

**Community meeting
Bulb planting on The Vale
8th October, 3-5pm, The Carey Hall, 58 Claremont Road, NW2 1BU**



Dear Residents,

We would like to invite you to a meeting to explore planting spring bulbs and other flowers along the central grassy islands of the Vale.

We have recently received some funding to improve these islands and increase biodiversity along The Vale. As a first step, we plan to plant hundreds of spring and early summer bulbs this Autumn, as well as repair the broken fence along the perimeter. These islands have the potential to become a haven for bees, butterflies and other pollinators, as well as a beautiful area full of flowering plants, for people to enjoy.

Barnet have recently declared a climate and biodiversity emergency. Turning The Vale into a green corridor which links Millenium Green to Basing Hill Park, Childs Hill Park and the Childs Hill allotments, is a first important step towards enhancing the ecology of this area.

We will be holding several bulb planting days in the Autumn and would welcome any volunteers from the community – local residents, schools, clubs and community groups – to come along and support this venture. Dates will be announced in due course.

In the meantime we invite you to come along on **8th October, between 3-5pm at Carey Hall** to find out more about this project and meet the team:

Abundance London (recently featured on Gardeners' World) who carry out similar projects in west London; Anika Bakirtzidis (Garden Volunteer Team Leader and Outreach Coordinator at Our Yard, Clitterhouse Farm) and Cllr Giulia Innocenti will join us to provide more information, explanations and to answer any questions you may have. There will be a chance - over a cup of tea - to discuss the project, offer suggestions and get involved.

If you would like more information, please email parks@barnet.gov.uk. Thank you.

