



CHINBROOK BIG LOCAL



Community Profile Document

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Introduction by the Chinbrook Big Local Partnership (ChART) Chairperson

Welcome to Chinbrook Big Local, we call ourselves Chinbrook Action Residents Team, or ChART for short.

I would like to introduce myself, my name is Lesley Palmer and myself and my family have been living in the Chinbrook area for 18 years and involved in the big local steering group for 3 years.

I became involved with ChArt through our local school, Marvels Lane and have helped in developing our Big Local Plan.

We are a committed partnership and all have a united vision to make Chinbrook a place where young and old alike are happy to live, work and play.

We as a partnership are looking ahead of the 10 year plan by ensuring sustainable community projects are put in place for the community of the future as well as our cradle to grave approach that we focus on now.

I look forward to what the future of Chinbrook will be.

Lesley

Our vision for Chinbrook Big Local

Our vision for Chinbrook is a community:

- where residents feel proud, embrace and celebrate our diversity;
- where people respect each other, feel safe and cared for;
- have a sense of belonging and neighbourliness where people know each other and care for each other;
- taking a 'cradle to grave' approach with opportunities to grow and explore the world.

About Big Local

The Big Local programme is an exciting opportunity for residents in 150 areas around England to use at least £1m to make a massive and lasting positive difference to their communities. It's about bringing together all the local talent, ambitions, skills and energy from individuals, groups and organisations who want to make their area an even better place to live.

Big Local is being run by Local Trust, which is working with over £200m from the Big Lottery Fund and a range of partners providing expert advice and support for residents.

The four programme outcomes for Big Local are:

1. Communities will be better able to identify local needs and take action in response to them.
2. People will have increased skills and confidence, so that they continue to identify and respond to needs in the future.
3. The community will make a difference to the needs it prioritises.
4. People will feel that their area is an even better place to live.

Big Local is **NOT**:

It's NOT about your local authority, the government or a national organisation telling you what to do.

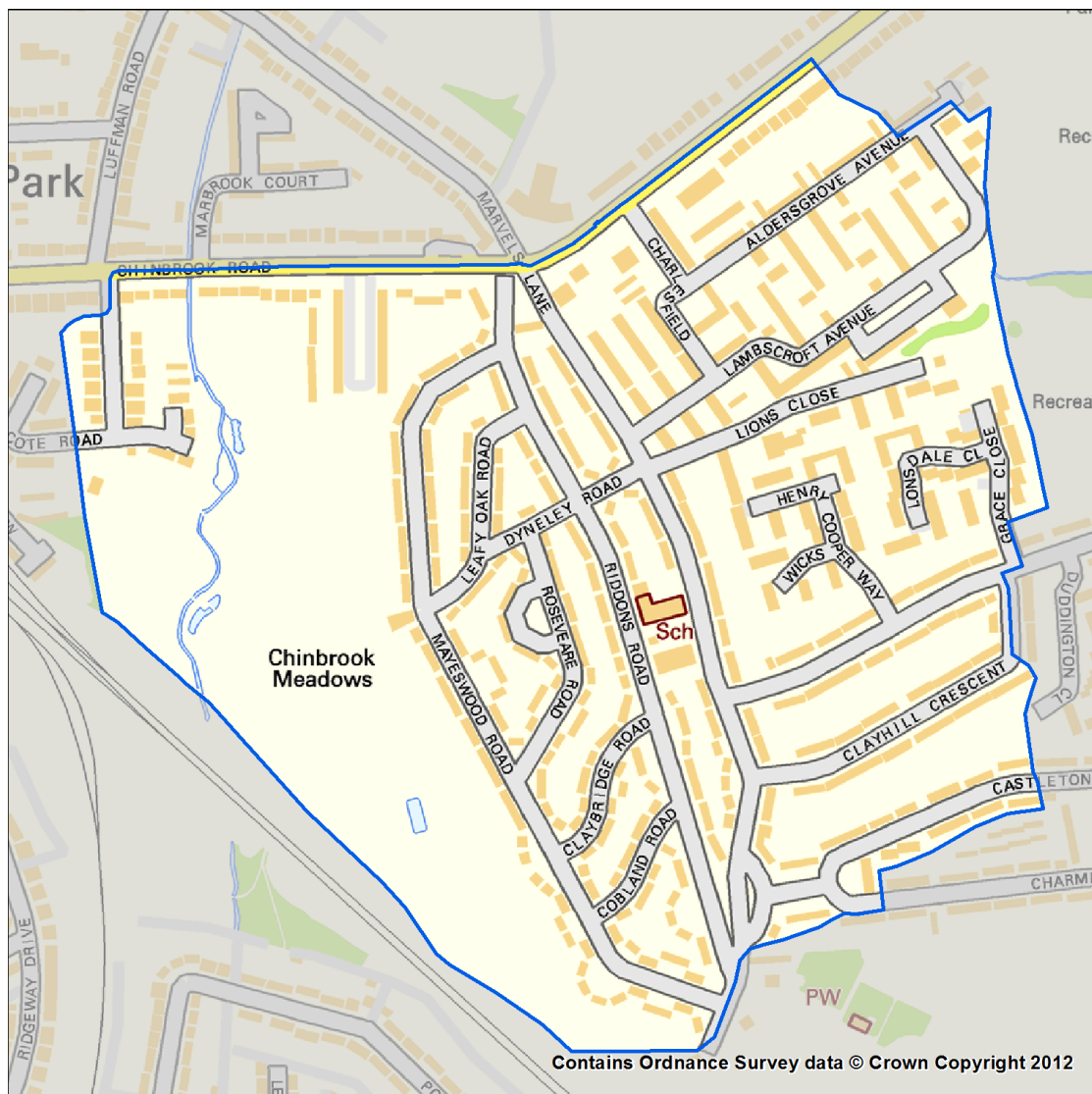
It's NOT about individual groups fixing their favourite problem without talking to a wide range of different people who live and work in the community.

