

All aboard: RatedPeople.com supports the Mayor of London's inaugural Pocket Park initiative The Edible Bus Stop

Children's brass band perform on an open top bus along 322 bus route to celebrate community event

LONDON, MAY 2013 – The tradesmen recommendation service RatedPeople.com is rolling out its third sponsorship of the year, aimed at sponsoring and improving local communities. The recipient of the sponsorship, The Edible Bus Stop, a community garden in south London, has received the funding because of its commitment to enhancing the communal spaces in the neighbourhood.

The tradesmen recommendation service is showing their support at the launch of The Edible Bus Stop's newly re-designed Landor Road Garden, May 18th, in time for the Chelsea Fringe Show. The website, which also sponsors Southwark Children's Brass Band, will add an extra spark to the event with an open top double-decker, which will travel across south London along parts of the 322 bus route, whilst the young band plays.

The band will make three performances on top of the bus as it travels along the route, in West Norwood, Brixton and finally at the Landor Road Edible Bus Stop in time for the ribbon cutting at 1pm. Edible Bus Stop volunteers will be following the bus handing out seeds and seedlings at the three South London locations.

The volunteer run Edible Bus Stop originated as a guerrilla gardening activity next to a bus stop in Stockwell, South London. It successfully brought the neighbourhood together with regular planting session, which transformed the once forgotten area into an edible garden. With the support of Lambeth Council, The Edible Bus Stop is the first recipient of the Mayor of London's Pocket Park scheme, designed to boost London's urban spaces.

Tariq Dag Khan, RatedPeople.com's Chief Marketing Officer, comments: "We're very passionate about supporting communities and getting involved at a local level. Our business is about connecting quality, local tradesmen with homeowners, so it makes sense for us to focus on local projects.

"The Edible Bus Stop is the perfect example of a venture that has really made a positive difference to the neighbourhood. It's fantastic to see people take pride in their local area and how fulfilling it is to contribute to your surroundings. We're very happy to support such community spirit. "

RatedPeople.com's donation will go towards planting fruit trees, building a new website and investing in storage space for the plants and tools.

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NOTES TO EDITORS:

About RatedPeople.com

RatedPeople.com is the UK's largest trade recommendation service that connects homeowners with over 30,000 quality, local tradesmen nationwide.

Homeowners who are in need of a tradesman can post jobs for free on RatedPeople.com and receive quotes from up to three interested tradesmen.

Only homeowners who have found their tradesman through RatedPeople.com can leave ratings, so they are always based on genuine experiences from previous customers. These ratings, based on quality, value and reliability, allow other homeowners to confidently hire a tradesman they can trust.

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