

# Talk of the Town



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# Tree Planting & Litter Picking 2022

Throughout the months of April and May, Holland-Bukit Panjang Town celebrated SG Clean Day 2022 with tree planting and litter picking events to encourage greater personal responsibility in keeping our estates clean and green. This annual event has become even more significant over the years as we work to mitigate the effects of climate change. Residents who participated in the tree planting events shared that they were happy to contribute to enhancing their neighbourhoods.

"I am pleased that we are doing our part to future generations amid many challenges to our environment," said Mr Rajeev, who was present at the Bukit Timah tree planting event with his two kids and witnessed the planting of 20 young saplings at Block 316 Clementi Avenue 4.

More importantly, tree planting events are avenues for children to learn about the importance of green practices, and being hands-on always makes for a better learning experience.

As part of Zhenghua division's tree planting day, Greenridge Primary School

students joined Zhenghua Greenridge Residents' Committee volunteers in planting 10 Golden Gardenia tree saplings at Block 505 Jelapang Road. The enthusiastic students later went to pick litter around the estate as part of the litter picking event aimed at reinforcing the importance of keeping our estates clean.

On the other side of Holland-Bukit Panjang town, Bukit Timah division carried out its monthly "Bin It" event in celebration of SG Clean Day 2022. Residents retrieved tongs and trashbags from the 'Cleanpod' (a shed containing reusable equipment for clean-ups) before roaming Clementi Ridges & Firefly Park in search of litter that morning.

A clean & green Holland-Bukit Panjang can only happen if we work together. Join us in our green events as we aim to make our home a sustainable one for all.

*The site where six tembusu trees were planted at Block 243 Bukit Panjang Ring Road*







# APPRECIATING OUR UNSUNG HEROES

*Distributing Care Packs to Our Migrant Workers*

On 29 April 2022, Mr Liang Eng Hwa, Member of Parliament for Bukit Panjang Constituency and Chairman of Holland-Bukit Panjang Town Council, joined students from Zhenghua Primary school at Block 234 Bukit Panjang Ring Road to distribute care packs to migrant workers from the Bukit Panjang, Cashew and Zhenghua divisions.



The event was initiated by Mrs Constance Loke, Principal of Zhenghua Primary School as part of their Values-In-Action project. Adhya Jain, a student from Zhenghua Primary School, shared that he and his schoolmates spent a week collecting donations for the care packs, including canned food, snacks, and other daily necessities. They also checked the expiry dates of the donated food and wrote cards for the migrant workers.



The community hall was filled with anticipation as the students spoke to and even played games with the migrant workers. Mr Naim, one of the migrant workers from Bukit Panjang division, expressed his happiness at getting to talk to the students and being appreciated for his work.

Zhenghua division held a separate appreciation day on 20 May 2022 in conjunction with Hari Raya Puasa, where 30 cleaners were thanked with a special Hari Raya goodie bag and nasi briyani meal.

Although most of these workers present during the event may be far from their families having to be here in Singapore, such timely gestures remind them that they are not merely workers, but a part of our community as well.

You too can show your appreciation for migrant workers by taking responsibility for your living spaces so as to reduce the cleaners' workload. You can also share a simple greeting and smile whenever you see them around the estate!

***"We appreciate you for your work in cleaning the environment!"***

***- Mr Edward Chia***

***"Every morning, migrant workers wake up very early to clean the corridors and lifts, and with the COVID-19 situation, they have to do some sanitisation of our areas as well. A lot is being done and it may not be so visible to everyone. I'm happy the students have an opportunity to appreciate our workers."***

***- Mr Liang Eng Hwa***





# Together, We've Saved 30 Trees...

**... and counting!** Since the launch of the SGRecycle stations across Holland-Bukit Timah GRC & Bukit Panjang SMC in January 2022, residents have stepped up and collectively recycled over 1,738kg of paper — equivalent to the saving of 30 trees — in just three months!

Deployed islandwide as part of the PAP Action for Green Towns initiative, the machines have been massively popular because it collects

waste paper in exchange for incentives. Plus, they are conveniently placed around Holland-Bukit Panjang Town so residents never have to go far to recycle.

We can do our part to build a sustainable future by cultivating simple recycling habits. Share this with your family, friends, and neighbours and encourage them to go green with you!



