



SE5 FORUM FOR CAMBERWELL

**ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING 2024**

**United Reformed Church,
Love Walk, SE5 8AE**

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AGM - OVERVIEW OF OUR YEAR

As Chair, I'm delighted to share some of the highlights of the last year. Perhaps you have seen us on a Saturday, on our stall on Camberwell Green, or doing a whole variety of other activities to build a better Camberwell for all of our diverse community, but we have achieved so much more.

Our main priorities, as agreed in our strategy are Identity and Business, Trees and Green spaces, Transport (though this has not progressed as hoped). This year we achieved many of our aims through events, or by supporting a local resident to bring a great idea to fruition. Examples of this include Stephen Bourne's Black History Walk or Annette Cauneen's Eat Around the World Festival.

I'd like to thank our Board, volunteers, community partners and funders who have so wholeheartedly added to the life of the area. In particular, both Lambeth and Southwark Councils, whose boroughs we span, have been helpful with funding, and supported us in many other ways.

Camberwell Talks, monthly briefings by fascinating locals

This year, Camberwell Talks have covered sports topics – football and boxing, local arts such as music hall, street art, and textiles, and more one-off topics, such as wine tasting, end of life, and Bolivian activism with food. A huge thank you to all our local speakers, and our curating MC, the indefatigable Joanna Large. Cleo Ibberson's design work has been much appreciated. Not only were the talks absorbing, and promote our local community, but they also generated essential income for our core activities, whilst introducing the SE5 Forum to new audiences. Please continue to come and enjoy these events.

Camberwell Talks
comes to Camberwell Talks where the good well take you on a journey to their worlds...

Vintner's Tale: Camberwell's finest wine expert
Patrycja Lorek - 2nd October 7pm
@ Veraison Wine Bar, 78 Camberwell Church Street

Wine expert and local business owner Patrycja Lorek, will be sharing her expertise and passion for the glorious grape. Hosted in lovely neighbourhood favourite, Veraison Wines, you are invited to enjoy a glass of vino (included in the ticket price) as you expand your viticultural knowledge.

Football Pioneer
14th November 7pm
at Camberwell Church Street

Producer and football pioneer Peter Roared, recounts the story of Britain's first black footballer, Jack Leslie, and his own campaign to properly recognise this British pioneer.

Boxing Clever: Marnie Swindells
Winner of The Apprentice 2023, Marnie Swindells invites us into The Broms boxing gym to share her rollercoaster journey - from Lord Sugar's boardroom to the top facilities of her gym. Join us for a ring-side seat!
Sunday 12th May 3pm @ Broms Boxing Club
166 Benhill Road, SE5 7LL



Camberwell Arts Festival at 30!
Join Chair of Camberwell Arts Festival Kelly O'Reilly in conversation with founder Selina Hamilton and the core CAF crew to recall the highs, laughs and eccentricities of the Festival.
Monday 3rd June 7pm @ The Grove House Tavern
26 Camberwell Grove, SE5 8RE



Filming Clubland: Michael Holland
Michael's documentary Clubland leads us into the fascinating Camberwell club that drew in royalty, top footballers, British acting legends and even a sprinkle of Hollywood, set up by the Rev. Jimmy Butterworth. Meet Michael and enjoy a screening of this illuminating slice of SE5 history!
Monday 1st July 7pm @ The Crypt, St Giles' Church



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SE5 Forum welcomes you to Camberwell Talks where the good folk of Camberwell take you on a journey to their worlds...

Off The Wall: Shauna Blanchfield
Irish and south London based musician and street artist Shauna will be joined by three supporting acts of the UK street art scene. Follow their journeys into public art and hear about the role of female collectors and what it means to capture beauty in the everyday.
Monday 7 October, 7pm @ The Crypt, St Giles' Church
Camberwell Church Street, SE5 8RB



Think Like a Spy: Jules Fisher
Ever wondered how spies think about relationships and use influence effectively and ethically? Come along to find out from local author Jules Fisher, who will be talking about his recently published book, Think Like a Spy.
Monday 4 November, 7pm @ The Crypt, St Giles' Church
Camberwell Church Street, SE5 8RB



Community Champion: Felicia Boshorn
Felicia Boshorn, Chief Executive of local charity Spring Community Hub, shares her passion for equality and the entrepreneurial spirit which has seen her through the highs and lows of life. Join us to learn what drove this champion of the community and what solutions she sees for the future.
Monday 2 December, 7pm @ venue TBC
All proceeds go to Spring Community Hub



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End of Life Matters
Monday 5 Feb, 7pm
Grove House Tavern



Join Camberwell local Ann Kenrick, founder of End of Life Matters, for a unique talk about planning for the 'inevitable'. Ann helps us approach end of life in a positive and constructive way. And encourages us to get organised!


