

# StockwellUNITED

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## The Newsletter of

## The Stockwell Urban II Community Initiative

# It's all happening in Stockwell again this year!

Stockwell's community festival will take place over the weekend of 8th, 9th, 10th July and once again Urban II funding has helped to make it the biggest yet. A full festival programme comes with this newsletter. Below we list some of the highlights.

The stage line-up at the Larkhall Park Funday on Saturday is the best yet - the South London Jazz Orchestra are back by popular demand at 1.20pm, with standards for the whole family to picnic to! Local band 'The Eritrean Saho Band' will move and mesmerise between 4 and 5pm, and headlining act 'The Bellagios', will rap in English, French and Portuguese from 7pm. Dance groups, youth music projects and a family performance of PINOCCHIO from Lambeth College 'Universal Performers' at 5.30pm.

Other highlights of the funday include Stockwell Faith Forum's 'Peace Space' - a beautiful four-bay yurt providing an inspiring environment for a range of alternative activities - and a 'Green Tent' with an engaging line-up of information, resources, displays and activities. Bring your bike for free maintenance and repair between 1-5pm before you take it to the 'Oasis' Kart Track round the corner to be decorated for entry in the carnival parade.

The festival parade will be led by internationally renowned samba band 'Bateria Ritmos da Cidade', it kicks off with a spectacular street samba dance performance at 3.30pm in the park before leading off down Lansdowne Way and Larkhall Lane to stop the traffic. And for the first time since the 1970's, Stockwell will have its own cinema for a one-off silent-film screening of Buster Keaton's 'The General' on Sunday at 1.30pm at TDA, 211 Clapham Road.



## Get Involved!

This year we are providing free training for stewards. Participants can then put themselves forward for other fee-paying festivals this summer. Stockwell Festival pays £25 for 5 hours. For more information contact Justine at Stockwell Partnership on 020 7735 5051 [justine@stockwell.org.uk](mailto:justine@stockwell.org.uk)

## The future of the festival

The Stockwell festival would greatly benefit from more local volunteer involvement from the early stages of planning events right through to supervision on the day. What happens after the Urban 11 programme has finished is up to you. If you would like to get involved in any way, or offer feedback about any aspect of the festival then please get in contact with Justine.



## Improvements around Stockwell tube?

Local people frequently cite the area around Stockwell tube station as a priority for improvements and these could be forthcoming if two Urban II projects are awarded funding.

Stockwell Partnership has teamed up with Transport for London, Hyde Southbank Homes, London Underground and Lambeth Council to develop a £420,000 package of community safety and environmental improvements around the tube station and along the main roads leading to the tube. Proposals include re-paving the footway on Clapham Road, improved lighting for

pedestrians and street clutter removal. A memorial garden to remember Stockwell residents who gave their lives in the 2nd World War will be created on the site of the "Coffins" at Surridge Court and a piece of public art will be created to adorn the flank wall of the tube station. A new pedestrian crossing will be introduced on Stockwell Road, along with other accident reduction measures around the Stockwell Cross junction.

Closely related to this project, the Stockwell Partnership has been working with the street population charity St Mungo's to develop a

street drinkers outreach project. On most days people using alcohol and drugs congregate outside Stockwell tube, in front of Surridge Court and in Larkhall Park. They often do not know about local services and are likely to be housed but at risk of homelessness. Outreach workers will engage in 'case work' and promote the value of accessing social care services, training or other meaningful occupations. The workers will emphasise to street drinkers and drug users the negative consequences their activities have for both themselves and the wider neighbourhood.

