aside for savings, the calculator will help you to understand your finances and suggest changes for managing your money.

www.budget.perennial.org.uk/

Local Welfare Assistance Finder

Your local council may be able to help you get hold of items of furniture – as well as helping with other issues, such as debt advice, food and fuel poverty.

www.endfurniturepoverty.org/local-welfare-provision-lwp/

Positive Steps Thamesmead

Positive Steps Thamesmead helps residents access FREE support on a range of issues such as benefits, debt and money management, housing, immigration, counselling, energy saving and more.

www.forms.office.com/r/gcv5DcXYue

Universal Credit Benefits calculator

An online calculator that shows an individual how to calculate the amount of Universal Credit you may be entitled to and guidance on how to make a claim.

www.entitledto.co.uk

Peabody Financial Inclusion Team

Peabody's specialist advisors can provide advice on an individual basis, taking into account specific circumstances, needs and challenges.

www.peabody.org.uk/help-advice/benefits-and-budgeting/welfare-benefits-advice

Peabody Energy Advice service

Peabody works with Agility Eco to offer free energy advice to our residents. This can save residents money on their energy and water bills, and it's also good for the environment.

www.peabody.org.uk/resident-services

Mayor of London – Cost of Living hub

The price of energy, food and bills are all rising steeply, and many Londoners are struggling to keep up with the cost of living. This hub contains information about help you can get if you're in financial difficulty.

www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/communities/help-cost-living

The London Energy Saving Squad Ltd (LESS)

LESS promotes energy sustainability and efficiency by giving advice, information and support to residents on their home energy use and carbon footprint. Their staff speak a range of languages so they are able to support multicultural communities.

Contact LESS' free line on 0800 915 3575.

Warm Welcome – Hub Directory

An online map that helps you to find warm welcome hubs in your area. Simply enter your postcode and see the hubs that are closest to you.

www.warmwelcome.uk

London Borough of Bexley

www.bexley.gov.uk/news/keeping-warm-and-well-winter

Royal Borough of Greenwich

www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/Greenwich-Supports



Thamesmead Cycle Hub

Time: 10.00am-12.00pm

Date: Every Saturday

Location: Sporting Club
Thamesmead, Bayliss Ave,
Thamesmead, SE28 8NJ

Contact:

ThamesmeadCommunityTeam
@peabody.org.uk

The Cycle Hub activities in
Thamesmead include:

Cycling lessons

Social rides

Family cycle courses

Bike repair and maintenance

Monthly/annual cycling events

Bike donation/loan/purchase
scheme



Ten refurbished bikes have been donated to the Thamesmead Cycle HUB thanks to Advanced Building & Maintenance Services who purchased them from The Bike Project, a charity who refurbish second-hand bicycles.

Thamesmead Cycle HUB is a Peabody initiative set up to encourage people to learn how to ride and improve health and well-being.

Operating from the Sporting Club Thamesmead, the HUB offers free bike sessions from beginners to advanced as well as family bike rides every Saturday. The donated bikes will join the 40 existing bikes held at the HUB – making bike riding even more accessible.

Daniel Wells, Health and Wellbeing Lead for Greenwich and Bexley at Peabody, said: "Learning how to ride a bike is a fantastic skill to have – not only is it a fun activity to do with the whole family but it's a great form of exercise. We're really grateful to Advanced Building & Maintenance Services for providing these ten adult bikes. They'll be a great addition to the Cycle HUB."

Charlotte Hu, Digital Marketing Manager at The Bike Project, said: "We're so grateful to Advanced Building & Maintenance Services for choosing to partner with us to provide bikes to the Thamesmead Cycle HUB."

James Mackinlay, Director at Advanced Building & Maintenance Services said: "We are delighted to be able to support the Thamesmead Cycle Hub by donating 10 bikes. Through partnering with The Bike Project charity, we have also been able to support their mission, to get more people cycling."



To find out more about the Thamesmead Cycle HUB, please visit www.thamesmeadnow.org.uk/whats-on

Why not try something delicious?



If you are looking for the perfect spot for something delicious to eat or simply want lunch or coffee on the go, make The Y on the Lake your first port of call.

The restaurant is an open plan, family and dog-friendly space with seating outside overlooking Southmere Lake.

There's delicious and affordable freshly-made food such as toasted muffins and homemade pitta breads with a variety of fillings plus a range of cakes, delicious pastries as well as hot and cold drinks.

The restaurant is currently open from 9am to 4pm, Monday to Friday, and is looking to extend its hours to be open on the weekend too.

And if you're planning a party or corporate event, the Y on the Lake can cater for it with menus to suit all tastes and budgets. The team can cater for both on and off-site functions and deliver locally free of charge. They can even supply waiting staff or if you prefer, a lay-up and leave service.



