



## Henleaze Neighbourhood Forum Notes 3 November 2016

<b>Present</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alan Aburrow (AA), Valerie Bishop (VB), Helen Furber (HF) and David Mayer (DM) – Elected Ward Representatives for Westbury-on-Trym &amp; Henleaze</li> <li>• Geoff Gollop (GG) and Liz Radford (LR) – Councillors</li> <li>• Graham Donald (GD) - NP Vice Chair and Stephanie French (SF) - NP Tree Champion</li> <li>• Gary Brentnall (GB) – Bristol City Council (BCC) Neighbourhood Officer</li> <li>• Tristum Fussell (TF) – Police Community Support Officer (PCSO)</li> <li>• Approximately 25 members of the public</li> </ul>
<b>Apologies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Councillor Clare Campion-Smith (CCS), Richard Bramley and Audrey Indge</li> </ul>

<b>1. Introductions</b>	<p>HF welcomed everyone. She then introduced the Councillors, Ward Representatives, BCC Officer and PCSO and noted apologies given.</p>
<b>2. Police update</b>	<p><b>a) Statistics:</b> TF advised that Joanne Robertson (Beat Manager for Henleaze) was on a rest day. He then gave an update covering the last three months.</p> <p>Overall recorded crime for Henleaze rose by 1.6% in the quarter. Thefts from motor vehicles and ‘non-dwellings’ (i.e. sheds etc) increased whereas there was a reduction in the number of dwelling burglaries.</p> <p>A trend across Avon &amp; Somerset is a recent increase in ram raids.</p> <p>In response to a question, TF advised that most dwelling burglaries take place during the day whilst ram raids are when businesses are closed/ in the hours of darkness.</p> <p><b>b) “Nottingham Knockers”:</b> They are doorstep callers who target areas offering small household products for sale. These callers may claim to be ex-convicts attempting to mend their ways, however Nottingham Knockers are not part of any recognised rehabilitation scheme. TF advised that, if</p>

	<p>the police are called and they apprehend the individuals, they will take them into custody and then to court.</p> <p><b>c) Southmead Police Station:</b> The planned move to the site of the former Wayfarer public house has fallen through. It is anticipated that the current premises will close in May 2017 with the staff relocating to premises in Greystoke Avenue.</p> <p><b>d) Community Speedwatch:</b> Contact the police to arrange for any training that is required.</p>
<p><b>3. Environment</b></p>	<p><b>a) Sensory Garden:</b> Neighbourhood Partnership (NP) funds of £3,150 have been provided for two detailed design options for a sensory garden in Old Quarry Park. Local residents will be involved in the project through a consultation process.</p> <p><b>b) Flora:</b> As in previous years, The Henleaze Society has arranged for the planting of hanging baskets and flower troughs in Henleaze Road and Wellington Hill West. Financial contributions towards the costs were met by the Society with support from traders and a grant from NP funds. The Westbury Park Community Association arranged for flora in North View.</p> <p><b>c) Trees:</b> VB, confirmed that she is the Tree Champion for Henleaze; SF is the NP3 Tree Champion.</p> <p>Four trees in The Crescent, due to decay, have notification of proposed felling on them. The NP Tree Group has a 'wish list' of trees to be replaced. In the current BCC financial year, three trees in the dual carriageway by Old Quarry Park are being replaced – one of these is being paid for by a resident. Likewise, a resident of The Crescent is paying for a replacement tree.</p> <p>In response to a question, SF advised that it currently costs £295 to replace a tree (species will generally be the same). However, if a tree pit is also required the cost can rise to between £1,000 and £1,500.</p> <p>SF confirmed that it is not BCC's policy to fell healthy trees.</p> <p><b>d) Ivy:</b> Work should be undertaken shortly to remove ivy from the wall of Old Quarry Park.</p> <p><b>e) Overgrowing hedges:</b> Where hedges etc encroach on pavements and there is insufficient room for buggies and/ or wheelchairs, BCC can serve notices on residents to undertake the necessary trimming. If no action is taken, BCC can carry out the work and will invoice the householder.</p> <p><b>f) Traffic emissions:</b> A resident was concerned about a perceived lack of effort to reduce traffic emissions –</p>

