



**Westbury-on-Trym
Neighbourhood Partnership Open Forum, 23 August 2012**

Working Group Reports

Working Group for Older People

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

Thanks to our successful fund-raising - receiving a total of £3,000 (£1,000 from Quartet and £2,000 from the Co-op Community Fund) - we have been able to continue with our 'Pick Me Up Trips' especially for those older people who are housebound or have difficulty using public transport.

On 10 July 10, 41 people travelled on 3 Dial-a-Ride coaches to Weston-Super-Mare. It was a most successful day - the tide was actually in and there were bursts of sunshine throughout the day. There was much to enjoy - a stroll on the pier or a ride on the small train there, shopping in The Sovereign Shopping Centre, or just having coffee or an ice-cream on the sea front and 'people watching'!

The staff at The Winter Gardens served us an excellent 2 course lunch in the balcony area of the ballroom and treated us like royalty. If that wasn't enough, afterwards we had the option of joining the tea dance taking place in the ballroom or, more likely, watching others going through their paces - the music certainly got us all going! Everyone agreed it was a really lovely day out at the seaside!

Future Trips: Together with the older people already enjoying our trips, we are currently compiling a list of possible trips for the future. However, as our trip to **Cadbury Garden Centre** was so successful last year where we enjoyed a lovely Christmas lunch and a good opportunity to do some Christmas shopping, we have decided to repeat it this year with **a trip on Tuesday 4 December**.

List of Activities for older people: We are hoping to create a small directory of activities for older people in the Westbury-on-Trym, Henleaze and Stoke Bishop area.

Database of contacts: We are also 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.

The Working Group's next Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 24 October.

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, in order to prioritise various improvements to our parks and green spaces. These include Canford Park, Stoke Lodge, Old Quarry Park, Badock's Wood and autumn 2012/summer 2013 planting in WOT.

Funding for improvements to Canford Park, including tree planting, new fencing and play equipment for the 11 – 15 age group have been approved.

The Working Group's next Meeting is scheduled for 6 September.

Communications Working Group

The Ward is represented here by Alan Aburrow and David Mayer.

The last Communications Working Group Meeting was on 23 May, with the next meeting scheduled for 1 October. Ongoing actions include:-

1. Develop the structure and functionality of the NP3 website

A new website is being developed that is based on a more intuitive structure and hence should be easier to navigate. This site is currently being populated and developed off-line and should be available to go live, using the current website address, before the end of the year.

2. Improve the website content

Data on the current website is continuously updated, notably:-

- i. Local Community Small Grants; process, updated Application Forms, qualifying criteria etc
- ii. Reports on Working Groups activities
- iii. Notes of Open Forums

3. Spread the message of what the Neighbourhood Partnership stands for by non-electronic means

- i. Production of posters and flyers advertising meetings and events
- ii. Use of Bristol 9 magazine to advertise meetings and forthcoming events

Young Peoples Working Group - currently not active but being developed by Simon Tomlinson.

Local Community Small Grants (for Westbury on Trym)

(Previously referred to as "Well Being Grants")

2 Years, 2009/10 & 2010/11: 19 projects funded with a total spend of £22,569.00

Last year, 2011/12: 8 projects funded with a total spend of £8,310.92 (see Table, below)

1	WoT Business Association	Leaflet and map of WoT facilities	1,005.52
2	WoT Society	Plants and shrubs in front of Library	1,333.60
3	Stoke Lane Community Allotment	Clear site	596.00
4	Save Stoke Lodge Parkland	Notice Board at Stoke Lane Shops	952.80
5	Chess in Schools	Implementation	2,500.00
6	WoT Country Market	New vinyl banners	150.00
7	Bristol Neighbourhood Watch	Training of co-ordinators (share)	275.00
8	WoT Village Hall	New boiler for Hall	1,498.00
		Total	8,310.92

We are pleased to confirm that additional funds of £10,000 have been devolved from Bristol City Council for this year (2012/13). Please see web site www.activenp.co.uk for Application Forms and details of qualifying criteria, or refer questions to one of your Neighbourhood Partnership Ward Reps. The closing date for receipt of Applications for consideration at the next Small Grants Committee Meeting is 24 August (and 26 October 2012 for the next cycle).

Transport Working Group

Alan Aburrow is the Ward's representative on this Working Group (and is also its current Chairman). Ward Reps from all 3 Wards were present at the last Working Group Meeting on 26 July, together with 12 local residents and 4 Council Officers.

At the June Neighbourhood Partnership, 10 Minor Traffic Schemes were approved - across all 3 Wards. The 4 schemes approved for WoT were: (1) a **parking restriction review** and consultation for improvements along the length of **Stoke Lane**; (2) a **design study** and consultation for pavement upgrades at the top of **Waters Lane**; (3) **installation** of a line of demarcation studs in **Henbury Road** (opposite No 20) to emphasise the location of the pavement; (4) a **feasibility study** for a Zebra Crossing on **Southmead Road** (near Alexandra Road).

Bids for 11 "Infrastructure Schemes" have also been made, for funding capital works, from the Council's £1m "Invest in Bristol" package. The schemes for WoT are the capital works associated with the 3 design studies noted above (ie Stoke Lane, Waters Lane and Southmead Road) plus 5 separate schemes for improvements to the traffic lights along **Falcondale Road**. These latter schemes follow from the recommendations made in a recent Review by BCC's Traffic Signals Team. All schemes will be assessed by a panel of Highway Officers, together with all the similar applications from across the City and it is expected that all successful applications will be announced by 31 October 2012.

Further details can be found on the NP's website www.activenp.co.uk under "Working Groups - Transport".