You can find out more at www.ymcatg.org/yotl



Souper café

During winter what could be nicer than enjoying a delicious bowl of free homemade soup along with friends and neighbours?

Well, if you live in West Thamesmead get along to the Love Soup Café where you can do just that and lots more.

Organiser Kim Vale said: "We wanted to create a place for people to get together with their neighbours, share warming soup made with love, good company, soul soothing music, and crafts for adults and kids."

The Love Soup Café runs every Thursday in Broadwater Village Hall, 1C Goosander Way, SE28 0ER, from 12.00pm to 5.00pm.

Local Talent





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Read all about art

Three Rivers is an alliance of local organisations and brings local people and partners together to work out how to use art to make a difference in Bexley.

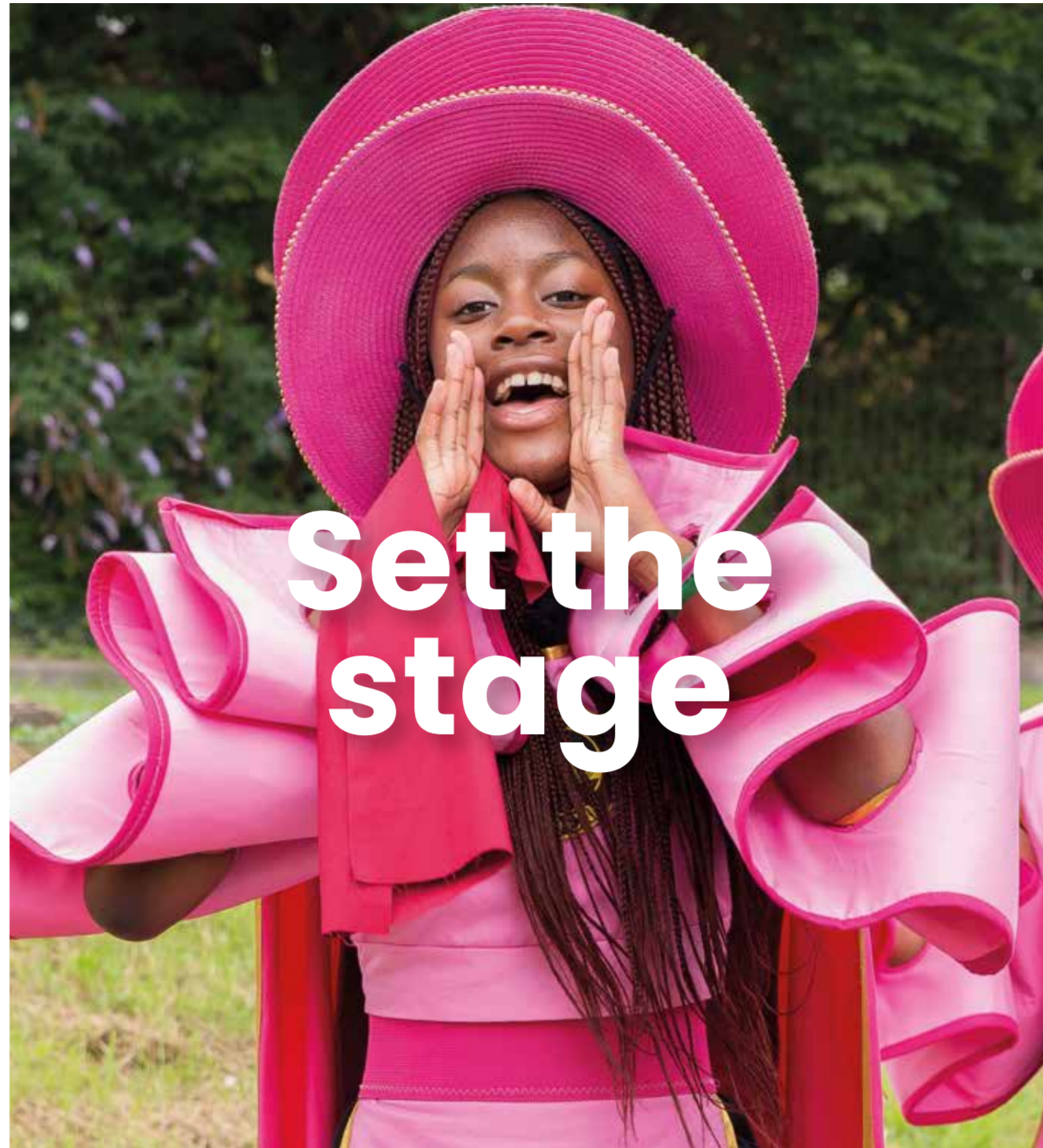
The programme is led by a group of organisations – Peabody, Orbit Housing and Red House, National Trust. Three Rivers has recently published 'The Bexley Responder', which is a new free community newspaper celebrating their creative projects.

