

::: Neighbourhood Partnership e-bulletin - Monday 15 September, 2008 :::

Dear Members, Partners and Friends

Welcome to the third 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 14 November 2008. In 2009 - 16 January, 13 March, 15 May, 17 July and 18 September

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NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIPS GET TOGETHER

Bristol City Council is hosting an event for people involved with the new Neighbourhood Partnerships on Monday 10 November 2008 at the Council House. Full details are not yet available but will be available soon at <http://www.voscur.org/haveyoursay>

TWO NEW NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIPS LAUNCH

Two new Neighbourhood Partnerships (NP) are launching in south Bristol in October. The Filwood, Knowle and Windmill Hill NP launches on Wednesday 1 October and the Bishopsworth, Hartcliffe and Whitchurch Park NP launches on Monday 13 October. See Dates of Neighbourhood Partnership Meetings below for full details.

::: NEWS :::

NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP RESIDENTS FORUM

The next meeting of the Neighbourhood Partnership Residents' Forum supporting residents involved with their local partnership is on Tuesday 23 September, 2 - 5pm at the Council House, College Green. Cllr Terry Cook, the executive Councillor with responsibility for Neighbourhood Partnerships and Jon House the new Deputy Chief Executive of Bristol City Council will be attending the meeting to take residents' questions.

To find out more contact Matthew Symonds on 0117 909 9949 or email:

<mailto:matthew@voscur.org> or visit <http://www.voscur.org/brispartnership/np>

ELDERLY PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY

The Withywood Centre are re-launching the EPIC's (Elderly People in our Community) group at the Withywood Centre, Queens Road, Withywood for anyone who is over 50 and interested in services for older people in the area. All over 50's welcome. For more details contact Teresa Anstey on (0117) 987 8400 or email <mailto:Teresa@withywoodcentre.com>

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 strengthened their influence and involvement in communities and local democracy.

The programme is free and 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.

NEW HOUSING FORUMS LAUNCHED

Bristol City Council's Tenant Participation Unit is launching six new Housing Forums for council tenants and leaseholders. The six new forums will follow similar (but larger) boundaries to the Neighbourhood Partnership areas covering the following areas, Central, Greater Bedminster, East, South, North West and North East. For more details contact the Tenant Participation Unit on (0117) 903 9855 or email: <mailto:TPU@bristol.gov.uk> or visit: <http://www.bristol.gov.uk/ccm/content/Housing/tenant-participation/housing-forums.en>

SHARE THE HARVEST

Share the Harvest is a collaboration of community groups across Bristol coming together to celebrate this abundance of local food. Throughout September and October, and particularly to coincide with World Food Day on 16 October and National Apple Day on 21 October, community groups will be holding community food swaps and other food related events. For more details visit:

<http://www.sharetheharvest.co.uk/>

JOIN THE ZERO WASTE CHALLENGE WEEK - MONDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER - SUNDAY 5TH OCTOBER
Bristol City Council is encouraging as many people as possible to see how little you can throw away over one week. The Council are keen for people to support the week by registering to take part in the challenge. Once registered you will be sent a pack of information and ideas plus a record form for the week with the chance to win £50 worth of prizes in a prize draw by returning your form.

Contact Bristol City Council on 0117 922 3838 or email

<mailto:recycling@bristol.gov.uk> or visit www.bristol.gov.uk/recycling for more details.

NEW BRISTOL RESEARCH SHOWS MOTOR TRAFFIC IS KILLING RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITIES

Research by a student from the University of the West of England to be released later this week, has found that residents of a busy street in north Bristol have less than one quarter the number of local friends as those living on a quiet street nearby. It was found that car traffic is degrading the quality of life and the local environment, and residents want the Government to act. For more information or if you would like to invite the author, Joshua Hart, to speak at your meeting or event, contact him directly on 0753 113 4666 or <mailto:velorution@yahoo.com>

::: 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

The date of the next steering group meeting is planned for 5.30pm on Tuesday 16 September 2008 at Meadow Vale Community Centre, Meadow Vale, Bristol, BS5 7RS.

The next public meeting is planned for 7pm on Wednesday 12 November at Summerhill Methodist Church, Church Road, Bristol BS5 9HN

Contact Abdul Razak Dahir on 0117 903 6409 or email:

<mailto:abdulrazak.dahir@bristol.gov.uk> for more details.

FROME VALE, EASTVILLE AND HILLFIELDS

Thursday 18 September 2008, 7 - 9pm at the Woodward Community Resource Centre, Alexandra Park, Fishponds, Bristol, BS16 2BG.

Contact Jo Holmes on 0117 903 6898 or email:

<mailto:johanna.holmes@bristol.gov.uk> for more details.

HORFIELD AND LOCKLEAZE

Tuesday 23 Sept 2008, 7pm at Bristol Civil Service Sports Club, Filton Avenue,

Horfield, Bristol, BS7 0AT
Contact Abdul Razak Dahir on 0117 903 6409 or email:
<mailto:abdulrazak.dahir@bristol.gov.uk> for more details.

FILWOOD KNOWLE AND WINDMILL HILL
Wednesday 1 October 2008, 6.30pm - 8pm at The Park, Daventry Road, Knowle,
Bristol, BS4 1DQ
Contact Valeria Talbot on (0117) 908 4247 or email
<mailto:valerie.talbot@bristol.gov.uk> for more details.

