



Growing Together



Newsletter

Big Local is a community led initiative set up and funded by the National Lottery. It aims to help make Mottingham a great place to live, work and play.



**Free
upcoming
events and
activities for
all the family**



**Free training and
our small grants
programme**

**Mottingham
Matters -
what did you
say?**

Our work in Mottingham



Mottingham Matters

Over the course of the spring and summer this year we have been consulting residents and staff in local organisations in Mottingham about the area.

This is what the majority of people said:

- **Mottingham is a friendly place to live and work**
- **Community spirit is highly regarded - people from different backgrounds get on**

However, you also said:

- **Young people needed more to do**
- **More activities are needed to bring the community together**
- **Activities should be culturally appropriate**
- **People need good quality information and advice about debt, benefits and housing particularly**
- **Adults and children need support to improve their mental and physical health and wellbeing**
- **Some people feel isolated and need support and activities to help them feel better connected**
- **Physical activities like sports and exercise classes are needed for children and adults**
- **Litter and fly tipping in Mottingham is problematic**

Mottingham Big Local Refocused is working to create a new plan to help address some of these issues over the next two years. Read our Winter Newsletter in January to find out what we intend to do to help make Mottingham an even better place to live and work and how you can make a difference.

Our upcoming events and activities

Free community lunches and entertainment across the Mottingham Big Local area on October 18th, November 23rd and December 20th

Free coach trip to Rochester Christmas Market 9th December

Turn on the Christmas lights, refreshments and entertainment 1st December



**All funded by
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**Call Gavin on 07593
443416 or Karyn on
07512 334649 for more
information about any
of these events**



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Community Lunches



**Come and join us for a
community lunch at
the Community Centre, Kimmeridge
Road, Mottingham on
October 18th and our Christmas lunch
on December 20th.**



**You are also invited to our community
pre-Christmas lunch at Geffery's Hall,
Nunnington Close, Mottingham on
November 23rd.**



Lunches are from 12pm to 3pm.

**Enjoy a free lunch
and live entertainment.**



Everyone is welcome!





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Coach Trip to Rochester Christmas Market

December 9th

**We are meeting at the Community Centre,
Kimmeridge Road, Mottingham. The
coaches will leave at 2pm so please be on
time.**

We will be leaving Rochester at 7pm

**To get your tickets call into the Community
Centre on Mondays from 1pm to 4pm or
Tuesdays from 10am to 4pm. We have 160
places so first come, first served.**





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Christmas lights

*We will be switching on the
Christmas lights on December
1st this year.*

Come and join us!

*Meet Father Christmas
and enjoy free refreshments
and entertainment.*





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Projects funded by Mottingham Big Local Refocused

- St. Edward's gardening project
- StEP - lunches, brunches, counselling and play and stay
- Community lunches
- Coach trips
- Summer Fete
- Christmas lights
- Summer of sports -
- boxing, cycling and
- football
- Art therapy in schools
- **Citizens Advice Bromley - outreach service - coming soon**
- **Counselling for people who have experienced domestic abuse - coming soon**
- **Nature walks - coming soon**

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Our work with local primary schools

Elmstead Woods Primary School

We are paying for the installation of a wooden flow wall and sand/water trough, a storytelling chair and toadstool seating. The aim is to provide an enhancing outdoor learning environment.

We are providing play therapy sessions for the children who need emotional support. Play Therapy helps children manage more effectively and improves emotional literacy, regulation, concentration, problem-solving skills and peer relationships. It will also reduce anxiety and raise self-esteem.

We are also funding a STEM event where pupils and their families will work together in teams of eight to solve a problem, such as designing a balloon powered car. The aim is to develop engineering skills.



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St. Vincent's Primary School

We are paying for the renovation of St. Vincent's prayer garden to create an even more spiritually enriching and peaceful environment. The school will be employing eco-friendly practices in their renovation. Their focus will be on sustainability, utilizing rainwater harvesting systems, environmentally friendly materials, and energy-efficient lighting to minimize their ecological footprint.

They plan to introduce new landscaping features, incorporating a diverse selection of plants and flowers that will bloom throughout the year.

Additionally, the school will incorporate pathways that are accessible to all, making the prayer garden more inclusive and accommodating to individuals with mobility challenges.

The prayer garden will contribute to the overall well-being and mental health of students and staff.



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Ravensworth Primary School

We are funding Ravensworth to build in infant library with a London theme, which the children will love! It will be a hub for all things reading and will allow books to be targeted at individual children and support parents coming into school to read with their children.

Our funding will be used to help develop their outside area into a Woodland school area (like a forest school). The project will consist of building an outdoor classroom area to create a much needed outdoor learning space for our children.

We are also helping to fund a design/technology room that supports cookery. The room will be created to facilitate learning in the arts, design and food tech.



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Free training and our small grants programme

Mottingham Big Local is running free training for groups and individuals who would like to apply for a small grant (from £500 up to £10,000) to run activities, events or services in the Big Local area.

The training event will be held on October 16th at Geffery's Hall, 27 Nunnington Close, Mottingham. SE9 4TA, from 10am to 4pm. Lunch will be provided. The training is accredited and attendance leads to a CPD qualification.

You will learn how to write a winning funding application and following the training you could be eligible to apply for a small grant, if you wish to.



Call Karyn on 07512 334649 for more information about our small grants programme and to register for our free training or email pec@mottinghamblr.com

The area covered by Mottingham Big Local Refocused



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