

::: Neighbourhood Partnership e-bulletin – Monday 17 November, 2008 :::

Dear Members, Partners and Friends

Welcome to the fourth 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 2009 – 16 January and 13 March, 15 May, 17 July and 18 September

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VISION FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIPS SET OUT
Councillor Terry Cook, Executive Member for Neighbourhoods and Involvement, set out Bristol City Council's vision for Neighbourhood Partnerships (NP) at the NP Seminar on 10 November. If you missed it you can watch the Voscur Videocast of Terry Cook's speech here:
<http://www.voscur.org/brispartnership/np#events>,

NEW NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIPS LAUNCH

Two new Neighbourhood Partnerships (NP) will be launched in November taking the total number of partnerships up to 13.

Bishopston, Cotham and Redland Neighbourhood Partnership launch will take place on Thursday 20 November*. Cabot, Clifton & Clifton East Neighbourhood Partnership launch will take place on Tuesday 25 November*.

PARTNERSHIP LAUNCH DRAWS A CROWD!

The new Neighbourhood Partnership for Henleaze, Stoke Bishop and Westbury-on-Trym was successfully launched on Thursday 6 November. 115 people attended a packed meeting where local councillors spoke of their ambition for the partnership and a range of service providers collected issues and problems from residents and businesses as the starting point for the Partnership Action Plan. The Launch Report will be published in mid November*.

*See dates of Neighbourhood Partnerships below for full details of meetings.

::: NEWS :::

NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP RESIDENTS FORUM

The next meeting of the Neighbourhood Partnership Residents' Forum supporting residents involved with their local partnership is on Saturday 22 November 10 – 12.30pm (including lunch) at the Greenway Centre, Doncaster Road, Southmead, BS10 5PY.

The meeting will look at what is a 'Thriving Neighbourhood' in advance of the State of The City conference on 2 December and give you opportunity to question Cllr Terry Cook the Executive Councillor with responsibility for Neighbourhood Partnerships and Graham Simms the newly appointed Strategic Director for Neighbourhoods.

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>

ST GEORGE COMMUNITY CENTRE NEEDS YOUR VOTES!

Bristolians are being urged to get behind a local community centre which is bidding for a share of National Lottery cash.

Meadow Vale Community Centre in St George is among eight projects shortlisted in the South West region category of the Big Lottery Fund's 'People's Millions' which will be decided by a TV vote on November 27, 2008.

To find out more visit: <http://www.bristol.gov.uk/ccm/content/press-releases/2008/oct/city-community-centre-bids-for-big-lottery-cash.en>

DO YOU KNOW SITES SUITABLE FOR DEVELOPMENT IN BRISTOL?

Bristol City Council wants to involve you in considering how land in Bristol might be developed in the future and would like you to help them to identify land or buildings that you think could be developed or put to a different use.

This is an important opportunity to suggest land and/or buildings where change could take place. Find out more about the Site Specific allocations consultation on the Voscur website at:
<http://www.voscur.org/brispartnership#consultations%20and%20campaigns>

CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED FOR IMPROVED RAIL SERVICE

Friends Of Suburban Railways Bristol (FOSBR) have launched a post card writing campaign urging the West of England Transport Executive to include a passenger rail service on the Portishead line and the Henbury loop in the South West Regional Assembly funding bid.

The deadline for sending postcards is Friday 21 November. To find out more or to print your own postcard visit:

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

NEW BOOK SERVES UP A FEAST

A Community Cookbook was launched on 24 October 2008 to celebrate different cultures living in east Bristol. A Taste of the World from One Community features 31 recipes from 26 countries represented in the Barton Hill New Deal for Communities area as well as Easton and Whitehall. The recipes ranging from Asian pakoras to a New Zealand pavlova have all been submitted by local residents and people working in the area. The recipes have often been passed down through generations – and some have never been written down before.

To find out more and download the book visit:

http://www.ndcbristol.co.uk/?page_id=449

PILOT SCHEME BRINGS A RANGE OF IMPROVEMENTS TO BRISTOL HOME-OWNERS

Homeowners in Bristol who are struggling to maintain the condition of their property in the current financial climate are being offered a helping hand by the city council. A new scheme being launched this month will bring a range of home improvement products to private properties to ensure they are decent, warm and secure. The scheme will be piloted firstly to around 1,200 properties in Windmill Hill West and Greenbank and then will move on to other areas.