BRISLINGTON EAST AND BRISLINGTON WEST (BRISLINGTON COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP)
Monday 6 October 2008, 7pm at Wicklea Youth and Community Centre, 281 Wick
Road, Brislington, BS4 4HR.
Contact Lorna Heaysman on (0117) 377 2653 or email
<mailto:lorna.heaysman@bristol.gov.uk> for more details.

BISHOPSWORTH, HARTCLIFFE AND WHITCHURCH PARK
Monday 13 October 2008, 7 - 9pm in the Ledbury Room at the Gatehouse Centre,
Hareclive Road, Hartcliffe, Bristol, BS13 9JN
Contact Heather Williams on (0117) 903 8044 or email
<mailto:heather.williams@hwcp.org.uk> for more details.

AVONMOUTH AND KINGSWESTON
Tuesday 21 October, 7pm at The Oasis Academy Brightstowe, Penpole Avenue,
Shirehampton, Bristol, BS11 OEB. The meeting will have a planning theme,
including development, plans for parks and the port of Bristol's plans for a
new dock at Avonmouth.
Contact Sam Parker on 0117 9223029 or email: <mailto:sam.parker@bristol.gov.uk>
for more details.

BEDMINSTER AND SOUTHVILLE (GREATER BEDMINSTER COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP STEERING
GROUP)
The next meeting will be in January 2009, date to be confirmed, 7.30pm, contact
Ben Barker (GBCP secretary) on 0117 963 3652 or email:
<mailto:benbarker@blueyonder.co.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:

- Anti Social Behaviour Strategy 2008-11 (until 19 September 2008)
- Supporting Vulnerable People in Bristol (until 30 september 2008)
- Street Trading Review (until 13 October 2008)
- Cycling City Consultation (until 15 October 2008)
- Developing maternity and newborn services (until 17 October 2008)
- Elderly Preferred Accommodation Review (until 30 October 2008)
- 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)
- Sefton Park School (Bishopston) expansion plans (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:

- Convert some roads into cycle routes (until 14 September)
- Grove Woods Blackberry Hill Stapleton (until 17 September 2008)
- Sefton Park School is unsuitable for expansion (until 21 September 2008)
- Save Stockwood Green primary school from closure (until 21 September 2008)
- A Keeper for St George's Park (until 7 October 2008)
- Say No to Park & Ride on Stapleton Allotments (until 14 October 2008)
- Save the trees in Packers Field (until 1 November 2008)
- Save the railway path from becoming a bus route (until 22 December 2008)
- Better lighting and more police patrols on the cycle path (until 31 December 2008)
- 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)
- Save the Malago greenway from development as rapid transit route (until 7 January 2009)
- 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)
- No More Noisy Leaf Blower at Blaise, Use a Rake! (until 1 August 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 'How can we encourage cycling in Bristol?' at <http://www.askbristol.com/viewfinder.php>

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

--- WEDNESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER ---

WITHYWOOD CENTRE TEA DANCE (2.30-4.30pm).

The Withywood Centre are very pleased to announce that due to the success of their Wednesday afternoon tea dances they will be continuing at least until Christmas. Everyone is very welcome to come and have a good time. Free raffle and refreshments. For more details contact Teresa Anstey on (0117) 987 8400 or email <mailto:Teresa@withywoodcentre.com>

--- SATURDAY 20 SEPTEMBER ---

LAWRENCE WESTON COMMUNITY CONFERENCE (9 - 2pm).

Lawrence Weston Youth Centre, Long Cross, Lawrence Weston.

Come along to your community conference and tell us what you think about these questions - and more, free lunch and refreshments.

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

--- SATURDAY 27 SEPTEMBER ---

In connection with the Knowle West Media Centre, Knowle West Fest - the one day festival links the themes of art, health and the environment through food.

There will be cooking demonstrations, a village show, performance area and film screenings. It is an opportunity to showcase the area's artists, gardeners, cooks and performers. For more details visit:

<http://www.kwmc.org.uk/media/files/000327.pdf>

--- SUNDAY 12 OCTOBER ---

FRIENDS OF THE RIVER AVON NEW CUT (FRANC) FAMILY FUN DAY (10.30 - 4pm).

The Create Centre, Smeaton Road, Bristol, Free event including interactive displays, live wildlife, face painting and the launch of FRANC's New Cut Treasure Hunt.

Contact John Purkis via the Southville Centre on (0117) 923 1039 or email: <mailto:johnpurkiss@talk21.com> for more details.

--- SATURDAY 18 AND SUNDAY 19 OCTOBER ---

WEST BRISTOL ARTS TRAIL

An arts trail starting from Clifton down to the SS Great Britain.

This is the first ever West Bristol Arts Trail. The catalogue will also include pretty walking routes around the area, local transport links, and a full list of all the artists taking part.

Visit <http://www.westbristolartstrail.org.uk> or call (0117) 929 1883 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/

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 :::

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/ictdevelopmentsservices> 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 is not yet a member then find out about the benefits of Voscur membership here <http://www.voscur.org/about/joiningonline>

NEW GUIDE ON HOW YOUR COUNCIL WORKS

Two national voluntary and community sector groups have published a guide to help charities and community groups get the most out of their local councils. How Your Council Works: a Handy Guide for Community Groups has been published by Urban Forum and NAVCA. The guide can be downloaded from the following websites:

Voscur: <http://www.voscur.org/brispartnership#representation>

Urban Forum: <http://www.urbanforum.org.uk/pubs/index.html>

NAVCA: <http://www.navca.org.uk/publications/council/>

KEY DECISIONS COMING UP

You can find out what key decisions Bristol City Council's 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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