



MOTTINGHAM  
BIG LOCAL REFOCUS

# What's happening in MOTTINGHAM

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# Mottingham

## Big Local Refocused

Welcome to the Mottingham Big Local Refocused (MBLR) quarterly newsletter. This is your chance to find out what events and opportunities are coming up in Mottingham in the next few months!

### What is MBLR?

We're a partnership of local residents and organisations who are working to make Mottingham an even better place to live. We're part of a network of 150 'Big Local' areas in England, a Lottery funded project that aims to bring together local talent, ambition, skills and energy, empowering local people make improvements in their neighbourhood.

As a Partnership we oversee the development and delivery of all our projects, and we're supported by Community Links Bromley, who hold our funding and employ staff to help put our ideas into action.

To view our full plan for 2024-2026 visit  
[www.mottinghamblr.com](http://www.mottinghamblr.com)

# Hello from the Co-Chairs



The Mottingham Big Local Refocused Partnership Board recently elected two Resident Co-Chairs, who lead Partnership Meetings, make sure everyone's voices are heard, ensures policies are upheld, and seek advice for the Partnership when needed.



## Doreen Thompson

Hello Mottingham residents! I am a fellow Mottingham resident and have lived here for many many years! My career for the last 30 years has been predominantly within the Voluntary, Charity and Local Government sectors. Focusing on Policy Development , Management, Public Protection & pioneering Community Development initiatives. It's a real privilege to be elected as Co-Chair of the MBLR Partnership Board. We are more than just a talking shop! I have high hopes for what we can collectively achieve for Mottingham in the next two years of the programme. I encourage you to get in touch, whether senior or young person, successful or struggling. It's important we get the message out that this is a resident led programme, we want to tackle some of the issues being faced locally. We want to set in motion real change, and share expertise so that we can set good foundations for Mottingham's future.



## Sue Turner

I have lived and worked in Mottingham for over 30 years in both youth work and community development and have been involved with Mottingham Big Local Refocused since its inception over 10 years ago. Through my work both statutory and voluntary I have been involved in many initiatives and worked in partnership with many different organisations. I have been involved with many forums within this community and was Chair of the original Safer Neighbourhood Team meetings (now called Community Advisory Panel) as well as chairing Mottingham Community Forum for a short while. I have seen many changes in the community over the years, mainly for the better, and am passionate about ensuring there is a lasting legacy from MBLR to continue to improve and empower the lives of Mottingham residents.



Get in touch:

[co-chairs@mottinghamblr.com](mailto:co-chairs@mottinghamblr.com)

# Summer of Sports

After a super successful Summer of Sports in 2023, this year we're teaming up with Bromley Youth Service and activity providers to bring the children of Mottingham even more days of fun-packed sports and activities.

**29th July – 16th August**



## Community Fun Days

***Mondays 2pm-6pm***

Sports and activities for all children in Mottingham.

**29th July** - Foxes Field, SE9 4NP

**5th August** - Foxes Field, SE9 4NP

**12th August** - Nunington Close, SE9 4TE

## Holiday Activities & Food (HAF) Programme

***Tuesdays, Wednesdays,  
Thursdays & Fridays***

***10am - 2.30pm***

We're adding even more fun and games to the activities provided at **Castlecombe Youth Centre**. HAF is open to children who are entitled to free school meals.

### **SIGN UP:**

<https://www.bromley.gov.uk/xfp/form/228>

*When booking, please specify the 'North Hub' location*





# Community Lunches

Come along for a free meal and meet new members of the community.

## Indian Feast

Wednesday 29th May / 12pm-3pm  
Mottingham Community Centre, SE9 4EB



## Summer BBQ

Monday 12th August / 2pm - 6pm  
Geffery's Hall, 27 Nunnington Close, SE9 4TA



# Cordial Making Workshop

Mottingham Wild & Free

INVITES MOTTINGHAM RESIDENTS TO A FREE WORKSHOP:

## MAKING CORDIAL AND SYRUP WITH WILD INGREDIENTS

SUNDAY 9TH JUNE 2024  
11AM - 2PM



### TO BOOK YOUR FREE TICKET:

Scan the QR code to find an Eventbrite link, email Rosanna at [rosannaottewell@gmail.com](mailto:rosannaottewell@gmail.com) or DM @mottinghamwild



# Get funding for your project

Want to make a big difference in Mottingham? MBLR have launched two grant funds - this is your chance to become a local changemaker!

## Community Chest



**Up to £5,000** for organisations and community groups to run projects, events or services in the MBLR area that relate to one of our 7 priority themes.



**Up to £1,000** for individuals or groups of young people (aged 16-19 or up to 25 for SEN) to run any project that benefits the local MBLR area.

