

# Environment Matters

even more than ever

## Road Matters

Many residents are organising street parties to celebrate His Majesty the King's coronation on 6th May and I am delighted that over 170 street parties will be taking place. This follows earlier confirmation that we are waiving all fees for the street closure orders.

The proposal by Sadiq Khan, the Mayor of London to extend the Ultra-Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) is of great concern to Bromley Council. As London's largest borough, much of which is Green Belt, our air quality is amongst the best in the Capital. Imposing a £12.50 daily charge on non-compliant vehicles with an expensive network of cameras and signs will penalise many small businesses, elderly residents on fixed incomes and those like nurses and others who work unsocial hours when public transport is not available. The Council, in conjunction with four other councils, has begun legal proceedings to try to prevent this unnecessary imposition on residents and workers. Updates on the legal case can be found on our website.

The remaining Pay and Display machines in the borough are being removed as 3G mobile signals are being switched off nationally, the machines are obsolete and spare parts are no longer made, and with most motorists paying for parking by phone, we could not justify spending £1m of council taxpayers' money to replace and operate them.



You can use any phone to pay to park, it does not have to be a smart phone. If you haven't already downloaded the RingGo app, I would encourage you to do so. Further information and advice about all of this is available on our website [bromley.gov.uk/ringgoparkingpayment](https://bromley.gov.uk/ringgoparkingpayment) and in libraries as well.

**Councillor Nicholas Bennett JP**

Executive Councillor for Transport,  
Highways & Road Safety

## Welcome

Much work has been taking place across the borough and I am delighted that the first grants

from our £1 million Platinum Jubilee Parks fund have been awarded. I am also pleased to see work moving forward to restore the bandstand in Beckenham where David Bowie performed.

A big thank you to all our Friends of Parks groups, for all the volunteering work they do in our open spaces. Thank you also to the many Street Friends across the borough who report problems and help with litter-picking in their street. Whilst our winter has been mostly mild, the extreme cold weather prior to Christmas was a reminder of the importance of Snow Friends as well. If you feel inspired to become a Friend in any way, please get in touch.

I am pleased to highlight our nature friendly verge pilot initiative, which is now underway, with more information online. Grass verges can act as wildlife corridors connecting habitats and greenspaces, increasing floral diversity and pollinator habitats. This is good news for bees, butterflies and invertebrates! In these trial limited areas, we will cut the grass each autumn and then monitor the effect, including feedback from residents.

Thank you for your continued recycling support, as well as for looking for ways to minimise your waste, with the financial savings and environmental benefits this has for us all. If you are having a spring clean this year, please try and give away items you might not need. If you're visiting one of our Reuse and Recycling Centres, plan your journey and remember our web cameras will show you when it is particularly busy.



**Councillor Aisha Cuthbert**

Executive Councillor for Environment

## Make Gardening Easier

The time has come to get out and start bringing your garden back to life! Whether it is pruning, cutting grass, planting - we can help make it easier and more enjoyable.

Our Green Garden Waste Collection Service, used by over 40,000 green-fingered subscribers, offers the convenience of frequent collections. From March to November, your garden waste wheelie bin will be collected every other week and from December to February, collections will take place once a month.

To become a subscriber today, visit [bromley.gov.uk/gardencollections](https://bromley.gov.uk/gardencollections)

You can also visit your local Reuse and Recycling Centre or one of the Green Garden Waste temporary weekend sites to recycle your garden waste. Please see inside for details about collection sites operating during the weekend.





## Never Too Early to Become a Snow Friend

The weather may be mild and the last thing on your mind is snow, but now is the time to think about setting up a Snow Friends group for your street or neighbourhood if you don't have one already. You will then be well prepared, with plenty of time before next winter, to clear your pavements and/or road with salt and snow scoops provided free of charge by Bromley Council (subject to availability).

For further details, please visit [bromley.gov.uk/snowfriends](https://bromley.gov.uk/snowfriends)

## Nature Friendly Verges

**A new, nature friendly, management regime for grass verges at 11 trial locations across the borough will encourage wild flowers and bees to flourish.**

As part of the Nature Friendly Verge trial, these verges will receive one grass cut annually in the autumn and be left to grow throughout the rest of the year, with other verges being cut throughout the year as normal.