	<p>especially as Bristol was European Green Capital in 2015.</p> <p><b>g) Sylvia Kelly:</b> Sylvia, who was a key person in setting up the Phoenix Hedge Preservation Group, passed away in October.</p>
<p><b>4. Transport</b></p>	<p><b>a) Henleaze Parking Review:</b> HF confirmed that at the last Transport meeting a request was made for the proposed review to start as soon as possible. It was stressed that it is important, when the consultation takes place, for residents to make their views known (“put up or shut up” as comments post the consultation will be too late). Each household will receive an envelope addressed to the occupier – there will be no personalisation.</p> <p><b>b) Bus stops/ shelters:</b> Some shelters have recently been updated in Henleaze.</p> <p>Two issues are outstanding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At Rockside Drive a new shelter has been installed but it currently lacks the real-time indicator that has been funded.</li> <li>(ii) The second issue, which will be part of the statutory consultation for the North View area (see below) is a proposal to move the bus stop in North View to the taxi rank to outside the Westbury Park pub.</li> </ul> <p><b>c) North View Statutory Consultation:</b> This is due to start on 24 November and end on 16 December.</p> <p><b>d) Traffic Choices:</b> BCC introduced an on-line process whereby residents can suggest a project which they consider to be necessary and/or helpful. The drawback is that this can bring false hope as the NP can only put forward one project a year and there are many competing bids. At the recent Transport meeting, it was agreed that to help everyone we should consider proposals at local Forums to establish the greatest need.</p> <p>Currently Henleaze residents have submitted requests for zebra crossings near Downs Park West, between Kings Drive and Phoenix Grove and in Waterford Road. After a discussion, there was no support amongst meeting participants for any of the three crossings.</p> <p><b>e) Parking enforcement operators:</b> At a Henleaze Business Association meeting, LR was asked about parking enforcement in Henleaze. She advised that, in response to her enquiry, a BCC officer wrote to her as follows:</p> <p><i>'I have checked back through our records and we've visited</i></p>

	<p><i>the two locations on different days every week, there is no set pattern. In the last six months, we have visited the locations a total of 208 times and these have all been at various times and days of the week. We do not visit any locations in Bristol on set days, they are all visited randomly'.</i></p> <p><b>f) Cribbs Causeway &amp; Patchway New Neighbourhood (CPNN):</b> The key issue going forwards in Henleaze and the surrounding area will be the impact on our roads of the 6,000 houses being built in the CPNN.</p> <p>GG gave an overview of the issues involved. Our roads are already gridlocked at peak times (pressure has increased in the last year with people driving to Henleaze to leave their cars and taking the bus to the central area or to Southmead Hospital). Parking is also more difficult which has an impact on trading in our shopping areas.</p> <p>It was announced on 3 November that South Gloucestershire Council had granted planning permission so that the Mall at Cribbs Causeway can increase in size by 50% without providing any additional parking spaces.</p> <p>An electronic petition has been started calling on the Mayor to work with South Gloucestershire Council to identify a site for and establish a Park &amp; Ride facility. 3,500 signatures are required before the petition can be presented. To access (and sign) the petition, go to:  <a href="http://epetitions.bristol.gov.uk/epetition_core/community/petition/3589">http://epetitions.bristol.gov.uk/epetition_core/community/petition/3589</a>.</p> <p>Charlotte Leslie MP will be speaking about the CPNN at The Henleaze Society's AGM on 17 November.</p> <p>In response to a question, GG advised that there are mixed views amongst residents about residents' parking zones (RPZs). For everyone who supports having a RPZ, someone else is likely to be against the proposal.</p>
<p><b>5. Older People</b></p>	<p><b>a) Booklet:</b> The NP's Working Group for Older People has decided to prepare a third edition of the popular booklet on activities in Stoke Bishop, Westbury-on-Trym &amp; Henleaze for the over 55s.</p> <p>The second edition of the booklet is available at  <a href="http://www.linkagebristol.org.uk/hub/henleaze/whats-on.aspx">http://www.linkagebristol.org.uk/hub/henleaze/whats-on.aspx</a>.</p> <p><b>b) Activities:</b> It is proposed to hold an activity in the Spring/early Summer such as an afternoon tea aimed at isolated older people in the NP.</p>

