

# TALK OF THAMESMEAD

THE PUBLICATION FOR THAMESMEAD RESIDENTS



## ISSUE TWO SUMMER 2021



### Thamesmead Waterfront

The winning team announced to begin developing the vision



### What's on Summer 2021

Your guide to everything that is happening in Thamesmead



### Nurture Nature

A volunteering programme to support the Biodiversity Action Plan for Thamesmead

# HERE COMES THE SUMMER



# HELLO THAMESMEAD!



**John Lewis,**  
Executive Director,  
Thamesmead. Peabody.

**Welcome to the summer edition of Talk of Thamesmead – thanks for all your feedback on the first issue, we really do appreciate it.**

I'm delighted to say that for the first time in more than a year we're including a What's On section, which you'll find in the middle of the newspaper.

It's an encouraging sign that so many things are happening again this summer, as restrictions are eased.

Our Culture team is bringing back the hugely popular Thamesmead Festival, celebrating the very best of the town's creative communities. Our Making Space for Nature programme is also delivering a number of events designed to get everyone out and about and exploring our great green spaces.

Elsewhere in the town, the first homes have now been completed at Southmere Lake. Families are beginning to move in and enjoy the lake which has been revamped and cleaned up over the past two years by our Landscape team.

This transformation reflects the ambition of the work we're doing in Thamesmead and our belief that creating a special place isn't just about bricks and mortar.

That's why we work closely with the existing community on so many projects to ensure they reflect the values of Thamesmead. And it's why we want Talk of Thamesmead to be about what's important to you.

So, if there's something happening in your community you think we should be letting people know about, then please get in touch at [thamesmeadnow@peabody.org.uk](mailto:thamesmeadnow@peabody.org.uk)

We look forward to hearing from you.

*John*

## 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:



### Watch Talk of Thamesmead Live

Short Zoom updates with members of the Thamesmead team, giving updates on each of our upcoming and ongoing projects. The sessions start on 3 August and will then take place on the first Tuesday every month. You can sign up by emailing [thamesmeadnow@peabody.org.uk](mailto:thamesmeadnow@peabody.org.uk)

You will also be able to watch these back whenever you like on the Thamesmead YouTube channel - ThamesmeadLDN.

### Keep an eye on our website

[www.ThamesmeadNow.org.uk](http://www.ThamesmeadNow.org.uk) where we publish regular updates about our plans.

### Connect with our social channels

on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook 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](http://www.ThamesmeadNow.org.uk)

### If you have a question

you can: email us [thamesmeadnow@peabody.org.uk](mailto:thamesmeadnow@peabody.org.uk), message us via social media, use the contact form on [www.ThamesmeadNow.org.uk](http://www.ThamesmeadNow.org.uk) or ring us on 0203 828 3671.

### If you'd rather speak to someone in person

you'll find members of our Peabody team at the Marketing Suite and Discovery Centre on Harrow Manor Way every Monday.

You can come in, have a look around, ask questions or just have a chat. You need to have an appointment, but you can make one by contacting us at [thamesmeadnow@peabody.org.uk](mailto:thamesmeadnow@peabody.org.uk)

### 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 or you can register your interest at [www.peabodysales.co.uk](http://www.peabodysales.co.uk) and someone will be in touch.

# THAMESMEAD SNAPPED IN FULL BLOOM

You really seized the opportunity to showcase the town at its colourful best for our Spring in Thamesmead photo competition.

Residents let their imaginations run free with a great selection of shots of landscapes, plants, wildlife and even pet dogs submitted.

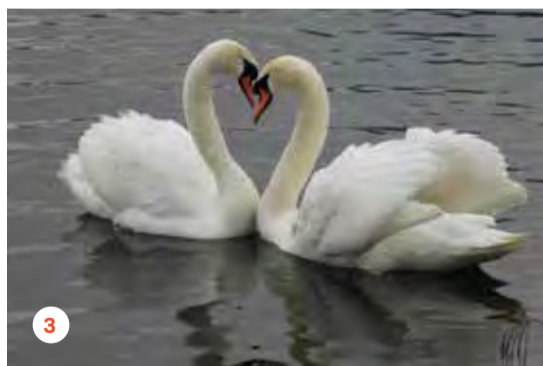
It was tough picking the winners, but the judges felt these five photos really showed Spring in Thamesmead in all its colour and variety. All five photos won a £25 voucher.



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1. A beautiful blaze of spring colour with yellow tulips from Derek.

2. Dyah captured the evocative image of Birchmere Lake at dusk.

3. Jenny was in the right place at the right time to catch these two swans showing their love for Thamesmead.

4. Southmere Lake, framed by willow trees, was caught at its most picturesque by Tom.

5. This stunning image of a yellow wildflower in full bloom was produced by Pearl.



## MOVING SOUTH

Peabody has submitted an outline planning application for the Lesnes Estate that will provide up to 1,950 new homes as part of the transformation of South Thamesmead.

Many people currently living in Lesnes will be rehoused in the new development we are building at nearby Southmere. The first phase of 130 homes has now been completed with residents moving in over the next few weeks.

We have also finished work to the outdoor spaces along the edge of Southmere Lake, including Cygnet Square featuring the new library The NEST, and the area is now open for everyone to enjoy.

As the next phase of the Southmere development completes, more residents from Lesnes will move across into their new homes.

In March 2020 residents voted 70% in favour of Peabody's plans for Lesnes in a ballot under the Mayor of London's guidelines for estate regeneration. Peabody is proposing to build the masterplan over five phases which will take around 15 years.

We hope to find out if our planning application is successful by the end of this year, when we will start to develop detailed proposals for each phase.

NEWS



## MAKE A DIFFERENCE

We are here to help! The Moorings Neighbourhood Forum is trying hard to make a difference in and around the Moorings' area. Since December, we have been sending out a monthly bulletin with updates and local news.

We have been working with Peabody and the Royal Borough of Greenwich to highlight areas that need improved lighting. In March, we launched Tidy Central Thamesmead to encourage volunteers to pick up litter and address problems such as fly tipping and dumped vehicles.

While we are working hard, we need your help! Peabody has been given funding to renovate the Birchmere changing rooms and has asked The Forum to work with residents to decide on the best way to move forward.

This is an opportunity to speak up and to make a difference. We want to hear from you if you want to help in this way.

If you are unable to help with the changing rooms, you can still get involved!

### 1. Sign up

to receive weekly email updates to stay in the loop.