Written by local participants, the paper highlights the passion and commitment of Bexley's communities alongside a host of internationally recognised photographers and illustrators.

Three Rivers' first publication has been co-edited by artist Ed Webb-Ingall, and designed by Rosen Eveleigh. It includes features written by Community Critics Club members supported by art critics, Gabrielle de la Punte and Zarina Muhammad.

The newspaper features a series of projects-in-process commissioned by Three Rivers and created by community groups and artists working together.

You can find it online at www.threeriversbexley.org



Are you 16-25 years old and living, working or studying in the north of Bexley? Are you interested in playing a role in this year's Thamesmead Festival?

Three Rivers is looking for ten young people to join the project and attend monthly workshops. You'll get hands-on experience in planning, creating and running your own stage at the Thamesmead Festival, which is on Saturday, August 12, 2023.

You'll be supported by artist, musician and educator Rosie Ridgway, alongside the Three Rivers team.

So, whether you're interested in performing, programming, promotion, design, construction, lighting or sound – why not get involved? No previous experience or specific skills necessary, just a willingness to have a go!

All participants will receive a monthly bursary of £24 to support them to attend monthly two-hour planning workshops between February to August 2023 at The Nest on Cygnet Square.

Three Rivers is funded by Arts Council England, through a programme called Creative Places and People, which focuses on parts of the country where involvement in arts and culture is significantly below the national average.

Priority will be given to young people living, working or studying in the following areas: Belvedere, Erith, Northumberland Heath, Thamesmead East and Slade Green.



To apply please complete the simple application form at www.threeriversbexley.org and explain why you want to get involved. Applications close at 5pm on Friday 27 January.

For more information, please email Scott@threeriversbexley.org or call 078 2443 2861.

Making an impact with nature

J D Swann by Alessia Gammarota



The Making Space for Nature Fund offers grants of up to £2,000 to individuals and organisations who want to deliver nature-based projects that benefit residents.

It was first launched in 2021 and has so far supported 32 brilliant and diverse projects which have positively impacted the community.

To celebrate the work achieved so far, some of the successful applicants have been talking about what the fund means to them.

Rebecca Walker, outdoor nature classroom at St Margaret Clitherow Catholic Primary School, said: "We thought the fund would be the perfect opportunity to improve outdoor spaces at our school because we had an area in our playground that wasn't used much.

"We applied for the fund and used the money to buy things like magnifying glasses, containers for the children's bug collections, compasses, clipboards, books and educational posters. We also bought tent-building materials so we've got lots of resources now."

Ruby Eggleston, Wellness Garden at St Paul's Churchyard, said: "I found out about the Making Space for Nature Fund and thought we could transform the churchyard which was just an open green space. The purpose of our project was to plant flowers, make the green look colourful, attract pollinators and provide seating.

"We've got a big churchyard, so we divided it into four sections and started working on the garden in November 2021. It now has lots of flowers, shrubs and three benches, and we often see pollinators like bees and other insects."

Artist and performer Calum F Kerr, who produced a live audio stream from Tump 39 and Wonder Walks with J D Swann, said: "There were two strands to this project which ran over about eight months. J D Swann, who is my ornithological investigator character, was doing nature walks and we did a solar-powered audio live stream at Tump 39.

"With the walks I thought it would be really good to get groups together so we could do a bit for our health and learn about what's on our doorstep. About 70 to 80 people attended overall. It was all about making the most of what we've got, so the Making Space for Nature Fund was ideal to apply for."



For details on when the next round of funding opens keep an eye on www.thamesmeadnow.org.uk To find out more, email msfn@peabody.org.uk



Take it to the bank

Want to help tackle waste and plastic pollution by the River Thames? Then the Crossness River Action Group (CRAG) would love to hear from you.

Set up last year, the group of volunteers has already hosted four events to clear away rubbish on the Thames foreshore at Crossness, keeping the landscape litter free and safe for wildlife.

The group was also recently awarded a Making Space for Nature grant by Peabody to buy essential equipment for their beach clean ups.

