



Neighbourhood Partnership Westbury on Trym Neighbourhood Forum, 4 February 2015

Working Group Reports

1. Working Group for Older People (WGOP)

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.

The AGM for this working Group was held on 18 November. The Chairman reported that WGOP had continued to achieve its priorities despite the ill health of some committee members and also family illness commitments during the past year. Currently, WGOP is active in reviewing its strategy, including its past, present and future priorities and activities.

Pick Me Up Activities The visit to Cadbury Garden Centre on 10 December was a great success. The opportunity for Christmas shopping, a festive Christmas lunch, the quiz and a calendar were very much enjoyed by all who attended - summed up by one lady – “Thank you very much indeed for the Christmas lunch celebration. It was a joy to meet old friends and acquaintances and new friends too. The scenic return trip was delightful and especially the detour to Backwell Lake”.

The next planned trip on 4 March is to have tea with The Lady Mayoress (on this occasion priority will be given to those people who have not attended this event before). If you wish to attend, please contact Gay Huggins, Tel 0117 9685813.

Local Activities Booklet The WGOP has been working with Linkage and last year produced 1,000 copies of an illustrated Booklet outlining the activities for the over 55's in Henleaze, Westbury and Stoke Bishop. The printing of this was sponsored by Wilshire Farm Foods. We are hoping to produce an updated version later this year (probably July) ready for the autumn activities.

Dementia Friendly Community The WGOP will be involved in working alongside others by helping to encourage NP3 to officially be a 'Dementia friendly community'.

Next meeting of WGOP is being held on Wednesday 25 February, at 2.00pm. Future dates for meetings are: 15 April and 20 May - all held at The Eastfield Inn, Henleaze.

The WGOP welcomes volunteers who may be willing to help with this group in any way. Please contact Val Bishop, Sue Boyd, Gay Huggins Glenise Morgan, or Wendy Hull through Andrew McGrath, Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinator, Tel 9036436.

2. Young Peoples Working Group

Currently this Group is not active but being developed by Simon Tomlinson, one of the Henleaze Ward's NP Reps. In December 2013, the Partnership received a verbal presentation about Youth Work in the NP3 area which highlighted the requirement to assess the level of need in each Ward and to increase the numbers of young people coming forward as volunteers to further its work regarding the North Area Youth Forum.

A mapping document outlining areas of need will be circulated to members of the Neighbourhood Partnership via the Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinator. The Partnership Members would also provide the Youth Team with links to known providers/organisers of youth facilities, such as church youth groups.

3. Local Community Small Grants

(Previously referred to as *Well Being Grants*)

Alan Aburrow and David Mayer are our Ward Reps for this Group.

During the previous four years, 2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13 and 2013/14, we have funded 52 projects with a total value of **£86,336.65**.

During the current financial year, 2014/15, we have agreed to fund a further 10 projects with a total value of **£14,042.00**, as detailed in the following table:

1	Friends of the Downs Avon Gorge	Publicity brochure	337.00
2	Bristol Neighbourhood Watch	New IT equipment	750.00
3	Working group for Older People	Provide 3 bus trips for older people	3,000.00
4	NP3 – Environment working group	Dog faeces/Litter bin, Clover Grnd	3,000.00
5	43 rd Bristol Scouts – Stoke Bishop	Refurbishment of WC in Scout Hut	3,000.00
6	Friends of Horfield Common	3 trees for Horfield Common	825.00
7	Stoke Bishop Ladies Choir	Purchase of sheet music	500.00
8	Sneyd Park Residents Assoc	Renovation of bus shelter	300.00
9	Westbury Park Community Assoc	History trail leaflet	250.00
10	Friends of Badock's Wood	Renovate and replace benches	2080.00
		Total £	14,042.00

Further projects were considered by the Local Community Small Grants Committee on Monday 19 January 2015 and those selected, detailed below, will be reviewed by the NP Committee on Monday 9 March 2015.

		Brought forward	14,042.00
11	Henleaze Infant School	Play equipment	900.00
12	Henleaze Society	Notice Board	1500.00
13	Henleaze Society	Defibrillator	2000.00
14	Henleaze Society	Floral displays in Henleaze	1,009.18
15	WoT Business Assoc	Heritage Trail leaflet	769.00
16	Environment Working Group	2 Street lamps on PRoW in WoT	5362.43
17	Stoke Bishop Community Assoc	Repair to external wall tiles on VH	3,000.00
18	Kewstoke Road Residents	Tree replacements	1,417.39
		Total £	30,000.00

Further projects will be considered by the Local Community Small Grants Committee on Monday 27 April 2015 (closing date for applications Friday 17 April 2015). Recommended applications will then be taken forward to the Neighbourhood Partnership and Committee Meeting on Monday 15 June 2015, for consideration and approval (or rejection) by our local Councillors.

Please see our website www.activenp.co.uk/funding/ for Application Forms and details of qualifying criteria, or refer questions to one of your NP Ward Reps.

4. Transport Working Group

The last Meeting of the Transport Working Group was held on 20 January. Alan Aburrow is the Ward's Representative on this Group (and is also its current Chairman). Due to staff shortages and a general reduction in the Council's Highway resources, several local schemes approved by the NP in June 2010 and March 2011, for implementation in 2010/11 and 2011/12 respectively, are still outstanding. The

Highways and Traffic Team has confirmed that it is their intention to complete all schemes sanctioned by the NP for delivery in 2012/13 by the end of the current (2013/14) Financial Year. Significant transport issues that affect the Westbury Ward, directly or indirectly, are:

Greater Bristol Bus Network (GBBN) - The debate has continued as to the efficacy of the GBBN bus lane on the approach to the White Tree Roundabout. At the June 2014 NP Meeting, the Area Manager (Highways Division) took an Action to produce a “draft monitoring plan” to review the current situation. The plan was subsequently circulated to NP Members for comment, prior to execution. The requisite traffic monitoring has recently been completed but we await the interpretation and presentation of the results.

