

::: Neighbourhood Partnership e-bulletin - Monday 19 May, 2008 :::

Dear Members, Partners and Friends

Welcome to the first ever Neighbourhood Partnership e-bulletin produced by Voscur on behalf of the ChangeUp Consortium.

Please pass this information on to anyone else in your organisation, or friends who may find it useful.

This e-bulletin is sent out on the third Monday in May, July, September, November, January and March.

If you would like to include any news or information in the Neighbourhood Partnership e-bulletin, please contact Matthew Symonds at the Voscur office on 0117 909 9949 or email: <mailto:matthew@voscur.org>

The deadline for news items you'd like to be included in the Neighbourhood Partnership e-bulletin is 5.00 pm on the following dates in 2008 - 15 May, 18 July, 12 September, 14 November. In 2009 - 16 January and 13 March.

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NEW COUNCIL CABINET MEMBER FOR NEIGHBOURHOODS

The annual general meeting of Bristol City Council has seen the re-election of a minority Labour administration. A new cabinet position has been created of Executive Member for Neighbourhoods and Involvement, including responsibility for the new Neighbourhood Partnerships. Cllr Terry Cook, councillor for Avonmouth ward will fill the new cabinet position. Terry Cook will be attending

the next Voscur assembly on 25 June. To book your place visit email <mailto:polly@voscur.org> or visit <http://www.voscur.org/networks/assemblies> for details.

For full details of the new Bristol City Council cabinet visit: <http://www.bristol.gov.uk/ccm/content/press-releases/2008/may/new-cabinet-announced.en>

::: NEWS :::

NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIPS ARE GO

14 new Neighbourhood Partnerships are being established to cover the whole of Bristol by the end of 2008. Each Neighbourhood Partnership will bring residents together with elected councillors; council officers; police; health workers and many more people who make decisions that affect your neighbourhood, so that residents can influence the decisions they make.

Voscur has produced quick guide to Bristol's new Neighbourhood Partnerships. The guide is available online at: <http://www.voscur.org/brispartnership/np>

NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIPS IN PRACTICE

Kingsweston and Avonmouth Neighbourhood Partnership helped convene a meeting between the local councillors and service providers in response to local concerns raised by the local youth forum. Issues raised included large-scale housing developments in the area and concerns about the maintenance and security in a recently redeveloped local park. As a result of successful lobbying by young people in the area Bristol City Council's Parks department has agreed additional funding for the Lawrence Weston BMX and Skate Park. For further info contact Bristol City Council community development worker Sam Parker 0117 9223029 or Emma Rigby 0117 9824963

NEW TREE FORUM BRANCHES OUT

Tree lined streets are amongst the most desirable places that people choose to live. Some parts of Bristol are very 'leafy' and others have very few street trees. A new Bristol street tree forum has been launched to help protect and promote street trees in Bristol. To find out more about the new Street tree forum visit: <http://www.bristol.gov.uk/ccm/content/Environment-Planning/Parks-and-open-spaces/bristol-street-tree-forum.en>

::: DATES OF NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP MEETINGS :::

Neighbourhood Partnership meetings are open to any resident or local group to attend. The dates of meetings coming up are:

BRISLINGTON EAST AND BRISLINGTON WEST (BRISLINGTON COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP)
Monday 2 June 2008, 7pm at Wicklea Youth and Community Centre, 281 Wick Road, Brislington, Bristol, BS4 4HR

ST GEORGE EAST AND WEST

Tuesday 3rd June 2008, 7pm at Summer Hill Methodist Church, 5 Air Balloon Road, St George, Bristol, BS5 8LB

FROME VALE, EASTVILLE AND HILLFIELDS

Monday 9 June 2008, 7pm at Vassall Centre, Gill Avenue, Fishponds, Bristol, BS16 2QQ

BEDMINSTER AND SOUTHVILLE (GREATER BEDMINSTER COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP STEERING GROUP)

Thursday 19 June 2008, for more details contact Ben Barker (GBCP secretary) on 963 3652.

Keep up to date with Neighbourhood Partnership meeting notes and dates at <http://www.voscur.org/brispartnership/np>

NOT SURE WHICH NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP YOU'RE IN?

There are 14 Neighbourhood Partnerships each one is made of 2 or 3 wards. To see a map of the Neighbourhood Partnerships and contact details for each partnership visit:

<http://www.voscur.org/brispartnership/np>

NOT SURE WHICH WARD YOU'RE IN?

Use your postcode to check the ward you live in at: <http://www.bristol.gov.uk/wardfinder>

::: CONSULTATIONS AND CAMPAIGNS :::

GIVING COMMUNITIES CONTROL OF THE MONEY

The new Neighbourhood Partnerships could be one way to give more power to local residents and community groups to influence decisions in their area. The government is consulting until 10 June 2008 on how to involve residents in 'participatory budgeting' where they help decide how and on what councils should spend their money. To read or comment on the governments Draft National Strategy visit:

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/communities/participatorybudgeting>

YOU CAN CURRENTLY INFLUENCE THE CONSULTATIONS TAKING PLACE ON:

- Eastville Park, improvements and restoration (until 28 May)
- Bristol Compact, funding and procurement guidance (until 8 June)
- Private tenants information book (until 30 June)
- Evaluating webcasting of council meetings (until 31 March 2009)
- New Tenancy satisfaction survey (until 31 March 2009)

Have your say and find out about these and many more consultations at:
<http://www.bristol.gov.uk/ccm/navigation/council-and-democracy/consultations/>

