

## We are official!

In January, after much form-filling the Bromley Down Syndrome Support Group was made official as it became a registered charity. It is a privilege for the trustees, Liz, Sarah-Jane, Felicity, Lucia and Karen to work for and be the voice of people with Down Syndrome and their families in the local community.

## Achievements so far

We had a fantastic Family Fun Day in August that so many of our families attended. It was great to all celebrate together after such a long time!

We would just like to say a huge thank you to everyone who came along and to those members who donated their time and efforts into holding stalls, baking, creating and donating items. **We raised a fantastic £400 through your generosity.**

We had the privilege to be chosen as the Charity beneficiary for the Music Hall event at the Churchill Theatre and raised a huge amount of over £2,000! Thank you to the West Wickham Operatic Society and the Park Langley Rotary Club.

We also have been chosen as a beneficiary for the Charity evening of the WWPS Christmas pantomime, Cinderella (along with other charities so don't forget to add BDSSG to your booking).

Tickets are only £10 for the Wednesday and Thursday charity so enjoy a great family night out and benefit our charity! Please also enter code: **X4G3J4B8Q4** Go to <https://thelittleboxoffice.com/wwps/> to book.

**WEST WICKHAM PANTOMIME SOCIETY**  
PERFORMING FOR CHARITY PROCEEDS PROCEEDS

# Cinderella

January 2022  
7th - 15th

BOOK TICKETS ONLINE:  
[WWW.WESTWICKHAM.PANTO.ORG](http://WWW.WESTWICKHAM.PANTO.ORG)  
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**Panto is back!**

Wickham Hall,  
Sussex Road,  
West Wickham,  
Kent BR24 0JX

**Show Dates**

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> 7.45pm  
Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>  
1.30pm & 4.45pm  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> No show  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> No show  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> 7.45pm  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> 7.45pm  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> 7.45pm  
Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> 1.30pm,  
4.45pm & 8.00pm

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## The Down Syndrome Bill

Please get behind the Down Syndrome Bill! We have put links on the Facebook group so you can email your MP about it. If you would like us to do this on your behalf, please email the trustees or visit <https://dspg.uk/>

## Our website is live! [bromleydssg.co.uk](http://bromleydssg.co.uk)

It's with great pleasure that we announce that, after a lot of hard work, mood boarding, creating and designing our brand-new website is ready to launch!

We want to say a huge thank you to Karen's sister Kerst, and Hannah Corley for donating their time and creative energy into designing such a brilliant new logo, brand and our lovely website.

Take a look at the site here and please let us know what you think and also if you would like to make any contributions. There is a lot of helpful information for parents, carers and professionals alike, so please share it with your schools, business, colleagues, and friends.

We hope you like it!





## Christmas Party! Monday, 20th December 2021

This year's Christmas party for the mums will be a festive get-together at Liz's House.

Please email us at [bromleydssg@gmail.com](mailto:bromleydssg@gmail.com) before 10 December to let us know if you will be coming.

Please "Bring a Bottle" nibbles and entertainment will be provided by the Trustees.

## Coffee Afternoon

Our last coffee afternoon of the year will be held on the 25th November - 1-3pm at the Phoenix Centre. See you there!

## Groups and clubs in the area

I hope you all saw Liz's email regarding Pel's information about groups and clubs in the area. Please sign up to her mailing list, or email [pehlin.ahmet@bromley.gov.uk](mailto:pehlin.ahmet@bromley.gov.uk) so you can receive the relevant information on exciting things going on in the Borough!

## What are we fundraising for?

We are hoping to provide both courses on the learning profile of a child with Down Syndrome and promoting Positive Behaviour. These will be online courses, available for a period of 6 weeks and then an online live seminar with Inclusively Downs themselves,

## What's next for the BDSSG?

We are working with the Local Authority to co-produce a Down Syndrome Pathway to benefit all children and young people with DS in the Borough. Thank you to our members who offered their insights and experiences during the initial process. The Local Authority is forming a Task and Finish group to work on finalising and implementing the Pathway for education, health and care.

Watch this space!

**BROMLEY  
DSSG** 

## Check out our very own fitness guru on Instagram!

[https://instagram.com/wills\\_downs\\_syndrome\\_fitness](https://instagram.com/wills_downs_syndrome_fitness)

Huge congratulations Will for your new role with Bromley FC. Fantastic news!



If you have any good news stories you would like to share please email us at [bromleydssg@gmail.com](mailto:bromleydssg@gmail.com)

**TWINKL** have a communication, visual timetable app that is free. Check out this useful tool.



We are also enrolled to [DontSendMeACard.com](https://DontSendMeACard.com). You can send ecards and help donate to our charity!



## Makaton update

A few of our members have enquired about Makaton training. The Borough no longer provides training for our parent and carers but the More Than Words charity provides Makaton training free for Kent residents <https://www.morethanwordscharity.com/makaton-courses>