

Neighbourhood Working Report

St George Neighbourhood Partnership

1. St George area benefited from being part of the Neighbourhood Working pilot area since October 2012. The Neighbourhood Working Pilot officially finished at the end of March 2013 and the new way of working is being implemented across the city. The pilot worked against addressing the priorities of dangerous walls and public rights of way, dog fouling, parking on pavements and ASB / littering by fishermen in St George Park. Initial feedback from the pilot was good. As part of the evaluation a ward based satisfaction study was completed. This provided encouraging results: Community safety & engagement showed overall satisfaction up by 7.9% over the six months of the pilot and dissatisfaction down by -1.3%. With regard to environmental issues, overall satisfaction went up by 6.3% and dissatisfaction reduced by -2.3%
2. Highways, planning, licensing and trading standards officers have now joined the neighbourhood working initiative and are committed to delivering against neighbourhood working priorities. In addition to this, a core team of PCSOs are also being tasked against neighbourhood working priorities. Where the need arises, other services and partners are being approached to join neighbourhood working to expand the skills and support available to tackle neighbourhood priorities.
3. A list of suggested priorities was presented to the partnership in March. Consultation at Neighbourhood Fora and Sub Groups followed with the partnership formally choosing priorities on June 25th at the SG NP AGM
4. These priorities in, vote order were:
 - 1 Lack of Activities for Young People
 - 2 Car Dealers on Streets
 - 3 Dog Fouling
 - 4 Furber Road Green Space
 - 5 Damage to Wildlife in St George Park
 - 6 Cycling on Pavements
 - 7 Parking on Pavements
 - 8 Street Drinking (ASB and Littering)
 - 9 Fly Posting
 - 10 Crews Hole Road Safety

APPENDIX (7) A

SG priorities tested in pilot:

Issue:	Ward:	Actions:
Dangerous walls and PROW on Lamb Hill	St George East	Highways team now served 2 formal notices at premises. NWT visited 06/03/13 to speak to new owner. Waste Contracts now closely monitored contract and work May Gurney now regularly sweeping after week of daily work. Initial clearance by Community payback via AEO.
Dog Fouling	St George West	Dog Warden completed education / enforcement action at hotspot – Reformatory Lane. Further NP wide day of action 04/04/13 with Police and RSPCA alongside dog warden and NWT
Parking on Pavements	St George West	Gladstone Street BCC Tenant parking campervan across pavements. AEO and NWT visited and supported – van moved. Joint parking ops with Police and Parking Services.
ASB and littering from fishermen	St George West	Conflict between anglers and other park users. Fishing litter causing damage to wildlife particularly birds and swans. MA approach so far with publication of code of conduct and closed season. Increased Police patrols and working with Environment Agency about rod licences. Advice leaflet produced and education day planned.

Detailed outcomes and outputs from individual work streams so far are available on request from john.atkinson@bristol.gov.uk.