

HATCH FEST

Creativity... Connections... Community

2026
Programme

Hatch Fest is a community festival run by local-residents, charities and businesses to celebrate the vibrant, diverse and creative community of Hatcham and New Cross Gate. This year the festival will run on **Fri 18th, Sat 19th & Sun 20th Sept 2026**.

Building on last year's programme, we plan to run...



A street market on
Harts Lane



Community picnic in Besson
Street Community Garden



Art exhibitions at hARTslane,
Corner Cafe and Window135



Art activities for children



Festival party with live music at
Music Room London



Open artists homes



Local history walking tours



Children's play street in
the Cold Blow Lane tunnel

If you are already running an activity for, or with the community, why not include this in the festival weekend?

Alternatively, if you want to run a one-off event, this is your chance. We have the venues, you bring the activity!

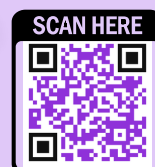
Check out the website to volunteer and find out more!



@hatch_fest



www.hatchfest.org



For more info



FRIDAY 18th SEPTEMBER

BIKE BUS TO SCHOOL !

Starts at 8.30am from Bridgehouse Meadow and finishes 9am Edmund Waller primary school.

This is a fun, inclusive ride/skate/scoot to school together calling at Hatcham Primary, Kender Primary and Edmund Waller. **Parents must accompany their children** but don't worry if you don't have your own bike - you can also join on foot. On 18th September we'll be joined by special guest **Will Norman, London's Walking & Cycling Commissioner** so we can show him the joys and challenges of active travel in New Cross Gate. See route on the Hatch Fest website.



KINDNESS DAY

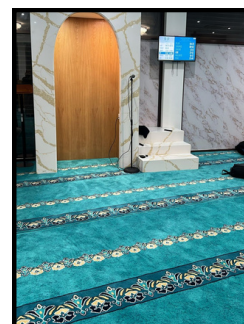
We kick off this year's festival by making the Friday a special Kindness Day. With assemblies in our local primary schools and an activity pack which shows how we can share random acts of kindness as well as be kind to ourselves. Check out the Hatchfest website for full details and be inspired by the kindness festival movement.

"The world is full of kind people. If you can't find one, be one."

BECA ISLAMIC CENTRE OPEN AFTERNOON

3pm - 6pm 170 NEW CROSS ROAD

As part of the Festival this year we are working with the New Cross Mosque to run a community open afternoon in the mosque for local people. Come see how this community has transformed their space into a beautiful centre for worship, education and community activities. Light refreshments served. Modest dress encouraged.



ART EXHIBITIONS

Corner Cafe, 117 New Cross Rd

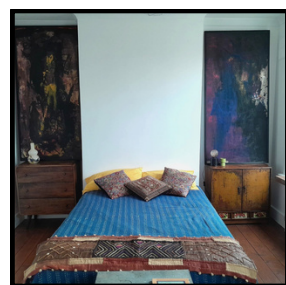
- Circle of Moonlight. An immersive installation by Milo Sharpe, Dan Johnston & Oscar Davis.
- Drag Brunch hosted by Charra Tea. 12-4pm

window135 New Cross Rd

- Maria Meco @_mariameco exhibiting in window135

hARTslane gallery

- Mixed media group exhibition: (BE)LONGING/S See Saturday's listing



La Casa – by Abadi Art

- A living space for contemporary art, presenting works from the Abadi Art Collection across India, Myanmar, Palestine, Europe, China and Rwanda. This exhibition brings a little more colour into every day with contemporary art. From vibrant paintings to textiles to colourful and original furniture and accessories, there's plenty to brighten your view, open your mind and get inspired by everyday living and art.
- Visiting Hours by booking 11am → 4pm. Daily slots - Each group can have up to 5 people. See website for details and how to book. (see map on last page for address)

FESTIVAL LAUNCH PARTY

Music Room London 116-118 New Cross Rd. 8pm-late

Step inside the wonderful Old Library Bar for an evening of music by local band **'The Grove'** a 7-piece band offering an innovative neo-soul sound with elements of jazz, funk and indie, all wrapped up within catchy songwriting. With over 1.4 million listens on Spotify this band is making its mark on the local music scene and beyond!

