



**HENLEAZE, STOKE BISHOP AND WESTBURY-ON-TRYM NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP
(NP3)**

Westbury-on-Trym Neighbourhood Forum, 9 February 2012

Working Group Reports

Working Group for Older People

Sue Boyd is our Ward Rep on this Group and also its current Chairman.

This group was set up in June 2010 in response to £4,500 being available to our NP3 area (from BCC's Social Care Strategy) and to be spent on 'promoting the health and well-being of older people'. After consultation with many older people a great deal of information and some clear priorities emerged. Since that time a number of initiatives and activities have taken place:

'Pick me up activities' - offering help with transport and trips especially aimed at those people over 60 who have difficulty using public transport (and are perhaps feeling isolated) made a number of successful outings last year including Puxton Park, Oakham Treasures and our most recent trip in early December to Cadbury Garden Centre. This was a great trip including Christmas shopping, Christmas lunch, lots of fun and altogether a good day out! (See article in latest Bristol Nine magazine).

Our next trip is planned for Wednesday, March 7th and includes a tour around Clifton and a visit to the Mansion House to have tea and biscuits with the Lady Mayoress and to see some of Bristol's historic treasures. If you or anyone you know would like to come please contact Gay Huggins Tel.9685813 by February 17th.

The Walking Group: Set up last April and particularly aimed at people over 60, it has been very successful, with an average of 30 people completing a weekly walk to many different places

Seats: Our response to those older people who requested more seats has been to encourage a number of seats to be installed in various locations within NP3 by BCC, NP and others.

Map/Information leaflet: Yet another spin-off was the production of two maps of both Westbury-on-Trym and Henleaze, produced by the Business Associations of both WOT and Henleaze and funded from a NP Well-being grant. These focused on the available facilities and also businesses, for all residents and visitors, but particularly focusing on information for older people.

Fund raising: As the above fund is now almost finished, the Older Persons Working Group are looking at ways of seeking more funds in order to be able to continue with our present activities and also explore other ways in which we can help to promote the health and well-being of older people within Henleaze, Stoke Bishop and Westbury-on-Trym. Any ideas or offers of help are welcomed!

Database of contacts: We are continuing to work on increasing our database of those older people who might welcome and benefit from the activities of the Working Group for Older People. If you know of older people over 60 who may be interested please contact Sue Boyd Tel. 0117 9509621 or your local NP representative.

Environment Working Group

Alan Aburrow, Sue Boyd and David Mayer are the Ward Reps on this group.

The Environment Working Group has set its list of priorities for the three Wards and carried out a form of consultation at Golden Hill Open Day, and the Stoke Bishop, Westbury on Trym and Henleaze forums. Unfortunately, the Stoke Bishop consultation record seems to have gone astray but, excluding this by necessity, the priority ranking was as follows:

SPENDING PRIORITIES	SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENTS	Weighted mean score
Stoke Lodge	New play area - funding already in place	9.57
Dog bins for Stoke Lodge	Dog bins will improve the experience for all users	8.57
Canford Park	Play equipment esp. for older children (8 - 14yrs)	6.93
Seating for parks	New and improved seating across all open spaces	6.33
Canford Park	Toilets and perimeter fencing	4.91
Old Quarry Park trees	Tree pruning and thinning programme	3.63
Access to Old Quarry Park	Improve pathways and entrances at Henleaze Road/Terrace	2.65
Paths for Trymside	New and improved accessible natural paths & entrances	2.31
Old Sneed Park Nature Reserve	Bridge over sluice and small gate	2.28
Trymside Open Space (including Clack Mills)	Install natural play features for children of all ages	1.39
Badock's Wood	Boundaries, gating at Lakewood Road entrance and re-instate Victorian weirs	1.10

This is a remarkable result and clearly sets, even without Stoke Bishop returns, the two items on Stoke Lodge emerge as a top priority for **Green Spaces spending** in our NP area. The question of a Play area on Stoke Lodge is the subject of further discussion with users of Stoke Lodge regarding extent and siting, and it is agreed that John Knowlson of Bristol City Council will provide a draft proposal, and suggestions for positioning, ahead of final approval.

Thanks to Alan Preece (Stoke Bishop Elected NP Rep) for this contribution.

Communications Working Group

The ward is represented here by Sue Boyd, Alan Aburrow and David Mayer. Following the last meeting, held in late January, the group has continued to a) develop the web site and b) spread the understanding of the Neighbourhood Partnership's purpose and how the Well Being Grant process can help local groups. The next meeting is currently scheduled for 21 June.

