

## The Last Word – Beth Dadswell

Beth Dadswell works as a local Personal Stylist, helping clients to edit & update their existing wardrobes as well as taking them shopping for new work and weekend outfits.

### What brought you here?

The parks and the schools brought us to West Dulwich 4 years ago. The area is quite family orientated and people are keen to keep their neighbourhood clean and safe which gives it a nice sense of community.

### What do you most value about the area/ street/block you live in?

That you can walk everywhere in 30 minutes. There is nothing nicer than walking through the many parks, stopping for a cup of tea then having a browse in one of the many boutiques or delis. You really don't need to get on a bus as pretty much everything is on your doorstep.

### What one thing would you change?

It would be great to have an independent cinema in the area, so I am keeping my fingers crossed that the campaign to reinstate the old cinema in Crystal Palace is successful.

### Describe your perfect weekend

A leisurely afternoon hunting out bargains in North Cross Road & the Indoor Market is a good way to spend a Saturday. And a trip to Dulwich Park followed by a film, then dinner at Pizza Express in Dulwich Village would make a nice end to the weekend!

### What is your favourite place to eat?

We can often be found crammed into the Thai Corner Café in East Dulwich. You can take your own wine and it is an inexpensive, no frills kind of place that welcomes kids. Because it is so tiny, the atmosphere is usually quite lively too.

### What's your favourite place to go for a drink?

The Crown and Greyhound in Dulwich Village is great for people watching as there is always a really interesting mix of locals and 'dates'. I shot a fashion story for The Independent there last year and the wood panelling made a beautiful backdrop.



### When I want to relax...

I garden. I love creating spaces and visit Alleyn Park Garden Centre for inspiration and advice, which has come in handy when designing the gardens in our last flat and current house.

### What is your favourite shop?

The Crystal Palace Antiques Market. At weekends it is thronging with young couples hunting out vintage and antique pieces, although you can still find a bargain if you look hard enough.

### If money was no object..

I would spend a fortune at the Mid Century Modern fair. We recently moved to a sixties townhouse and I have almost finished renovating & redecorating it, so my obsession with 50's & 60's Danish furniture knows no limit!

### My perfect holiday..

Goa in India and Koh Lanta in Thailand are both favourites, but one day I would love to spend 6 months travelling around Vietnam, Cambodia & Indonesia. My son has just started school though, so it's a bit of a fantasy now!

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