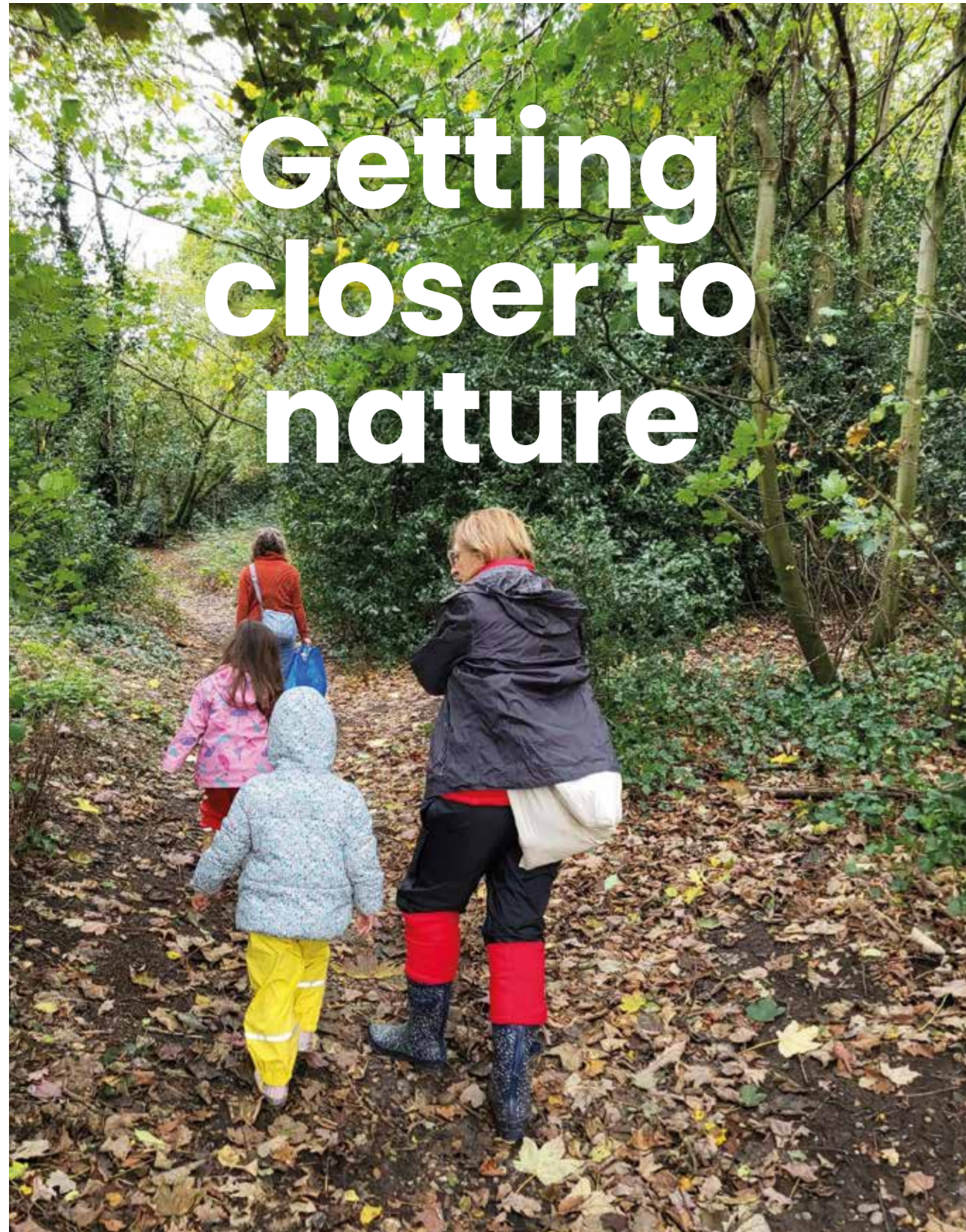
CRAG leader, Anji Petersen, said: "We meet monthly at low tide to make a safe path along the flood wall to reach litter and bulky items we find. So far we have removed 77 bags of waste and 27 large bulky items from the beach. If you would like to do some moderate outdoor exercise whilst making a positive impact on this riverside environment, we'd love you to join us."

If you'd like to know more about CRAG and get involved, please visit the group's Twitter page – www.twitter.com/CrossnessG

Green volunteers needed

While it might not feel like it at the moment, spring will be here before we know it and the Making Space for Nature team will be taking things up a gear because there's lots to be done in Thamesmead's many green spaces.

Volunteers are always welcome so get involved by joining the MSFN mailing list via www.thamesmeadnow.org.uk or contact at msfn@peabody.org.uk to find out more.



Getting closer to nature

The Family Mile's team of ambassadors has been working alongside Abbey Wood Children's Centre to provide some fantastic outdoor nature fun for local families.

With support from partners Vinci Facilities and Peabody, The Family Mile which is part of the Mason Foundation ran an all-weather course for pre-schoolers and their parents within the local community.

The course was carefully put together for parents and their two to four year-olds who wanted to enjoy exploring the woodland together to help develop an understanding of the natural world.

After completing the course, all participants received a certificate and a guide which included ideas of other outdoor learning activities so they can continue their discovery of nature.