## Young people creating a greener Stockwell

The "Community Fund for the Environment", funded by Urban II and the Environment Agency, is about young people leading environmental projects to improve Stockwell and Larkhall. So far six projects have been completed or are ongoing and four new projects are being finalised. Activities have included:

- a series of after-school environmental workshops run by Oasis Children's Venture, during which children produced a "Recycling for Kids" leaflet - you can pick up a copy from the Oasis Nature Garden in Larkhall Lane.
- the development of the wild garden at Herbert Morrison Primary School with a hide, new plants and new pond wildlife, as well as a composting project involving the whole school.
- new artwork inside and outside the Springfield Primary Care Centre, produced by local luncheon clubs and children working with artist Christine Mills
- a wall mosaic in the youth room at the Yvonne Carr Community Centre and the planting of a garden outside the centre's café and crèche, undertaken by children in the after-school and holiday schemes working with artists and volunteers.
- a greenhouse project at Stockwell Park High School where a group of pupils are getting their hands dirty studying horticulture.

The remaining projects include improvements to the Stockwell Memorial Gardens - a project initiated by

young people living around the Hemans Estate - a project on cycle training and awareness and an environmental "rough guide" to Stockwell area to be produced by and for young people.

**If you're a young person and you're interested in getting involved in the cycling project or the rough guide, contact Louise McNestrie at [lmcnestrie@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:lmcnestrie@lambeth.gov.uk) or 020 7926 0782 or Melissa Vidal at [mvidal@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:mvidal@lambeth.gov.uk) or 020 7926 2772.**



"A better environment for patients - mosaic art at Springfield Primary Care Centre".

**Wanna get involved in youth projects like video work with other Stockwell young people? For more info about the Clapham and Stockwell Youth Forum contact Louise on 7926 0782 or at [lmcnestrie@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:lmcnestrie@lambeth.gov.uk)**

## A Safer Stockwell?

Whilst reported crime is going down, one of the problems that we face today is that fear of crime has increased. This is particularly so in the case of older and vulnerable people, although they are the group who are actually least likely to become victims of crime. The British Crime Survey shows the risk of being a victim of crime is at its lowest since the Survey was established in 1981. We can only really know about crime that is reported but based on this, the risk of becoming a victim of crime has fallen from 40% in 1995 to 26% in 2003/2004. This national picture is mirrored by local figures and compared with the totals for Lambeth, the level of crime in Stockwell, is relatively low.

It is important to reassure ourselves that things are often better than we might fear but there is of course still a lot that can be improved. While the police have an important role in reducing crime, the actions we take ourselves are vital. The burglary rate tends to rise during the warm summer months when people are more likely to leave their windows and doors open. So take care with your home security, particularly during any building or maintenance work. We can also make our areas feel safer by knowing one another

better and keeping an eye out for anything unusual.

Lambeth has a network of Neighbourhood Watches that can improve community safety if they are well organised. In order to make such schemes a success Karina Stephenson has been employed as the Borough's Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator. If you are interested in setting up a Watch in your area, or you want advice or information please contact Karina on 07742 155 003 or e-mail at [Karina.Stephenson@met.police.uk](mailto:Karina.Stephenson@met.police.uk).

Your local ward police officers welcome any information regarding anti social or criminal behaviour, no matter how trivial it may seem. It is the information provided by the local community that enables the police identify and take charge of problems. If you would like to discuss any of your concerns, Claire McNama from the Clapham Ward Office would like to hear from you. Although the office is not open around the clock, an answer phone system is available and any messages left are dealt with promptly (0208 649 2512). However, please do not hesitate to dial 999 if worried about an immediate situation.

**Kind thanks to PC Claire McNama for her help with this article.**



## Fancy some digging?

If you're interested in the history of Stockwell, there's a series of events in July to suit all ages. All are free and materials will be provided. Children must be accompanied by an adult

### Street Walk

Discover history of Albert Square, the Tradescant Family and more! Take photos & make drawings. Finish with drinks and cake at a local café. Saturday July 2nd 11am-1pm. Meet outside Tate Library, 180 South Lambeth Road.

### Dig in the Park

Dig up real things from the past and present in our large 'pretend' excavation pit and lots more! Saturday July 9th Noon till 5pm in Larkhall Park. Dig in the Library: More digging!! Dig up real Roman, Tudor and Victorian things from London excavations and find out about excavations in Lambeth. Saturday July 16th 11am-1pm. Meet inside Tate Library, 180 South Lambeth Road

### Mudlarking and Vauxhall Streets

Look for things on Thames foreshore & find out the history of Vauxhall. Take photos and make drawings. Finish with drinks and cake at a local café. Sunday July 17th 3.30pm-5.30pm. Meet outside M16 Embankment Vauxhall. Make an exhibition: Put all your drawings & photos on display at the Tate library, make headlines & captions. Saturday July 23rd 11am-1pm. Meet inside Tate Library, 180 South Lambeth Road.