## How to apply

**To apply online visit:**

[www.mottinghamblr.com/grants](http://www.mottinghamblr.com/grants)  
or

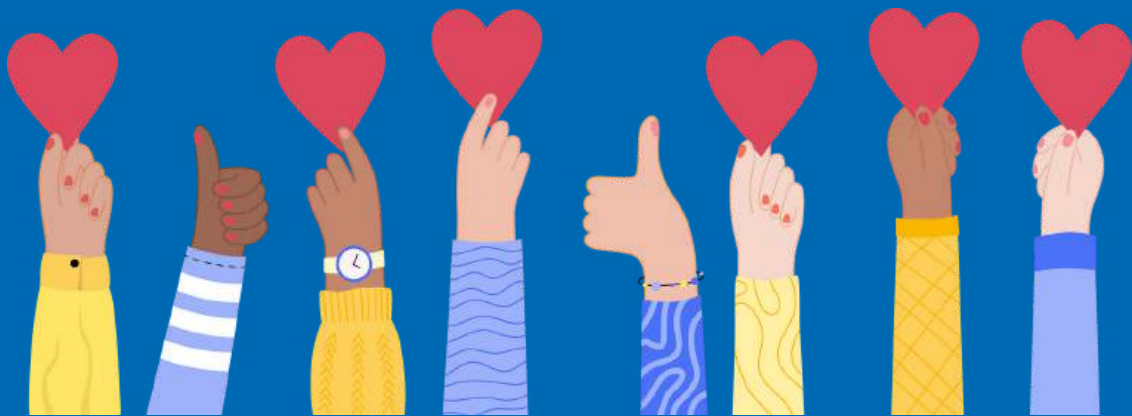
**Request an application form:**

[manager@mottinghamblr.com](mailto:manager@mottinghamblr.com)  
07512 334649

**Deadline:** Applications are accepted on a monthly rolling basis, the deadline to apply is the 1st of each month until all grant funding is awarded.

# Volunteer in Mottingham

Want to develop your skills, enhance your CV, meet new people and become a local changemaker? Mottingham Big Local Refocused are looking for volunteers to work with us in different ways...



## Board Members

Join our Partnership and help make decisions, develop MBLR activities, and create change in our area.

## Social Media

Develop your skills in content creation & digital marketing by helping increase MBLR's online engagement.

## Events

Help out at our events!  
Join our volunteer pool and we'll get in touch when opportunities arise.

Register your interest by emailing  
[manager@mottinghamblr.com](mailto:manager@mottinghamblr.com)

# Need support?

Here are some free services offered locally in Mottingham, delivered by our grant awardees and funded by MBLR.

## Citizen's Advice

**Confidential advice and assistance on housing, debt, consumer, welfare, employment issues & more.**

Tuesdays, 10am to 1pm  
Mottingham Community  
Centre

### **Book an appointment:**

0808 278 7898  
[SPA@bromleywell.org.uk](mailto:SPA@bromleywell.org.uk)

## Domestic Abuse Counselling

**For adults and children that have experienced domestic, sexual, emotional or physical abuse.**

Contact The Mary Dolly Foundation to **discuss a potential referral:**

0208 315 0595  
[info@marydollyfoundation.org.uk](mailto:info@marydollyfoundation.org.uk)





# So far in 2024 we've...



- Hosted an event for International Women's Day on Saturday 23rd March. Local women gave talks about their careers, local businesses offered free therapeutic services, steel drummer Play It On Pan helped us get our groove on, and local restaurant Arawak served up a Caribbean feast!
- Provided 2 Community Lunches, offering local people a free meal, entertainment, and the chance to meet new people in the area. The first was pie and mash, the second was an Italian buffet.
- Collaborated with Bromley Youth Service, supporting the Easter Holiday Activities and Food Programme by providing activities, healthy snacks, and funding 10 additional places on the programme.
- Launched two grant schemes; Community Chest and Youth Fund.
- Been busy planning a calendar of community events.
- Elected two resident co-chairs, Doreen Thompson and Sue Turner.
- Welcomed a new Programme Manager, Rhiannon Ashley.

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# What else is happening nearby?




## Volunteer of the Year Awards

Know someone who goes above and beyond in the community?  
Nominate them to win an award: [www.communitylinksbromley.org.uk](http://www.communitylinksbromley.org.uk)

## The Big Lunch

Come together for a few hours of friendship, food and fun! Bromley Council are hosting Big Lunch events across the borough:

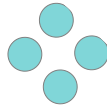
- Saturday 1st June – Priority gardens, Orpington, BR6 0HH
  - Saturday 22nd June – Chislehurst Common
  - Sunday 23rd June – Crystal Palace Park, SE19 2GA
  - Saturday 29th June – Queens Gardens, Bromley South, BR1 3EA
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## Free Activities at Hoblingwell Wood Recreation Ground, Orpington

- BMX drop-in every Tuesday, 4pm-6pm (consent must be given by parent/guardian) - Hoblingwell Pump Track
- Family Wildlife Walks - 1st Saturday of each month, May-Oct, meet at the car park
- Superzones Activity Week in May Half Term - **street art** (Tues 28th, drop-in), **skateboarding** (Wed 29th), **basketball** (Wed 29th & Thurs 30th), **BMX** (Thurs 30th) - 10.30am-3.30pm. Use QR code below to book.



# Meet the team



## Rhiannon Ashley

### Programme Manager

Rhiannon joined Mottingham Big Local Refocused in February 2024. She's a creative project manager, with curiosity about human behaviour and psychology, a passion for social and environmental issues, and a mission to inspire change in the world. Prior to joining MBLR, she had 7 years' experience in the charity sector, most of which was spent managing community-focused environmental behaviour change projects. At MBLR Rhiannon manages the programme, liaises with local stakeholders, manages the grant funds, is working on creating a long-lasting legacy for MBLR, creates the communications plan and designs this newsletter.

**For general enquiries email Rhiannon at:**  
[manager@mottinghamblr.com](mailto:manager@mottinghamblr.com)

## Gavin Maynard

### Project Worker & Administrator

Gavin joined Mottingham Big Local Refocused in February 2023. Prior to joining us Gavin worked in the rail sector for 22 years as Service Delivery Manager, Operations Manager and Unit Manager. Recently Gavin has been volunteering in the local community whilst also studying and is Nebosh and Prince 2 Project Management qualified. At Mottingham Big Local Gavin manages our wide range of community events, services and supports meetings of the partnership board, maintains the MBLR mailing list, and provides general operational and office support.

**For enquiries about events email Gavin at:**  
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# The MBLR Area

This is the area in which Mottingham Big Local Refocused operates and runs project activities.



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