

::: Neighbourhood Partnership e-bulletin - Monday 21 July, 2008 :::

Dear Members, Partners and Friends

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Welcome to the second 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 would like to be included in the Neighbourhood Partnership e-bulletin is 5.00 pm on the following dates in 2008 - 12 September, 14 November. In 2009 - 16 January and 13 March.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP RESIDENTS FORUM

A new Neighbourhood Partnership Residents' Forum to support residents involved with their local partnerships is starting on Thursday 24 July, 6pm at the Council House, College Green. The NP Residents' Forum will help support residents involved with Neighbourhood Partnership and give residents from different NP's across the city to share their experiences and ideas.

To find out more contact Matthew Symonds on 0117 909 9949 or email: <mailto:omatthew@voscur.org> or visit <http://www.voscur.org/brispartnership/np>

::: NEWS :::

#### STATE OF BRISTOL'S NEIGHBOURHOODS REVEALED

The Crime, Economy and Education information covered by State Of the Neighbourhoods (SON) has been incorporated into 'Instant Atlas' with easy to view maps, and can be viewed by different geographic areas, for example, Neighbourhood Partnership Area or by 'priority neighbourhood area' (those that have current highest levels of deprivation, according to Indices of Deprivation 2007). The other information is on health, jobs and enterprise, road accidents and Quality of Life Survey data, most of which are available to view by geographic area.

The latest State of the Neighbourhoods (SON) data for the whole of the city is now available online on the Bristol Partnership web site:

<http://www.bristolpartnership.org/resources/data/son>

#### COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS IN EAST BRISTOL COME CLOSER TOGETHER

The two resident led boards of Community at Heart in Barton Hill and Easton Community Partnership have begun a new era of closer working to ensure local people have a stronger voice to influence high standard services that are responsive to local need. On a practical level the Partnerships will continue 'business as usual' but will be working together on more strategic projects which have an impact across the whole of the Lawrence Hill and Easton wards.

For more information email Stacy Yelland (Community at heart) on <mailto:stacy.yelland@ndcbristol.co.uk> or Janet Deverell (Easton Community Partnership) on <mailto:janet.deverell@bristol.gov.uk>

#### ST PAULS PARK WINS NATIONAL AWARD

St Paul's Park has beaten off stiff competition from around 100 parks and green spaces throughout the UK to win a prestigious national design award. The park was announced winner of the 'urban green space category' in the Local Government News Street Design Awards following a a successful £350,000 makeover. This was done in partnership with Neighbourhood Renewal and Places for People, supported by Big Lottery Fund. Adults and children from local clubs worked with the city council and St Paul's Unlimited Community Partnership to help design the park. Read more at:

<http://www.bristol.gov.uk/ccm/content/press-releases/2008/july/st-pauls-park-comes-top-in-national-design-award.en>

#### HARTCLIFFE AND WITHYWOOD GETS READY TO VOTE

Nominations are being sought for the election of resident directors to Harcliffe and Withywood Community Partnership. Nominations should be received by Friday 15 August with elections taking place between 8 - 22 September. If you live in Hartcliffe or Withywood and you are interested in standing in the election or would like to find out more you can attend information sessions on Wednesday 23 July at 10am or Wednesday 30 July at 7pm both at the @Symes

Community Building. Visit <http://www.hwcp.org.uk/> for more details.

#### NEW FORUM TO SUPPORT RESIDENTS IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIPS

The Neighbourhood Partnership Residents' Forum is launching on Thursday 24 July, 6 - 8pm to support residents involved with their local Neighbourhood Partnerships. Held at The Council House, College Green, Bristol, BS1 5TR. Find out more at <http://www.voscur.org/brispartnership/np> or call 0117 909 9949 or email Matthew Symonds: <mailto:tomatthew@voscur.org> if you like to attend.