For more details visit:

<http://www.bristol.gov.uk/ccm/content/press-releases/2008/nov/pilot-scheme-brings-a-range-of-improvements-to-bristol-home-owners.en>

NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP WORKING HELPS SAVE JOBCENTRE

The Jobcentre Plus office in Shirehampton has been reprieved from closure after local people and organisations responded to the consultation, to oppose the closure.

The newly established Neighbourhood Partnership for Avonmouth and Kingsweston Wards met Rachel Jones, the District manager for Jobcentre Plus and presented her with strong reasons to rethink the proposal.

Rachel Jones has now decided to keep the Shire Jobcentre open for four days a week, from Monday to Thursday.

To find our more visit:

<http://www.shire.org.uk/shire.php?edition=442>

HOW TO BUILD STRONG COMMUNITIES IN BRISTOL? NEW RESEARCH SHOWS THE WAY

Are you trying to foster community ties in your neighbourhood? Does your street seem more isolated than ever before? Research into community cohesion carried out in Bristol has some answers as to how we can begin to rebuild our local communities. Joshua Hart, a planning researcher at UWE is available to come and present his research to Bristol community groups.

This is a valuable opportunity to hear about practical research that impacts on your neighbourhood. To find out more contact Joshua Hart by email: <mailto:velorution@yahoo.com> or phone 0753 113 4666.

SHOPS IN KNOWLE WEST GO PLASTIC BAG FREE

Two shops on Filwood Broadway - Broadbury Butchers and General Store - have stopped giving out plastic bags for a two-week trial as part of a campaign to make Knowle West a plastic bag free zone. The customers at the Butchers and General Store will now be offered four ways of carrying their shopping home:

1. Buy a cloth bag for 50p,
2. Buy a biodegradable bag made from corn starch/potato starch for 5p,
3. Re-use one of the donated second hand carrier bags found inside the shop or donate some of their old bags from home,
4. Bring their own bag, or manage without.

After the two-week trial it's hoped that other shops in the area will take on the plastic bag free challenge!

For more details visit:

<http://www.kwmc.org.uk/index.php?article=282&department=5>

NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP NEWSLETTER HELPS SPREAD THE WORD

The Neighbourhood Partnership (NP) in St George East and West has published its first newsletter to help raise awareness in the community about what the partnership has achieved so far and what it plans to do in the future. As well as containing news it also has useful contact details, dates of meetings and a column from one resident involved in the NP. To see the St George NP newsletter visit:

<http://www.voscur.org/system/files/issue+1.pdf>

BRISTOL LAUNCHES TREE SPONSORSHIP SCHEME

The new tree sponsorship scheme was designed in response to local people asking for more trees to be planted in the city. Bristol's tree sponsorship scheme launch has been timed to link in with National Tree Week, which heralds the beginning of the tree-planting season.

For more information visit: <http://www.bristol.gov.uk/ccm/content/Environment-Planning/Parks-and-open-spaces/trees-for-bristol.en?page=5>

::: DATES OF NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP MEETINGS :::

Neighbourhood Partnership meetings are open to any resident or local group to attend.

Key to meetings

SG = Steering group meeting, OM = Open Meeting L = Launch meeting

The dates of meetings coming up are:

*** EAST BRISTOL ***

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

Monday 1 December 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.

FROME VALE, EASTVILLE AND HILLFIELDS

(OM) Hillfields Ward Specific Meeting on Thurs 27 Nov, 7.00-9.00 p.m. at St Josephs Hall, Forest Road, Bristol, BS16 3QT.

(OM) Eastville Ward Specific Meeting on Thurs 11 Dec, 7.00-9.00 p.m at the Scout Hut, Gadshill Road, Eastville

(OM) Frome Vale Specific Meeting date and venue to be confirmed.

Contact Jo Holmes on (0117) 903 6898 or email <mailto:johanna.holmes@bristol.gov.uk> for more details.

ST GEORGE EAST AND WEST

(SG) Thursday 27 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.

*** NORTH BRISTOL ***

AVONMOUTH AND KINGSWESTON

(OM) Thursday 29 January, 7pm at the Oasis Academy Brightstowe, Penpole Lane, Shirehampton, Bristol, BS11 OEB. This meeting will focus on Neighbourhood Policing and anti-social behaviour.

