

Speedwell Pride Project (SPP)

Despite the dreadful weather conditions including ferocious wind and rain on Saturday the 6th June 2009 13 brave young people from the Speedwell area, came out and worked really hard alongside Grounds 4 Change workers to improve the landscape located at the corner of where Meadow Vale and Thomas Pring Walk meet. We have now secured more funds to do community art in the same location.



Hanging flower baskets have been placed around the shopping areas and along the Brunel Academy School on Speedwell Rd giving the area a better outlook.

Preparation for the **Community Fun Day on Saturday 8th August 2009** is going well. The purpose of this is to celebrate and promote a better neighbourhood in the Speedwell area and share a sense of pride in our community. Some of the attractions to look forward to include:

- Ballpond
- Shoot & Score
- Balloons
- Pillow Bash
- 5 a side Football tournament against the police
- Obstacle Course
- Bungee Run
- Lucky Dip Stall
- Jungle Bouncy Castle
- Raffle Stall
- Super Slide
- Surf simulator
- Gladiator Duel
- + much more



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Action Plan Priorities

Producing and managing an Action Plan for the area is one of the key roles of the steering group. The second issue of the Partnership Times described who the steering group members are and what they do. If you missed the second issue of the Partnership Times please visit <http://www.troopers-hill.org.uk/StGeorgeNP> to download your own copy or contact Abdul Razak Dahir on 0117 903 6409.

The area Action Plan is made up of issues expressed and prioritised by local residents at the Open Public Meetings. At the moment the following themes are the main headings for our area Action Plan:

- Community Facilities & Young People
- Traffic and Transport
- Crime and Safety
- Environmental improvements

In this section of the newsletter we will report to you the progress we are making in taking forward the Action Plan priorities:

Facilities for young people:

During the school half term youth services along with local residents engaged young people to take part in a landscape project at the corner of where Meadow Vale and Thomas Pring Walk meet. Despite the rain there was a good turn out.

We have also managed to secure a further £2,500 to partly carry on with this project and also to improve the ruined shelter in St George Park.

St George Neighbourhood Partnership is helping to establish the Locality Partnership Executive for east side of Bristol, which includes St George along with Eastville, Hillfields and Frome Vale. The aim of this newly established partnership is to tackle issues relating to young people in a holistic approach. Locality Partnership Executive is made up of key agencies delivering services

for young people in the area. For the 2009/10 financial year the Locality Partnership Executive allocated £16,300 for Targeted Positive Activities (TPA). We believe this is not enough to tackle all of the concerns expressed by local residents, however, we see this as a starting point.

St George NP hopes to work with the Locality Partnership Executive to ensure that priorities identified by local residents in St George relating to young people are dealt with effectively.

To enable us to do this we would like to invite any organisation working with young people in St George to get in contact with us so we can map current provision for young people in the area.

Traffic & Transport:

We recognise many residents across the St George area are concerned about people speeding in their neighbourhoods. This was voted as a top priority in Troopers Hill and Speedwell areas. We are liaising with the Traffic and Transport team from the Council and the Police. However, due to limited resources and the scale of the problem when compared to other parts of the city, the kind of traffic calming measures we would like to see in the area are not going to take place within this financial year.

For this reason the steering group would like to be proactive in dealing with this issue. We are therefore looking for a group of local resident volunteers who would like to take part in a scheme aimed at reducing speeding in St George. Volunteers will be trained using speed guns or similar devices and would be asked to go with other volunteers and PCSOs to carryout speed reduction checks targeting "hot spot" areas. If you are supportive of this idea or would like to take part, please get in touch by either calling Abdul Razak Dahir on 0117 903 6409 or e-mail him abdulrazak.dahir@bristol.gov.uk

ensuring that local people are given a voice in saying what the priorities are for their area.