#### NEIGHBOURHOOD LEARNING 2008 - FREE COURSES

Building on the success of the Neighbourhood Renewal Learning Plan, Voscur's new Neighbourhood Learning Programme will be running between September and December 2008. The programme aims to build on people's skills, knowledge and confidence to strengthen their influence and involvement in communities and local democracy.

The programme is free, costs such as transport and childcare will be covered. Places are reserved for people with low/no qualifications (below 4 GCSE's or equivalent). Visit <http://www.voscur.org/training/community> for more details

#### ::: 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:

##### ST GEORGE EAST AND WEST

Wednesday 23 July 2008, 7pm Community Conference at Brunel Academy, Speedwell Road, Speedwell, BRISTOL, BS15 1NU  
Contact Abdul Razak Dahir on 0117 903 6409 or email: <mailto:abdulrazak.dahir@bristol.gov.uk> for more details.

##### BRISLINGTON EAST AND BRISLINGTON WEST (BRISLINGTON COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP)

Monday 4 August 7pm at Wicklea Youth and Community Centre, 281 Wick Road, Brislington, Bristol, BS4 4HR  
Email: [mailto:info@brislington.org](mailto:mailto:info@brislington.org) for more details.

##### BEDMINSTER AND SOUTHVILLE (GREATER BEDMINSTER COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP STEERING GROUP)

Thursday 11 September, 7.30pm, contact Ben Barker (GBCP secretary) on 0117 963 3652 or email: [mailto:benbarker@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:mailto:benbarker@blueyonder.co.uk) for more details.

##### FROME VALE, EASTVILLE AND HILLFIELDS

Expected to be 18 September - Date, time and venue to be confirmed  
Contact Jo Holmes on 0117 903 6898 or email: [mailto:johanna.holmes@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:mailto:johanna.holmes@bristol.gov.uk) for more details.

##### AVONMOUTH AND KINGSWESTON

Tuesday 21 October, 7pm at Venue to be confirmed

Contact Sam Parker on 0117 9223029 or email: <mailto:tosam.parker@bristol.gov.uk> for more details.

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

NOT SURE WHICH NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP YOU ARE 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 ARE IN?

Use your postcode to check the ward you live in at:

<http://www.bristol.gov.uk/wardfinder>

::: CONSULTATIONS AND CAMPAIGNS :::

YOU CAN CURRENTLY INFLUENCE THE CONSULTATIONS TAKING PLACE ON:

- Sefton Park School (Bishopston) expansion plans (until 31 March 2009)
- Watchman Road Safety Scheme (Long Cross, Lawrence Weston and Whiteladies Road, Clifton) (until 31 July 2009)
- Residents' Parking Scheme - initial consultation (Until 1 August)
- Bristol's Rape and Sexual Assault Strategy 2008-11 (Until 21 August)
- Anti Social Behaviour Strategy 2008-11 (until 19 September)
- Developing maternity and newborn services (until 17 October)
- Evaluating webcasting of council meetings (until 31 March 2009)
- New tenancy satisfaction survey (until 31 March 2009)
- Dog Warden Service Customer Satisfaction Survey 2008/09 (Until 31 March 2009)
- Pest Control Service Customer Satisfaction Survey 2008/09 (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:

- Save the railway path from becoming a bus lane (until 25 July)
- Keep Brunel Field a Playing Field (until 25 July)
- Sefton Park School is unsuitable for expansion (until 25 July)
- Parking Permits (until 25 July)
- St Andrews wants it's street lights back (Until 31 July)

- Save Stockwood Green Primary School from Closure (until 30 August)
- Stop the Council's plans to close St George's Primary School (until 30 August)
- Stop the Council's plans to close St Pius X Primary School (until 30 August)
- Grove Woods Blackberry Hill Stapleton (Until 17 September)
- Better lighting and more police patrols on the cycle path (Until 31 December)
- Petition to add Bicycle Carriers / Bike Racks to Bus Services in Bristol, as Part of 'Cycling City' Initiative (until 31 December)
- Re-open Robin Cousins centre as a priority (until 31 December)
- No incinerator in Bristol (until 17 June 2009)
- Direct Democracy (until 1 July 2009)
- Save Summerhill infant and primary from amalgamation (until 1 July 2009)

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 :::

--- WEDNESDAY 23 JULY ---

BRISTOL NORTH POOL (GLOUCESTER ROAD) REVIEW GROUP MEETING (7.30pm).  
Café Delight, Gloucester Road, Bristol  
Email: Keith Cowling on <mailto:keith@eyehouse.info> for more details.