Becoming a volunteer or Community Mile Champion with The Mason Foundation is a great way to help build on your skills, meet new people, keep active and help others.



If you're interested in helping to build a happier, healthier and more connected Thamesmead community, please call 0300 30 31 030, email info@masonfoundation.co.uk or visit www.masonfoundation.co.uk/contact-us/

Digital support sessions

Do you want to learn new online skills? Peabody's digital champions have helped more than 60 people with a whole range of IT support, from accessing on-line shopping to using video editing tools.

If you would like to get support with anything digital, come to the weekly drop-in sessions on Mondays from 9.30 to 11.30am at The Moorings Sociable Club, Arnott Close, SE28 8BG or contact Georgia Mann on 07815 734 080 or at ThamesmeadCommunityTeam@peabody.org.uk for more information.



Looking for a job?



Sign up to our fortnightly jobs bulletin for new jobs straight to your inbox. If you spot something you want to apply for, one of our expert employment case workers can provide one-to-one support to help you apply.

Sign up here: www.peabody.org.uk/newsletter

Support & Opportunities





Forums

South London Business Forum

Second Monday of every month: online (4pm – 5pm) / in-person once a quarter (4pm – 6pm)

The Peabody organised forum gathers business owners, local council representatives and entrepreneurs to provide opportunities, information, advice and networking.

Email businessready@peabody.org.uk for more information

Thamesmead Culture Forum

The Culture Forum is now running every two months, with the next one on 2 March.

The forum is for all those interested in culture in and around Thamesmead.

Email lisa.drew@peabody.org.uk to join or be added to the culture forum mailing list

Thamesmead Nature Forum

Last Thursday of every month, 5.30pm

The forum is for anyone who's passionate about nature and the green and blue spaces in Thamesmead.

Email msfn@peabody.org.uk for details about future sessions



Reach for new nursery

Residents in West Thamesmead are set to get some high quality childcare and education provision on their doorstep, plus some great job opportunities.

This comes after Peabody granted a 15-year lease for a brand new nursery for children from birth up to five years-old at The Reach.

The Thames Reach Nursery and Pre-School will be custom built and run by London Early Years Foundation (LEFY), an award-winning charitable social enterprise which provides high quality early years education. LEFY will offer both fee paying and funded spaces.

LEFY is keen to recruit the very best teachers and runs its own training and apprentice academies to help staff develop their skills and continue their professional development. Job opportunities are available at The Reach as well as LEFY's other locations.



The nursery is expected to open in spring, and you can find out more information and register interest by visiting www.leyf.org.uk/nurseries/thames-reach/ or email thamesreach@leyf.org.uk

Contact your elected rep

Your local councillor or Member of Parliament can be among the best people to contact if you're experiencing a problem or need assistance with an issue.



Royal Borough of Greenwich

In the Royal Borough of Greenwich there are two councillors for each of the two wards in the town: West Thamesmead and Thamesmead Moorings. Councillor 'Lade Hephzibah Olugbemi and Councillor Chris Lloyd represent West Thamesmead.

Their surgeries are held at Broadwater Green Village Hall, 1a Gossander Way, Thamesmead, SE28 0ER, on the third Saturday of each month between 10.00am and 11.00am.

In Thamesmead Moorings it's Councillor Olu Babatola and Councillor Averil Lekau. They have surgeries at Thamesmere Leisure Centre, Thamesmead SE28 8RE, on the first Saturday of the month between 10.30am and 11.30am.

In addition, Councillor Babatola has surgeries on the third Friday of the month between 6.30pm and 7.30pm at the same venue.

You can find out more about your Greenwich councillors at www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk

London Borough of Bexley

In the London Borough of Bexley, three councillors represent the Thamesmead East ward – Councillor Zainab Asunramu, Councillor Larry Ferguson and Councillor Mabel Ogundayo.

The Councillors hold their surgery at Thamesmead Library (temporary premises), Binsey Walk, SE2 9TR (opposite The Link) on the second Saturday of the month (excluding August and December) from 10.00am to 11.00am. No appointment is necessary.

Visit www.bexley.gov.uk to learn more about your council representatives in the borough.

You can email Abena Oppong-Asare, the MP for Erith and Thamesmead, at Abena.oppingasare.mp@parliament.uk to book a virtual surgery.

Visit www.abenaoppingasare.com to discover more about her work.



Men talk health

The first Men's Health Event took place at The Moorings Sociable Club towards the end of last year.

It was great to see lots of local men coming together to talk about what matters to them and the health issues they face.

There was a good turnout of residents, including one of the local councillors who was pleased to have been invited and given the opportunity to speak to the group.

