



COMMUNITY HOUSE BROMLEY NEWS

January 2020



This is the first newsletter that I hope will inform and update you on everything that has and is planned to improve the infrastructure and overall experience of working and visiting Community House.

It is a joy to hear so many positive comments about the improvements that have been made in Community House over the last year, it seems that the building is now achieving the original aim that it should be a vibrant hub of the local community. However, there is always work to be done to maintain the standard that has been set for the users of the building.

For example, we know how frustrating the lift saga has been for all Community House users and are talking at the highest level with LB Bromley and their contractor AMEY to resolve this asap.

One of the main priorities for the building is to seriously consider its energy efficiency. We recently commissioned a survey that has highlighted a number of issues regarding the heating & lighting of the building. Some of the problems raised are for LB Bromley, owners of the building, to consider, some improvements will be dealt with by BVST, but all tenants and hirers of rooms in the building must also have a commitment to reducing the energy consumption of the building & ultimately the service charge bills that you pay. Please, do your bit to help us all save money:

- Turn off lights
- Keep radiators clear to maximise heat circulation
- Turn off unnecessary electric/electronic equipment

Please continue to feedback to me via our Business Manager Helen Aitchison about any aspect of life at Community House that you have.

Mary Blair, Chair of Trustees, Bromley Voluntary Sector Trust (BVST)

<p>OUR NEW WEBSITE</p> <p>Launched in June 2019, our new website has details of all our rooms for hire, dates available, costs and forthcoming events plus a list of all our 13 tenants and links to their own websites.</p> <p>Just click on www.communityhousebromley.org.uk</p>	<p>OUR NEW TEAM MEMBER</p>  <p>A big welcome to Theo Uzoziri who has recently joined us as Caretaker to help us with the increasing number of weekend bookings.</p>
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<p>Improvement works completed during 2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgraded toilets on the 1st floor next to 'Community Links' • New car park gates • Toilets upgraded adjacent to 'Relate' • New offices created for BTSE 	<p>Improvement planned for 2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of the front door security • Conference Room redecoration and replacement floor covering
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Our Lease and repairs

As LB Bromley is our landlord and through our Lease they and we have certain responsibilities for the maintenance of the fabric of the Community House building. As already mentioned, we are talking with LBB about the lift and also surveying the roof to prevent the leaks caused during last year. These are upper most in our thoughts and in those of LBB/AMEY too so we hope to report good news in the near future.

