

# Mayor's Newsletter



**Dear Friend,**

I am excited to share this Mayor of Bromley newsletter with you as it is a brilliant way to keep you up to date with everything I and the Deputy Mayor are doing and any fantastic events we have coming up.

I would love to know what you want to hear more about, so please do share the newsletter and get in touch with any suggestions.

## **Your Mayor!**

The Mayor of Bromley is the first citizen of the Borough and HM Queen's representative. This sounds very formal, and the Mayor is a ceremonial role that does involve carrying out a number of important civic duties, but much of what I am focussed on is celebrating the great achievements and events taking place in the borough, and saying thank you to those people who bring our wonderful community together and make it better. If you think I can help you with any of those things, by attending an event, making a phone call, sending a message or anything else, please do get in touch at [www.bromley.gov.uk/mayor](http://www.bromley.gov.uk/mayor)

I will also be spending the year fundraising for my charities Bromley Care Leavers Come Dine with Us Project and Everybreath – The Lung Cancer Charity.

## **Meet your Mayor**

Councillor Hannah Gray, ward Councillor for West Wickham, is your Mayor of Bromley for the year 2022/23. This is Councillor Gray's second term as the Mayor of Bromley after being appointed back in 2020/21 at the height of the pandemic. During that unique year she met many amazing volunteers, community organisations, businesses, and youth groups in Bromley both online and, when allowed, in person. Councillor Gray made maximum use of social media to ensure she was proactive and as supportive as possible in those unprecedented times. She continues to use as many communications tools as possible to stay in touch with Bromley's residents, celebrate their achievements and say thank you for their efforts in the community.



## Meet your Deputy Mayor

Councillor Christine Harris, ward Councillor for Kelsey and Eden Park, is your Deputy Mayor of Bromley for the year 2022/23.



Councillor Harris has lived in the Borough for 30 years, previously living in Croydon from 1979 when she moved to the South from Scotland to work in a Chartered Accountancy Practice in London. Councillor Harris feels privileged to be a Bromley Councillor and honoured to be in the position of using her working life experience and knowledge to help Bromley Council continue to provide the best value for money for its residents. Councillor Harris is excited to be working with the Mayor to raise funds for the chosen charities.

**Remember to keep up to date with what the Mayor is up to on our social media pages #ProudOfBromley**



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## Out and about with the Mayor

The Mayor is delighted to have received an unprecedented number of invitations to community engagements and has attempted to attend as many of these as possible. Here are just some of the amazing events the Mayor and Deputy Mayor have been a part of this year.

### Duke of Gloucester's visit to Access to Sport Week



On 27<sup>th</sup> July the Mayor

welcomed His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester to Bromley FC where he was given a taste of the Access to Sport Week being delivered by the Council in partnership with the Bromley Children and Families (BCF) Voluntary Sector Forum. The scheme gave eligible children the chance to experience and enjoy new sports that they may not normally engage in.

**Read more about this event** [!\[\]\(eabd9f9ababee93effadc3b380fe65fd\_img.jpg\)](#)

## Bromley FC FA Trophy Final and Open Top Bus Parade

The Mayor was thrilled to have been at Wembley Stadium to see Bromley FC win the FA Trophy on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. The celebrations continued on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May with an open-top bus parade through Bromley. The Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Sir Bob Neill MP and Chief Executive Ade Adetosoye CBE joined both the cup-winning mens' and division-winning ladies' teams to celebrate their achievements alongside supporters and residents who attended the parade and the following event at Glades Shopping Centre.



Read more about this event [🔗](#)

## South East London Gifted and Talented Science and Technology Challenge Day



On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June the Mayor attended this unique event at Bromley College and handed out prizes. Teams of young people from various schools across the Borough competed against each other in several different scientific fields. These included programming a robot to react to light, diagnosing a medical condition and building a battery-powered vehicle.

## Bromley Foster Care Awards 2022

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May the Deputy Mayor and Deputy Consort attended these special awards at the Bromley Court Hotel. This is an annual event held to celebrate those who readily commit their time, love and care to those children in the borough who are in need of such support.





## Jubilee weekend

Her Majesty the Queen celebrated her Platinum Jubilee earlier this year. To mark this momentous occasion, many celebrations took place throughout the borough from Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June to Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June. The Mayor and Deputy Mayor received some 115 invitations to street parties across Bromley that weekend and tried their hardest to attend as many of these events as possible. They also attended Bromley's free concerts in Queens Gardens. A special ceremony saw the Mayor light Bromley's beacon in Crystal Palace Park while simultaneously the Deputy Mayor lit a beacon in Orpington Market Square, joining over 3,500 beacons lit across the globe in honour of Her Majesty's achievement, including others within the borough.