Also performing is Chase the Ghost another local band playing original Americana based songs with a London twist - the stories are close to home, close to the bone and the twist can be bitter and twisted!

CHASE THE GHOST

Tickets just £12.00 which includes a free welcome drink so book early on Eventbrite ticket site - scan code ➡





SATURDAY 19th SEPTEMBER

Hatcham Street Market on Harts Lane, 11-4pm

Join us from 11am onwards to find bargains and savour local produce at the street market on Harts Lane. Last year we had over 20 stalls. If you want to register to hold a stall, let us know by 1st September

Exhibition in hARTslane gallery, 11-6:30pm

Mixed media group exhibition: (BE)LONGING/S with artists:
@Michaelancholia, Denise Laura Baker, Corrie Georgala, Malgorzata Lisiecka, BY MA STUDIO, Aleksandra Ishilla, Richa Vora, Cell Deletion



HARTS LANE
SE14 5UP

HATCHAM STREET MARKET

SATURDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 11 AM - 4 PM

Interested in a stall at the market? Sign up via the QR code

Part of Hatch Fest 2026 @hatch_fest
An Autumn Festival for the Hatcham & New X Community
The Market is organised by hARTslane and supported by FaceWork



Hatcham History - The White Hart Pub 11am

To coincide with the renovation of the White Hart Pub (soon to be reopened as the **The Broken Wheel**) we have a unique opportunity to meet the new owners, hear about the history of this pub and their exciting plans to re-open this Grade II listed building in the autumn.

We will then join local historians Malcolm Bacchus and Neil Gordon-Orr who will take us on a walking tour of the area. Discover the rich history of the Hatcham area from market gardens and fields, canals, railways and associated factories that came to replace them.



La Casa by Abadi Art 2-6pm

Exhibition showcasing artworks from the Abadi Art Collection

See listing from Friday and website to book tickets to see this remarkable exhibition.

Table of the World - Maker Space, 389 Queens Road

Over the last 4 years Facework (a local non-profit organisation) has supported over 500 sanctuary seekers in their job search and introduction to the UK.

As part of this years Hatch Fest many of those we have worked with are running an evening where they will share traditions, stories and wonderful food from around the world.

There will be no charge for the food but donations are gratefully received on the night and if you would like to contribute a food dish please contact shima@face.work

If you know a recent arrival to Lewisham who is looking for work please invite them so we can introduce to them to Facework Futures community and the wider sanctuary activities run in Lewisham - the first borough of Sanctuary in the country.
See www.face.work/futures



Join us for

TABLE of the WORLD

FOOD. CULTURE. COMMUNITY.
Everyone has a seat.

19 SEP 2026

SATURDAY NIGHT

MAKER SPACE
367 QUEENS ROAD,
LEWISHAM

**DURING
HATCH FEST**

YOU ARE HOSTED BY
SANCTUARY SEEKERS FROM AROUND THE WORLD
INCLUDING

AND ETC.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE
IN FOOD PREPARATION
Please contact shima@face.work

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**FACE WORK
FUTURES**

HATCH FEST

Equality. Creativity. Community.



SUNDAY 20th SEPTEMBER

FESTIVAL SERVICE - All Saints Church New Cross Road 10.30am

Join Father Grant, the local scouts group and members of the congregation as they run a special Festival Sunday service. Drinks available after - all welcome.



