



## PROJECTS COMPLETED AND IN PROGRESS 2020-21

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During the pandemic, our Officers and Councillors have worked hard to progress some of our initiatives. A lot of work goes behind the scenes to keep information flowing from the Council and communicated to our residents.

For information on our strategy and work streams do visit our website - <https://welovese25.org/about-us/>

Please do remember that most of our Officers are volunteers and any help from you will always be welcome so please email us at [info@welovese25.com](mailto:info@welovese25.com).

### **Norwood Junction Pedestrian Subway**

In early January 2021 we were approached by a local “Street Champion” who highlighted the graffiti filled, untended space of the NJ Subway that was unusable in its existing condition. While volunteers were willing to assist in tidying the underpass, it was impossible to clean the graffiti, there were health and safety issues and there was need to do something more definitive to make the space welcoming to the residents.

It was suggested that we create bright community murals on the white tiles on the inner walls. However after lengthy discussions with Rob Swain and Will Barass, one of the artists who had worked in South Norwood, we were apprised of the health and safety concerns related to the risk control and materials to be used for the project. We subsequently revised our plan, choosing to paint murals at the entrance to the subway.

Faced with the challenges of the issues with graffiti and cleaning of the subway we worked hard to ensure that full cleaning was undertaken. Graffiti on the walls of the subway was scrubbed and the floor cleaned by the end of June 2021.

We now plan to create a small family friendly bright mural at the entrance of the subway to make it more welcoming. If you are interested in helping, please contact our Officer, Shuba Rao or Violetta Osario-Street Champion.

### **WLSE25 Website Modified**



The website that had served us during the initial consultations in 2018, was clunky and difficult to manage. With a small budget and several volunteer hours, an Officer worked with Ian Marvin of Crescent Studios, who modified the design of the website, making it more readable and searchable. The newly modified website <https://welovese25.org/> would also offer a platform to host all things related to South Norwood. We are always on the lookout for volunteers who can help to populate our website with stories or photographs of our neighbourhood.

Do contact our Officer, Shuba Rao if you are interested.

## **Christmas Lights**

We've investigated about placing a Christmas tree on Station Road. An Officer met with Robert Rosser from Milestone, Croydon Council's Street lighting contractor to discuss the feasibility of installing a Christmas Tree within the toilet railings on Station Road. We considered the logistics, the risks associated with this and after considerable discussions with various contacts who had previous experience of erecting Christmas trees in public spaces, it was finally decided that it would be a very difficult task to instal a Christmas tree near the Clocktower. We have therefore decided that we cannot undertake this project at least for this year.

However, we are going ahead with the street Christmas lights with a switch-on arranged for 11th November, the first Thursday of late-night opening for Christmas.

If you are interested in working on Christmas lights in the following years, please contact our Officer, Chris Peskett.

## **Neighbourhood Mini Grants Scheme**

We wanted to allocate a small pot of funds to encourage residents who had ideas to improve their neighbourhood, but who lacked funds to kick start their projects. We hoped that this would also bring people together to collectively develop projects such as building planters, setting up a Christmas Choir at various locations or any activity that a community may benefit from, within South Norwood etc.

The programme and application forms are available at Yeha Noha on Station Road and on our website <https://welovese25.org/news/>, where you can download the forms. The deadline to submit the applications are 31st October 2021, so do hurry.

Any questions, contact our Officer Shuba Rao.