### 2. Tell us

about problems or concerns that you face living locally. There may well be a project that you can start to bring about change.

### 3. Join us

for our public monthly meetings (currently on Zoom) to hear from us first-hand and to ask questions.

Go to [www.mooringsnf.org.uk](http://www.mooringsnf.org.uk) to sign up for the updates. Get in touch with us at [info@mooringsnf.org.uk](mailto:info@mooringsnf.org.uk) and on 07308 503 480.



## PLAYING WITH BANJO

**My name is Sarah and I first got involved with Peabody in 2019 through the Trainee Producers Programme.**

Since then, I've been involved with a host of other opportunities such as the creative researchers, where we made a podcast for RTM radio and working with the London Transport Museum, where I am in the early stages of being commissioned to make a podcast. I'm also a member of the youth collective, where we are hoping to stage an event at the Cutty Sark; and of course, the Youth Eco Development Council (YEDC).

The YEDC began during lockdown with a group of us developing a litter project called "Marsh Harriers Shadow".

This led to us being noticed by newspapers and Peabody being approached by Sky TV about YEDC appearing in a Persil ad with TV presenter and leader of Britain's Got Talent winning dance troupe Diversity, Ashley Banjo.

We worked with Peabody's Landscape Activation Manager, Jack Gower, who suggested filming at the outdoor classroom area in Southmere Park with Peabody also providing all the plants and equipment for the day.

It started with us having to film the opening credentials for the commercial. We were photographed by a professional photographer, which at first I thought I would feel uncomfortable with, but I felt totally at ease.

When Ashley Banjo arrived it all became very real. He asked us questions about YEDC and had genuine conversations with us. It struck me how down to earth and funny he was.

After lunch some younger children joined in with more filming. It was great to have Ashley Banjo in Thamesmead for the day!

I joined YEDC to make a difference, and meeting people with the same mindset as me has really helped during lockdown with staying sane and keeping busy. We were even able to meet the local MP, Abena Opong-Asare, which proved to me just how much my voice is worth.

Filming the advert with Ashley Banjo made me proud of how far I have come and how YEDC has grown. Getting recognition for our efforts is very rewarding. It also proved to me how much one opportunity can lead to a host of others. The advert is out now, so watch out for Thamesmead on your TV screens!!

If you are a young person reading this, I would urge you to get out there and try new things. You never know which opportunity will be your white rabbit and you might even meet a famous star!



## SMILES AND MILES

The Family Mile walk has gone from strength to strength in Thamesmead since the national lockdown was lifted and two more weekly Family Miles were recently launched in the local area. The first takes place at Crossway Park, every Wednesday at 10:30am.

This Family Mile has a unique nature theme, making the most of the green spaces by bringing families together to do 'Their Mile' in a fun and interactive way!

The second Family Mile occurs every Thursday at Abbey Wood Children's Centre at 11:30am.

This Mile is specifically aimed at mothers, babies and toddlers. They meet in the courtyard of Abbey Wood Children's Centre and follow the route ending at Lesnes Abbey Park, finishing the Mile with a wonderful picnic in the park (weather permitting).

There's no need to book any of these walks, simply come along and make yourself known to one of the friendly ambassadors (dressed in purple) on the day!

The Mason Mile also offers a friendly digital community to support its milers in taking that first step towards a healthier and happier life beyond its organised walks.



To find out more go to the events page at [www.facebook.com/FamilyMileThamesmead](https://www.facebook.com/FamilyMileThamesmead) and click on the events tab!

## HOWZAT?

Love cricket? We've installed a full-size cricket pitch in Birchmere Park! With Summer on the way, it's the perfect time to grab your kit and get batting and bowling!

To get involved in regular cricket activity sessions taking place, contact [ThamesmeadCommunityTeam@peabody.org.uk](mailto:ThamesmeadCommunityTeam@peabody.org.uk) for all the details.



## JOIN THE COMMUNITY

Are you interested in volunteering in your community and can spare an hour a week (or more)?

Then why not join the Moorings Residents Community Group at Hawksmoor Youth Hub on Bentham Road.

We're looking for local people who want to help plan and deliver events in the community.

We hold a weekly Coffee Morning every Tuesday between 10 - 11am and there are Committee meetings every four to six weeks where we plan activities and events for the local community.

We currently have a vacancy for a Chairperson along with other voluntary roles. If you're interested in getting involved and gaining some valuable employability skills then get in touch (full training and support provided).

Contact Vice Chair Claire Hallinan on 07711 493 272 or 0208 310 9754 or email [Mooringsresidentsgroup17@outlook.com](mailto:Mooringsresidentsgroup17@outlook.com)

## NEW NAME FOR SOCIAL CLUB

The refurbishment of the former Moorings Social Club, has continued throughout Covid with the building now boasting a new name.

There were 107 suggestions from residents before more than 250 local people voted on a shortlist of five chosen from the original proposals.

The clear winner when all the votes were counted was **THE MOORINGS SOCIABLE CLUB.**

The new name will be proudly displayed outside the building when it reopens early next year following the refurbishment that has been funded by £1.15m from Mayor of London's Good Growth Fund with Peabody contributing a further £1m.

LOCAL TALENT





## LOCAL FILM-MAKER GOES INTERNATIONAL

**My name is Syd Heather, and I am a freelance filmmaker, producer and director from Bexley, who grew up in Thamesmead.**

In 2019, I received a small grant from Peabody's Thamesmead Community Fund. This supported my latest comedy-adventure drama short film 'Sodabikes', which was set and shot around Thamesmead.

The film is about three adult siblings who race around their childhood hometown on homemade 'motorbikes' to decide who gets to release their late mother's ashes. You can see two trailers for the film by going to YouTube and searching 'Sodabikes'.

It's taken a long time to complete and get out into the world, but it's now finished, and has recently been selected for three film festivals.

Most excitingly, Sodabikes has been picked up for distribution in Europe and Latin America by Shorts International (the leading short film distributor) and will soon be available on Amazon Prime around the world.

It was an amazing surprise to be selected but of course we're thrilled to share the film with festival audiences and film fans worldwide via the Amazon Prime platform.

None of this would have been possible without that initial support from the Thamesmead Community Fund, something I'll always be very grateful to Peabody for.

## CALLING YOUNG CULTURAL PRODUCERS

We want to build a new creative studio for Thamesmead, with young ambitious people at the very heart of it.