I moved to St George 11 years ago and think it is a great place to live, with access to the Green Flag award winning local nature reserve, Troopers Hill, St George's Park, Magpie Bottom and the walks along the Avon. My particular aim in joining the steering group was to help ensure local priorities raised about St George's green spaces were addressed. Neighbourhood Partnerships are a good way for local people set their priorities for their local services. This newsletter was created in response to the priorities set at the very first public meeting in November 2007. You can achieve more as a group than as an individual and the St George Neighbourhood Partnership is an effective means for local groups and individuals to join together to achieve their goals together with Bristol Council officers. I would encourage you to attend a steering group meeting to see how it operates and consider whether you would like to both contribute and benefit as a steering group member. Do contact Abdulrazak Dahir for steering group meeting dates and venues. I would also be happy to be contacted for an insider's view by email to HYPERLINK "mailto:chair@troopers-hill.org.uk" chair@troopers-hill.org.uk or contact Abdulrazak for my phone number

We would like to hear your views about any of the issues discussed in this newsletter. Please send your views to Abdul Razak Dahir 0117 9036409 abdulrazak.dahir@bristol.gov.uk

Some useful contact details		
Bristol City Council		
Department	Contacts	
General enquiries including Street lighting	www.bristol.gov.uk/a2b	0117 922 2100
Removal of rubbish/ fly tipping/ household waste	www.bristol.gov.uk/flytipping	0117 922 2100
The Pest Control & Dog Warden Service	dog.warden@bristol.gov.uk	0117 922 2500
	pest.control@bristol.gov.uk	
	www.bristol.gov.uk/pestcontrol	
Anti-social behaviour	www.bristol.gov.uk/asb	0845 605 2222

Police		
Bristol East South Neighbourhood Team		
Area	Name	Contact
Bristol East South	PS 2665	0117 9529529
	Darren Warr	0791 9538882
St George West (Speedwell/ Whitehall) Beat	Main Office	0117 9529533
	PC 2912	0791 9628303
	Rachel Caithness	
	PCSO 7724	
St George East (Two Mile Hill) Beat	Casper Harvey	0782 4519237
	PCSO 6995	0776 8970970
	Michelle Green	
St George South East / South West Beat	Main Office	0117 9529519
	PC 1978	0776 7827613
	Huw Williams	
St George's South East / South West Beat	PCSO 8397	0776 9551551
	Victoria Shields	
	Main Office	0117 9529534
	PC 682	0791 9628304
	Peter Crawford	
PCSO 7047	0782 4519236	
Richard Mathias		
PCSO 7094	0782 5103277	
Geoff Siddorn		
Crime stoppers		0800 555 111
In the case of an EMERGENCY you should always dial 999		
visit: www.avonandsomerset.police.uk		



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St George Neighbourhood Partnership AGM

Our first Annual General meeting was held on Wednesday 25th March 2009 at St Aidan's Church, Fir Tree Lane. The turn out was great and residents participated in all of the activities organised on the day. New priorities were identified and these are listed in page number 3.

We would like to congratulate Ron Stone, who was re-elected as the chair for St George Neighbourhood Partnership and Grenville Johnson, who was elected as the new Vice Chair. Susan Acton-Campbell was elected to take the post of Treasurer and had later stepped down on personal grounds. As things are at the moment the Secretary and Treasurer positions are still vacant and if you are interested in any of these, please contact Abdul Razak Dahir on 0117 9036409.

Along with the new management committee members we would like to take this opportunity to welcome to the steering group Martin Pewsey, Clare Willott, Kim Warren and last but



not least Fran Stewart, who has re-joined the partnership after taking a break. The partnership is now looking at what has been achieved so far, any lessons we can and ways to improve how we serve the people of St George. We hope you, too, can join us to make St George a better place to live, play and work in.

Express your view!

In this section we usually invite both local residents and agency representatives to express their views about the Neighbourhood Partnership. In this issue we have invited Susan Acton-Campbell to express her view about the Neighbourhood Partnership

My name is Susan Acton-Campbell. I

have thoroughly enjoyed 16 months on the St George Neighbourhood Partnership steering group. I would recommend it to anyone else interested in how



local services are provided to St George and

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St George - What's On!

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Volunteers are needed from our community to help restore and re-paint all 55 benches and the pavilion shelter in St George Park.