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Bolivia: An Indigenous Story
A joyous but heartfelt telling of a life of protest and activism, and a celebration of Bolivian culture with mother and daughter Miriam Amancay Colque and Yandire.



Monday 8th April 7pm @ The Grove House Tavern
26 Camberwell Grove, SE5 8RE

Stitching in Black Identity
Textile artist Celia Johnson on her artistic practice, which uses fabrics, quilting and embroidery to reflect on Black identity and history.



December - Celebrating a Community Christmas on the Green



This relatively new event already seems to be considered an established tradition. This year, Father Christmas toured the local estates in a Pedal Me bike sleigh, powered by Ben Knowles, aka Rudolf the Reindeer. It was great to have the support of Southwark's Mayor, Michael Situ, as well as Council leader Kieron Williams to declare the event open. Some hundreds of children visited Santa's grotto meeting Mr and Mrs Christmas and collecting a small gift. The Camberwell Community Choir sang, and the Scottish Session's music put people in a toe-tapping mood. We collaborated with the charity Spring Community Hub, who did an amazing job in feeding all comers, whilst over 300 visitors took part in activities. Amuru led children's games and Southwark Pensioners Crafty Older People got creative. Funding from United St Saviours made this event free for all.

January - Launching the Black History Walk

Some years ago, local historian Stephen Bourne came up with the idea of a local Black History Walk. The SE5 Forum is keen to support ideas from local residents, so we got together with the Camberwell Society and Camberwell Arts to persuade Southwark Council to install the walk. Local artist Tayo Fatunla won the competition to illustrate this important part of our history. We organised a community consultation and the Camberwell Society topped up the funding from Southwark. Theatre Peckham director Suzann Mclean, Southwark Mayor Michael Situ and Councillor Dorah Dixon-Fyle joined community groups at the new plinth on Camberwell Green to formally launch the walk. It has been taken up by King's College Hospital, and by various local schools. We've run the walk as a guided event, but you can also pick up the printed pamphlet, from the SE5 Forum market stall on Saturday on Camberwell Green. Or use the QR codes, which are on the plaques on the Green and throughout the walk, with your phone, as young actors from Theatre Peckham bring the story to life.



February - Love local: shop local

In February some 30 businesses met with Southwark Council Cabinet Member for Jobs, Businesses and Town Centres Martin Seaton in Camberwell Library. We discussed plans for funding from Southwark Thriving High Street Fund to support local businesses which was awarded to Camberwell life, the partnership of SE5 Forum, Camberwell Arts and the Camberwell Society. We advertised and appointed a freelance part time business coordinator.

March - Businesses make four-point plan

With funding from the Thriving High Street Fund, we brought together a Camberwell business network who set a dynamic course for the year with four key plans to increase footfall to our High Street and a call for Southwark to reduce crime in shops. We have met all four objectives: to hold a food festival, produce a food map of Camberwell, publicise Camberwell businesses inside King's College Hospital to encourage staff and visitors to use Camberwell's independent businesses and to explore a business forum or improvement district.

April - Community safety and High Street crime walk

Responding to concerns by residents and businesses on safety on the high street, graffiti, and shoplifting. We arranged a walkabout of Camberwell for Cllr Natasha Ennin who leads community safety for Southwark. Local businesses Easy Gym, Gladwell's and eleven.SE5. We briefed her on anti-social behaviour, shoplifting and assaults on staff. She was accompanied by Ken Dale, the Southwark Council officer responsible for safety, Julian Fowgies from the Southwark Council Parks Department, Bina Patel (licensing manager) and community wardens Simon Gaffney and Louise Edmondson. The council officers agreed to share their plans for returning seating and if possible, table tennis to the Green and to work with businesses to track and reduce patterns of shoplifting.

