



**Neighbourhood Partnership  
Westbury on Trym Neighbourhood Forum, 21 May 2013**

**Working Group Reports**

**1. Working Group for Older People**

This Working Group aims to promote the health, wellbeing and quality of life of older people within the NP area. Sue Boyd is our Ward Rep on this Group and is also its current Chairman.

**Pick Me Up Activities** - These focus on those older people who have mobility problems, are housebound or who have difficulty using public transport. Our next planned trip Tyntesfield in May has proved to be very popular and was in fact oversubscribed.

**North Bristol Festival of Age – Monday 1 July (10.00am to 4.00pm).** The Working Group for Older People, together with the support of LinkAge and a Local Community Grant, awarded by NP3, are putting on this **FREE event at the Bradbury Hall, Waterford Road, Henleaze.** The day is aimed at celebrating age within Westbury-on-Trym, Henleaze, Stoke Bishop and the surrounding areas in North Bristol. Although it is focused on older people, all age groups are welcome. **The Mayor of Bristol, George Ferguson, is opening the event and it will be an exciting day full of activities and a wide variety of stalls.** There will be display stands from organisations such as LinkAge, local Police Services, Centre for Sustainable Energy and Help in the Home plus representatives from many local groups including U3A with their Family History Group, Adult Education with IT, Women's Institutes, Townswomen's Guilds, and Walking for Health. There will also be demonstrations and taster sessions which will include Crafts, Ping Pong, Zumba Gold and Exercise to music. **Performances by the Soloman Theatre Company of their musical shows 'Scambuster' and 'Trickster' will also be taking place.**

**Transport:** Dial-A Ride have made a bus available to bring members to and from the event so those who require help with transport can book their place now - 0845 130 1875). **Refreshments will be available.** All are welcome, so everyone is encouraged to come and find out what is going on in our community - and have some fun as well!

**2. Young Peoples Working Group**

Currently this Group is not active but being developed by Simon Tomlinson, one of the Henleaze Ward NP Reps.

**3. Local Community Small Grants (for Westbury on Trym)**

(Previously referred to as *Well Being Grants*)

Alan Aburrow and Sue Boyd are our Ward reps for this s group

During the previous three years 2009/10, 2010/11 & 2011/12 we have funded 27 projects with a total value of £30,879.92

During the current financial year 2012/13 we have already agreed to fund a further 6 projects with a total value of £6,063.52 -see Table, at top of next page:

1	Westbury on Trym Society	Planting for Chock Lane	£1,411.52
2	Stoke Lane Shops Notice Board	Additional funds for completion	£252.00
3	Transport Working Group	Upgrade to Falcondale Road traffic lights	£2,000.00
4	Golden Hill Sports Facility	2 cricket nets - shared by 3 Wards	£1,000.00
5	Working Group for Older People	Celebrating Age event - shared by 3 Wards	£1,000.00
6	Environment Working Group	4 Community Payback sessions per Ward	£400.00
		<b>Total</b>	<b>£6,063.52</b>

Further projects were considered at the Local Community Small Grants Committee Meeting on 8 May 2013. The successful applications will be taken forward to the Neighbourhood Partnership and Committee Meeting on 17 June 2013 for approval (or rejection) by our local Councillors.

Please see web site [www.activenp.co.uk](http://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 the next round of Applications is Friday 16 August for consideration at the following Local Community Small Grants Committee Meeting on 4 September 2013.

#### 4. 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 17 April. We have been advised that there is to be a moratorium on any new minor traffic schemes across Bristol, whilst the current backlog of schemes from 2012/13 is addressed. Significant transport issues that affect the Westbury Ward, directly or indirectly, are:

**Passage Rd/Greystoke Ave junction** – a recent BCC study concluded that it was impractical to ban traffic turning in and out of Passage Road from Greystoke Avenue. An alternative improvement has been proposed to provide a larger pedestrian refuge and provide a 2-lane exit from Greystoke Avenue on to Falcondale Road. This will be progressed, subject to consultation and funding priorities.

