



## AGENDA ITEM NO. 11

### General Neighbourhood Partnership (SGNP) Update Report

Date: Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2014

In this report you will find:

- 1- St George in Bloom Update (Grenville Johnson)
- 2- St George Web Team update (Webteam)
- 3- NP review update (NP team)
- 4- Neighbourhood Forum Update (Denis Wise and Rob Acton-Campbell)
- 5- Operation subgroup recommendation (Abdulrazak Dahir)
- 6- Traffic and Transport subgroup update (Abdulrazak Dahir)
- 7- 20mph Bristol East Roll Out (Helen Wigginton)

#### Part 1: St George in Bloom Update

- 1- Since the last update I have composed a St George in Bloom website, and this contains relevant information including entry forms, photos and details about the three St George based community groups who have won R.H.S 'It's Your Neighbourhood' awards. Thanks to Rob Acton Campbell for assistance with uploading the site to the host server. The website can be found at:  
<http://www.stgeorgeinbloom.org.uk>
- 2- A St George in Bloom Face book page has also been set up. Thank you to Lorraine Millard, St George in Bloom committee member, with assistance from Rob Acton Campbell for setting up the Facebook page. This can be found at:  
<https://www.facebook.com/stgeorgeinbloom>

- 3- A link to St George in Bloom's website from St George Neighbourhood partnership's website has been set up. Thanks to Philip Bird for arranging the link. This can be found at: <http://www.stgeorgenp.org.uk>
- 4- There will be an official launch of St George in Bloom at the community fair to be held on Saturday March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2014 at St Aidan's Church Hall, 11am – 2pm. I have arranged a seed planting workshop for children who attend. This will be organised by the Regional Adviser, South West from The Royal Horticultural Society.
- 5- We are aiming for a high quality display at the fair with photographs and details about what St George in Bloom is aiming to achieve. We now have four sponsors, and one local company have pledged to supply an arrangement of fresh flowers and foliage for our display and another local company will donate a vinyl banner that features the St George in Bloom dragon logo.
- 6- I have sent details of St George in Bloom's launch together with the website and Facebook links to the 'Week in' magazine, and they have confirmed this will be published in the magazine before the launch day on March 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- 7- Our next St George in Bloom committee meeting will be held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2014 in the meeting room at St George Health Centre, Bellevue Road, St George.

## **Part 2: Update from the St George Webteam**

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

### **Twitter**

- 9- The Twitter account now has over 282 followers (people that receive our tweets direct). The Twitter account has continued to benefit from a series of 're-tweets' (forwarding our tweets to others) which has helped to increase the readership of our messages.

### **Facebook**

- 10- 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 220 'likes'. It is interesting to note the increasing number of community organisations in our area that now have a Facebook presence.

### **Website**

- 11- The website too is increasing in popularity and effectiveness. There was a 'blip' in the visitor stats for October and November 2013 (as a consequence of public interest in the proposals for Crews Hole Road etc and Beaufort Road etc). The ongoing trend remains upwards. The website is currently receiving just under 100 page views per day. This proves that the time and effort put in by the team is seen by many.