27-31st July

Free community party at Rose Green Cricket Club for volunteers*

For more info or to register call 9513520 or visit www.croftsend.org

ST.GEORGE COMMUNITY CENTRE

- Activities for**
 Senior Citizens' Coffee Morning
 Time for Tots toddler group
 Time for Tots toddler group
 Craft Group
 Samba dance
 Bristol School of Tai-chi
 Choreographed Drumming
 Bristol Twins and More
 Jolly Tots singing group
 + **Much more**

Dance School every Wednesday & Saturday

Choreographed Drumming every Monday & Thursday

Yoga every Monday & Tuesday

For more information visit our website or contact

www.stgeorgecc.co.uk
 0117 9411882
 0775 7319582
stgeorgecc@hotmail.com

Our next Open Public meeting is at Hillside Court Batten Rd St George Bristol BS5 8NL

On Wednesday 15th July 2009 7pm to 9pm

Remember to come along!

The Stagelights

We are a Theatre Club that caters for everyone from the age of 4 to 100+. We produce 3 main plays/variety shows each year and a few other 1 night shows at various times. We stage them at Wesley Memorial Church Hall or Emersons Green Village Hall. For further information contact:

Mark on:
 0117 9606192

Or contact John Hicks on 0117 9477413
 If you want to join the theatre club as an actor or helper

Dracular: The Musical? On 2nd, 3rd & 4th of October

Contact Rob/Susan 0117 9475037
 Or Visit: www.troopers-hill.org.uk

Friends of Troopers Hill 2009 Programme

Date	Activities	Time
Sun 12th July	Tai Chi on the Hill	10:00 am
Tue 14th July	Meeting	7:15 pm
Sun 26th July	Tai Chi on the Hill	10:00 am
Sat 1st August	Work Party	10:00 am
Sun 2nd August	Tai Chi on the Hill	10:00 am
Sat 8th August	Family Fun Picnic	3:00 pm
Sun 9th August	Tai Chi on the Hill	10:00 am
Sat 5th Sept	Work Party	10:00 am
Sun 6th Sept	History Walk	10:30 am
Wed 9th Sept	Meeting	7:15 pm

Youth Activities

For the Youth Bus contact:
 Avon Youth Association on 01454868371
 For Judo sessions contact:
 Sarah on 0770 3469000

Harry Crook Centre		
Day	Activities	Time
Monday	After School Club	3:15 - 5:45
	Judo Club	7:00-9:30pm
Tuesday	After School Club	3:15 - 5:45
Wednesday	After School Club	3:15 - 5:45
	Judo Club	7:00-9:30pm
Thursday	After School Club	3:15 - 5:45
Friday	Football training U12s	6:15-8:15pm

For more information contact:
 Gary on: 0117 9656948 / 0797 1686946
 Or email: hcyac@dsl.pipex.com

Activities Available in Speedwell			
Date	Venue	Time	Age
Tuesdays Youth Bus	Bookers Cash & Carry	7:00-9:30pm	13-19 Years
Wednesdays Judo Sessions	Brunel Academy Speedwell Rd Bristol, BS5	6:00-7:00pm	5-7 Years
		7:00-8:00pm	8-13 Years

Kingsway Youth Centre		
Day	Activities	Time
Monday	General activities	7:00-9:30pm
Wednesday	General activities	7:00-9:30pm

For more information contact:
 Mary Hastings on: 0785 5222320
 Or email: mary.hastings@bristol.gov.uk

Extended School Football Coaching Sessions			
Date	Venue	Time	Age
Mondays	Brunel Academy Speedwell Rd Bristol, BS5	6:00-6:55pm	8-11 years
Tuesdays		5:30-6:25pm	5-7 years

No need to book, just turn up! Each session is £3
 Coaches available are FA registered, CRB checked & First Aid trained.

For more information contact:
 Sarah on 0770 3469000

*limited numbers. 'Bench Aid' is organised by Crofts End Church, part of the Bristol City Mission Society. Reg Charity no. 252282

St. George has its own award - winning garden that is open to the public!

The garden has been featured on B.B.C televisions' 'Gardeners World' and in numerous magazines and national newspapers.

The garden at 28 Kensington Road, St. George, Bristol. BS5 7NB is open during the summer months by appointment.

It is also open for the National Gardens Scheme on SUNDAYS 12TH, 19TH & 26TH JULY 1PM-5PM Admission Adults £3.50 Children free.



ngs gardens open for charity

Telephone 0117 9496788 or email: victorianhouse@blueyonder.co.uk

To book an appointment. Visit our garden website:

www.victorianhousegarden.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk

HML Cup Final - Under 10's Nicholas Wanderers vs. Avon Athletic

Despite the lack of provision for young people in the area, there is a lot to celebrate about the achievements of young people in St George. We are pleased to share the success story of Nicholas Wanderers Junior Club in this issue.