We're looking for five co-founders who are clear communicators with a big passion for creativity, art, community and design. You will have a hunger to show how these things can positively impact Thamesmead.

This paid opportunity starts in September with a series of workshops and mentoring opportunities within the creative industries. It will prepare you to lead the commissioning process for a new artwork, which will be unveiled in Cygnet Square in summer 2022.

Ideal for someone who works freelance, or someone who is studying part-time, this opportunity is not a full-time position. We're looking to hear from people aged 18-29 and the deadline is 19 August.

This project is being led by cultural producer and former Thamesmead resident, Yinka Danmole, along with curator Vickie Hayward and youth consultant Joseph Gray. You will work alongside them, gaining from their experience, and play a pivotal role in Thamesmead's first public art team.

Cygnet Square in Southmere is Peabody's newest development with more than 500 new homes, commercial spaces, and The NEST library.

Please visit [www.thamesmeadnow.org.uk](http://www.thamesmeadnow.org.uk) for more information about this exciting project or email the team at [tmsouthmere@danmole.com](mailto:tmsouthmere@danmole.com)

You can find more details about the Thamesmead Community Fund and how to apply at [www.londoncf.org.uk](http://www.londoncf.org.uk)

# LOCAL TALENT



**Are you an:**  
**Artist/Musician/Designer/Poet/  
 Craftsperson/Knitter/Photographer/  
 Rapper/Printmaker/Performer/  
 Potter/Singer/Dancer/Filmmaker/  
 Writer/Chorister/Actor/Broadcaster?**  
**Then the Thamesmead Culture Guide  
 needs you!**

**Thamesmead's creative community has grown hugely over the last few years, and we are reprinting the Thamesmead Culture Guide to showcase the diverse and fascinating creatives that live and work in the area.**

It will be a beautifully designed book, printed and available online, and shared with audiences, stakeholders and funders throughout London and nationally. It's a great way to promote your work and it's free to enter your work to be listed.

We will include both professional artists and makers, as well as those who create in their spare time - so please do spread the word - all are welcome.

**If you'd like to be part of it please send the following information to [thamesmead.culture.guide@gmail.com](mailto:thamesmead.culture.guide@gmail.com)**

Name and contact details (including all your online/social media tags).

A short description of your work/activity.

A sentence or two on what you see as your unique selling point.

A few words on your biggest success to date, and what you are aiming for in the future.

A couple of good photos of your work, that will work well on both a computer screen and in print - please send us the highest resolution that you have. WeTransfer is fine, or by attachment.

A couple of portrait photos of you - preferably a head shot and a mid-shot (head and torso), high resolution if possible.

We're also looking for artwork to feature on the Culture Guide's front cover. If you're interested in submitting any of your existing work for this, please email an image to the address above. If we end up using your work, we will pay you.



## UP, UP AND AWAY

**Want your story displayed on a hot air balloon? Artists Musson + Retallick have been commissioned to make a bold new artwork for Thamesmead in the form of a hot air balloon which will fly over the town next year.**

**It will be made up of stories collected from the Thamesmead community and you can submit your story to be turned into stitched artwork here: [www.g-foew.art](http://www.g-foew.art)**

**You are also invited to make artwork for the balloon in response to other stories that have been collected; all instructions are on the website, and you can also contact the artists with any questions at [thamesmeadnow@peabody.org.uk](mailto:thamesmeadnow@peabody.org.uk)**



# THAMESMEAD FESTIVAL IS BACK

Thamesmead Festival returns to Southmere Park on Saturday, 14 August, 12pm – 7pm.

Thamesmead Festival offers the kind of community atmosphere we all need this year. A mix of live music and DJs sessions on the main stage and unplugged stages, storytelling and spoken word under the trees. Together with dance, artworks and a carnival procession that weaves through residential streets led by Kinetika Bloco.

The festival is centred around showcasing homegrown talent and creativity. The full line-up has been programmed by the 11 residents of the Thamesmead Festival Production Group, in partnership with live event producer Serious.

Jamie Zubairi, from the Thamesmead Festival Production Group, said: "As a newcomer to Thamesmead, joining the Festival Production Group has been essential for me to get to know the community more - especially during lockdown.

"Working with Serious has given the festival a boost to take it to the next level. It will really give Thamesmead an annual event that the whole southeast can look forward to. This year, the festival will hopefully be the first time the whole community can safely let our hair down and enjoy ourselves!"



We would like to say a huge thanks to the residents who made the Thamesmead Festival happen: Joanne Bernard, Deborah Frimpong, Pastor Bunmi Omidiran, Ian Tyson, Nathalie Coste, Anne Poole, Jamie Zubairi, Kim Vale, Whitney Manassain, Carolyn Long, and Jules.



## 1 Thamesmead Codex

Now until 5 September 2021,  
Thursday-Saturday 1pm-7pm,  
Sunday 12pm-5pm

Thamesmead Town Centre  
(old Peacock store),  
8 Twin Tumps Way, SE28 8RD

Cost: Free

Thamesmead Codex, a 24-metre-long hand painted conversation with residents of Thamesmead, created by renowned artist Bob and Roberta Smith.

Over the past two years Bob and Roberta Smith has interviewed 19 participants. They range from some of the first occupiers of Thamesmead, to shop keepers, musicians, religious leaders, healthcare leaders, local entrepreneurs and artists.

## 2 Thamesmead Community Archive Exhibitions

Now until 12 September 2021,  
Fridays and Saturdays from 1-7pm  
and Sundays from 12-5pm

4 Joyce Dawson Way, SE28 8RA

Cost: Free

The Thamesmead Community Archive is excited to be opening two exhibitions in an old bed shop in the town centre, which display local histories from residents.

*Journey to Thamesmead* documents the everyday experiences of being young and growing up in Thamesmead. Looking at the last 50+ years, the Museum of Youth Culture has collated oral histories, memories and photos of residents, including photos of the Thamesmead Adventure Camps from the 90s, care of Steve Peterson.

Presented by Thamesmead Texas, *Bits and Pieces - Odds and Sods*, is a multi-media exhibition by artists Scully and Scully. It brings together their extensive research and work with the local Traveller, Nigerian and Nepalese communities.

The Thamesmead Community Archive and these exhibitions have been funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund.