By allowing these carefully selected verges to grow, the Council expects to improve biodiversity in the borough, increase natural carbon storage and support reducing the impact of pollution. Grass verges can act as wildlife corridors connecting habitats and greenspaces, increase floral diversity and increase pollinator habitats. This is good news for bees, butterflies and invertebrates! Visit [bromley.gov.uk/naturefriendlyverges](https://bromley.gov.uk/naturefriendlyverges) for details.



## Become a Street Friend and Help Your Community Today

**Street Friends are residents who care about the cleanliness and safety of the streets they live in or regularly use.**

Street Friends organise community clean-ups and play an important role in our community. Bromley Council and Veolia offer support with litter pickers, hoops and purple bags. We also hold quarterly meetings with group coordinators to discuss future events, health and safety and more.

Street Friends work is invaluable and we thank them for their support in keeping Bromley clean and safe.

If you want to become a Street Friend and organise your own community litter-picking event, please visit [bromley.gov.uk/streetfriends](https://bromley.gov.uk/streetfriends)



## Net Zero by 2027 Progress Update



**Good progress in reducing the Council's organisational emissions to net zero is being made. The latest figures for 2021/2022 show a reduction of 9% compared to the previous year and a 51% reduction compared to the base year.**

The continued upgrade of the Council's streetlights continues to reap significant financial and energy savings, contributing towards the net zero target.

## Platinum Jubilee Parks Fund makes Bromley green spaces even better

**A number of Friends of Parks and other local groups have already been awarded a share of the Council's £1 million Jubilee Parks fund to help bring forward a range of improvements in their local park.**

Money from the Platinum Jubilee Parks fund remains available and potential applicants are encouraged to apply for funding for their chosen improvement project by visiting [bromley.gov.uk/jubileeparksfund](https://bromley.gov.uk/jubileeparksfund)

This next round of applications will close on the **1 April 2023**.



### Recycling Pop-up Roadshows

We are holding a series of pop-up roadshows in Bromley High Street up to June 2023.

These roadshows will give everyone the opportunity to ask questions about the recycling and waste collection services, bulky items collection services and more.

Residents are welcome to visit Bromley High Street the last Friday of each month, 11am - 2pm:

**Friday 28 April**   **Friday 26 May**

**Friday 30 June**

To find out more about these recycling roadshows, please visit [bromley.gov.uk](http://bromley.gov.uk) and search 'Recycling roadshows'.



### What happens to my aluminium cans?

When we collect your green box along with plastics, tins and glass, it is taken to a sorting facility in the UK. From here, the aluminium is separated and:



The council receives regular information about where Veolia send the borough's recycling and both monitor and check the information and data supplied. For more information about what happens to your recycling after collection, please visit [bromley.gov.uk/wasteneews](http://bromley.gov.uk/wasteneews) and search 'What happens to my recycling?'.

### Action being taken to tackle fly-tippers

Fly-tippers are being warned that as well as facing prosecution for dumping rubbish, they risk their vehicle being seized and crushed. The warning follows the most recent crushing of a vehicle a few weeks ago, where the owner was also prosecuted. The latest crackdown on fly-tippers has seen successful prosecutions, with residents also encouraged to report dumped rubbish so action can be taken. Residents are also being reminded to check the credentials of anyone they use to dispose of waste and check they are a licensed waste carrier. Visit [bromley.gov.uk/report](http://bromley.gov.uk/report)



### Are you preparing for a Spring Clean?

If so, why not try these easy tips:

**Less is more** When decluttering, you may find items such as old clothes, shoes, and toys. Why not donate or sell items in good condition, while also creating space in your home. You can visit your local Reuse and Recycling Centre to recycle unwanted items. You can also book a Bulky Items Collections. We will visit to remove your items from your doorstep at a cost. Please visit [bromley.gov.uk/bulkyitems](http://bromley.gov.uk/bulkyitems) to find out more.

**Borrow equipment** Items such as carpet cleaners, shredders and pressure washers can be expensive and take up a lot of room – but they are commonly available for hire. **Bromley Library of Things** (located in the Cleaner and Greener Hub in The Glades) is a social enterprise that helps people save money and reduce waste by affordably renting a number of useful items! Visit [libraryofthings.co.uk](http://libraryofthings.co.uk) to find out more.

**Free storage ideas** Instead of buying storage solutions, shoe boxes and empty biscuit tins can be used to store items neatly.



## Reuse and Recycling Centre Easter Opening Times

Waldo Road and Churchfields Road Reuse and Recycling Centres will be open during the Easter weekend.