May - Eat around the World festival in Camberwell, London

We supported Urban Farmers' Market, which runs the market on the Green every Saturday to launch this food festival. Eat around the World attracted over 6,000 people to Camberwell Green to celebrate the diversity of our cuisine. On a sunny Saturday, Camberwellians of all ages and backgrounds enjoyed food demonstrations from local restaurant Zeret Kitchen and Margaret's Cakes of Distinction, a free lunch from Spring Community Hub, music and children's games. Local eateries Veraison Wines, Huong Viet and Magasy were among 50 stalls selling food from two dozen countries. We publicised the event online, in print media and by helping to distribute 7,500 leaflets to local

homes and at Oval, Denmark Hill, North Dulwich, East Dulwich, Peckham Rye and Herne Hill stations. In a survey, attendees said they would definitely come back for Eat Around the World 2025.



June - Food Walk explores Camberwell's restaurants

Local volunteers Radha Burgess and Susie Giles led a food walk investigating the culinary secrets of local eateries. Places were soon fully booked, reviews were excellent, and a further walk is planned for the autumn. Learning was that this is a good way of encouraging customers to try new places and drives trade to restaurants who were not able to have a stall at the festival.



July - Feel Good Festivals on Camberwell Green and at Ruskin Park

These are huge events for which to fundraise and organise, and thanks goes particularly to Gill Henderson and to Catherine Gamble for leading the effort on these. Some 1300 people enjoyed free activities, which spanned both mind and body, from health checks to yoga, exercise classes to creative crafts. We carried out a survey of a sample of attendees; all found it useful the event, scoring 7 out of 10 or above. Many learnt new things and respondents mentioned in particular NHS health checks, yoga, tai chi, exercise sessions, drumming and juggling, For the event on Camberwell Green we partnered with Black Stock Media and the Feel Good Festival morphed during the afternoon



into their 'Lets Get Together and Feel Alright' celebration. The following week, the Feel Good Festival in Ruskin Park had a greener feel with mindfulness walks and gardening workshops in Ruskin Park. One learning from 2023 was that attendees were not aware of the many mind and body activities and centres in Camberwell. So, we produced a Feel Good map for SE5 showing everything from doctors, chemists and dentists to sport, arts and green spaces. We included wellbeing places for nutrition, exercise, massage, acupuncture and much more. It was very well received.

July - Cultivating Trees and Green Spaces

The Feel Good team collaborated with the Trees and Green Spaces group, to deliver a Mulberry themed community picnic at Myatt's Fields Park.



During 2024, we launched 'Camberwell: Together with Mulberries', a series of community events inspired by Camberwell's rich heritage of mulberry trees. We have drawn the Mulberry Tree in Lucas Gardens with local artist David More. We have gardened vigorously to liberate an overgrown Mulberry in the Mistral Community Gardens.

Several hundred attendees joined us to picnic and enjoy a concert in Myatt's Fields Park - including an original mulberry tree inspired song from Beth Angharad and her band from Jazzlive at the Crypt, and new mulberry recipes devised by Spring Community Hub. With help from the Mulberry Outdoor, Urban Nature Preschool, our under-sixes had fun with forest crafting. We shared food and music as a community.



We continued to do ad-hoc litter pickings and loaning out equipment, including with the Friends of Burgess Park. We engaged the community in a vote to select a replacement tree on a key site at the corner of Camberwell Green. The poll has more than 4,000 views. So, lots of us look forward to a fine display of purple flowers from the chosen Foxglove tree for years to come. Finally, we improved our understanding about Tree Equity, and what tools help us to understand which areas are under-served in terms of the benefits offered by urban trees. We did a walkabout with the Southwark Tree officer, to identify possible street locations would benefit from more tree planting.

Particular thanks are due to Ben Moxham of the Camberwell Society, with whom I lead the group, as well as Elaine Clark, Caroline Hough, Johanna Barclay and Sally Willcock (who has just stepped down).

August - Boosting Camberwell's Identity

Throughout the year we have worked closely with local groups. One of our most efficient partnerships is Camberwell.life which we founded over six years ago with Camberwell Arts and the Camberwell Society to express the unique identity of Camberwell, which is too often overlooked. This year, Camberwell.life has built up nearly 6,000 Instagram followers and revamped its popular website so locals can easily download the Camberwell Cookery Book and new editions of the Travel Guide to Camberwell, Eat Around the World in Camberwell map and the Feel Good wellbeing map.

The Camberwell Identity Group has coordinated work on local murals, including a tribute to Camberwell's Olympic BMX Silver Medallist Kye Whyte near Burgess Park, and the launch of the Black History Walk, and continues to support local businesses.