## 3 Fitness Classes

Fridays, 4:30pm - 6pm

Thamesmere Leisure Centre,  
Thamesmere Drive, SE28 8RE

Cost: £2

Thamesmere Leisure Centre has a range of fun fitness classes for girls aged 14 to 19 years old. So if you've ever wanted to try Street Dance, Zumba, Body Pump, BoxFit or Abs Blasts this could be for you!

For more information, contact:  
RBGSportDevelopment@GLL.ORG

## 4 FREE bicycle training programme

Saturdays, 10am -12pm

Sporting Club Thamesmead,  
30 Bayliss Avenue, SE28 8NJ

Cost: Free

Want to learn how to ride a bicycle? This four-week bicycle training programme is for both adults and children who would like to learn how to cycle safely.

Please contact [roadsafetyeducation@bexley.gov.uk](mailto:roadsafetyeducation@bexley.gov.uk) to book your place.

## 5 Dance for Wellbeing

Every Thursday from

22 July – 19 August, 1pm – 2pm

(Family dance walk for families with

children 0 - 5 years), 6pm – 7pm

(Dance for wellbeing for all ages)

Meet at The Link, Bazalgette Way,  
SE2 9BS

Cost: Free

Join the one-hour dance-walk where you will be taught new dance moves along the way.

For more information and to book your space, please contact Chenube, [chenube@greenwichdance.org.uk](mailto:chenube@greenwichdance.org.uk)

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## Community Gardening Drop in Sessions

Do you have green fingers or want to learn more about gardening? Join us at one of our free community gardening drop-in sessions which will be held throughout July and August.

27 July, 10 and 24 August,  
10am – 12pm

Edible Garden, Maran Way, DA18 4BP

24 July, 5 and 19 August,  
10am – 12pm

Birchmere Good Life Garden,  
Birchmere Park, SE28 8AP

6 and 20 August, 1.30pm-3.00pm

Lakeside Centre Garden,  
Bazalgette Way, SE2 9AN

28 and 31 July, 25 August,  
2.30pm – 4.00pm

Hawksmoor Growing Club,  
Claridge Way, SE28 8AS

Please contact Georgiana, Peabody's Gardener-in-residence on 07425 625 998 or [msfn@peabody.org.uk](mailto:msfn@peabody.org.uk) if you have any questions.

# WHAT'S GOING ON



## 10 Crossway Community Orchard

22 July, 11am - 3pm

Crossway Park, SE28 8NG (Meet at the Crossway Community Orchard - the woodland behind basketball courts)

Cost: Free

We will be helping to maintain the young fruit trees within the orchard by adding mulch and watering them. Other tasks include cutting back any overgrown vegetation and helping to replenish and increase the dead hedge boundary.

Email [msfn@peabody.org.uk](mailto:msfn@peabody.org.uk) or get in touch with our Thamesmead volunteer co-ordinator, Reece Evans, via email [reece.evans@kent.gov.uk](mailto:reece.evans@kent.gov.uk) or phone: 07986 737 712.

## 11 Greenwich Family Arts Theatre at Tump 53

24 and 25 July, 10:30am – 3.30pm

Tump 53, Water Lily Walk, SE28 8AS

Cost: Free

Tramshed in Woolwich is bringing a weekend packed full of fun to Tump 53 as part of Greenwich Family Arts Festival! Enjoy family shows, interactive fun and storytelling in this unique and beautiful nature reserve. A free lunch is provided.



To find out more and book, please scan the QR code

## 4 Charlton Athletic Community Trust - Football courses

26 - 30 July and 2 - 6 August, 9am - 3pm

Sporting Club Thamesmead, 30 Bayliss Avenue, SE28 8NJ

Cost: £70 for the week or £17.50 for one day

Football courses for children aged 4-15 years. All sessions delivered by FA-qualified Charlton Athletic Community Trust coaches. Please bring a packed lunch, plenty of drinks, shinpads and suitable clothing.

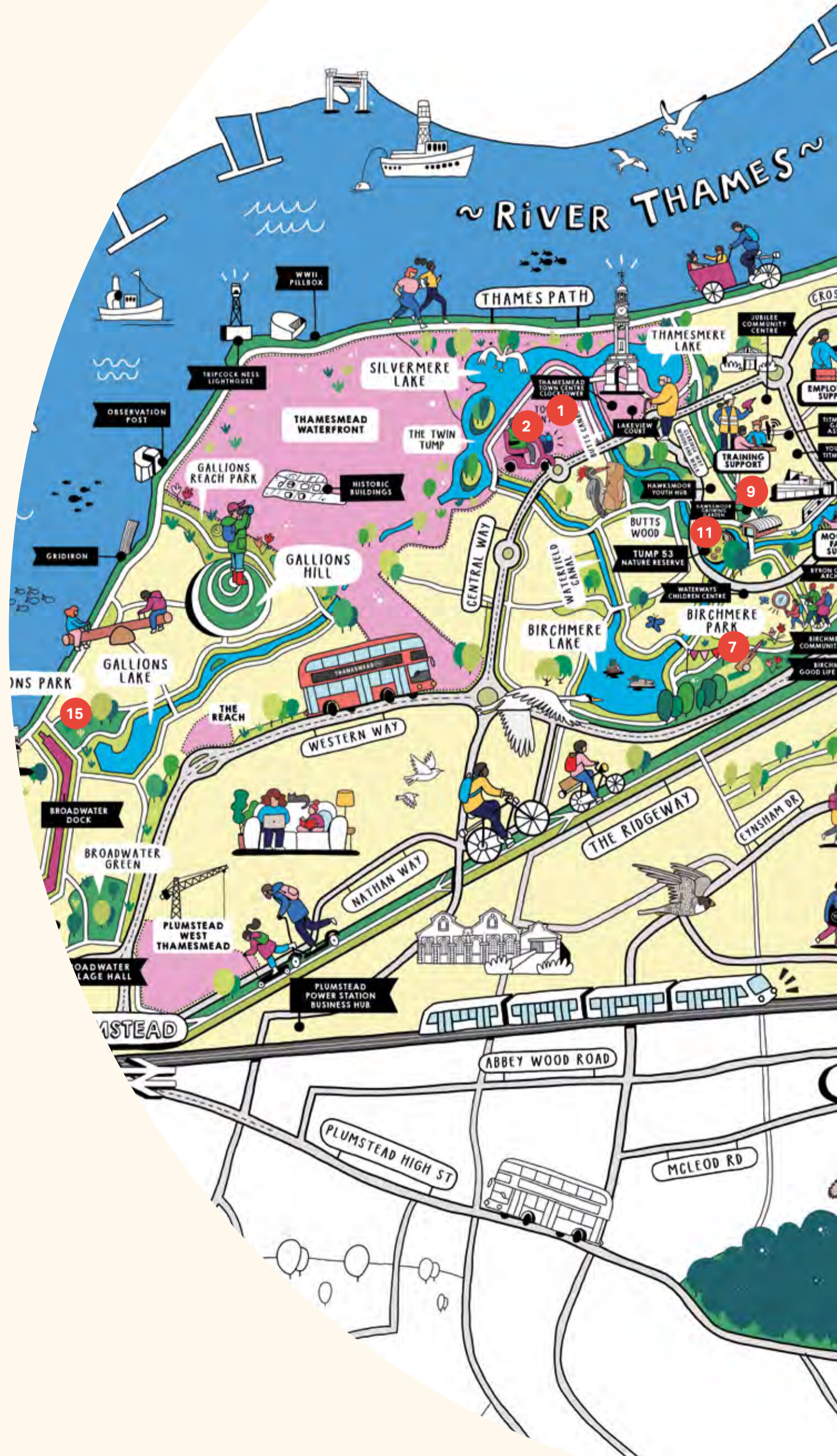
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26 - 30 July