## Join the Movement

- 1: Register an account with SGRecycle
- 2: Key in your mobile number registered
- 3: Dispose your paper waste
- 4: Earn rewards in your digital wallet

Download SGRecycle App on  
Apple App Store/Google Play Store



## SGRecycle Machines Near You

- Block 21 Ghim Moh Road
- Block 311C Clementi Ave 4
- Block 440 Fajar Road
- Block 524 Jelapang Road
- Block 180 Lompang Road



## What's Accepted?

Non-contaminated general waste paper, old magazines, books, and corrugated carton boxes (flattened before deposit)



## Get Rewarded

- 1 kg of waste paper deposited = 6 SGRecycle points
- 1,000 SGRecycle points allows you to redeem S\$10 (PayNow, Bank Transfer, or EZ-Link Credit Vouchers)



## ? Did you know?

Recycling paper helps to reduce greenhouse gas emissions that can contribute to climate change. It takes 70% less energy and water to recycle paper than to create new paper from trees.



# Little Garden, Big Difference

**Bukit Panjang Butterfly Garden bags their second GOLD at the Community in Bloom (CIB) 2021 Awards by the National Parks Board.**

Three years after winning their first gold award in 2018, Bukit Panjang Butterfly Garden (BPBG) and their volunteers continue to be recognised for their efforts in making the garden accessible & inclusive for all.

Butterflies — along with other pollinators including bees, moths, birds, and bats — pollinate over 75% of the world's flowering plants. Gardens like BPBG provide food, shelter, and safety that these winged species need to thrive, in turn strengthening the ecosystem and maintaining life-sustaining biodiversity in nature.

Judged based on three main criteria: 1) garden quality; 2) community engagement & inclusiveness; and 3) biodiversity & sustainability

efforts — the gold award reaffirms BPBG's commitment to improving their horticulture and outreach standards.

In fact, BPBG underwent its own mini metamorphosis in early 2021 to increase the garden's "beauty and functionality" and to blend the past with the present in "complete harmony", according to volunteer Sussie Ketit.

Located at Block 213 Petir Road, the Butterfly Garden welcomes anyone who wants to learn more about these delicate creatures. Their volunteers conduct free guided walking tours (by appointment only), so do come down with your family and friends for an educational day out.

## 3 Fun Facts about BPBG!

### Au Naturel

BPBG leaves their garden untouched as much as possible, except for some occasional replacement of plants. Allowing the plants to grow fully and freely has contributed to the biodiverse garden they have today.

### All-You-Can-Eat

The garden's "buffet table" concept provides surrounding wildlife with the habitat and food they need. This is accomplished simply by planting few nectar rich cultivars and species of plants in planterbox borders.

### Spreading the Love

BPBG volunteers have helped set up 29 other little gardens corner around Singapore. They also conducted 18 Virtual Garden Tours during COVID-19 and brought the garden to residents instead.







# Bouquets

I would like to commend the Town Council for the next-day response to my issue. The water pressure in my unit went back to normal after the plumber replaced the control rubber outside my unit. I truly appreciate it!

Ang Lian Siong,  
Zhenghua Division

I am writing to thank and commend Mr Joeherni and his team, Mr Zifat and Mr Imran, for solving two noise problems that were long overdue.

For the last 2-3 years, my wife and I were unable to sleep well due to a high-pitched aircon compressor noise vibrating throughout the night, and a strong pump vibrating noise every morning from 4.45 to 5.45 am.

Your team was proactive, persistent, and professional in handling these issues. Hence, they were able to pinpoint the noise location to resolve the problems. I appreciate their hard work in making this residential area peaceful again.

Chew Lip Teck,  
Cashew Division

I would like to compliment Ms Joy Tay for her clear explanation when she arranged for a plumber to inspect my home. Being infected my termites is no small issue and nobody knows what is behind the cabinets until it is torn down.

The Town Council did a good job and immediate attention was rendered. However, it took other agencies a longer time to respond. I hope all agencies can show more urgency or take flexible action to different circumstances.

Margaret Fong,  
Ulu Pandan Division

I'd just like to compliment the team who addressed my enquiry about the repair of a faulty button on the lift panel. The response was fast, professional, and precise. I had only submitted my email the day before and the issue was fixed shortly after.

I'm very impressed with the Holland-Bukit Panjang Town Council. I'm super happy with the efficiency and attention to detail. Everyone from the staff who corresponded with me to Mr Ong who made the repair onsite deserves praise for their efforts!

Clare Chai,  
Bukit Timah Division

I am writing in to specially compliment Mr SK Kang for his kindness and his willingness to go the extra mile to help me.

He helped me retrieve my son's drawing from Blk 203 Petir road dumping area and delivered all the way to Blk 168. This drawing means a lot to me. His willingness to render selfless help makes him an excellent role model as a Site Manager.

Mr SK Kang is a great asset to the Town Council. I am truly and sincerely touched by his responsiveness to my incident.

Joanne Chua,  
Bukit Panjang Division



# RECYCLE RIGHT WITH BLOBin!

There's recycling and  
there's recycling right!



FIND OUT WHAT  
CAN/CANNOT  
BE RECYCLED.

