

Neighbourhood Partnership NP3 (Henleaze, Stoke Bishop and Westbury-on-Trym)

Working Group for Older People - Chairman's Report. Nov.2013

The Working Group for Older People (formed in 2010) aims to promote the health, well-being and quality of life for older people within this N.P.3 area.

This year the WGOP has organised a number of initiatives which focus particularly on those older people who have mobility problems, are housebound or have difficulty using public transport.

Pick Me Up Activities

We have organised two trips this year. The first was to Tyntesfield on May 7th which was a great success. It really was a delightful day and everyone enjoyed the opportunity to wander around the house and the gardens. The lunch was delicious and the weather fantastic! We have booked a trip to Oakham Treasures on Thursday, December 5th which we are re-visiting by popular request and this will include a Christmas lunch.

Public Liability Insurance

We were concerned that as a group undertaking a variety of activities we needed to consider the matter of Public Liability Insurance and I am pleased to confirm has now been set up with CaSE Insurance (Charities & Social Enterprise).

North Bristol Festival of Age July 1st 2013

The day focussed on local activities for older people. The aim of the day was to give people information and advice and help them to be aware of support services available to them and also activities and groups within our own area that are healthy, interesting and fun, easy to get to and where they can build up a network of friends.

The event was opened by the Mayor of Bristol , George Ferguson and attended by 400-500 people. Over thirty organisations were represented and there was a programme of activities taking place throughout the day.

These included various taster sessions of Ping Pong, New Age Kurling, Zumba Gold or the craft sessions and a Theatre Company's performances of two plays which were funny but with a serious message on scams.

Many of those attending the day were able to find out about a variety of organisations offering support Services available to them such as help with transport (including an electric bicycle!) and the local Reminiscence club for people who have Dementia. Others found out about community groups such as U3A and their family history group, the local Walking group or local I.T. and adult education classes.

There was also an opportunity to sit down for a chat and enjoy tea, coffee, sandwiches and cakes in the 'café'. A Dial-a-Ride bus was also available to help with transport.

The WGOP would like to give our thanks to all those individuals and organisations who supported the event in so many ways - funding - monetary and 'in kind' from N.P Wellbeing Grants (from N.P.3 and 2 neighbouring N.P. areas), Celebrating Age Bristol, LinkAge, Costco and Waitrose They WGOP also wishes to thank all those people who helped on the day - including our BCC Area organiser Andrew McGrath and B.C.C.Community worker, all the students from Badminton School and of course ourselves - the WGOP Committee!

Altogether the day was voted a great success by all participants and everyone wants to know when it will be happening again! There also some very positive outcomes from this that are being followed up including the setting up of three new activity groups.

Leaflet

The WGOP are also making further progress in developing a leaflet in conjunction with LinkAge which will set out local activities available to people over 60 in this NP3 area.

Anyone who has information about local groups they would wish to contribute please contact Sue Boyd on 9509621

Sue Boyd on behalf of the WGOP Committee - Val Bishop, Gay Huggins, Wendy Hull, Keith Evans and Councillor Glenise Morgan.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP - NP 3

Working Group for Older People (WGOP)

**Annual General Meeting
on Wednesday, December 11th, 2013 at 11.15am**

**At the United Reformed Church, Waterford Road, Henleaze.
Small meeting Room**

AGENDA

- 1. 1. Present/Apologies**
- 1. 2. Notes from previous meeting on 6.11.13.**
- 1. 3. Matters arising**
- 2.**
- 3. 4. Chairman's Report**
- 1. 5. Treasurer's Report**
- 1. 6. Election of Officers**
- 6. Dates for meetings for 2014**
- 7. Reports on recent activities**
- 8. AOB**