

# Downham Assembly

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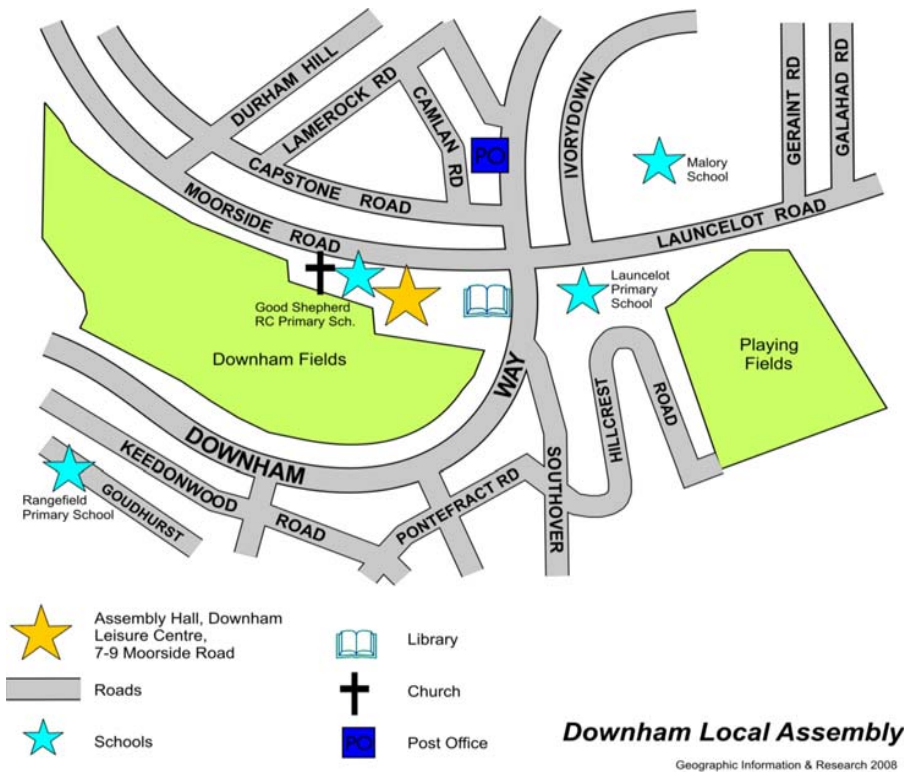
## Address

Downham Health & Leisure Centre  
7-9 Moorside Road  
Downham  
Bromley BR1 5EP

**Date:** Monday 12 October 2009

**Time:** 7.00-9.00pm

**Meeting Theme:** Activities & Support for Older People



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## Welcome to the Downham Assembly News

Assemblies are one way you can make your voice heard in Downham. They are your chance to find out what is going on in your area and to have your say about what matters to you. The Downham Assembly meets four times a year and is open to anyone who lives, works or studies in Downham ward.

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### Priorities for Downham

- Anti Social Behaviour
- More Activities for young people
- Cleaner better environment
- Support and activities for older people

### What we have done so far.....

Since launching the first Downham Assembly on 23rd June 2008, members of the Assembly co-ordinating group, supported by your Councillors and Assembly Co-ordinator, have been working on your behalf in between assembly meetings examining those issues identified as priorities and ensuring that action is taken. Our achievements so far are listed as follows:

- Ongoing negotiations with Lewisham Youth Service and other agencies, working with young people across Downham to consider various options to increase activities for young people.
- We have been discussing different measures to make Downham a better and cleaner ward to live in.
- Regular liaison with the local safer neighbourhood team, community wardens and antisocial behaviour team to consider ways of tackling crime and antisocial behaviour issues in the area.
- At the assembly meeting held in May 09 we held a discussion on antisocial behaviour and how it impacts on the wider community. Participants, including the police, Phoenix Housing, community wardens and antisocial team, met with local people to consider ways of tackling antisocial behaviour in Downham ward.

### Update on the £50k Mayor's Fund and £10k Locality Fund

The following projects were successful in their bid from the **£50,000 Mayor's Fund**: Purpose for Living girls netball and football, Downham Library children 's activities, North Downham Training Project "Back on Track", Sage Educational Trust children collaborative, Orbit motorcycle project, Artefact creative connections project, shopping transport services for the elderly.

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**Your local Councillors are always happy to take up issues on your behalf :**  
**Your local Councillors can be contacted as follows:**  
**Cllr Julia Fletcher – 020 8698 1465**

The following projects were successful in their bid from the **£10,000 Locality Fund**: installation of community notice board at various location across Downham, developing a community website, Kendale Allotment site refurbishment, Downham Way Family Church gardening project, Group for older isolated people and provision of shopping services for the elderly.

### What is happening at the meeting on 12 October

Your Assembly Co-ordinating group met on 23 September to agree the format and the agenda for this meeting. The group decided to have **Support and activities for older people**, one of the Downham Assembly priorities, as the theme for this meeting. We have invited a cross representation of organisations and groups working with elderly people in your area to the meeting, to have a discussion with local people and look at ways of addressing some of the gaps in services delivered to you.

Come and meet representatives from **Downham ageing well project, Downham over 50s club, Age Concern , Lewisham Pensioner's Forum** and many more.

There will also be an opportunity to raise other issues that matter to you.

### Future Assembly dates

- Saturday 13 February 2010, 11.00am – 1.00pm