It's NOT about short-term thinking – you've got 10 years or more to plan and deliver the best options for your area.

As part of the Big Local Programme, the Chinbrook Big Local area was awarded £1million in wave 2. Since then a range of local residents and agencies have been working together to gather the views and aspirations of local people. This group has worked to bring local people together to form a Partnership, led by residents, to drive the programme for the benefit of all that live in the Chinbrook Big Local area. Using a small pot of funding (Getting Started) this group have delivered a number of activities and events to enable local residents express what they like about the area and their aspirations for the area.

Chinbrook Big Local Area

Map of the Chinbrook Big Local Area



Chinbrook the Place:

Chinbrook is a suburb in south east London; it is located 14 km (8.7 mi) southeast of Charing Cross and is in the southeast corner of the London Borough of Lewisham on its boundary with the London Borough of Bromley. Chinbrook lies between Grove Park and Mottingham, approximately half a mile east of Grove Park centre and is generally considered part of Grove Park.

The Chinbrook Big Local area consists of 1,615 properties; the vast majority of which are houses, the highest proportion of these houses are either social registered housing or owner occupied of a pre1930's terraced cottage design.

There are two main housing estates in the area. Grove Park Estate, to the southwest of the crossroads is a group of roads all with terraced houses, and some semi-detached houses between Marvels Lane and Chinbrook Meadows that was built by Lewisham council between 1926 and 1929.

Chinbrook Estate, to the southeast of the crossroads is several small roads, has two high tower blocks plus many smaller terrace houses and flats and one community centre. It lies in the south east corner of the Grove Park ward but comes under SE9 not SE12 like most of Grove Park. It is surrounded by and has entrances on Marvels Lane, Dunkery Road, Grove Park Road and Mottingham Sports Ground.

Chinbrook residents benefit from being sandwiched between two large parks, Mottingham Playing fields (known locally as 'Foxes') which borders the Mottingham Big Local area and Chinbrook Meadows. Each park benefits from the Quaggy stream flowing through them.

Mottingham Playing field has a small children's play area, caged basketball and football space and changing room facilities. It also has a stream which borders the woods that link to Elmstead woods at the top of the neighbouring Chinbrook Meadows. The park has open access from a road that runs alongside it 24 hours a day.