2 - 6 August





## 12 The Big Blue Walk

27 July, 6pm – 8pm

Meet in the Lakeside Centre Carpark

Cost: Free

Join us as we walk past some of Thamesmead's most beautiful lakes and waterways – and discover some hidden locations, which you might not be aware of, along the way.

Our long-term aim is to see the full potential of Thamesmead's lakes and canals realised. This means clean water, increased habitat for wildlife and some of the lakes and canals used for water-based leisure activities.



To find out more and book, please scan the QR code

## 12 A Productive Landscape Walk

29 July, 6pm – 8pm

Meet in the Lakeside Centre Carpark

Cost: Free

Jack, our Landscape Activation Manager, and Georgiana, our Gardener-in-residence, will be showing you some of our community gardening hubs and giving you the opportunity to ask any gardening questions. We are working and supporting local people with activities which highlight the importance of nature and why we need to nurture it. Some we're already doing include creating outdoor classrooms for learning environmental skills at Tump 53 and home food growing with the Summer Salad kits.



To find out more and book, please scan the QR code

## 11 Tump 53 - Footpath maintenance

31 July, 11am - 3pm

Tump 53, SE28 8AS

(Meet at the entrance off Bentham Road)

Cost: Free

Guided by the Tump 53 Landscape Management Plan, we will be restoring small sections of the footpaths throughout Tump 53.

Email [msfn@peabody.org.uk](mailto:msfn@peabody.org.uk) or get in touch with our Thamesmead volunteer co-ordinator, Reece Evans, via email [reece.evans@kent.gov.uk](mailto:reece.evans@kent.gov.uk) or phone: 07986 737 712.

## 4 Gems of Thamesmead tour

2 and 3 August, 2pm-5pm

Sporting Club Thamesmead, 30 Bayliss Avenue, SE28 8NJ

Cost: Free

Join us for a bicycle tour of three iconic hubs in Thamesmead, The Nest, The Link and Sporting Club Thamesmead. We will be stopping along the way to enjoy a Zen experience at The Nest, a Dance Performance at The Link and a sports adventure at Sporting Club Thamesmead.

For more information and to book your space, please contact CommunityhubsTM@peabody.org.uk or call 0203 8284920

## 13 Our Teacher's a Troll by Dennis Kelly at Lesnes Abbey Ruins

12 – 22 August (no show on 16 August), 10 am and 1pm shows

Lesnes Abbey, Abbey Road, DA17 5DH

Cost: Local residents - Adults £10 | Children (5-18yrs) £5

Grab your picnic blankets and a sense of adventure: enjoy a DAY OUT at the ruins watching OUR TEACHER'S A TROLL with live music and fancy dress!



To find out more and book, please scan the QR code

## 11 Wilder Thamesmead Walk

12 August, 6pm – 8pm

Meet in the Lakeside Centre Carpark

Cost: Free

From wildflower meadows to floating reed beds, come and join us as we visit places in Thamesmead where we've created more natural habitat for the local wildlife. We will be taking a walk around Southmere Lake and looking at the various lake improvements which have made the water quality better and increased the amount of flora and fauna.

Thamesmead has a rich landscape, and maintaining and creating habitat for wildlife is one of our long-term goals.



To find out more and book, please scan the QR code

## 14 Thamesmead Festival

14 August, 12 – 7pm

Southmere Park

Cost: Free

This year's festival, programmed by the Thamesmead Festival Production Group in partnership with live event producer Serious, places a strong emphasis on homegrown talent and creativity.

There will be a mix of live music and DJs sessions on the main stage and unplugged stages: storytelling and spoken word under the trees, together with dance, comedy and a carnival procession weaving through residential streets led by Kinetika Bloco,

Visual art will be part of the landscape in a trail of eye-popping art installations by local artists. Local flavours extend to beloved street food pop-ups including heavenly stews from Himalayan Tiffin and Back a Yard's Grill's legendary jerk chicken, washed down with freshly made smoothies by DB catering, all managed by awarding winning local enterprise CC Events.

## 15 Thamesmead Family Fun Day

supported by the Royal Borough of Greenwich

28 August, 12pm – 5pm

Gallions Reach Park, 22 Defence Close, SE28 0NU

Cost: Free

Part of the Royal Greenwich Festivals programme, an event by Global Fusion Music and Arts in collaboration with Emergency Exit Arts presenting the Idea Palace.

Thamesmead Family Fun Day will be a fun packed day, with fun fair, food and craft stalls, the EEA Ideal Palace, children's sports and football activities, dog show, tai chi, yoga, Chinese Lion and Dragon Dancers, children's workshops including: storytelling; African Masks; clay pot making; dream catchers; Chinese Lantern; dance and drumming workshops.

The stage will have music from local artist: Hiphop singer Jules, Dynamix Dance Group, Afrobeat dance group SBS Creative Arts, GFMA Lion and Dragon Dancers, Lithuanian singer and musician Ida Sete, R&B and Reggae singer Tashana, Folk singer - Chris Harrison, , The Greenwich Blues Band, plus Ghanaian roots band - The Palm Wine High Priests, Ugandan drumming and dance group - Bantu Arts, Nigerian Highlife and Afrobeat band - Isale Eko Band.