The first game saw Nicholas Wanderers go 1-0 down after a swift move from Avon Athletic caught them unawares. Wanderers were swift to respond with Joe Han-Hauser's cross to Ethan Platts who cut in from the right wing and unleashed an unstoppable shot into the top right hand corner. Wanderers remained in command with solid defence from Jared Ford and Jordan Gilbert helping Owen Woodsworth keep the ball out of the net. The midfield saw good runs from Sami Karahan, Xavier Nicastro and Jaydon Liddiatt but they were thwarted by the solid performance of the Avon Athletic defence and especially the goalkeeper who kept them in the game. Even a superb Jordan Connolly cross could not penetrate the Avon Athletic defence.

The second game saw more Nicholas Wanderers dominance and a valiant defence from Avon Athletic. A quick break away from Avon Athletic almost proved costly for Wanderers but keeper Sean Marvin pulled out a superb fingertip save to keep the score level. Wanderers pushed on playing fluid, passing football and, after several shots on goal saved by the Avon Athletic keeper, their persistence paid off with a great goal from Callum Fudgell driven into the corner to the left of the keeper. A second goal came five minutes later with James Morton setting up another fantastic opportunity for Callum Fudgell to make it 2-0. Great defensive play from Terry Wise, Jack Josham



Well done Team!

and Ryan Young kept the back solid; Jack Staples commanded the midfield as captain driving the ball forwards to Sam Delve & Sam Coole up front.

Well done to both sides who provided the supporters with a fantastic day and a game that was played in the right spirit by two well matched teams, but Nicholas Wanderers proved slightly the stronger on the day. Wanderers only disappointment was that their top goal scorer Kwyn Gilbert, who helped them to the final, was on holiday and not there to share in the celebrations.

Action Plan Priorities

Crime and safety:

At our last open public meeting local residents identified motorist speeding on Trooper Hill Road as a top priority.

Our local Neighbourhood Police Team are working with the Police Traffic Unit to carry out speed checks. So far no excessive speeds were identified. We will keep you posted of any progress.

Environmental improvements:

With the help of the Street Scene team we have cleared up eyesore bulky items from residents' front gardens. In total 5.2 tons of bulky item waste and a further 2 full skips of rubbish were collected under this scheme from Speedwell area. We have also put up flower baskets in front of shops in Maldowers Lane, Speedwell Road and at the roundabout where Speedwell Rd ends.



Concerns expressed by local residents about street cleansing times in conjunction with collection have been passed on to Bristol City Council Street Scene and SITA. We have been told this issue will be considered when renewing Street Cleaning contract with SITA. In the meantime Street cleansing in Speedwell area will take place Thursdays.

Finally the long awaited recycling plastic bottle bank has now been placed at the side of Meadow Vale Community Centre.



If you are interested to take part in the Steering group panel as an independent or member of a local community organisation we would like to hear from you. Please contact Abdul Razak Dahir 0117 9036409 abdulrazak.dahir@bristol.gov.uk

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Hillside Court welcomes all visitors from our local community to join our activities:

- **COFFEE MORNING - Tuesday at 10:30am**
- **QUIZ NIGHT - Thursday at 7:00pm**
- **BINGO - Friday at 2:30pm**
- **Monthly CHURCH SERVICE (The first Tuesday of the month starting at 2:30pm)**
- **Coming soon GENTLE ARMCHAIR EXERCISE sessions**

Hillside Court also boasts a restaurant, hairdresser, massage/holistic therapies and regular visits from the chiropodist available to any member of the local community, with full disabled access.

Are you looking for a venue to hold a course or meeting, this could be just the place. Please contact the office by phone on 0370 192 4071 or in person Monday – Friday 09:00am – 5:00pm for further information.

Hillside Court
Batten Road
St George
Bristol
BS5 8NL



Struggling to make ends meet?

Need help to budget?



Money matters is a St George based community project providing **FREE** confidential budgeting advice through our team of Personal Budget Coaches



For more information contact Lynn by phone or text: **07977 533315** or e-mail:

moneymatters@croftsend.org

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