Contact Sam Parker on (0117) 922 3029 mail:tosam.parker@bristol.gov.uk for more details.

BISHOPSTON, COTHAM AND REDLAND NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP.

(L) The launch of the Neighbourhood Partnership for Bishopston, Cotham and Redland will be on Thursday 20 November, 7pm - 9pm at North Bristol Post 16 Centre, Charnwood House, 30 Cotham Park, Bristol, BS6 6BU.

The meeting will be a joint Neighbourhood Partnership (NP) and PACT (Police and Community Together) meeting. In future, PACT meetings will be known as 'Neighbourhood Forum' meetings and be linked into the Neighbourhood Partnership.

Contact Jo Holmes on (0117) 903 9797 or email <mailto:johanna.holmes@bristol.gov.uk> for more details.

CABOT, CLIFTON AND CLIFTON EAST

(L) The launch of the Cabot, Clifton & Clifton East Neighbourhood Partnership will take place on Tuesday 25 November 2008 at The Council House, College Green, Bristol, BS1 5TR from 6.30pm to 8.30pm.

Contact Ariaif Hussain on (0117) 922318 or email <mailto:ariaf.hussain@bristol.gov.uk> for more details.

HENBURY AND SOUTHMEAD

(OM) Thursday 11 December, 7pm venue to be confirmed. This meeting will focus on Neighbourhood Policing.

Contact Sam Parker on (0117) 922 3029 or email <mailto:sam.parker@bristol.gov.uk> for more details.

HENLEAZE, STOKE BISHOP AND WESTBURY ON TRYM

(SG) Wednesday 10 December, 7 - 8.30pm at The Committee Room, Westbury-on-Trym Village Hall, Eastfield Road, Westbury on Trym, Bristol BS9 4AG.

Contact Jayne Anstis on (0117) 903 6442 or email: <mailto:Jayne.Anstis@bristol.gov.uk>

HORFIELD AND LOCKLEAZE

(SG) Tuesday 18 November 2008, 7.30pm, at the Civil Service Club, Filton Avenue, BS7 0AT. Contact Abdul Razak Dahir on (0117) 903 6409 or email <mailto:abdulrazak.dahir@bristol.gov.uk> for more details.

*** SOUTH BRISTOL ***

BEDMINSTER AND SOUTHVILLE (GREATER BEDMINSTER COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP)

(SG) Tuesday 20 January 2009, 7pm, 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>

BISHOPSWORTH, HARTCLIFFE AND WHITCHURCH PARK

The date of the next meeting will be confirmed shortly. Contact Heather Williams on (0117) 903 8044 or email <mailto:heather.williams@hwcp.org.uk> for more details.

FILWOOD KNOWLE AND WINDMILL HILL

(SG) Tuesday 25 November 2008, 6 – 8pm at Bristol South End, Off St Johns Lane, Bristol, BS3 5AZ

Contact Valeria Talbot on (0117) 908 4247 or email <mailto:valerie.talbot@bristol.gov.uk> for more details.

HENGROVE AND STOCKWOOD

(SG) The date of the next meeting will be confirmed shortly.

Contact Ariaif Hussain on (0117) 903 6825 or email <mailto:ariaf.hussain@bristol.gov.uk> for more details.

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:

- 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:

- Say No to Park & Ride on Stapleton Allotments (until 28 Nov 2008)
- KEEP 'CASUALTY' IN BRISTOL (until 1 December 2008)
- Scrap Prince Street Swing-bridge Closure Plan (until 1 Dec 2008)
- Save the railway path from becoming a bus route (until 22 December 2008)
- Lets get Community Facilities in Manor Farm (until 23 Dec 2008)
- Better lighting and more police patrols on the cycle path (until 31 December 2008)
- Parking review for roads around Southmead Hospital (until 31 Dec 2008)
- Petition to add Bicycle Carriers / Bike Racks to Bus Services in Bristol, as Part of 'Cycling City' Initiative (until 31 Dec 2008)
- Re-open Robin Cousins centre as a priority (until 31 Dec 2008)
- Save Ashton Vale Fields from further damage or future development (until 31 Dec 2008)
- Support tram based Rapid Transit for Bristol (until 31 Dec 2008)
- Save the Malago greenway from development as rapid transit route (until 7 Jan 2009)
- Bring the Football World Cup to Bristol! (until 10 Feb 2009)
- New Bristol cyclepath across M32 motorway (until 1 Mar 2009)
- Hands Off Shirehampton schools (until 12 Mar 2009)
- Improve cycling and pedestrian routes from Totterdown to Temple Meads (until 31 Mar 2009)
- Save Newquay Rd playing fields (until 23 May)
- 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)
- A public transport hub at Temple Meads (until 29 Oct 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 you can use home made short films and videos to 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 :::

