

# Art in the underpass



**Pettman underpass in Plumstead is showing its true colours thanks to a makeover by artist Sam Skinner.**

Local artist Sam's designs were chosen due to the stunning impact of its bold colours. In his proposal, Sam explains his design uses a classic pattern by artist William Morris, transformed by contemporary colours to reflect the diverse community found in Plumstead.

William Morris used to travel by train through Plumstead, with the tracks only a few metres from Pettman Crescent, and would have seen the surrounding land out the window. The willow motif is representative of green spaces, parks and trees throughout Plumstead, and willow trees in particular can be found across the area including Rockcliffe Gardens.

Additionally, the style of pattern

developed by Morris was inspired by ornamental patterns from across the globe and different cultures – from Indian paisley to Chinese woodblock prints. The cross-cultural style reflects both Plumstead's Victorian heritage and its international make-up.

The new artwork is just one of many street art pieces popping up around the borough and Plumstead in particular. A new sign by the railway station has recently been revealed and, along with the new artwork in the underpass, forms part of a multi-agency project to improve the town centre. Funded and coordinated by the Plumstead Town Centre Community Safety Partnership group LOVE Plumstead, the project aims to restore civic pride to a cleaner and more vibrant location.

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Plumstead railway bridge



Pettman underpass

## Get set for spring

**Children from Eltham Church of England School joined with the Friends of Well Hall Pleasance and Royal Greenwich gardeners to plant around 1,000 bulbs in the park last week.**

The mixture of bulbs includes daffodils, snowdrops and crocuses and is just a small part of the 26,000

bulbs provided by the Council that are being planted across the borough by friends groups.

Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure and the Third Sector Miranda Williams said: "Bulb planting is great way to bring adults and children of all abilities together for a bit of fun that's also great for the community. We're all proud of what

we've achieved today and can't wait to see our hard work pay off in spring when our flowers are in bloom."

If you're interested in becoming a friend of your local park and joining in with bulb planting and other activities, visit the Council website to find out more **[royalgreenwich.gov.uk/parkfriendslist](http://royalgreenwich.gov.uk/parkfriendslist)**



Cllr Williams with children from Eltham C of E School