## 1 CHECK PERIKSA



PAPER/KERTAS



PLASTIC/PLASTIK



GLASS/KACA



METAL/LOGAM



TISSUE PAPER  
/KERTAS TISU



STYROFOAM AND FOOD-STAINED  
ITEMS/STIROFOAM DAN BEKAS  
MAKANAN YANG TERCEMAR DENGAN  
SISA MAKANAN



E-WASTE  
[VIA E-WASTE BINS]  
/SISA ELEKTRONIK  
[MELALUI TONG E-SISA]



REUSABLES  
[TO DONATE OR DISPOSE OF]  
/BARANGAN YANG BOLEH DIGUNA SEMULA  
[DIDERMAKAN ATAU DILUPUSKAN]

## 2 CLEAN BERSIH

**NO FOOD. NO LIQUIDS.  
EMPTY AND RINSE  
BEFORE RECYCLING.**

Tidak boleh membuang makanan dan cecair.  
Kosongkan dan bilas sebelum mengitar semula.

## 3 RECYCLE KITAR SEMULA

**PUT INTO THE BLUE BIN.**  
Masukkan ke dalam tong biru.



# Your Opinion Matters!

## HBPTC Residents' Satisfaction Survey 2022

Help us improve in order to serve you better! There are two ways to submit your responses:

### Door-to Door



Or

### Online



*\*Door-to-door surveys are being conducted  
by our staff members until July 2022.*

You only need to do it once via one of the methods. All responses will be kept strictly confidential.



# Clutter-Free Corridors for a Safe Estate

走廊无杂物 居住更安心

Koridor Bebas Berselerak untuk Hartanah yang Selamat

பாதுகாப்பான குடியிருப்புப் பேட்டைக்குக் குவியலற்றத் தாழ்வாரங்கள்

## Corridor Clutter Is Hazardous

Corridor clutter is a fire hazard that can lead to quicker spreads of fire. It would also make it difficult for you and your loved ones to evacuate during emergencies.

## 堆积在走廊的杂物是火灾隐患。

如果发生火患，走廊所堆积的杂物将可能加速火势蔓延，也可能阻碍您和您的家人逃生。

## Koridor Berselerak Berbahaya

Kawasan koridor berselerak bahaya kerana kebakaran boleh menyebabkan api merebak lebih cepat. Tambahan pula, ia menyukarkan anda dan orang yang anda sayangi untuk berpindah semasa waktu kecemasan.

## தாழ்வாரங்களில் குவித்து வைப்பது ஆபத்தானது

தாழ்வாரத்தில் குவித்து வைப்பது தீயை விரைவில் பரவச் செய்யும் ஆபத்தை ஏற்படுத்தும். அவசரக் காலங்களில் நீங்களும் உங்கள் குடும்பத்தாரும் வெளியேறுவதற்கு இது சிரமத்தை ஏற்படுத்தும்.



SCDF/Facebook



Fire caused by corridor clutter

走廊杂物引发的火患

Kebakaran yang disebabkan oleh koridor berselerak

தாழ்வாரத்தில் குவித்து வைப்பதனால் ஏற்பட்ட தீ விபத்துகள்

SCDF

Permitted / 允许

Dibenarkan / அனுமதிக்கப்பட்டவை



Not Permitted / 不允许

Tidak Dibenarkan / அனுமதிக்கப்படாதவை



If you spot corridor clutter, please contact us at **6766 9100** to make a report. Let's all do our parts to keep our corridors hazard free!

若您发现任何走廊堆满杂物的情况，请拨打6766 9100向我们举报。让我们携手合作，保持走廊安全通畅！

Jika anda melihat koridor berselerak, sila hubungi kami di 6766 9100 untuk membuat laporan. Mari lakukan tugas kita untuk memastikan koridor kita bebas daripada bahaya!

தாழ்வாரத்தில் குவியலைக் கண்டால் தயவுசெய்து 6766 9100 என்ற எண்ணை அழைக்கவும். ஆபத்தற்ற தாழ்வாரங்களைப் பராமரிக்க நம்மால் ஆன பங்கைச் சேர்ந்து செய்வோம்.

Have at least 1.2m of clear space for wheelchair users and emergency crew.

可通行宽度应保持至少1.2公尺，以便于轮椅和紧急救护人员通行

Mempunyai sekurang-kurangnya 1.2m ruang kosong untuk pengguna berkerusi roda dan pasukan kecemasan.

அவசரக்காலக் குழுவுக்கும் சக்கரவண்டி பயன்படுத்துவோருக்கும் குறைந்தது 1.2 மீட்டர் தடையில்லா இடைவெளி இருக்குமாறு பார்த்துக்கொள்ளவும்.