YOU CAN CURRENTLY SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING ONLINE E-PETITIONS:

- Stop the £15 charge for bulky waste collections (until 20 June)
- No incineration in Bristol (until 17 June)
- Keep Gloucester Road clean (until 30 June)
- Protect and enhance green space (until 2 June)
- Save the railway path from becoming a bus lane (until 22 Dec)

Support these and other petitions or start your own at:
<http://epetitions.bristol.gov.uk/>

YOUR VIEWS SOUGHT BY VIEWFINDER

Viewfinder is a site where using home made short films and videos you can have your say about all sorts of issues that may affect your life in Bristol. Currently on viewfinder you can give your views on 'The Big Bristol Drink Debate' at <http://www.askbristol.com/viewfinder.php>

::: LOCAL COMMUNITY DIARY AND EVENTS COMING UP :::

--- THURSDAY 22 AND 29 MAY ---

DROP IN AT EASTON COMMUNITY ALLOTMENT (11am - 4pm)
58 - 60 Gordon Road, Whitehall, Bristol, BS5. For details visit
<http://www.bristol.gov.uk/ccm/content/Leisure-Culture/Arts-Entertainment/whatson.en?XSL=eventdetail&EventId=18333&EndDate=2009-05-31&EventTypeId=71>

--- WEDNESDAY 28 MAY ---

FRIENDS OF TROOPERS HILL MEETING (7:15 - 9:00 pm)
Wesley Memorial Church Hall, Bryants Hill, St George. For more information please contact Susan or Rob on 0117 947 5037 or email <mailto:friends@troopers-hill.org.uk>

--- THURSDAY 29 MAY ---

MANOR WOODS VALLEY MAGICAL MALAGO ADVENTURE DAY (10.30am - 3.30pm)
Fun for children aged 5 - 10 years as we explore the wildlife of the River Malago. For details visit
<http://www.bristol.gov.uk/ccm/content/Leisure-Culture/Arts-Entertainment/whatson.en?XSL=eventdetail&EventId=18989&EndDate=2009-05-31&EventTypeId=71>

--- TUESDAY 17 JUNE ---

NARROWWAYS - WILDFLOWER WALK (6.30 - 8pm)

Learn all about wildflowers and insects with expert Rupert Higgins. Meet by the community garden (next to the church) on Mina Road, St Werburghs. The event is free but booking is essential. Please email <mailto:sally.oldfield@bristol.gov.uk> or call 0117 922 44 29

--- TUESDAY 24 JUNE ---

NORTHERN SLOPES WILDFLOWER WALK (6 - 7.30pm)

Expert Mary Wood will introduce you to wildflowers and other wildlife of the slopes. Meet at the Northern Slopes arch on Wedmore Vale, near the junction with Winfield Road. The event is free but booking is essential. Please email <mailto:sally.oldfield@bristol.gov.uk> or call 0119 922 44 29.

--- WEDNESDAY 25 JUNE ---

VOSCUR ASSEMBLY IN BRISTOL SOUTH (1.30-4.30pm)

At the Southville Centre, Beaulay Road, Southville for details visit <http://www.voscur.org/networks/assemblies>

--- SATURDAY 28 JUNE ---

HENBURY AND BRENTY BI-ANNUAL COMMUNITY CONFERENCE (from 09.30am)
At Wesley College, College Park Drive.

--- SATURDAY 12 JULY ---

SOUTHMEAD COMMUNITY FESTIVAL (9 - 4pm).

Contact Ian Thornley on 0117 969 5672 for more details.

FIND MORE EVENTS

To find details of events happening in you local parks and green spaces visit <http://www.bristol.gov.uk/ccm/content/Leisure-Culture/Arts-Entertainment/whats-on.en?XSL=index&EventTypeId=71&AllRecords=true>

To find more events or publicise your own in the Voscur online diary visit <http://www.voscur.org/event>

::: NOTICEBOARD :::

Talk online to people in your area

There are several online discussion groups across Bristol where you can discuss your local issues from the comfort of your own home! Why not follow one of these links and join in?

Brislington

<http://s8.invisionfree.com/BCP/>

Easton

http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/easton_bristol/

Greater Bedminster Issues Forum:

<http://forums.e-democracy.org/groups/bemmy-forum/index.html>

Hotwells and Clifton Wood

<http://www.hotwellscliftonwood.org.uk/>

Knowle West

<http://forums.e-democracy.org/groups/kw-forum/index.html>

St Werburghs

<http://www.stwerburghs.org/forums/>

::: RESOURCES AT YOUR FINGERTIPS :::

KEY DECISIONS COMING UP

You can find out what key decisions Bristol City Councils Cabinet of elected councillors will be making soon by looking at the Leaders Forward Plan online at:

<http://www.bristol.gov.uk/ccm/content/Council-Democracy/Elected-Representatives/leaders-forward-plan.en>

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Each week Bristol City Council publishes a list of all the planning applications that they receive. You can view the list at:

<http://www.bristol.gov.uk/ccm/content/Environment-Planning/Planning/weekly-lists-of-planning-applications.en>

To find out how you can have your say and influence decisions on planning applications visit:

<http://www.bristol.gov.uk/ccm/content/Environment-Planning/Planning/file-storage-items/planning-applications---your-chance-to-have-your-say.en>

::: FEEDBACK :::

We're always keen to receive feedback on Voscur services such as the Neighbourhood Partnership e-bulletin. You can send us your views by filling in the online form at <http://www.voscur.org/contact>

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