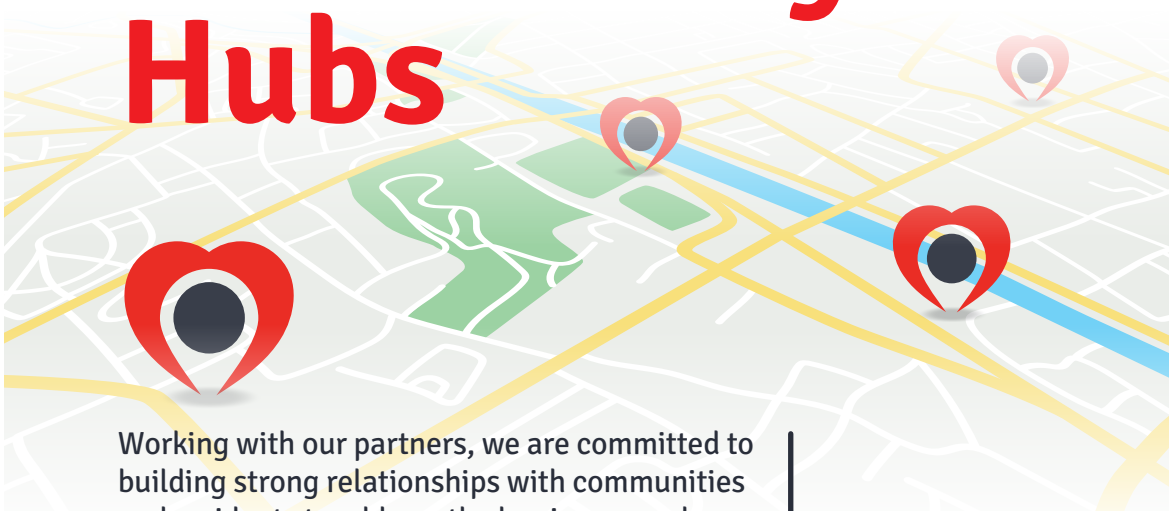


# Community Hubs



Working with our partners, we are committed to building strong relationships with communities and residents to address the key issues and challenges the borough faces. In support of this ambition and our desire to put public services at the heart of our communities, we have developed the community hubs concept.

**Our vision is that every resident has somewhere to go in their neighbourhood**

**– a place to go, a place to do and a place to connect. A network of community hubs.**

This is about more than bricks and mortar - it is about how we bring resources together and work with others. Bringing together people who make things happen with people who take part, putting on activities and providing the space to do so.

## **Our first 3 hubs**

**We are opening our first 3 hubs; Sue Bramley, Marks Gate and William Bellamy**



**Barking &  
Dagenham  
Community  
Hub**

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## What is available

All community hubs will provide **information, advice and support** with:

- Jobs, training, and courses
- Housing and homelessness
- Money and debt
- Health and wellbeing
- General council services
- Help getting online
- Events and activities

## What other services and activities will happen

A range of services and activities will take place in hubs. Among these, will include:

- Antenatal and postnatal checks
- Talking Therapies counselling
- Drop-ins to see the Safer Neighbourhood Team
- Reporting a crime online
- Support to join a Community Food Club
- Help for debt, applying for benefits and/or finding work
- Family play sessions for children aged 0-5 years
- Healthier life – losing weight, exercising, or stopping smoking

## What difference will this make?

We want to bring support and services closer to where residents are by creating a network of places in their

neighbourhoods that are gateways to information, advice and support. We want to make support and a connection easy for residents to access, early.

Community Hubs will be welcoming places that make it easy for residents to talk to someone, find support to help themselves, access a mix of universal, targeted, and statutory services when needed and to facilitate stronger interaction with and between residents, organisations and staff that promote active citizenship, agency and participation.

Hubs will be places to identify and address issues that matter locally, while focusing on supporting and strengthening relationships. This will lead to more collaborative and joined up working across the system, as well as better use of our assets to facilitate this more collaborative style of working.

## A partnership approach

This is not just about the council. They will be for, and owned by, the community. We have taken a joined up approach to co-designing the Hubs, engaging partners, and other key stakeholders on the journey so far. Local partners will also have a presence and a significant role in providing information, putting on activities and helping to run events.

**More information about Community Hubs can be found at**  
**[lbbd.gov.uk/community-hubs](http://lbbd.gov.uk/community-hubs)**