Chinbrook Meadows is one of Lewisham's public parks in the south of Chinbrook and Grove Park, the area was previously occupied by Chinbrook Farm, a dairy farm. The park was first formally opened to the public in 1929 and was then a children's play area of 8-acre (32,000 m²), on the edge of the recently built Grove Park Estate; London County Council purchased a further 23 acres (93,000 m²); and the larger area was opened to the public in June 1937.

The majority of the park is maintained short grass with footpaths and lined with tall trees and bisected by the River Quaggy; the grass often has markings for football pitches, a cricket ground and other sports and is used by local schools for sports days.

Chinbrook meadows also contains public toilets, public concrete tennis courts, and a football pitch and basketball court in one, plus a children's play area with a paddling pool and the entrance to Elmstead woods. This park is enclosed and offers a time table of activity. The parks and woods are part of the green chain walk linking green spaces throughout London.

There are a number of small greens dotted within the catchment area. Despite what would appear to be a wealth of green spaces in this part of London the parks are most regularly used by dog walkers, some families and those hiring pitches and courts.

Both parks benefit from local groups and associations committed to the improvement, care and increased use of the parks. Chinbrook Meadows (which is the park most centrally within the Chinbrook Big Local has 'Friends of Chinbrook Meadows'. They have been instrumental in gaining funding for major alterations to the park including the re-routing of the Quaggy River to create a meandering stream and planting of flora and fauna to attract wildlife. In addition they have successfully

hosted a number of events which have increased take up and use of the park over the years.

The name Chinbrook is derived from "*Chin Brook*" which was an alternative name for the Quaggy River at the turn of the twentieth century.

Chinbrook – The Services

Health & Well-being. Currently serving the health needs of the immediate catchment area are 3 doctors surgery which include:

- Marvels Lane Clinic
- Baring Rd Medical Centre
- Dr Malek surgery Chinbrook Rd

They provide a range of health provision including, practice nurses, diabetic clinics, GP surgery. Whilst they follow the public health intervention targets in the borough there are not currently the funded community interventions such as those enjoyed by residents in the North of the borough (who have a higher proportion of health inequalities), such as obesity education classes for children, exercise classes targeting specific high risk groups, healthy eating and cooking classes, drug and alcohol awareness campaigns, although there are smoking cessation services provided at the local chemist.

Community Venues. Currently there is:

- WG Grace community centre
- The local primary school and children's centre– Marvels Lane
- Jubilee international church
- Grove Park Library (on the outskirts of the Big Local area)

Crime: Comparing the perception of crime by the community to the statistics of reported crimes for the Grove Park area in 2010. The statistics are lower in comparison to similar areas.

There were a total of 98 crimes reported during May 2014 and personal robbery, burglary and anti-social behaviour are key policing priorities for the Grove Park.

There is a seasonal spike traditionally in anti-social behaviour during the summer holiday period.

As part of a borough that has a proportionally high crime rate in comparison to other boroughs in England and Wales, Grove Park fares better than other wards.

Transport: The catchment area benefits from extremely good transport links via bus and train to surrounding shopping areas, central London and Canary Wharf as well as links to outer London, coastal towns and major cities across the country.

Shopping and Access to Food: The local retail outlets have a small staff base, many of whom are family run.

Employment: The benefit claimant figure for the area is 5% higher than the national average as of the national office of statistics figures 2010. The figure for unemployment in households with dependent children is relatively high when compared to the worst statistics in the borough but significantly higher in households where there are no dependent children.

Schools and Education:

The nearest local secondary school to Chinbrook is Knights academy (formerly Mallory). Looking at the GCSE results for schools in Lewisham Borough Knights Academy had the second lowest “Good GCSE” results in the borough, those defined as being from A*-C.

There is a locally based Adult education centre less than 1 mile away from the Big Local area. With the exception of some basic skills classes’ courses, the offer from Community Education Lewisham is not directly related to enhancing the GCSE or work related qualifications for young people. Course provision as a whole tends to attract much older adults and does not currently address the specified need.

The proportion of young people in the area not in education, employment or education (NEETS) seem (from community observations) quite high showing a need.

Grove Park has the third highest number of people 16 and above with no qualifications in the borough as per the 2011 census.