--- SUNDAY 27 JULY ---

COLLITERS BROOK TREK (10 - Lunchtime).  
Meet 10am in the CREATE Centre car park (Smeaton Road)  
Contact Helen Adshead on 0117 922 4331 or 07810 647041 or visit  
<http://www.bristol.gov.uk/rivers> for more details.

--- SUNDAY 27 JULY ---

CLIFTONWOOD TERRACE GARDEN WORKING PARTY (11 - 12noon).  
Help clean up formally derelict land below Cliftonwood Terrace to make a new green space for everyone to enjoy. Also on Sunday 31 August and Sunday 28 September.

Contact Hotwells & Cliftonwood Community Association on 0117 9291 8831 or email <mailto:admin@hotwellscliftonwood.org.uk> for more details.

--- TUESDAY 29 JULY ---

KNOWLE WEST SILVER SCREEN (1pm).

Over 50's Monthly Film Club with FREE film screenings at Knowle West Media Centre. Film: Mildred Pearce with Tea and Cakes served at half time. Future dates: Tuesday 12 August: Trip to The Playhouse in Weston, Tuesday 9 September: Film, Goodnight Mr Tom.

Contact Katie, Karron or Penny on 0117 903 0444 or email: <mailto:katie@kwmc.org.uk> or visit <http://www.kwmc.org.uk> for more details.

--- SATURDAY 16 AUGUST ---

BARTON HILL FUN DAY (1 5pm).

The Urban Park (behind the shops on Avonvale Road)  
Contact Community at Heart on 0117 903 9975 for more details.

--- SATURDAY 20 SEPTEMBER ---

LAWRENCE WESTON COMMUNITY CONFERENCE (9 - 2pm).

Lawrence Weston Youth Centre, Long Cross, Lawrence Weston  
Contact Sam Parker on 0117 9223029 or email: <mailto:sam.parker@bristol.gov.uk> for more details.

FIND MORE EVENTS

To find details of events happening in your 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?

Greater Bedminster Issues Forum:

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

Brislington

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

Barton Hill, the Dings, Lawrence Hill and Redfield

<http://www.ndcbristol.co.uk/forum/>

Easton

[http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/easton\\_bristol/](http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/easton_bristol/)

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/>

If you'd like to find out more about how to set up an online discussion forum in your area, you can find information at:

<http://www.bristol.gov.uk/ccm/content/Council-Democracy/Consultations/online-forums.en>

::: RESOURCES AT YOUR FINGERTIPS :::

MAKE YOUR OUTDOOR EVENT ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY

Are you planning an outdoor community event? If yes, you may find a new guide produced by the Sustainability South West useful. As well as helpful tips to reduce waste and pollution at your event the guide also has a handy checklist of things you could do to help make your event a really 'green' success.

Download the guide at <http://www.voscur.org/resources#policies>

INTERNET AND IT SUPPORT ON OFFER TO VOSCUR MEMBERS

Voscur members may qualify for some office or organisation internet and IT support. If your annual income is below £10,000 and you do not have a organisation specific email address then find out more at

<http://www.voscur.org/ictdevelopmentservices> or email <mailto:sean@voscur.org> or call Sean on 0117 9330 508. Alternatively complete this online form

<http://www.voscur.org/ICTDevelopmentServicesForm> and Voscur will contact you.

If you or your organisation are not yet a member then find out about the

benefits of Voscur memebreship here <http://www.voscur.org/about/joiningonline>

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 are 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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