Children's Play Street

Cold Blow Lane 2 - 5pm

As part of national car-free week, local residents Mary, Mario and Danielle are running a play street on Cold Blow Lane for a special car free play street. Everyone is welcome and if it rains we can all play games inside the tunnel. Bring footballs, board games, chalk and something to share. See www.hatchfest.org for details. **All children must be accompanied by an adult.**

BESSON STREET COMMUNITY GARDEN

Besson Street 12:30-4pm

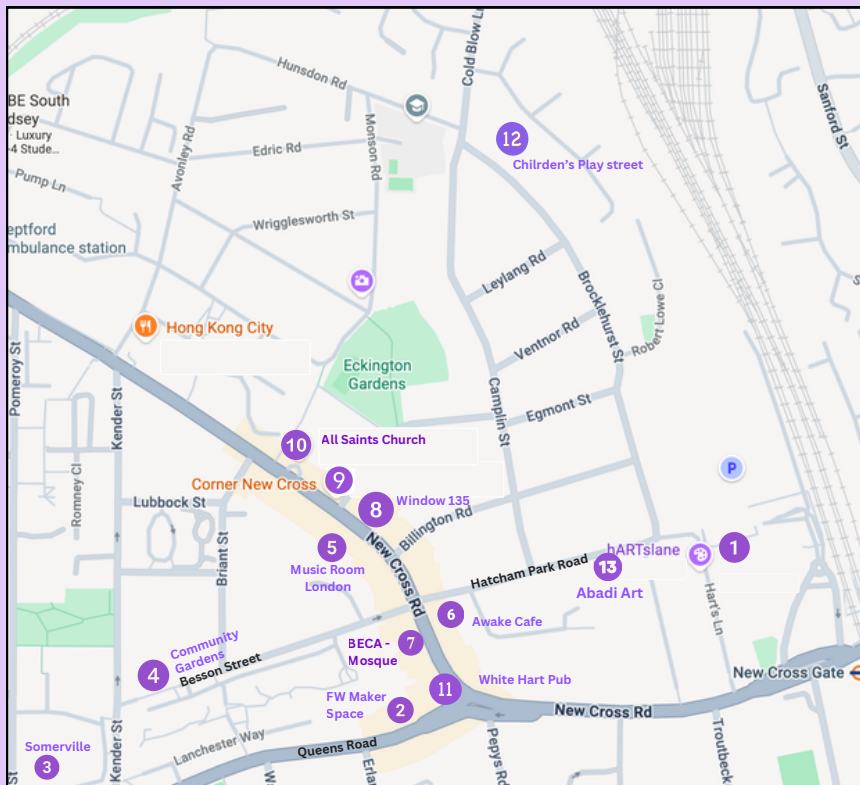
Join us at Besson Street Community for a lazy Sunday afternoon where tea and cakes will flow in abundance and the Sunday papers and board games will be waiting for you. Bring a picnic and chill in this beautiful oasis in the heart of New Cross. The gates will be open from 12.30 till 4pm. Everyone gets a warm welcome.



STREET TREES FOR LIVING

This people-powered movement transforming our streets and communities through tree planting, will be at Besson Street Community Gardens (see above). Come and play a round of tree bingo, add the trees on your road to our community map, and hear about The Tree Line, our Green Roots project bringing 400 new trees and green skills training to the borough.

The team will be on-hand to chat about how you can become a Tree Guardian, and join our mission to improve tree equity across Lewisham. Refreshments provided!



- 1 hARTsane - exhibition and street market
- 2 Facework's Maker Space on Queens Road
- 3 Somerville Adventure Playground
- 4 Besson Street Community Garden
- 5 Music Room London
- 6 Awake Bakery
- 7 BECA - New Cross Mosque
- 8 Window135
- 9 The Corner Cafe and events space
- 10 All Saints Church New Cross Road
- 11 White Hart Pub
- 12 Children's Play Street - Cold Blow Lane tunnel
- 13 Abadi Art - 64 Hatcham Park Road

This year's Hatch Fest Team

We are grateful to the Facework Group for underwriting the Public Liability Insurance for this year's festival and to organisations and businesses listed above as well as the many individuals for helping us to build this community festival for a second year.

If you would like to be involved and join the team please contact us via the website.



"Community is much more than belonging to something; it's about doing something together that makes belonging matter." — Brian Solis