<p><b>6. Small Grants</b></p>	<p><b>a) Recent activity re NP grants:</b> In the last six months, awards have been made as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• £3,000 to St Ursula’s Parent Teacher Association for a bench and some movable play equipment</li> <li>• £500 to the North Bristol Parent Carers Support Group</li> <li>• £1,119.69 to Golden Hill Sports</li> <li>• £792.55 to the Church in Westbury Park</li> </ul> <p><b>b) Next deadline:</b> The next and final closing date for the current financial year is 5 January.</p> <p><b>c) Update:</b> A public access defibrillator will be installed outside the Henleaze United Reformed Church in November. This has been funded by a NP grant and The Henleaze Society. Details will be publicised.</p> <p><b>d) Tesco Bags of Help Fund:</b> The scheme is funded through the five pence per carrier bag levy. Three projects will be shortlisted to go forward to a public vote in each of the Tesco regions every month.</p> <p>Grants are based on the number of votes received: first place receives up to £5000, second place up to £2000 and third place up to £1000. Projects must deliver a physical environmental improvement and/or encourage use and long term sustainability of outdoor spaces. Fuller information is available at <a href="http://www.groundwork.org.uk/Sites/tescocommunityscheme/pages/Category/apply-for-a-boh-grant-tes2">http://www.groundwork.org.uk/Sites/tescocommunityscheme/pages/Category/apply-for-a-boh-grant-tes2</a></p>
<p><b>7. Planning</b></p>	<p><b>a) Characterisation:</b> Henleaze - Our Place Character Appraisal has been published and is on BCC’s website at: <a href="http://www.bristol.gov.uk/planning-and-building-regulations/character-assessments">www.bristol.gov.uk/planning-and-building-regulations/character-assessments</a>.</p> <p>A hard copy will be available in Henleaze Library by the end of November.</p> <p><b>b) Applications:</b> Only one planning application has been refused in the Henleaze area in recent months. This was for a change of use for nine parking spaces at Tesco, Golden Hill to a hand car wash and valeting operation including the installation of an office and the erection of a canopy.</p> <p>Other planning issues referred to were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Falldon Road Surgery</b> – surgery list is full at 9,000 patients so they want to expand.</li> <li>• <b>St Ursula’s</b> has satisfied the planning conditions; the new building was scheduled to open on 7 November.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>99 Devonshire Road</b>; CCS attended a meeting at the end of October. It is understood that Jeff Bishop of the Westbury Park Community Association is following up with the developer.</li> </ul>
<p><b>8. Communications</b></p>	<p><b>a) Henleaze Christmas Festival:</b> The annual Festival is taking place in and around Henleaze Road on 7 December.</p> <p><b>b) NP meetings:</b> Amongst other places, details of NP meetings are advertised in Henleaze &amp; Westbury Voice, the Westbury Park Community Newsletter and in The Henleaze Society Newsletter and on their notice boards.</p>
<p><b>9. BCC Strategy</b></p>	<p><b>a) Introduction:</b> A 125-page consultative document (Bristol City Council’s Corporate Strategy 2017/22) was issued in October to deal with over £90million of Bristol City Council cuts.</p> <p><b>b) Consultation:</b> The preamble to the document states that the Consultation is about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Priorities and the contents of the Corporate Strategy and business plans set out in the Corporate Strategy</li> <li>• An anticipated increase of 1.95% per year in Council Tax (about 55p per week for the average Band D home)</li> <li>• An additional 2% on Council Tax (also about 55p per week for the average Band D home) specifically to help fund Adult Social Care services</li> <li>• Draft proposals for around £27 million of savings</li> <li>• Capital Programme</li> </ul> <p>The Consultation closes on 5 January 2017. The following is a link to the document:  <a href="https://bristol.citizenspace.com/bristol-city-council/corporate-strategy-2017-2022/">https://bristol.citizenspace.com/bristol-city-council/corporate-strategy-2017-2022/</a></p> <p><b>c) Aspects to consider:</b> Savings must be made even if the effect on non-statutory services is unpalatable. That said, local residents need to bear in mind the possible effect on our local services – especially our libraries, open spaces and ‘lollipop staff’.</p> <p>If ‘we’ do not respond to the consultation and refer to the services we want to retain, we could lose them.</p> <p><b>d) Meet the Mayor:</b> The Mayor has arranged four meetings to answer residents’ questions. For the North, there is a meeting at Henbury School at 7pm on 15 November. Booking is essential.</p>

	<p><b>e) Local action:</b> A meeting is taking place at Westbury Village Hall on 2 December at 7pm for Henleaze and Westbury-on-Trym residents to develop a community response.</p>
<p><b>f) Other issues</b></p>	<p><b>a) Buses:</b> A resident expressed concern about the rerouting of Wessex service 505.</p> <p><b>b) Street lighting:</b> Poor lighting in some parts of Henleaze is perceived to cause safety issues and possibly adds to criminal activity.</p> <p><b>c) Ongoing assistance:</b> <u>Councillors</u> Clare Champion-Smith (cldr.clare.campion-smith@bristol.gov.uk), Geoff Gollop (cldr.geoffrey.gollop@bristol.gov.uk) and Liz Radford (cldr.liz.radford@bristol.gov.uk). <u>Ward Representatives</u> Valerie Bishop (valerie.bishop3@btinternet.com) and Helen Furber (helen.furber@blueyonder.co.uk).</p>