

RESIDENTS SPEAKING UP FOR RESIDENTS!

# MRA MOORLANDS RESIDENTS NEWS



We're all excited about our **free Moorlands Christmas Party** which is happening in our community hall on the **18th December from 18:00 to 22:30!** Not only will there be an amazing concert from the always incredible Brixton Chamber Orchestra (BCO) beforehand to get the party started, but afterwards, there will be some tasty cooked goodies as well as some delicious ice cream from gelato specialists -12 Degrees to enjoy as well as a **DJ** to get everyone dancing. It's been a tough year for everyone, and this will be a great opportunity to socialise with your neighbours and forget about your worries for a while (subject to Government guidelines). We kick off with the concert, and then it's celebration time. Bring your family, along with dancing shoes and festive hats so we can stir it up and have some fun together!

## SMARTPHONE PHOTO COMPETITION!

Are you skilled with a smartphone camera? MRA have partnered with BigKid Foundation/Dexters to put on a competition for residents and Brixton locals to capture their feelings about their neighbourhood in a competition that will offer photography training and a judging panel of local professional photographers. Prizes will include smartphone camera accessories and a place in an exhibition. Workshops begin in January 2022. Email MRA for details.

## THANKS DUE TO.....

That MRA is able to host this party is thanks to donations from MTVH, Lounge Bar in Atlantic Road, and -12 Degrees in Herne Hill (who are opening a new cafe near Moorlands on Railton Road). And thanks must also go to our MRA resident members Alicia and Michelle for fundraising, along with Yvonne, Michelle and Veronica, who have volunteered to cook for us all to enjoy a hearty meal together.

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## BRIXTON CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

## RAP AND GRIME PLAYED BY A FULL CONCERT ORCHESTRA???

Until BCO showed up for their first concert on Moorlands two years' ago, we couldn't imagine how either. But the proof was that people were hanging out of their windows to listen to young talent perform free of charge for all of us. If you haven't heard them before, you'll be amazed at how they switch musical genres, from deep classical, to pop, swing, rap, and everything else between. Come along on the 18th December! You won't regret it.

### YOUR STREETS YOUR WAY

Back in the Spring of 2021, the Highways Transportation Department ran a Community Street Design competition asking for people to put forward designs to re-energise public spaces in our neighbourhood. The purpose of the competition is to create greener, friendlier spaces with more active appeal to the community as well as making healthier environments for all to enjoy. The winning concept is by Nick Saiger, and it will be implemented by Inuse-Reuse, founded by Brixton local Dennis Boateng. There will be a chance to view the designs in the community hall on 18th December. Comments can be sent to [www.inuse-reuse.co.uk/your-street-your-way/somerleyton-passage](http://www.inuse-reuse.co.uk/your-street-your-way/somerleyton-passage)

## SOMERLEYTON PASSAGE RE-DESIGN



### A NEW FACE ON THE BLOCK

## OUR NEW HOUSING OFFICER

One of the concerns we have frequently expressed here on the Moorlands Estate is the lack of connection with our housing officers. As part of their effort to address this issue, MTVH are re-organising their housing teams so that local officers can be more present and visible. Our previous housing officer - Richard Laidlaw - is no longer on Moorlands duties, and has been replaced by Tony Johnson, who has declared his intention to work with MRA to help make real improvements. With his knowledge of the estate and more frequent visits, we hope that situations like this gutter (left) will be sorted sooner rather than later.