**For more information or to book your place: Ring Lesley on 020 7735 3645 or email: [discoveringarchaeology@hotmail.com](mailto:discoveringarchaeology@hotmail.com)**

# Recycling in Stockwell: everybody's doing it

Recycling uses less energy than producing goods from virgin material, results in less pollution, reduces the demand for raw materials and results in less waste being incinerated or sent to landfill sites.

Material	Where?	How?	Then what happens to it?	Contact
Garden waste*	Door to door collection or if you have a garden contact London Community Recycling Network (LCRN) for help with setting up at compost bin	Request the special biogradable green bags and fill 'em up then ring the number to get them collected.	Composted for use in local parks and green spaces	7926 9000 for Lambeth Council Collections or LCRN at <a href="mailto:compost@lcrn.org.uk">compost@lcrn.org.uk</a>
Paint	Community re-paint scheme	At the Civic Amenity site at Vale Street, West Norwood, SE27	Distributed to community and voluntary groups	7926 9000 or email <a href="mailto:recycling@lambeth.gov.uk">recycling@lambeth.gov.uk</a>
Old Computers etc	REALISE IT Network	Visit the website and see which organisation is nearest you.	Refurbished for use by local community groups	<a href="http://www.realise-it.org">www.realise-it.org</a>
Paper/cardboard, tins, plastic bottles and glass	On your door step or in the green recycle banks on your estate**.	In the orange bags or straight in the green banks. Remove lids from plastic bottles	Materials are separated and recycled	7926 9000 or email <a href="mailto:recycling@lambeth.gov.uk">recycling@lambeth.gov.uk</a>
Batteries	Smugglers Way Civic Amenity Site, Wandsworth SW18 1JS	The only option is to visit in person.	Crushed and lead re-used	8871 2788 and info at <a href="http://www.wrwa.gov.uk/">http://www.wrwa.gov.uk/</a>
Laser and inkjet printer cartridges	Nine Elms Sainsbury's car park	In original packaging	Refurbished for re-sale	Tommys 08707 707070
Textiles	Nine Elms Sainsbury's car park	Bag clothes and shoes	Customised and sold in traid international development charity shops	Traid 8733 2580
Mobile Phones	phones4safety project	Send individual phones to Crisp, Freepost, Lon15948, London SE1 1BR. Bulk collections can be arranged.	Suitable phones can be converted into security alarms for the vulnerable others are recycled.	7740 6533 or <a href="mailto:aterah@crispej.org.uk">aterah@crispej.org.uk</a>
Furniture	Furniture aid south Thames	Call to check they can use what you have and to arrange collection	Used to provide low cost furniture and appliances to those on a low income.	7793 7787 or <a href="mailto:furnitureaid@furniture-aid.co.uk">furnitureaid@furniture-aid.co.uk</a>

\*\*Composting at home-You can buy subsidised bins or join a local community composting scheme to compost kitchen and garden waste. A 220 litre bin costs £10.50 and a 330 litre bin costs £13.50. To order a bin, please call Blackwall on 0870 849 4877.

\*\*If you don't have a recycle bank on your estate contact [housing@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:housing@lambeth.gov.uk) or 020 7926 6000.

If you would like more information about these or other services in Stockwell contact Rebecca at [rebecca@stockwell.org.uk](mailto:rebecca@stockwell.org.uk) or on 7735 5051

The Urban II Stockwell United programme is coordinated jointly by staff from the Stockwell Partnership and Lambeth Council. If you want to find out more contact Rebecca Gibbs on 7735 5051 or [rebecca@stockwell.org.uk](mailto:rebecca@stockwell.org.uk)

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