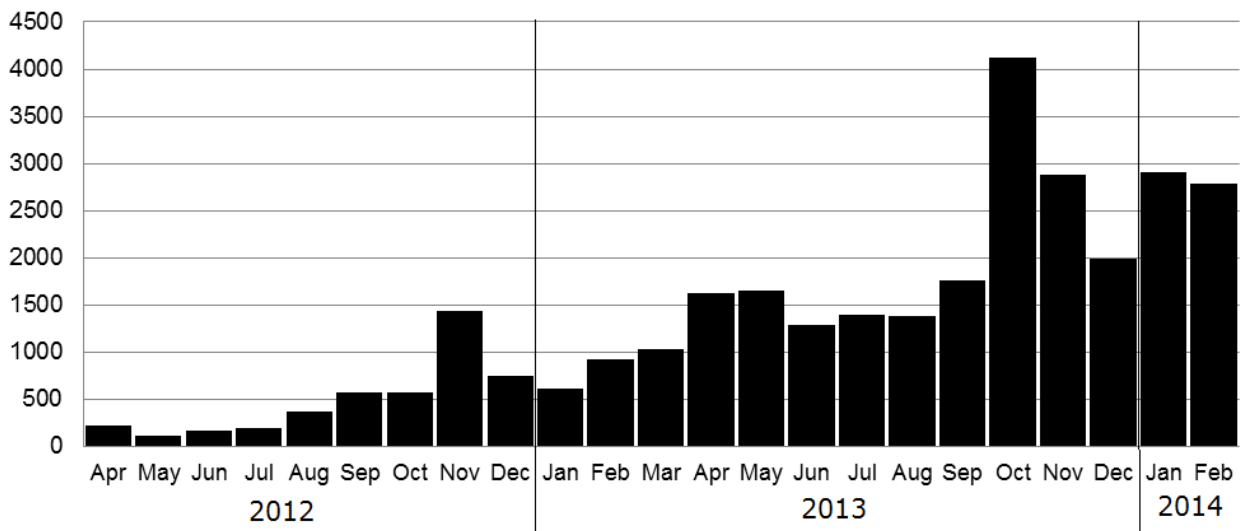
**Pages Viewed:**

	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										

**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										

**Visits to stgeorgenp.org.uk**



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

**Part 3: NP Review Update**

- 13- Verbal update will be available at the meeting.

**Part 4: Neighbourhood Forum Update**

- 14- The Neighbourhood Forum was held on Tuesday 11th February at the Beehive Centre. Prior to the meeting approximately 200 leaflets were distributed to residents in the Whitehall Rd/ Whitehall Ave area.

- 15- 34 residents were in attendance, 5 for the first time, as well as 3 Councillors and supporting officers from Bristol City Council and the Police and Community Safety.
- 16- In total 19 issues were taken away by the Council from the Forum. A significant number of these related to dog fouling. The Police took away 1 issue. A full report including links to the issues raised through the 'You said – We did' process can be seen here: [www.stgeorgenp.org.uk/you-said-we-did-february-2014](http://www.stgeorgenp.org.uk/you-said-we-did-february-2014)
- 17- The police were represented by Sergeant Jonathan Ames and PC Pete Crawford, St George's Neighbourhood Beat Manager. They were particularly promoting online security and securing your property using Immobilise [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com) PC Pete Crawford is interested in talking to residents who would like to volunteer for speed monitoring training.
- 18- There was a presence from the City Council commissioned 'Healthwatch' scheme, which supports service users to have a greater voice in how Health services are delivered. More about Healthwatch Bristol on [www.healthwatchbristol.co.uk](http://www.healthwatchbristol.co.uk)
- 19- Attendees were given a presentation on Active Community Travel Grants by Celia Davis, a City Council Active Community Travel officer. They were also able to view and comment on the proposed new traffic schemes for Crews Hole Rd and Beaufort Rd.
- 20- As usual there will be a report back to the next Neighbourhood Forum (at the Methodist Church, Air Balloon Rd Tuesday 13th May 2014) on the issues raised at the workshop sessions. It is hoped that this will include a presentation from Creative Youth Network (CYN) [www.creativeyouthnetwork.org.uk](http://www.creativeyouthnetwork.org.uk) and that the relevant officer from the Council's Children & Young Peoples Services (CYPS) will also attend. During discussions there was a request for representatives of First Bus to attend a future Forum; Denis Wise is hoping to arrange this in August 2014.

### **Part 5: Operation Subgroup update**

- 21- The Operation Subgroup met on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2014. It was well attended.
- 22- Two local residents expressed interest in becoming NP members. They are Ann Preston and Bryan Tozer, who expressed interest in the St George

West Resident and Local Business vacancies respectively. Their request will be considered under agenda item 3.

- 23- If their request is granted the NP will be operating close to full membership (see appendix 1), the group discussed the need to review the NP membership procedure as the Neighbourhood Partnership AGM is Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2014.
- 24- Given the Citywide NP Review has not been progressed due to issues outside the control of the St George NP. The Operation Subgroup recommends that the NP membership election procedure is postponed to the December NP meeting. In effect extending the term of the existing members until December 2014. This would allow reasonable time to review and devise suitable NP membership procedure in line with the Citywide NP review.

