



**AGENDA ITEM NO. 8**

**St George Neighbourhood Partnership  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

**Report of:** NP Plan lead persons.

**Title:** NP Plan Update Report

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NUA = No Update Available

## 1. NP Plan Theme: Environment

Activity/Description	Cost to date £	Update
<b>1.1 Priority 1:</b> The NP area has quality parks and green spaces accessible to all.		
<b>Activity 2:</b> Improve access to all parks and open spaces entrances.		<b>Entrances to Rodney Rd:</b> It was suggested at the last Environment subgroup that the new gate & chicane proposed for the location of the current double gate should be set back into the park so that it could be installed without removing any of the hedge and to allow space to stand outside the gate but clear of the road. Local residents wanted the other entrance to remain and be made safe to use, but this can remain as a small gap with access for buggies etc being through the main gate which would also be the location for the new notice board. It was agreed that Section 106 money should be allocated to this work. See agenda item 4.
		<b>Entrance to Plummers Hill:</b> As part of the Bristol East Green Map project, Parks Department have agreed, in principle, to formalise access and install new chicane at the Naseby Walk access. Proposal will be considered at the next Environment subgroup meeting.
<b>Activity 4:</b> Fundraise and Improve Meadowvale Green Space.	N/A	A proposal to hire a consultant to aid community groups will be considered at the June 2015 NP meeting. See agenda item 4.
<b>Activity 7:</b> Remove the remains of depleted play in Gladstone Street.	N/A	<b>Gladstone St:</b> Depleted children play equipment has been removed. The Environment Subgroup have now requested for the rubber mat be removed and to plant grass. A Section 106 request has been submitted for approval, see agenda item 4.

## 1.2 Priority 3: The NP has good quality Children's Play areas close to all residents.

<p><b>Activity: 2:</b> Improve and expand the Children's Play areas in Dundridge Park &amp; Troopers Hill.</p>		<p>Friends of Dundridge and Troopers Hill Park groups have now completed their consultation to gather evidence to support their fund raising efforts. There was a good response rate from the community. More than 20% of the questionnaires were returned and majority supported the proposals. A proposal to hire a consultant to aid the Friends of Dundridge Park will be considered at the June NP meeting. See agenda item 4.</p>
<p><b>Activity 4:</b> Improve and upgrade play facility at Meadowvale Green.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>The Environment subgroup received a presentation of 3-5 year Development Plan prepared by Touchwood for the Meadowvale CA. Total estimated capital investment needed to bring about the community aspiration is estimated to be £402,220.91. The Development Plan identifies 3 phase development approach and the group are focusing on phase 1 of the development plan, for which the group is currently seeking Section 106 commitment. See agenda item 4.</p>
<p><b>Clean &amp; Green budget:</b> Will provide an update at the meeting.</p>		

## 2. NP Plan Theme: Traffic and Transport.

Description of works	Est cost	Update
<p><b>2.1 Priority 1: Speeding and Traffic Calming</b></p>		
<p><b>Project 2:</b> Address safety concerns along Crews Hole Rd and Beaufort Rd. Design and implement suitable Traffic Calming Schemes.</p> <p>Funded from Section 106 scheme. Approved by the Neighbourhood Committee in March 2012/13.</p>	<p>£70,218.80</p>	<p><b>Crews Hole Rd:</b> Traffic calming measures have been completed. Waiting for final figures.</p> <p><b>Beaufort Road Update:</b> The data collected initially for the experiment was not carried out at the same time for all the roads and in some cases incomplete data was supplied, therefore, new surveys will be carried out on Church Road (2 locations either side of Chalks Road), Crews Hole Road, Beaufort Road, Queens Road. It is anticipated that the experiment</p>

will commence in September 2015 for duration of six to 18 months.

### 3. NP Plan Theme: Community Development and Cohesion.

Description of works	Est cost	Update
<b>3.1 Priority 1: NP to ensure that all residents can influence decisions in their local neighbourhood and influence the public services they receive.</b>		
<b>Activity 1:</b> Target underrepresented community members and develop suitable mechanism, which will enable them to have an input into the NP activities.	N/A	<u><b>The WebTeam</b></u> recently added a language translation facility to the NP website. NP membership representation will be looked at after the AGM to assess any gaps in representation from those communities considered to be 'hard to reach', and then an approach made to help fill these gaps.
<b>3.2 Strong VCS organisations delivering quality projects in the area.</b>		
<b>Activity 3:</b> Working in targeted locations to increase local capacity including Meadowvale.		<u><b>Community Development:</b></u> Community Development management team agreed to allocate Community Development Officer time to support Meadowvale Community Association for their bid preparation.  There is 2.5 days equivalent of Community Development Officer time allocated to Bristol East and Central. Officer time was used to support the Friends of Dundry Park Group to help them conduct their survey and also advised Angel Patch through their Wellbeing Application.
<b>3.3 Priority 1: To Celebrate diversity</b>		
<b>Activity 1:</b> Working with all minority communities in St George to participate the organising or participating of		The NP was represented at the St George Community Fayre held on 7 March 2015, and will

community events and existing community groups.		also be represented at Redfest on 1 August 2015. The NP website and social media continues to promote community events run by community groups in (or near) the NP area.
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#### 4. NP Theme: Communication/Engagement Update

The NP website, Facebook and Twitter remain key communications tools for the NP.

##### Twitter

The Twitter account now has over 586 (518 at last NP meeting) followers (people that receive our tweets direct). We are receiving an increasing number of issues raised via Twitter and the webteam are usually able to respond quickly. The Twitter account was opened in September 2011, and has now issued over 1,500 'tweets'. Many of our Tweets are re-tweeted (forwarded) by others which increase the exposure of our message further.

##### Facebook

The Facebook account is still increasing in popularity. There has been a steady flow of updates to the Facebook account (each of which also generates a tweet). The Facebook page now has 468 (405 at last NP meeting) 'likes'.

##### Website

The website continues to be a key communication tool.

Pages Viewed:

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2012	-	-	-	227	116	175	193	376	577	575	1436	753
2013	620	921	1030	1631	1654	1288	1392	1378	1760	4127	2885	1990
2014	2913	2780	3239	2078	2951	2774	2395	2724	1930	2361	2141	1861
2015	2418	2783	3608	3781	3259							

Average pages viewed per day:

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2012	-	-	-	8	4	6	6	12	19	19	48	24
2013	20	33	33	54	53	43	45	44	59	133	96	64

2014	94	99	104	69	95	92	77	88	64	76	71	60
2015	78	99	116	126	105							

There was a 'spike' in website stats on the day before and day of the elections on 7 May, when people were looking at the list of candidates, and on 8 May when the election results (for our Wards) were added to our website.

The website is now available in a wide variety of languages thanks to an automated translation tool ("Google Translate") added to the website.

Content for the website etc should be sent to [webteam@stgeorgenp.org.uk](mailto:webteam@stgeorgenp.org.uk)

### **Community Noticeboards**

Amongst other things, CommsSub is looking at how better use can be made by the NP of existing noticeboards in schools, community buildings faith buildings etc.,.

### **Neighbourhood Fora**

CommsSub is looking at ways of better promoting the Neighbourhood Fora, and attracting more people to attend.