To find out more, please scan the QR code

## 16 On Your Doorstep, GDIF in the Moorings

30 August, 1pm – 7pm

Cost: Free

Greenwich Docklands + International Festival's series of pop up On Your Doorstep events return for 2021, bringing live performance and street arts to local neighbourhoods across the Royal Borough of Greenwich.

If you're a Thamesmead resident, why not join us on Claridge Way for an afternoon packed full of outdoor arts? Expect interactive installations, rousing dance theatre and visual comedy.

## 17 GDIF: Blue Remembered Hills, presented by De Roovers

7 – 11 September, 7.30pm

Pick up point will be outside Abbey Wood station from 6pm – 6.45pm. Buses with social distancing capacity will drop audience members to and from site. A bar and food provision will be available.

FREE tickets for local residents.

Recommended age guidance 13+

This outdoor, site-specific production takes audiences on a journey to a hidden landscape in Thamesmead.

Dennis Potter's famous play Blue Remembered Hills follows seven children playing in the countryside under the shadow of war. As their games escalate, the boundaries between fun and cruelty become ever more blurred, leading to disastrous consequences.

De Roovers is one of Flanders most respected theatre companies, and their production will take audiences to the site of the former Thamesmead Adventure Camps from the 90s where the ghost of the area's Royal Arsenal past also lingers and lends atmosphere to the outdoor play.



To find out more and book, please scan the QR code

# LIVING IN THE LANDSCAPE

**Work is continuing on Peabody's Living In The Landscape initiative – our approach to making the most of Thamesmead's unique natural assets. 240 hectares of parks and green space; 7km of canals; five lakes and 5km of river frontage and 30,000 trees.**

The latest part of the programme is a series of three stimulating walks for residents, all designed to showcase a different aspect of nature and

wildlife in Thamesmead: the Big Blue Walk takes in our beautiful lakes and waterways. The Productive Landscape Walk features Peabody's Landscape Activation Manager, Jack Gower, and Georgiana, our gardener-in-residence, showing some of our community gardening projects. Finally, the Wilder Thamesmead Walk visits the places in Thamesmead where Peabody has created more natural habitat for local wildlife.

**You can find out how to take part in the walks in the What's On section on page 11.**



**240 HECTARES OF PARKS & 30,000 TREES**



**5 LAKES 7KM OF CANAL 5KM OF RIVER FRONTAGES**

## VOLUNTEER TO NURTURE NATURE

**Making Space for Nature is the joint initiative between Peabody, Groundwork and the Mayor of London that is developing new ways of using and enjoying Thamesmead's green space. It is currently working with North West Kent Countryside Partnership to create a volunteering programme that supports its Biodiversity Action Plan for Thamesmead.**

We're at the start of our Biodiversity Action Plan, which is taking a long-term approach to increasing the amount of wildlife and habitat in the local area. The volunteering programme is a great way for you to have a say in the work that goes on and a chance to be involved in a hands-on way.

The programme includes opportunities at Crossway Community Orchard helping to maintain the young fruit trees, a day of Hedgerow and Tree Management at Birchmere Park and a session on footpath maintenance at Tump 53.

**You can find out how to take part in the What's On section on page 9 or you can email [msfn@peabody.org.uk](mailto:msfn@peabody.org.uk) or Thamesmead volunteer co-ordinator, Reece Evans at [reece.evans@kent.gov.uk](mailto:reece.evans@kent.gov.uk) or phone him on 07986 737 712.**



## GREEN FINGERS?

**Making Space for Nature is also holding a series of community gardening drop-in sessions for any residents who want to learn more about gardening.**

**During the drop-in sessions you can speak with our experienced gardeners and ask any gardening-related questions you might have. Each session will have a different planned activity which will depend on the season.**

**You can come along to as few or as many of the sessions as you want. They're a great way to improve your skills and get to know new people who also have an interest in growing and gardening.**

**You can pop into any of the sessions (details on page 9) - you don't need to book in advance. Please note that some activities are weather permitting, so we may need to change our plans last minute.**

**You'll find more details in the What's On section on page 9 or you can contact our Gardener-in-residence, Georgiana, on 07425 625 998 or [msfn@peabody.org.uk](mailto:msfn@peabody.org.uk)**

## OPEN DAYS AND EVENTS

**We will be holding several open days and events across our various community gardens. To find out more please keep an eye on the 'What's On' section of our website and our social media channels, or you can sign up to our Making Space for Nature monthly e-newsletter via [www.ThamesmeadNow.org.uk](http://www.ThamesmeadNow.org.uk)**

NATURE



## COMMUNITY IMPACT

Does your community or voluntary group need help to:

Re-invent or adapt how they work coming out of lockdown

Prove the difference they are making

Get funding

Something else?

Impact in Action provides groups that work in the Bexley borough (including the Bexley part of Thamesmead) with FREE help. Whether that is 1-2-1 support, training, or resources, on our website [www.bvsc.co.uk/impact-action](http://www.bvsc.co.uk/impact-action) - we can help in a way that suits your group.

Thanks to financial support from the City of London Corporation's charity, City Bridge Trust, we have funding to help groups, but it won't last forever, so get in touch today.

If you want to apply for grants or would like feedback on your application contact Karen Jefferys on 01322 315 391 or [karen@bvsc.co.uk](mailto:karen@bvsc.co.uk)