## **Part 6: Traffic and Transport Subgroup**

- 25- The Traffic and Transport subgroup met on Tuesday 21st January 2014. The meeting focused on the 2014/15 Highways works for the area. See agenda item 6.
- 26- The group also discussed the Active Community Travel Grant. Members were concerned that the freebie lights purchased by APE project were not British Standard certified, which casted doubt in their legal status.
- 27- Following further investigation it is confirmed that the lights purchased were legal and could be distributed as they carried the European Union standard certification.
- 28- Enhancing Public Right of Ways (PRoW) is one of the Neighbourhood Working Targets for the St George NP. The group discussed an outline Active Transport application to improve Public Right of Ways by improving lighting and finger signage. However the group were informed that the Round Three Active Transport Fund could not be used for infrastructure improvements and the maximum it can be applied for is £3,000. Hence after a period of discussion it was suggested to submit an application to produce a map promoting PRoWs and cycle routes in St George area.

## **Part 7: 20mph Bristol East Roll out**

- 29- The informal consultation period has now closed. This was held from Monday 4th November to Monday 2nd December 2013 and provided a further opportunity for the public to comment on the draft proposal for the East area.

30- The council is currently considering the comments received during the informal consultation period and are reviewing the proposal. Once this process has been completed a revised version of the proposal will be produced and added to the website ([www.bristol20mph.co.uk](http://www.bristol20mph.co.uk)), this should be by the end of March 2014. This new proposal will form the basis for the Speed Limit Order (SLO) and as part of the SLO the formal consultation is likely to be held in April/May 2014.

Put together by  
Abdulrazak Dahir on behalf on NP members.



## St George Neighbourhood Partnership

### Membership for 2013/14

The St George Neighbourhood Partnership consist of:

- 4 X local councillors forming the Neighbourhood Partnership Committee (NC).
- 6 X independent resident representatives (3 X per ward)
- 6 X local community/voluntary organisations and faith communities
- 2 X young people
- 2 X local businesses
- 1 X Equalities

	Who	N0	Name	
<b>A</b>	<b>Ward Councillors</b>			
1	2 X St George West	2	Cllr Ron Stone (Chair)	31/05/16
2			Cllr Peter Hammond	31/05/15
3	2 X St George East	2	Cllr Fabian Breckels	31/05/15
4			Cllr Steve Pearce	31/05/16
<b>B</b>	<b>Resident representatives</b>			
5	3 X St George West	3	Philip Bird	June 14
6			Pete Franklin	June 14
7			Ann Preston (TBC)	June 14
8	3 X St George East	3	Judith Price	June 13
9			Michael Deadman	June 13
10			Laura Gosling	June 14
<b>C</b>	<b>Equality reps</b>			
11	2 X Young Peoples rep	1	Alex Wingrove	June 14
12		1	Kieran Coles	June 14
13	1 X Bristol Equalities Representative	1	Margaret Grey	TBC
<b>D</b>	<b>Community/voluntary &amp; faith communities</b>			
13	1 X Friends of Troopers Hill	1	Rob Acton-Campbell	June 14
14	1 X Kensington Rd Residents Association & NW	1	Grenville Johnson	June 14
15	1 X Meadowvale Community Association	1	Fiona Russell	June 14
16	1 X Church Rd Action Group	1	Richard Curtis	June 14
17	1 X St George West Community First Panel	1	Susan Acton-Campbell	June 14
18	1 X Friends of St George Park	1	Vicky Holmes	June 14
<b>E</b>	<b>Local businesses</b>			
19	2 X local business	1	Bryan Tozer (TBC)	June 14
20		0	Vacant	
<b>Total voting members</b>		<b>20</b>		

<b>F</b>	<b>Officers (non-voting)</b>			
21	Area Co-ordinator	1	Abdul Razak Dahir	N/A
22	Neighbourhood Police Inspector	1	Insp. Simon Dewfall	N/A
23	Fire and Rescue	1	Chris Bailes	N/A
24	Air Balloon Surgery	1	Kate Francis	N/A
25	Children & Y People partnership	1	Jimmy Taylor	N/A
26	Democratic Services	1	Ruth Quantock	N/A
	<b>Total non voting members</b>	<b>6</b>		
	<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>		