Chock Lane Traffic-calming - funding for over-runnable chicanes and footway improvements was sanctioned at the March 2014 NP Meeting and the scheme is currently being progressed for completion by the end of the current financial year.

Stoke Lane Parking Review – This includes sections of adjacent roads (eg Abbey Road, Briarwood, Great Brockeridge, Lampeter Road, and Abbey Gate). Following a Public Consultation and subsequent Formal Consultation last year, the requisite Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) was “sealed” last December and the associated yellow lining is currently being progressed by the Council’s contractor.

Eastfield Road (at the top of Waters Lane) – A preliminary redesign of the junction layout has been completed by the Council’s Highway Engineers. The first phase of the proposed improvements will be the provision of dropped kerbs for a new pedestrian crossing point, near Albert Place. The second phase, to include improvements to the footway, will be subject to funding and prioritisation by the Transport WG.

Cribbs/Patchway New Neighbourhood (CPNN) – As part of BCC’s response to proposals by South Glos to redevelop the area around Filton airfield (including the provision of up to 6,000 new houses), BCC’s Highways engineers are assessing the impact on the major routes into Bristol, including the A4018 and B4056 corridors. Junctions in our area to be considered for improvements are Southmead Road/Henleaze Road/Eastfield Road; Falcondale Road/Greystoke Avenue; Falcondale Road/Westbury Road and all the light-controlled junctions on Falcondale Road. Along with many residents in north Bristol, we eagerly await any mitigation proposals.

Westbury Road Pavement-Parking - there is an issue of over-intensive parking of vehicles on this wide section of footway between Falcondale Road and Southfield Road. The Area Manager (Highways Division) has confirmed that, following a recent Stopping-Up Order from the DfT, this section of footway has been adopted as public highway. This has clarified ownership of the footway and will enable any remaining issues over pavement parking to be considered and addressed as necessary.

Additional Parking Restrictions in and around Westbury village – at the June 2014 NP Meeting, funding for additional parking restrictions was sanctioned for implementation during 2014/16, subject to a local consultation. Currently, the consultation will include Westfield Road, Shipley Road, Holmwood Gardens, Passage Road, Rosery Close, Southdown Road, Cote Lea Park, Eastfield Road and Eastfield.

Junction of Southmead Road, Henleaze Road and Eastfield Road – The Section 106 Agreement sanctioned as part of a Planning Application (14/01347/F) to redevelop the “Quarry Leaze” site (for 32 sheltered units) includes the provision of a new zebra crossing across the Henleaze Road dual carriageway, plus other “improvements” to the local bus stops. All will be subject to Public Consultation, prior to implementation.

Further details on all these transport/traffic issues (and more!) can be accessed through the NP’s website: www.activenp.co.uk/category/westbury-on-trym/

5. Environment Working Group

Alan Aburrow, Sue Boyd and David Mayer are the Ward Reps on this Group, which last met on Thursday 15 January 2015. The meeting was chaired by David Mayer and the following issues were discussed:-

- a. A Presentation by Bristol & Avon Rivers Trust promoting the need to prepare a “River Plan” for the Trym.
- b. Minutes of the previous meeting
- c. Public right of way – request for two street lights in Westbury on Trym
- d. Projects update
 - i. Sneed Park Nature Reserve
 - ii. Green Capital awards
 - iii. Tree pits in Devonshire Road
 - iv. Canford Park Entrance
 - v. Stoke Lodge Parkland Town or Village Green Application
- e. Community Payback and Clean & Green requests and update
- f. Parks update
- g. Any other business
 - i. Ward Boundary proposed changes
 - ii. Continue to update the Neighbourhood Plan Priorities Matrix
- h. **Date of next meeting:** Thursday 30 April 2015 at 2.00pm, venue TBA

To view the Notes of the meeting, follow this link to our website:

<http://www.activenp.co.uk/environment-2/>

6. Communications Working Group

The Ward is represented here by Alan Aburrow and David Mayer. The last Communications Working Group meeting was held on Monday 12 January 2015 and the issues discussed included:

- a. Ongoing actions
 - i. Upgrade/new supplier of NP3 website
 - ii. Response to Bara Mac Ruairi re NP3 involvement in RPZ and 20 mph rollout
 - iii. Press article re NP3 involvement in RPZ and 20 mph rollout
 - iv. Publicity – Dates of next Neighbourhood Forum Meetings in individual Wards to be included in the next BS9 magazine
- b. City Wide event on 7 February 2015
 - i. Attendance
 - ii. Proposals re agenda items
- c. Continuing update of Neighbourhood Plan Priorities Matrix
- d. Ongoing Chairman for the group confirmed as Helen Furber
- e. Any other business
- f. **Date of next meeting:** 21 April 2015

To view a full set of Notes, please refer to our web site:

<http://www.activenp.co.uk/communications-2/>

7. Governance Working Group

David Mayer is our Ward Rep for this Group.

The group has not needed to meet since 21 July 2014, which was fully reported in our briefing paper to the last Forum.

Further information on **all the Working Groups** can be found on the NP3 website:

www.activenp.co.uk