--- MONDAY 24 NOVEMBER ---

JOINT QUARTERLY TENNANTS FORUM

Are you bothered by anti social behaviour?

Come along to the new Joint Quarterly Tenants Forum

2.00 pm - 4.00 pm at the Council House, College Green, Bristol, BS1

To make sure of your place contact Tenant Participation Unit

For more information call Liz or Joe on (0117) 903 9855 or Email:

TPU@bristol.gov.uk

--- WEDNESDAY 26 NOVEMBER ---

NATIONAL TREE WEEK, COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING EVENT

10am Little Cross House, Phipps St (off Greenway Bush Lane), Southville

For more information visit: <http://www.bristol.gov.uk/ccm/content/Environment-Planning/Parks-and-open-spaces/trees-for-bristol.en?page=17#internalSection17>

--- THURSDAY 27 NOVEMBER ---

Brislington Conservation and History Society meeting

St Cuthbert's Church Crypt, Sandy Park Road, Brislington, Bristol, BS4 3PG

2.00pm Topic "Wartime Radio Broadcasting" talk by John

NATIONAL TREE WEEK, COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING EVENT

10am Willmott Park, Hartcliffe

For more information visit: <http://www.bristol.gov.uk/ccm/content/Environment-Planning/Parks-and-open-spaces/trees-for-bristol.en?page=17#internalSection17>

--- FRIDAY 28 NOVEMBER ---

National Tree Week, community tree planting event

10 am Blaise Castle Estate, Henbury

For more information visit: <http://www.bristol.gov.uk/ccm/content/Environment-Planning/Parks-and-open-spaces/trees-for-bristol.en?page=17#internalSection17>

--- SUNDAY 30 NOVEMBER ---

BUTTERFLY JUNCTION MAINTENANCE WORKING PARTY

Help cut back brambles and other invasive plants at Butterfly Junction (adjacent to the CREATE Centre car park) in order to protect the rough grass upon which several butterflies breed. Meet there at 10.00am. Wear strong shoes and warm clothing. Bring gloves and tools if you have them. Free coffee and cake afterwards! For more details contact John Purkiss at: <mailto:johnpurkiss@talk21.com>

EXPLORE-AT-BRISTOL OPEN DAY

FREE entry all day! Click the following link for a poster about the event http://www.at-bristol.org.uk/Media/Explore_Open_Day.pdf
FREE entry includes access to hundreds of amazing hands-on exhibits - walk through a tornado, star in your own TV show, play virtual volleyball and even freeze your own shadow to the wall! Access to the following fantastic exhibitions: Eye for Colour, BIG BANG!, In the Jungle is also free.

--- TUESDAY 27 January 2009 ---

NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP RESIDENTS FORUM

6 - 8pm, The Council House, College Green, Bristol
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>

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://forums.e-democracy.org/groups/bristol-bris/>

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 :::

EQUALITIES TOOLKIT FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIPS

Voscur are developing a toolkit to help Neighbourhood Partnerships ensure they engage with people from all the equalities communities in their neighbourhood. To find out more contact Ruth Pitter by email to <mailto:ruth@voscur.org>

Find out more about Voscur's equalities work at:

<http://www.voscur.org/equalities>

WHAT CAN VOSCUR DO FOR YOUR GROUP?

Voscur works to support voluntary and community action in Bristol. Find out how we could help you at the 'Introduction to Voscur for small and new groups' event being held on Tuesday 9 December 10am – 12noon, followed by a networking lunch at Windmill Hill City Farm, Philips Street, Bedminster, BS3 4EA. To book your place please email <mailto:polly@voscur.org>

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 909 9949. 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 membership 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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