September - Transforming Camberwell Station Road

We worked with locals and Sacred Heart School to get community input on Southwark's planned improvements to Camberwell Station Road in 2023. Work continues on Station Road, which has recently welcomed its first two new businesses in the arches. Planting and street artwork are yet to come and will create a clearly identifiable new area of retail in Camberwell.

September - Welcoming students

1,500 students starting university in Camberwell were welcomed with free information on Camberwell. Stalls in King's College London and the University of Arts London handed out free copies of the Travel Guide to Camberwell, the Feel Good and Eat Around the World maps and students were encouraged to download the QR code and follow the maps on their phones. One UAL lecturer messaged: "The students loved the maps. They went in an hour - please send more."



October - Building footfall on the High Street

As part of the Love Local campaign, we stopped by King's College Hospital to give staff a boost with a special community and wellbeing event on Tuesday 1 October. We handed out wellbeing maps, travel and food guides and the Camberwell Black History Walk to staff, patients and visitors. We also displayed products from local shops to show the range that is on offer in SE5. The hospital is putting the food map up on their 160 noticeboards and on their staff intranet. Staff, visitors and patients will also be able to access maps showing food, health and wellbeing businesses as well as our local independent businesses. Camberwell Champions Anna Clough, Site Chief Executive for King's College Hospital, said: "These events are a fantastic way to bring us closer to our local community. We are extremely lucky to have the support of local organisations such as Camberwell Arts and SE5 Forum for Camberwell, who are dedicated to supporting people who live and work in the area."

What made this year special

So, all in all, a very busy year, there are three aspects that have characterised the delivery of our work.

- Visual Identity. We've been able clearly to articulate those aspects that differentiate Camberwell, in terms of health and wellbeing, and also food. A lot of this work can be built upon in future years. The 'Eat around the World' branding provided by Peter Roden is a great visual expression of this. The work done by Pete Lewis on the Feel Good brand, is another fine example. The Green Spaces Group is also keen to explore more aspects of the mulberry heritage of the area, in a way that adds to local identity.
- Consistent Partnership Collaboration. The second major theme has been the way in which we have worked on key partnerships, increasing our interactions with King's College Hospital and University of the Arts London. It has been great to work with Spring Community Hub, Parents and Communities Together,

Southwark Pensioners Centre, Amuru, the Urban Farmers’ Market, Partnership Southwark, the Southwark Black Parents’ Forum and many other local organisations across multiple events.

- Broader reach. Thirdly, we have been able to create a broader base of partners, amongst the businesses, and the other community groups.



And we’ve had had huge fun in the process. But we are a small Board, with a select band of volunteers who plan, organise and staff these events. We’ve reflected that at times, we have been very stretched delivering some of the more high-profile ones. Gill, who has special responsibility for events would particularly welcome some extra support if we are going to continue at this sort of pace going forward.

Sustaining and adding new volunteers, and members to our Board, so we can continue to work for Camberwell is something we need to address, so that volunteering remains an enjoyable experience for all. I’d like to record the Board’s thanks also to our administrator, Marika, who has been such a talented and stalwart member of the team. Thank you to all our friends in Camberwell for your support, and thank you for attending the AGM, whether in person or online. I hope our shared experiences, and the review of activities of the last twelve months will encourage you to continue to support the SE5 Forum in the year to come.

Sophy Tayler: Chair 2023-2024

BOARD MEMBERS 2023-2024

Sophy Tayler - Chair

Gill Henderson – Vice-Chair

Marie Staunton - Secretary

Andy Murray - Treasurer

Berni Baker (co-opted April)

Christine Coleman

Craig Francis

John Frankland (stood down April)

Catherine Gamble (stood down July)

Mastoor Khan

Barbara Pattinson

Simon Taylor

Non-board members:

