

Refuse

Recyclable Waste

Mixed recyclable waste should be placed in the 'Southwark' branded clear plastic bags. Bagged recycling will be collected every Wednesday and should be left just outside the front door either the evening before or early on the day of collection. Southwark Council will provide additional rolls of recycling bags for free, but delivery can take three or four weeks. Recycling bags can be ordered from the council website:

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/bins-and-recycling/general-household-waste/request-household-waste-bins-bags>

Other Waste

All other waste should be bagged and left in the communal bins. The communal bins are emptied by the council once a week, but bagged waste can be placed in them at any time. Your nearest communal bin is on the right out of the front door, just past the stairs (see diagram below).



Some Local Recommendations

I'm not sure if you're local to the area already but if not here are a few recommendations for places on your doorstep that I think are well worth a try. The list is very food centric (which probably says more about me than the area) but we all have to eat. You'll no doubt want to do some exploring yourself but I hope you enjoy some or all of the below suggestions and find some hidden gems nearby too.

Milkbar

There is a changing roster of savoury dishes at this tiny café but the desserts and particularly the viennoiserie are the real star. My partner and her mother are French and have given a rare seal of approval for the croissants and eclairs baked on site here. The proprietor's wife also hand bakes trays of baklava daily which are a world away from the pre-packaged equivalents you may have tried. Once you've been in you may find it quite difficult to pass without ducking in for something sweet – you've been warned!

Parklife Café

Burgess Park is well worth a walk around: the lake is lovely, there are purpose-built barbeques around it, it has tennis and table tennis courts at the Walworth Road end and the 'bridge to nowhere' and old lime kiln hint at its industrial past. In the park, a little bit back from Albany Road, is the Parklife Café. The café has been through a few iterations but the current one run by an Italian family do a good range of reasonably priced food and drinks. What's really lovely about the café is Chumleigh Gardens. Easy to miss, they have traditional Victorian Gardens: English flower garden at the front, then exotic planting garden, Moroccan garden and kitchen gardens tucked away at the back. Just as pleasant in summer as it is on a crisp winter morning.

Amigos

A very short walk down on Bagshot Street is Amigos, a Columbian Restaurant. The Columbian family that run it are lovely, always very friendly and welcoming. They serve a mix of traditional Columbian hearty plates, meaty soups, tapas and some less traditional burgers with tasty toppings. Good for a quick lunch or more of a linger over dinner with drinks.

East Street Market

As well as your usual market fare of basic fruit and veg you'll find a great range of exotic foods that reflect the diversity of cultures around Walworth. The fishmongers that line the streets will be happy to prepare the fish however you want it and always have supermarket-beating prices on fresh catch. The various minimarts also have a great variety of traditional and sometimes obscure ingredients and many of the proprietors will be happy to chat through how to use them in their traditional dishes if you find things you're not familiar with. The stalls have great deals on seasonal produce and if you go late on Saturday or Sunday they're not adverse to a little haggling if you're taking a few items at once.