Feedback from those who attended included: "I now feel I have somewhere I can go to discuss men's problems with fellow men" and "I like the safe, informal, non-judgmental way the forum is held".

If you're interested in finding out more contact ThamesmeadCommunityTeam@peabody.org.uk

Calling community groups

Are you part of a community group or voluntary organisation? Do you want to network, find out about opportunities and promote your work? If yes, discover more about the Community Group Forum and how we can support you.

Share your details and help us create a community group directory for Thamesmead and make your work more visible to residents and funders.

For more information contact ThamesmeadCommunityTeam@peabody.org.uk or Uzma Ali on 07775 018 197.

Employment and training team here to help

We know this is a tough time and if you need it, we can help.

Our Employment and Training team help Peabody residents find work. We work closely with a range of employers and local partners to access a range of job vacancies. Our support includes:



Volunteering opportunities

Connecting you with different employers and training providers

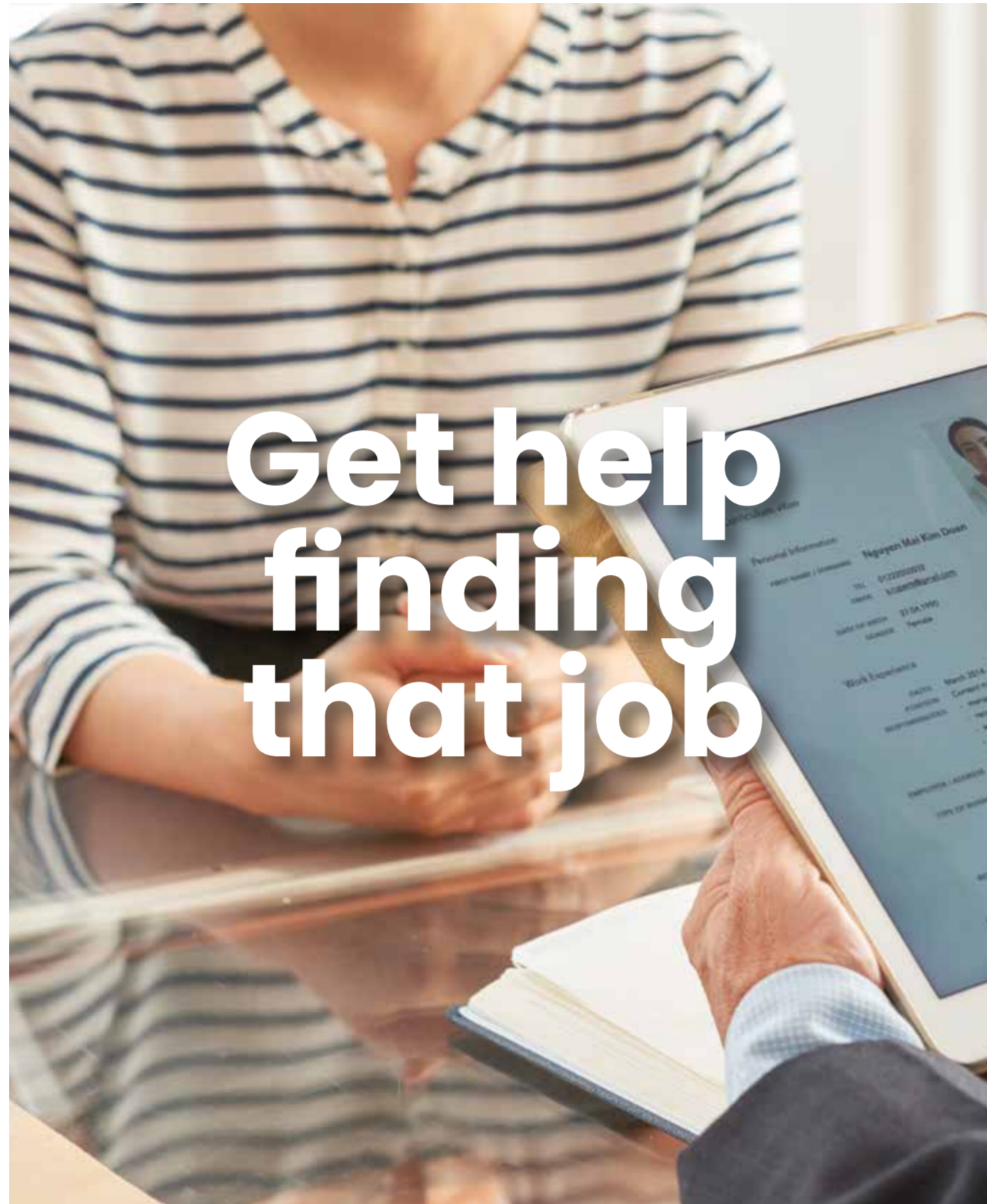
Help to write CVs, personal statements, cover letters and job applications

Careers guidance and coaching

Preparing you for interviews



Please contact us by emailing employment.training@peabody.org.uk



Get help finding that job

Are you aged 18 and over and looking for work? Whether you live in the boroughs of Greenwich or Bexley, there's support available so you can get the job you want.