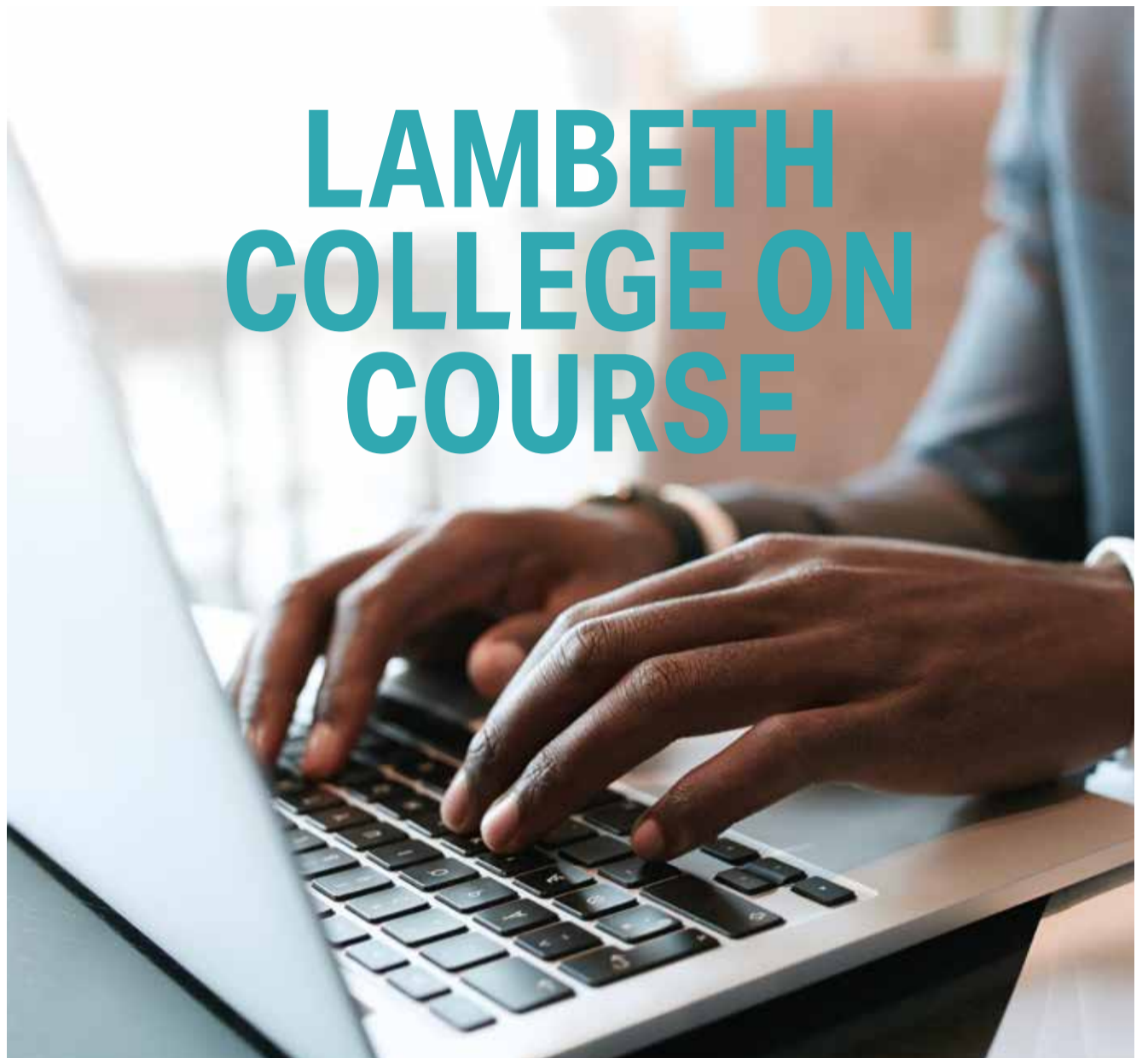
## ARRESTING CITIZENS

The National Citizen Service (NCS) is back at The Link Thamesmead this summer delivering:

Two-week programmes for 15 to 17-year-olds

Activities include physical challenges, team building, workshops on topics like allyship, and designing your own social action project to support your community

Sign up at [www.wearencs.com](http://www.wearencs.com)



## LAMBETH COLLEGE ONLINE COURSE

Peabody is delighted to be working with Lambeth College, which is offering FREE online courses leading to nationally recognised Level 2 qualifications.

The courses are in three main subject areas: Health and Social care, Childcare and Employability and IT. Go to [www.lambethcollege.ac.uk](http://www.lambethcollege.ac.uk) for the full listing.

These online courses are taught by expert tutors and lead to nationally recognised qualifications. All provide a quality alternative to traditional study.

All the online courses are designed with flexibility in mind, with most taught over 10-12 weeks, so you can pick and choose when and where to study. This means you can fit your studies around existing work or home-life commitments.

These courses are fully funded and free of charge to anyone who meets the following funding eligibility criteria: 19 years old or over; living in England; currently not in full-time education; have had permanent lawful residency in the UK/EU for the last three consecutive years; have a valid National Insurance Number.

To apply online, or book your course/s contact the college's Online Learning team on 020 7501 5010 or email Helena Nguyen Van (Online Learning Coordinator) at [HNguyenVan@lambethcollege.ac.uk](mailto:HNguyenVan@lambethcollege.ac.uk)

## 100 NOT OUT

Calling all 7 to 11-year-old children, and their siblings, parents and carers. The Hundred Club is a free, experimental creative space for using arts and play to explore social justice issues.

With sessions at Lesnes Abbey Lodge on July 17 and August 21, plus extra holiday sessions to be announced, head to [www.taco.org.uk/The-Hundred-Club](http://www.taco.org.uk/The-Hundred-Club) to sign up and for more details.

This project is by artist Ruth Beale, commissioned by Three Rivers and London Borough of Bexley, produced by TACO! in partnership with the Lesnes Abbey Lodge.

## PEABODY'S EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING TEAM IS 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 help with:

**Writing CVs, personal statements, cover letters and job applications**

**Preparing you for interviews**

**Connecting you with different employers and training providers**

**Volunteering opportunities**

**Career's guidance and coaching**

**If you are a Peabody resident interested contact us at: [Employment.Training@peabody.org.uk](mailto:Employment.Training@peabody.org.uk)**

## GET DIGITAL

Are you interested in learning or progressing your digital skills and developing in your current role or finding a better job?

DAGILE is a project which provides a unique opportunity, to take part in free accredited digital and basic skills training for people who live and/or work in London.

Part-funded by the European Social Fund Programme 2014-20 (ESF), London South Bank University (LSBU) has joined forces with Ravensbourne University and Brandmovers Ltd. to help employed individuals realise their potential in digital roles.

The training is accredited by OCN from Level 1 to 3, learners can take a full award or combination of specific units while being online allows flexibility.

You're eligible if you are: employed or self-employed, furloughed, on Kickstart Scheme; have legal right to live and work in the UK or live and/or work in London. The project encourages applications from single parents, BAME, those with disabilities and anyone over 50

Visit [www.bit.ly/dagile-peabody](http://www.bit.ly/dagile-peabody) to find out more including the courses available, covering areas such as leadership and management, digital marketing and IT skills or email [info@dagile.uk](mailto:info@dagile.uk)

## RTM CALLING

RTM.FM is a radio station developed and managed by TACO! as a platform for community-produced culture, debate, art and music.