The weekend celebrations began by awarding the prize for Bromley's best decorated shop. Designer Drapes, the winning shop, had an extensive, colourful display including puppets of Prince Charles and Her Majesty the Queen cutting a Jubilee cake. Over 250 nominations were received in the competition for 24 shops.



[Read more about this event](#) 

[Watch our round-up of the Jubilee weekend celebrations](#) 



## Civic Events

### Armed Forces Day

On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June the Mayor led a flag raising ceremony at the Civic Centre in preparation for Armed Forces Day on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June. Armed Forces Day is an annual event giving the opportunity for the British public to recognise the work and sacrifices of men and women of the Armed Forces community.



In her welcome to the event, Councillor Gray commented: "I strongly believe in saying thank you and praising great achievements and actions across all walks of life. Armed Forces Day gives us the opportunity to do just that for those people who make the choice to serve their country in the British Army, the British Navy and the Royal Air Force. And to remember those who went before them."

[Read more about this event](#) 

### The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Civic Reception for Volunteer Workers

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Chief Executive Ade Adetosoye



CBE, Sir Bob Neill MP, Leader of the Council Councillor Colin Smith and Councillors held a civic reception for voluntary workers in the grounds of the Old Palace of Bromley. They were joined by a wide range of community-minded Bromley residents from areas including uniformed organisations, charities, voluntary groups and residents' associations, who had their important work recognised at the event.

The Mayor of Bromley welcomed volunteers and thanked them saying "The volunteers who give up their time for the benefit of the wider community are tremendous and we are blessed to have a wealth of them in our borough." She added: "This is our way of saying thank you to all those people who go out of their way to make a difference to our local community, some of whom are represented here tonight. We are proud of them and proud of Bromley."

[Read more about this event](#) 

## Who are the Mayor's Charities?

### Bromley Care Leavers Come Dine with Us Project

As Corporate Parents, the Council has a duty to ensure that our looked after children make a successful transition into independent living. We acknowledge that whilst some of our young adults manage this transition well, others continue to benefit from our support until their 25<sup>th</sup> birthday. One of the main areas that our care leavers have expressed difficulty in is loneliness and isolation once living independently, as well as concerns around financial wellbeing and healthy living. As a result we've created a project called Come Dine with Us which is held in Our House at the Civic Centre. This project supports our care leavers to come together, cook and share a meal with a variety of health professionals to support them. We are in the early stages of delivering the project - currently it is for those aged 17-25 and will be held on a monthly rotation offering sessions in the weekday, evenings and weekends. We will be developing the project to create a recipe book and we hope to also provide those that attend with a kitchen resources pack, to support them to make healthy meals at home.

The money fundraised will only be used for project resources, such as the cooking ingredients and the kitchen pack items.

### Everybreath – The Lung Cancer Charity



Everybreath is a Bromley-based organisation led by patients, survivors, partners, family, friends and carers who have experienced the trauma of lung cancer. Founded in 2019 the group meets monthly. The primary aim of the group is to provide a relaxed and friendly environment for the provision of both emotional and practical support and guidance to anyone affected by lung cancer. As well as a forum for meeting others, sharing experiences and developing coping strategies, Everybreath provides access to additional specialist medical and support services. We also organise social events for families and invite experts to speak on a range of related topics. Everybreath is committed to raising awareness of lung cancer and challenging preconceptions about lung cancer and smoking that can hamper early diagnosis. We continue to work with local GPs, clinical staff at local hospital trusts, as well as other established groups, organisations and charities to improve early diagnosis and lend our support for the campaign for a National Screening program. We are delighted to be chosen as the Mayor's Charity for 2022 - 2023.

#### For more information

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Please visit [www.everybreath.org.uk](http://www.everybreath.org.uk)  
or email [support@everybreath.org.uk](mailto:support@everybreath.org.uk)



## Donate

If you wish to make a donation towards the Mayor of Bromley's chosen charities to help support the fantastic work they do please find out more here [🔗](#)

## Prize Draw

The Mayor has launched an extraordinary prize draw: The chance to win a "Fly a Spitfire" flight worth £2,500! Tickets cost just £10. The draw runs until April 2023 and the money raised will go towards the Mayor's Charity Appeal supporting Bromley Care Leavers Come Dine with Us Project and Everybreath - The Lung Cancer Charity. Please dig deep and give yourself the chance to win the flight of a lifetime - you can enter as many times as you like!

**ENTER TO  
WIN!**

[Read more about this event](#) [🔗](#)

**BROMLEY MAYOR'S PRIZE DRAW  
FLY A SPITFIRE**



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PER TICKET**

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**MAYOR'S CHARITIES**



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