Bexley Business & Employment and Greenwich Local Labour and Business are both free services that provide residents with everything they need to learn new skills and get into the job market.

Their services can help you find employment if you are: long-term unemployed; recently been made redundant; looking to change career or returning to work after a break; wanting to find a second or better job; a carer looking for part-time roles; have had or are still living with a mental or physical health issue but want to work.

You can develop skills such as the best way to: search for a job; fill in application forms; prepare your CV and interview techniques as well as help with training and apprenticeships.



You can find out more about Bexley Business & Employment at www.bexley.gov.uk/bexley-business-employment or by calling 0203 045 3800.

Learn about Greenwich Local Labour and Business at www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/gllab or contact the service at gllab.info@royalgreenwich.gov.uk or 020 8921 2440.

Opportunity knocks



YouthBuild Ventures UK has launched its first Opportunity Space in Thamesmead, in the heart of the Moorings.

Delivered in partnership with the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP), and backed by Peabody, sessions focus on developing the skills young people need for work.

Opportunity Space offers services such as: mentoring; leadership training; life skills and wellbeing sessions; CV building, interview techniques and career guidance by working closely with employers and industry experts.

The programme aims to engage with more than 400 young people, aged 18 to 24 years-old, who are claiming universal credit over the next 12 months.

Shenaaz Chenia, CEO of YouthBuild Ventures, said: "We are delighted to be working with the DWP and Peabody to launch Opportunity Space.

"The Opportunity Spaces will allow us to extend our reach and impact in the communities working with more young people and supporting them into lifelong positive destinations across a range of industries."



For more information or to take part in Opportunity Space, please get in touch by emailing ybv@youthbuild.org



A career in childcare?

If you're interested in starting a career in childcare Peabody runs a number of courses that can help you achieve just that.

Most are free and run online so all you need is a laptop or computer to join. The courses run from just a few hours to 18 months, meaning there's something to suit most people.

They cover a whole range of topics including: safeguarding; becoming a teaching assistant; Special Educational Needs; child-minding and baby-sitting among others. At the end of your course you'll have a recognised qualification.

On completing the child-minding course you'll have the necessary training to become Ofsted registered.

If you'd like to know more visit www.peabody.org.uk/childcare-courses, email childcareteam@peabody.org.uk or call 07818 115 715.

Got a business idea and want to learn how to make it a reality? Don't wait!

We can help.



Join the upcoming **FREE Hackathon!**

what is it?

- 2.5-hour online masterclass
- 30-min 1-to-1 meeting with a programme leader to discuss your next business move!

when? where?

- Online
- On Saturdays 10am - 12.30pm

Register now

Pick your preferred date, scan the QR codes to register or contact businessready@peabody.org.uk

28 Jan 2023



25 Feb 2023



25 Mar 2023



Alicia said of the Hackathon: "It was very informative, easy to follow. I loved the slides and tasks that were set. It made me think more about what I can offer within my business."

Peabody presents **HOT TOPICS**

Our **FREE** online & in person sessions will give you useful insights on emerging careers, growth sectors, how to access these pathways and so much more!

Join us on...

24 January 2023 - 12pm - 1pm
Public speaking (on zoom)

8 March 2023 - 12pm - 1pm
Green skills in construction (on Zoom)



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Peabody **THINKS EVENTS**

Join the South London enterprise community and unlock your business potential

Free event, open to all individuals, SMEs or corporate partners looking to start, develop or grow



WHEN: 4pm to 5pm, the second Monday of every month

WHERE: Online | In-person every quarter followed by a networking event



Find out more and register to the next event

- 9 Jan 2023 - New year new start: how to start a business?
- 13 Feb 2023 - What does a socially-driven business look like and why does it matter?
- 13 Mar 2023 - Cost-of-doing business - what kind of support your business can access?

IN-PERSON EVENT

Contact: businessready@peabody.org.uk

AGE UK BEXLEY THAMESMEAD BEFRIENDING CAFE

COME AND JOIN US FOR REFRESHMENTS, TEA, CHAT, BINGO, GAMES AND MORE AT OUR NEWEST BEFRIENDING CAFE LAUNCHING ON THE 26TH JANUARY 11-2PM AT LAKE VIEW COURT



ADDRESS: LAKE VIEW COURT CENTRAL WAY THAMESMEAD SE28 8GL

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 0208 300 0883

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- £5 family swimming for up to 6 people during selected Swim For Fitness sessions.