The station provides opportunities for people to produce and distribute their own content and learn skills in broadcasting, production, and presenting.

The station is open to proposals for shows and regular broadcast content.

If you would like to get involved, then visit [www.rtm.fm/submit-show/](http://www.rtm.fm/submit-show/)

## PARENT'S FORUM



Peabody and Volunteering Matters are jointly working on developing a Parent's Forum in Thamesmead. It's an opportunity for residents to find out about what is happening locally, tell us what really matters to you and how living here can be better for children and families.

You will meet other parents and there will be a chance to develop ideas, plan projects and activities together as well as help us shape our plans.

If you're interested in joining the Parent's Forum, please contact [Christine.Carrasco@peabody.org.uk](mailto:Christine.Carrasco@peabody.org.uk)

## 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](http://www.peabody.org.uk/newsletter)

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- IT and more...

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# THAMESMEAD BUSINESS FORUM

## Find Out How Your BUSINESS

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Open to all individuals, SMEs or corporate partners looking to start, develop or grow in Thamesmead.

The Thamesmead Business Forum will be facilitated online via video conference. For joining instructions contact: [madeinthamesmead@peabody.org.uk](mailto:madeinthamesmead@peabody.org.uk) or check the What's On section of the Thamesmead Portal.

[www.thamesmeadnow.org.uk/portal/get-involved/whats-on](http://www.thamesmeadnow.org.uk/portal/get-involved/whats-on)

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# HACK ATTACK



**Peabody, Greenwich University and Foundervine recently came together to organise and host an online two-day hack event with students.**

The students were presented with two real life challenges. One was about active travel promotion in Thamesmead and the other about employability and training options amongst young people. They had to come up with a creative solution in just 48 hours.

They then presented their solutions to two senior managers from Peabody

and the Head of Sustainability at Greenwich University, as well as all the other teams. A paid 12-week internship opportunity with Peabody will also be awarded to one of the students.

Students said they felt their employability has been boosted and that participating in the event was a positive experience with one saying: "It was an intense and rewarding two days and we are grateful to Peabody for giving students the chance to experience first-hand what it's like to work on complex regeneration projects."

**If you're interested in similar future opportunities contact Peabody's Training and Development Officer, Nadia Suleiman Abdillahi, at [nadia.suleiman@peabody.org.uk](mailto:nadia.suleiman@peabody.org.uk)**

## TIME FOR ACTION!

**Do you know of, or were you involved in any efforts to heal local racial divisions in Thamesmead in the early 1990s? If so, we'd like to hear from you.**

Artist Holly Graham is working with TACO! and the Thamesmead Community Archive, to research anti-racist community led action work in Thamesmead in the early 1990s.

This period saw a rise in racial tensions within the area but there is currently minimal documentation reflecting these rifts and the

important community led responses to counteract them. Can you help us to tell this important part of Thamesmead's story?

If you would like to talk to Holly, contribute to the project, or find out more information please contact Mat Jenner – [mj@taco.org.uk](mailto:mj@taco.org.uk)

We are aware of the potentially sensitive nature of this history and materials relating to it. All enquiries and correspondence will be treated confidentially. Any contributions made to the project can remain anonymous if desired.

## OPPORTUNITY AHOY!

The Old Royal Naval College in Greenwich is committed to attracting new visitors by better understanding what they want. To do this it's asking people who have never visited before to be part of a focus group.

Each member of the group will be asked to visit the college in their own time, answer a post-visit online questionnaire and be part of a group video call to discuss how the Old Royal Naval College can be more welcoming.

The college will provide each member of the focus group with a free annual pass, a guidebook and a voucher for on-site refreshments to be used during their visit.

**If you are interested in taking part, please email the Learning Department at [learning@ornc.org](mailto:learning@ornc.org)**

## PARENT TASTER

**Are you a parent or carer who has had or is having challenging behaviour(s) from your children?**

Join us FREE on Zoom (camera not required) for 5 x two-hour sessions to be introduced to NVR - Non-Violent Resistance, a principle that includes theory, practical, self-reflection, and lived experience to raise awareness of the adult's behaviours as well as the child's.

You will increase self-reflection and empathy, and begin to start making small changes that will alter your relationships at home, at work and with the community.

The sessions are co-led by a trained NVR Graduate Parent Facilitator and a Registered Nurse.

**Call Deborah on 07796 331 933 for further details and to secure your place.**

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If you prefer to book ahead call 119 or book an appointment online at [www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination](http://www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination)

You do not need proof of address, immigration status, ID or an NHS number.




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LaunchPad is a new project run by local charity BVSC. It offers a safe space to grow your confidence, meet new people and move on to join in activities in Bexley. Through a mixture of 1:1 support and friendly small group workshops, you will be able to find out information about what's out there, get support to overcome what's stopping you and and plan the best next step for you.

**Contact Sky Crook for more information:**  
 07307 882 164 or [sky@bvsc.co.uk](mailto:sky@bvsc.co.uk)



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Tues 7 - Sat 11 September 2021, 7.30pm

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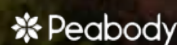


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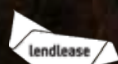


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## GET IN TOUCH

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# ON THE WATERFRONT

In October 2020, the Thamesmead Waterfront Joint Venture partnership between Peabody and Lendlease launched a competition to appoint a masterplanning team to begin developing the vision for Thamesmead Waterfront.

More than 70 teams submitted entries and the Joint Venture was hugely impressed with the quality of the teams that came forward.

After careful consideration, the winning team has now been chosen; it is a diverse and highly collaborative team of designers, placemakers, and innovators, led by Prior + Partners and Arup. Twelve of the team members are

small to medium-sized businesses, ten employ less than 30 people and five are microbusinesses employing less than ten people.

With the right transport connections, including a DLR river crossing, Thamesmead Waterfront can generate thousands of new homes and jobs. The Joint Venture wants to create a new town centre for Thamesmead, with an approach that complements the wider regeneration of the town.

The team will be working closely with Thamesmead's communities throughout the project and there will be a range of opportunities for anyone who wishes to get involved to do so. More details will be coming soon.

For more information, please visit [www.thamesmead-waterfront.co.uk](http://www.thamesmead-waterfront.co.uk) or contact Max Fallowfield (Senior Regeneration Manager) at [max.fallowfield@peabody.org.uk](mailto:max.fallowfield@peabody.org.uk)



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