**Greater Bristol Bus Network (GBBN)** - protests have continued about the new GBBN bus lane on the approach to the White Tree Roundabout. The topic was debated at the Full Council in January, when Council was asked to consider a Petition (sponsored by Cllr Geoff Gollop), which had collected more than 3,500 signatures. The Petition highlighted, inter alia, that *“there is a real and obvious need to scrap or redesign this particular route”*. The outcome was that Council referred the matter to the Mayor - so, watch this space! However, the main strategy advocated by the Working Group – that the bus lane should be removed completely – has not yet been adopted. Although, a short (120 metre) stretch of the bus lane has been removed, the remainder - “Kent's Folly” - appears to be retained as a “face-saver” for the Council and serves no practical purpose.

**Stoke Lane** – a parking review and consultation along the length of Stoke Lane and adjacent roads should be completed during this financial year. Implementation would be funded from a recently-awarded Local Sustainable Transport Grant (now renamed “Active Neighbourhood Transport Grant”).

**Falcondale Road Traffic Lights** – funding of £2k has recently been secured from the NP's *Small Community Grants Fund* to upgrade the communication links between the 4 sets of traffic lights. The installation programme has slipped and is now due for completion by mid-May. As a bonus, it has been possible to include some traffic cameras (at no additional cost to the NP) to further improve the traffic management through the area.

**City-wide 20mph Speed Limit.** A city-wide consultation has begun into the Council's proposals for its phased rollout of a 20mph blanket speed limit across the city. If supported, it would cover most local roads (other than those with current speed limits above 30mph or dual carriageways). The proposals are summarised in a Briefing Paper, prepared by the Transport Working Group, which should be circulated with the Agenda for the May Forum. A presentation will also be made at the May Forum by Council Officers from the 20mph Rollout Team as part of the consultation process.

Further details on all these issues can be accessed through the NP's website [www.activenp.co.uk](http://www.activenp.co.uk)

## 5. Environment Working Group

Alan Aburrow, Sue Boyd and David Mayer are the Ward Reps on this group, which last met on 24 April. At that Meeting it was agreed that the NP would fund the planting of several specimen trees in Canford Park as part of Parks' tree planting programme for 2013/14. Also, Westbury on Trym and Stoke Bishop streets have been earmarked by TreeBristol for the 2014/2015 planting season.

In anticipation that the NP's "*Green and Clean*" budget will be severely reduced in 2013/14, a successful bid was made to the NP's *Local Community Small Grants* fund to cover the cost of Community Payback sessions which will include, for example, additional litter clearance in Parks and woodland areas.

The Westbury-on-Trym Society has made a bid to the NP's *Small Community Grants Fund* for match-funding to cover the cost of replacement children's' swings in Canford Park. New fencing at Canford Park is currently being installed as a replacement for the existing "pole and wire" fencing that was well-past its best and looking very scruffy. Plans are also well-advanced for new play equipment to be installed for older children this summer.

## 6. Communications Working Group

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

The last Communications Working Group meeting was on 11 February 2013. The issues discussed included: -

- a. The procurement of pull up banners to promote the NP at future events. Action Andrew.
- b. The need for improvements to the Web Site was discussed again and Andrew was charged with raising this with the Knowle West Media Centre again.
- c. Farhan advised that he was intending to use 'Mail Chimp' a new online programme to distribute regular notices. It is claimed that this new software is more user friendly and immediate for the recipient.
- d. Alan Aburrow described how the WoT reps wanted the officers to adopt a standardised reporting format for the regular 'You Said - We Did' reports. Andrew and Farhan agreed to this.
- e. A discussion on wider communication issues was held, specifically regarding how the consultation on the 20mph rollout had so far been conducted and what this means for the HSBWOT NP which is scheduled to be the third phase of the city-wide consultation. The Reps were clear that that they want to have a discussion with officers before the consultation takes place in order to ensure their concerns are addressed prior to, rather than following, the consultation. **Action:** Andrew to arrange that a senior officer in Highways attends the NP to explain the process. **Afternote:** Highways officers attended the NP meeting on 4 March 2013.

## 7. Governance Working Group

David Mayer is our Ward rep for this group and the Group last met on Monday 15 April 2013 and reviewed: -

- a. The forthcoming election process and the associated documentation and notices to ensure compliance.
- b. The results of the NP survey of effectiveness and how the data identified processes within the NP that worked well and those that did not and hence those that should be addressed and improved.

Further information on most of these topics can be found on the NP3 website: [www.activenp.co.uk](http://www.activenp.co.uk)