- 8am to 4pm on Friday 7 April (Good Friday)
- 7:30am to 4pm on Saturday 8 April
- 8am to 1pm on Sunday 9 April (Easter Sunday)
- 8am to 4pm on Monday 10 April (Easter Monday)

The **Reuse and Recycling Centres** are open between **8am to 4pm** on all other bank holidays. They may be especially busy, so please plan your trip in advance and check the webcam online. Please make sure you bring your permit or proof of address with you.

## Recycling and Waste Collection Days Over Bank Holidays

Your recycling and waste collection timetable is affected by Easter and other Bank Holidays. Please check the collection schedule below because some collections will take place later than usual.



**If you are a Green Garden Waste Collection Service subscriber, please check your calendar at [bromley.gov.uk/gardencollections](http://bromley.gov.uk/gardencollections) to see if Bank Holidays affect your scheduled collection day.**

My usual collection day	My holiday collection day
Friday 7 April	Collection day as usual
Monday 10 April	Tuesday 11 April
Tuesday 11 April	Wednesday 12 April
Wednesday 12 April	Thursday 13 April
Thursday 13 April	Friday 14 April
Friday 14 April	Saturday 15 April
Monday 1 May	Tuesday 2 May
Tuesday 2 May	Wednesday 3 May
Wednesday 3 May	Thursday 4 May
Thursday 4 May	Friday 5 May
Friday 5 May	Saturday 6 May
Monday 8 May	Tuesday 9 May
Tuesday 9 May	Wednesday 10 May
Wednesday 10 May	Thursday 11 May
Thursday 11 May	Friday 12 May
Friday 12 May	Saturday 13 May
Monday 29 May	Tuesday 30 May
Tuesday 30 May	Wednesday 31 May
Wednesday 31 May	Thursday 1 June
Thursday 1 June	Friday 2 June
Friday 2 June	Saturday 3 June
Monday 28 August	Tuesday 29 August
Tuesday 29 August	Wednesday 30 August
Wednesday 30 August	Thursday 31 August
Thursday 31 August	Friday 1 September
Friday 1 September	Saturday 2 September



## Holiday Parking Arrangements

If you are driving or looking for a place to park during the holidays, please be aware of the restrictions/arrangements that apply on the dates below.

Date	Parking, bus lanes and moving traffic restrictions	On-street paid parking bays	All Council operated car parks
Good Friday 7 April 2023	Normal Friday restrictions apply	Free	Charges apply
Saturday 8 April 2023	Normal Saturday restrictions apply	Charges apply	Charges apply
Easter Sunday 9 April 2023	Normal Sunday restrictions apply	Free	Free
Easter Monday 10 April 2023	Normal Monday restrictions apply	Free	Charges apply

**Please remember:** Even on Bank or Public Holidays, residential permit bays are designated only for the use of permit holders and visitors' voucher holders during the times indicated on nearby signs.

**Council operated car parks** will be open on all of the above dates with free parking on Easter Sunday.

**Bus lane and moving traffic restrictions** will apply on all the above dates.

You can pay for parking using your mobile phone and a debit/credit card (charges apply).

Find out more and register with **RingGo**.

Visit [bromley.gov.uk/ringgoparkingpayment](http://bromley.gov.uk/ringgoparkingpayment) for further information.



## Garden Waste Weekend Sites

Please use these temporary sites for your garden waste to avoid potential queues at our Waldo Road and Churchfields Road Reuse and Recycling Centres.

Temporary sites are open from the **first weekend in April** so that you can make the most of your garden this spring.

### 1 April to 30 April

#### SATURDAYS 11am - 4pm

- **St Paul's Cray:** Cotmandene Crescent car park (off Chipperfield Road)
- **Bromley:** Norman Park, Hook Farm Road (off Bromley Common)
- **Green Street Green:** Salt Depot, Shire Lane Spur (off Sevenoaks Road)

#### SUNDAYS 8am - 12noon

- **Biggin Hill:** Charles Darwin School, Jail Lane
- **Beckenham:** Unicorn Primary School car park, Creswell Drive (off South Eden Park Road)

### 6 May to 28 October

#### SATURDAYS 11am - 4pm

- **Green Street Green:** Salt Depot, Shire Lane Spur (off Sevenoaks Road)

If you can't make one of these weekends, you can subscribe to the Green Garden Waste Collection Service for year-round collections.

Why not join over 40,000 other subscribers for convenient and regular garden waste collections?

To find out more and sign up visit:

[bromley.gov.uk/gardencollections](http://bromley.gov.uk/gardencollections)