Young Peoples Working Group

Currently not active.

Well-Being Fund Working Group

The ward is represented here by Sue Boyd, Alan Aburrow and Hilary Long. For the current financial year our ward has been granted £10,000.00 plus a small balance carried forward from last year. At the NP3 meeting on the 7 December, two further projects were authorised for our ward: (a) some new vinyl banners for the WoT Country Market and (b) a new boiler for the WoT Village Hall. In addition, a scheme for training Neighbourhood Watch coordinators was authorised, across all 3 of our NP's Wards.

The NP's Communications Group is currently reviewing whether and how recipients of grants from the Fund would be expected to acknowledge this in their literature and other publicity. The Well Being Group next meets on 8 February (ie the day before the next WoT Forum). The deadline for submitting applications to the next Meeting of the Well Being Fund is Friday 18 May. Those considering entering bids are reminded that, currently, the upper limit of any successful bid is now £3k. The Group is able to part-fund projects and expects bidders to explore appropriate alternative funding sources

Transport Working Group

Alan Aburrow is the Ward's representative on this Working Group (and is also its current Chairman). Ward Reps from Henleaze and Stoke Bishop also attended the last Working Group Meeting on 16 January.

A letter has been sent to the Service Manager for City Transport at the City Council, signed by the three Working Group Ward representatives in the NP3 Neighbourhood Partnership, supporting the joint bid by the West of England local authorities for funding from the Department for Transport, under its **Local Sustainable Transport Fund** initiative. We shall learn whether this has been successful in June.

The Meeting also received progress reports about the **Greater Bristol Bus Network** (which, in particular, affects the centre of WoT). A safety audit will be conducted throughout the GBBN route following its completion, particularly as affecting its use by cyclists. The radial route northwards from Whiteladies Road runs through our Ward and Neighbourhood Partnership. In the meanwhile, anyone with concerns over safety, or other aspects of the completed GBBN, is invited to contact Steve Riley, GBBN Project Manager, steven.riley@bristol.gov.uk or First Bus.

The remainder of the Meeting reviewed the current status of a variety of local highways issues, as summarised for WoT in the Table below. Notes of the Meeting and supporting Papers can be viewed online at www.activenp.co.uk and in the "Red Folder" held at Westbury-on-Trym library.

Highway Issues

Status	Ref No	Site	Notes
Completed	M109	Eastfield Road	Footway resurfacing
	M110	Elmlea Avenue	
	M111	Shipleigh Road	
		Passage Road	Carriageway surface dressing
		Pinewood Close	Resurfacing of lane leading to Clover Ground
Issue closed	W106	Coombe Lane junction with Woodland Grove	Survey indicated that there were no obvious parking difficulties
	W107	Clover Ground	Survey indicated that there were no obvious parking difficulties
Implementation imminent	W102	Parry's Lane	Zebra Crossing to be completed this year – near Ormerod Rd
	W103	Southfield Road junction with Westbury Road	Review of parking restrictions completed (with Public Consultation) and additional parking restrictions (“yellow lining”) will be introduced this year, after appropriate Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) have been processed
	W104	Albert Place	
	W110	Falcon Close & Southover Close	
	W111	Westbury Court Road & Fraley Road	
	W101	Passage Road junction with Greystoke Avenue	Study sanctioned for redesign proposals
	W105	Falcondale Road	Study sanctioned for review of traffic light sequencing
Pending	W112	Stoke Lane	Study sanctioned for review of parking restrictions. Consultation and implementation deferred until next financial year, 2012/13
	W116	Reedley Road junction with Briarwood	
Possible budget-dependent schemes for next financial year (2012/13)	W109	Eastfield Road near top of Waters Lane	Pavement build-outs and pedestrian crossing improvements
	W114	Chock Lane	Further improvements for pedestrian safety and to reduce traffic speeds
	W115	Great Brockeridge junction with Downs Road	Consultation for implementation of parking restrictions
	W117	Southmead Road – near Alexandra Road	Incorporate pedestrian crossing at existing central pedestrian refuge
	W118	Henbury Road (opposite No 20)	Introduce restrictions to prevent parking on the pavement
	M107	Abbey Road	Footway resurfacing schemes under review for prioritisation with other similar schemes in our Neighbourhood Partnership area
	M108	Priory Avenue	
	M112	Eastfield	
M115	Stoke Grove		