Housing:

The vast majority of the properties that fall within the Chinbrook catchment area are of houses of circa 1926/8 construction. These properties were built along with a major housing investment programme that extended to Downham and Bellingham at the time.

The purpose of this building programme was to address the slum clearance needs of Bermondsey and the inner city. The vast majority of people who moved to the area at the time were young families for whom the housing need was greatest.

Chinbrook has benefited from a fairly settled community (those that moved here stayed here) and the previous Greater London Council (GLC) ‘Sons and Daughters’ policy meant that their descendants had priority in relation to housing in the area, which (whilst no longer in operation) has meant that there are generations of families now aged or aging in the area.

In addition the properties built at a later date were around the 1960’s and 70’s and generally of family design meaning that original families who settled here in their 20’s are now approaching their 60’s and 70’s, mixed with newer younger families. According to the 2011 census Grove Park has the 3rd highest number of older people living alone in the borough.

Entertainment & Leisure

Lewisham as a borough is one of the few London Boroughs that does not have its own cinema in the area. Its arts and creative sector is centred in the north of the borough (approximately 7 miles from Chinbrook). There are art and crafts offers based at the Ringway and the newly refurbished community education building on Baring road and a knitting club at Marvels Lane library. These tend to be out of the natural reach of the majority of local residents.

A key factor preventing take up of art and entertainment activities outside the core area is partly that of a situational barrier i.e. cost of such provision and circumstances of residents but also that a dispositional barrier, resonating in a core belief that such activities are not in the remit, aspiration or capability of people from the area.

Currently there are no regular social, arts or entertainment provision in the area.

The Statistics: What do the Statistics for our Ward Tell us?

Chinbrook Big Local area is made up of approximately 1,615 households with a population of 6,182 within the Grove Park Ward. The statistics below give a snapshot of the ward in which we are based.

Employment

	<i>Residents Aged 16 - 74</i>	<i>Employee: Full-time</i>		<i>Employee: Part-time</i>		<i>Self-employed</i>	
		Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Chinbrook Big Local	4,564	1643	36	551	12.1	416	9.1
Grove Park	10,670	4,168	39.1	1,363	12.8	1,139	10.7
Lewisham	206,255	82,776	40.1	24,079	11.7	22,050	10.7

Unemployment

	<i>Residents Aged 16 - 74</i>	<i>Unemployed</i>		<i>Long term unemployed</i>		<i>Unemployed - never worked</i>	
		Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Chinbrook Big Local	4,564	306	6.7	143	3.1	53	1.2
Grove Park	10,670	616	5.8	270	2.5	106	1.0
Lewisham	206,255	12,776	6.2	5,064	2.2	2,474	1.2

Economic Inactivity

	<i>Retired</i>		<i>Looking after home or family</i>		<i>Long-term sick or disabled</i>	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Chinbrook Big Local	474	10.4	254	5.6	290	6.4
Grove Park	1,105	10.4	515	4.8	493	4.6
Lewisham	15,088	7.3	9,179	4.5	8,779	4.3

Students

	<i>Student - Economically Active</i>		<i>Student - Economically Inactive</i>	
	Number	%	Number	%
Chinbrook Big Local	169	3.7	299	6.6
Grove Park	355	3.3	626	5.9
Lewisham	10,112	4.9	15,018	7.3

Households where no adult is in employment

	<i>All Households</i>	<i>No adults in employment in household: With dependent children</i>		<i>No adults in employment in household: No dependent children</i>	
		Number	%	Number	%
Chinbrook Big Local	2763	248	9	819	29.6
Grove Park	6,182	404	6.5	1,584	25.6
Lewisham	116,091	7,599	6.5	24,963	21.5

Home Ownership

	<i>All Households</i>	<i>Owned Outright</i>	<i>Owned with a mortgage</i>	<i>Shared ownership</i>	
		Number	%	Number	%
Chinbrook Big Local	2763	452	16.4	734	26.6
Grove Park	6,182	1,287	20.8	2,020	32.7
Ladywell	5,762	992	17.2	1,847	32.1
Lewisham	116,091	17,273	14.9	31,955	27.5

