

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11

Report of: Greater Brislington Neighbourhood Partnership

Title: Neighbourhood Partnership Annual Achievements Report

Introduction

This report is a summary of some of the achievements of the Greater Brislington Neighbourhood Partnership in 2011-12. The achievements are examples of how the partnership can deliver improvements to the area through its Action Plan / Priorities. This report highlights the work of a variety of different partnership members who have worked together, including local residents, community groups, Councillors and other partners.

Environment and Education



Action Plan Aim addressed: “For Brislington to make positive use of derelict and unmanaged spaces for sustainably lit cycle ways and walkways, for community gardens, for play spaces, for education”

Resources used: Local resident volunteers, community and voluntary organisations, BCC officers, Well Being Funds

Summary of projects and benefit for the NP and local residents:

- Brislington Community Partnership, working with the council, secured

Heritage Lottery funding for a 3 year project in the Brislington Brook area

- Brislington Brook community litter pick took place on Saturday 25th February. 16 members of the public came along, as well as 10 people from community payback. Three quarters of a tonne of rubbish was collected, as well as a 25 yard skip full of waste.
- St Anne's Infant School – Forest Schools Project: £1220 Well Being Grant was used for forest school training for school staff. 60 reception children will have attended the forest school by the end of the year, and 36 further pupils will attend the after school forest club.
- Parents are regularly volunteering to attend forest school and have reported that they are using Nightingale valley with their children now when they didn't before
- The community park ranger has also formed links with the school and attends the forest school when needed
- Clean up a variety of green spaces in Brislington and removed over 2 tonnes of rubbish from the Wootton Road woods in St Anne's.

Equalities aims addressed: Tackling social and economic exclusion.

Providing increased accessible facilities and activities within the area.

Older People and Intergenerational Projects



Action Plan Aim addressed: "For older people to have access to the services that they want and for more intergenerational communication and opportunities for dialogue."

Resources used: Local resident volunteers, community and voluntary organisations, BCC officers, Well Being Funds

Summary of projects and benefit for the NP and local residents:

- Wellbeing funding enabled a number of projects that benefited older people

- Disc Agency – Therapeutic treatments and massage for older people, training younger people to deliver treatments, respect workshops
- 116 young people and 24 older people took part in the project. 24 older people and 28 younger people benefited from treatments and massage, 8 younger people were trained to deliver hand massage and 75 young people took part in respect workshops.
- Brislington Neighbourhood Centre – Intergenerational project including tea parties and visits between older people and schools
- Various social activities for older people including:
 - Brislington Enterprise College - Christmas party for older people and BEC students
 - St Anne's and Brislington OAP Monday Club – Christmas Trip to Weston Super Mare and lunch
 - Brislington Seniors Dance and Social Club – Christmas trip to Yeovil for dinner and dance.

Equalities aims addressed: Tackling social and health inequalities and exclusion of older people

Community Provision, Leisure and Sports



Action Plan Aim addressed: That Brislington's leisure activities and opportunities are accessible for all.

Resources used: Local resident volunteers, community and voluntary organisations, BCC officers, Well Being Funds

Summary of projects and benefit for the NP and local residents:

- Brislington United Reform Church – resurfacing the floor in the church hall. About 280 people use the hall each week for a variety of different activities
- Crescent Lawn Tennis Club – court resurfacing. (£2,000 from wellbeing funding, remaining money from other fund raising, subscriptions and donations). The work was completed in spring 2012. The club will not

have to worry about similar expenditure for another 10-15 years and will plan their income and saving accordingly.

- H-Base Community Makeover Team (BEC) – purchase of tools and equipment. 15 students are part of the makeover team and they have renovated the kitchen and gardens at the Hungerford Road Community Centre. The group identified other community projects to work on.
- The St Anne's Day Festival took place on 23rd July 2011 and was organised by Bristol City Council and the MISSH group (a group of local residents in St Anne's). Lots of local partners attended and supported the festival including the Brislington Community Partnership, local churches, St Anne's Park Primary School, the Police and many others. Around 300 people attended the festival and the intention is to turn it into an annual event.

Equalities aims addressed: Tackling social and economic exclusion.
Providing increased accessible facilities and activities within the area.

Greater Brislington Community Partnership – Winners!



- The Neighbourhood Partnership won two awards at the Pride of Place award ceremony on 27th July.
- The first was the health award, for work done supporting healthy living and health and wellbeing of residents, and this award had a cash prize of £250 to be spent on health activities in Brislington
- The second was the learning award for the way that the Neighbourhood Partnership has supported learning opportunities, including work in St Anne's with the Learning Communities Team, and for supporting other learning opportunities.