



c/o Southville Centre, Beaufey Road, Bristol, BS3 1QG

Agenda Item 11

To the Chairs of Neighbourhood Partnerships across Bristol

Dear Chair,

This is an invitation to talk to us.

The Greater Bedminster Community Partnership is developing a network of green walkways across Southville and Bedminster wards. We are aiming for 30 miles by the end of 2015. We will be encouraging local people to remove clutter from the streets and add more planting, community gardens and art work. We will seek to improve signage, add seats and other features.

We think that this will benefit all residents, but especially older people who often find our streets intimidating and difficult and children who, compared to earlier times, are often not allowed to venture into their own community unescorted.

Many of our ideas are drawn from other cities, but we are also aware of the **Walking Strategy for Bristol: Our Vision for 2011-21**.

A network in two wards may be a good start, but we need a city-wide network. In particular, GBCP wants its network to extend into the NPs next to us, ie Dundry View; Filwood, Knowle & Windmill Hill; Ashley, Easton & Lawrence Hill and Cabot, Clifton & Clifton East. But, we are also very interested in ideas that may be brewing in other NPs.

Please get back to us if you are interested in discussing how we might progress with a city-wide network of green walkways and let us know if you have already embarked on a similar programme. We'd love to pinch your ideas (sorry, learn from your experience).

Attached is **Our Great Street Check List** which, we hope, will shortly be adopted by our management board. We are already inviting residents to mark their street against this. As you would imagine, many streets already score highly, but some have a long way to go.

Responses, please, to the GBCP Secretary on benbarker@blueyonder.co.uk

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours etc,

Stef Brammar and Matthew Symonds,
Co-Chairs of GBCP.

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The 10 points below have been consulted on across the Greater Bedminster Community Partnership. That consultation will continue and a final version (we are pretty close) will go to the partnership meeting on September 22 2014 for adoption.

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Our Great Street Check List

1. Most people know most people, at least to nod and smile to, and residents of all ages interact freely and feel safe and welcome in the street. Lots of people walking and cycling.
2. Lots of Good Garden Awards with interesting and bright gardens, window boxes and hanging baskets.
3. Minimal obstructions, dirt and clutter on the pavement.
4. Considerate car parking and car speeds within the law.
5. Any odd spaces developed as 'community gardens' rather than fly-tipping opportunities; art work on some walls.
6. Communication – street noticeboard, emails/social media, face-to-face meetings.
7. Sharing, swapping, street library etc.
8. Informal support networks, eg baby sitting, taking in parcels, lifts for older people, garden advice.
9. At least one BBQ, street party, playing out or other community event per year.
10. Organised into a residents' group, neighbourhood watch etc linked to wider area networks such as the neighbourhood partnership.

How does your street do?