Stephen Bourne – Police & Safer Neighbourhood Liaison

Marika Thorogood – Administrator

Alan Bell – Communications Stats

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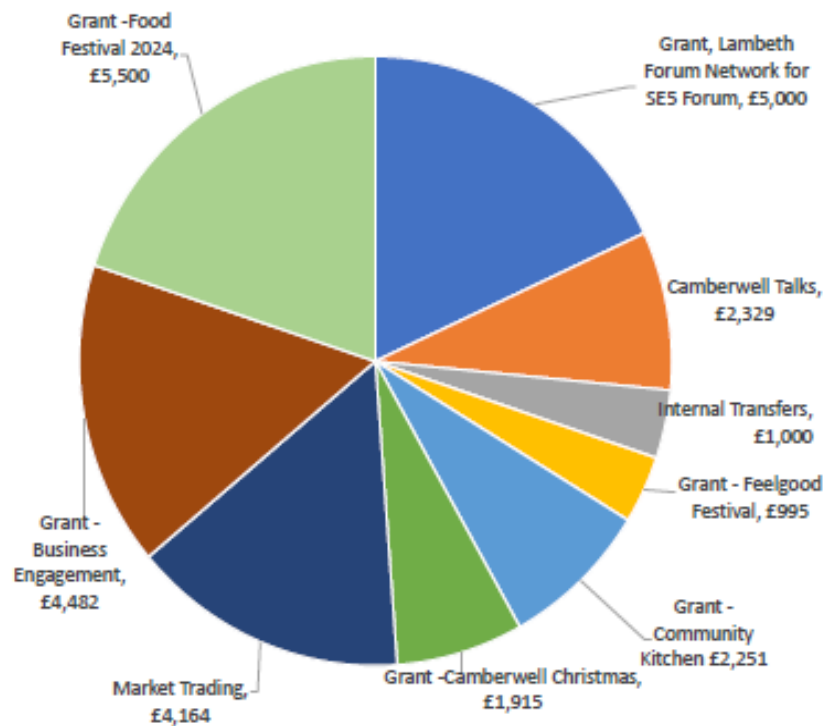
ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

Summary Financial Information for the year 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024, from the accounts. See website for full details

SE5 FORUM FOR CAMBERWELL 2023/24 (year to 31 March 2024)

INCOME £27,636

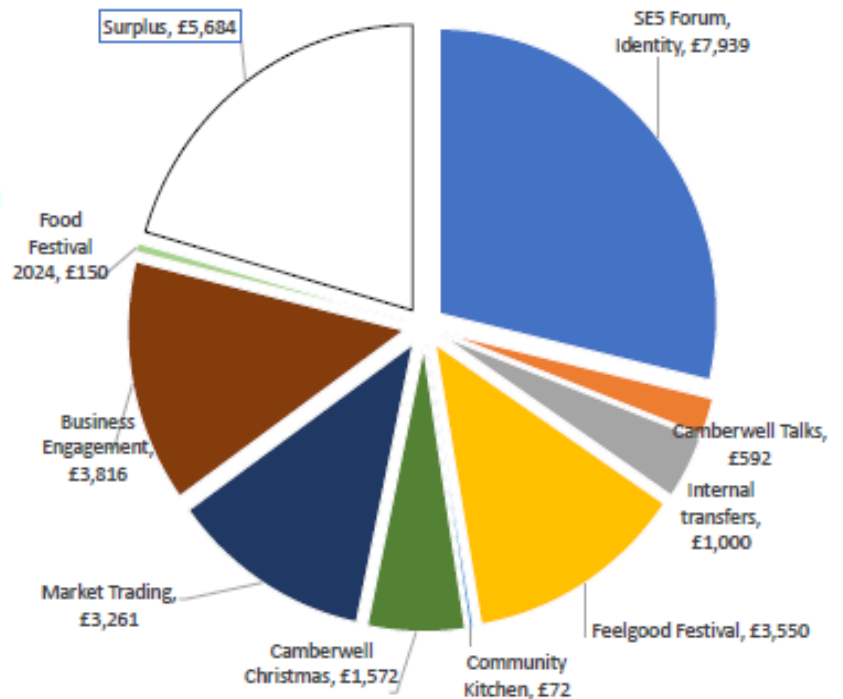
- Surplus of Income over Expenditure for the year, £5,684, is largely due to early receipt of May 2024 Food Festival grant
- Forum administration expenditure was met from Lambeth Forum Network grant, talks and market stall surpluses
- Funds brought forward totalled £3,581, after surplus for the year of £5,684 funds carried forward totalled £9,265.



EXPENDITURE £21,952

- Note there were additional grants received after year end (1e Apr-Sept 24)

LBS Thriving High Street	£8,800
LBS Feel Good festival	£3,817
LBL LFN grant	£5,500
LBL Feel Good festival	£2,885



SIGNED *AC Murray*
Treasurer

DATE
29 September 2024

KEY
LBL - London Borough of Lambeth
LBS - London Borough of Southwark