Book online at better.org.uk/book, via the Better UK app or at your local leisure centre.



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Would you benefit from advice on topics such as **HOUSING, BENEFITS, IMMIGRATION, EMPLOYMENT OR ENERGY ADVICE?**

Peabody's Advice Hub offers you the chance to attend **FREE**, confidential drop-in sessions where you can access the support you need.

WHEN AND WHERE CAN I ACCESS SUPPORT?

MOORINGS SOCIABLE CLUB
Arnott Close, London SE28 8BG

WEDNESDAY 9.30AM - 12.30PM

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

07815 734080
tmadviceschs@peabody.org.uk

Peabody **THAMESMEAD**

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Re-connect with Work

Are you a Peabody resident looking for a new job or apprenticeship?

We can help. Our free **employment service** includes:

- CVs, cover letters and job applications
- Jobs and apprenticeships
- Interview skills
- Find volunteering opportunities
- Meet different employers
- Access to training

For more information contact us at

Email: employment.training@peabody.org.uk

Phone: Customer Care Line 0300 123 3456

Website: www.peabody.org.uk/reconnect

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Aged 18 and over and looking for work?

Bexley Business & Employment provides a free job search service to Bexley residents. Our advisors will get to know you, identify your skills, job aspirations, and provide information you need to make positive changes.



Research has shown that finding the right job for you has many benefits. Some of them are:

- giving you a sense of pride, identity, and personal achievement
- enabling you to socialise, build contacts and find support
- helping to improve your physical and mental health
- providing security from a steady and reliable income
- strengthening your CV for future job opportunities

We can help you to find employment if you are:

- long term unemployed
- have recently been made redundant
- are looking to change career
- wanting to find a second or better job
- looking to return to work after a career break
- a carer looking for part time work
- have had or are still living with a mental or physical health issue but want to work

Why not take a look at our website

www.bexley.gov.uk/bexley-business-employment/about-bbe/about-bexley-business-employment

where you can register to use our services or, if you prefer, call us on 0203 045 3800.



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Get in touch

If you want to tell us what you think about 'Talk of Thamesmead', sign up for the monthly digital newsletter or get more involved in the work we're doing then please drop us a line at thamesmeadnow@peabody.org.uk

What's on



Visit www.thamesmeadnow.org.uk/whats-on for more details.

The Hundred Club

Time: 3.30–5pm during term time

Date: Every Wednesday
Afterschool Art Club for
5–12 year olds

Location: The Moorings Sociable
Club, Arnott Close, Thamesmead,
SE28 8BG

Cost: Free

Contact: nb@taco.org.uk for
more information and to register
our child for a free place.

The Hundred Club is an afterschool art club for 5 to 12-year-olds, using arts and play for children to explore social justice issues. Produced by TACO! and facilitated by Ruth Beale and other visiting artists, the artists and children work together on ongoing projects - from printing to sculpture, from making banners to making zines.

Reading from the Start Story Corner

Time: 12.00 – 12.45pm

Date: Every Monday

Location: Thamesmead Leisure
Centre Library, Thamesmere Drive
SE28 8DT

Contact: Waterways@GLL.ORG

Peabody is working with Greenwich Leisure Limited and the Dolly Parton Imagination Library to encourage a love of reading in children under five years old.

Art Therapy Winter Warmer Wellbeing Group

Time: 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Date: Every Tuesday from
now until 30 April

Location: The Moorings Sociable
Club, Arnott Close,
Thamesmead, SE28 8BG

Contact:
info@arttherapyspace.co.uk

These weekly sessions were created to support local adults who find the winter months difficult and who are feeling lonely or isolated. They provide an opportunity to receive free access to gentle and emotional support, in the company of a trained and registered therapist. They also offer a warm and friendly space for attendees, who can access art materials and enjoy some refreshments provided.

Volunteer to boost wildlife

We're working with North West Kent Countryside Partnership to create a volunteering program which supports our Biodiversity Action Plan for Thamesmead.

Date: Dates vary, please
keep an eye on the
www.thamesmeadnow.org.uk

Time: Various sessions. Please see
below for dates and times.

Contact:
Reece.evans@kent.gov.uk

Peabody is working with North West Kent Countryside Partnership to create a volunteering program which supports our Biodiversity Action Plan for Thamesmead.



**Thamesmead
Light Festival
Saturday,
March 4**

Date for your diary

The ever-popular Thamesmead Light festival will be returning on Saturday, March 4.

There's going to be a range of exciting installations across the town, including Southmere Lake and Crossway Park, with more details being announced nearer the time. Keep an eye on www.thamesmeadnow.org.uk for further information.