Rented Properties

	<i>All Households</i>	<i>Rented from Council</i>	<i>Other social rented</i>	<i>Private rented</i>	
		Number	%	Number	%
Chinbrook Big Local	2763	214	7.7	797	28.8
Grove Park	6,182	322	5.2	1,328	21.5
Lewisham	116,091	18,084	15.6	17,968	15.5

One Person Households

	<i>All Households</i>	<i>Aged 64 or younger</i>		<i>Aged 65 and over</i>	
		Number	%	Number	%
Chinbrook Big Local	2763	504	18.25	426	15.43
Grove Park	6,182	1,321	21.4	722	11.7
Lewisham	116,091	29,686	25.6	9,994	8.6

Lone Parent Households

	<i>All Lone parent households with dependent children</i>	<i>Lone parent in part-time employment: Total</i>		<i>Lone parent in full-time employment: Total</i>		<i>Lone parent not in employment: Total</i>	
		Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
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Chinbrook Big Local	313						
Grove Park	705	187	26.5	188	26.7	330	46.8
Lewisham	13,239	3,681	27.8	3,657	27.6	5,901	44.6

Highest Level of Qualification as a %

	<i>All Residents - aged 16+</i>	<i>No qualifications</i>	<i>Level 1</i>	<i>Level 2</i>	<i>Apprenticeship</i>	<i>Level 3</i>	<i>Level 4</i>	<i>Other qualifications</i>
Grove Park	11,597	22.5	13.8	13.9	2.1	10.9	29.2	7.6
Lewisham	206,255	17.7	11.1	12.5	1.4	10.8	38.0	8.5

Health

	<i>Very good health</i>		<i>Good health</i>		<i>Fair health</i>		<i>Bad health</i>		<i>Very bad health</i>	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Chinbrook Big Local	754	43.7	552	32.0	280	16.2	98	5.7	41	2.4
Grove Park	6,820	46.6	5,086	34.7	1,927	13.2	593	4.0	222	1.5
Lewisham	135,428	49.1	93,850	34.0	32,289	11.7	10,755	3.9	3,563	1.3

Unpaid Care

	<i>Provides no unpaid care</i>		<i>Provides 1 to 19 hours unpaid care a week</i>		<i>Provides 20 to 49 hours unpaid care a week</i>		<i>Provides 50 or more hours unpaid care a week</i>	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Chinbrook Big Local	5819	90.3	343	5.32	102	1.58	180	2.79
Grove Park	13,238	90.4	869	5.9	205	1.4	336	2.3
Lewisham	253,364	91.8	13,931	5.0	3,502	1.3	5,088	1.8

Vehicle Ownership - Car or Van Availability

	<i>All households</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4 or more</i>	<i>All cars/vans in the area</i>
Grove Park	6,182	2,296	2,733	900	181	72	5,381
Lewisham	116,091	55,893	46,991	10,829	1,875	503	76,507

Big Local Journey: Consulting the Community

From when the Big Local award was made to Chinbrook and with the support of the Big Local Rep a range of local residents and agencies started to work together to understand what Big Local is.

Working together to gather the views and aspirations of local people, this group worked to bring local people together to form a Partnership, led by residents, to drive the programme for the benefit of all that live in the Chinbrook Big Local area.

Using a small pot of funding (Getting Started) this group have delivered a number of activities and events to enable local residents to express what they like about the area and their aspirations for the area.

After a number of meetings an informal steering group Chinbrook Action Residents Team (ChART) was formed to progress the Big Local aims. This group consists of residents within the catchment area, the designated Big Local rep, the local registered social landlord, the local primary school, Councillors, as well as individuals and organisations representing the interests of local groups.

They have worked over the last 18 months to establish a regular focal point to which the local community can become involved, provided events and activities to increase awareness and liaised with a range of organisations to try to build the partnership and increase the pool of expertise and specialism on specific themes.

ChART have endeavoured to look at this funding opportunity from a 'Cradle to Grave' perspective to ensure that all sectors of the community are considered in the development of a plan for the area to go forward.

Themes Arising From Consultation With The Community

Themes that have arisen following engagement with the community are:

- **Community Safety**
- **Education & Training**
- **Employment Prospects**
- **Parks & Green Spaces**
- **Community & Belonging**
- **Health & Well-being**
- **Social Investment & Small Grants**