



Agenda item no. 10

General Neighbourhood Partnership (SGNP) Update Report

Date: Tuesday 30th September 2014

In this report you will find:

- 1- St George Web Team update (Webteam)
- 2- St George NP Community Notice Boards (Abdulrazak Dahir)
- 3- Neighbourhood Forum Update (Rob Acton-Campbell)
- 4- Operation subgroup update (Abdulrazak Dahir)
- 5- Traffic and Transport subgroup update (Abdulrazak Dahir)

Part 1: Update from the St George Webteam

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

Twitter

- 2- The Twitter account now has over 393 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

- 3- 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 316 'likes'.

Website

- 4- The website continues to be a key communication tool, with currently around 100 pages of the website being viewed daily.

5- 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	2908	2780	3244	2078	2951	2773	2396	2724				

6- 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	105	69	95	92	77	88				

Content

- 7- Derogatory comments were made by a third party on our Facebook page in response to a report on the website and Facebook from discussions at a Neighbourhood Forum. The comment was quickly removed from public view (with a copy kept). The individual that comments were being made about was provided with a copy in case they wished to pursue the matter themselves.
- 8- Content for the website, etc should be sent to webteam@stgeorgenp.org.uk

Part 2: St George Community Notice Boards

- 9- The Neighbourhood Partnership allocated £3,378.31 to spend on installing three community notice boards across the NP area.
- 10- In total three Community Notices were sourced and installed in the NP area. Areas with very little community notices and high footfall were prioritised.
- 11- One was installed outside Aldi store on Church Rd and currently do not have a volunteer maintaining it. Whilst the other two have local business volunteers looking after them.
- 12- One was installed at Maldowers Lane, Speedwell and is being looked after by the local newsagent and the other one was installed at the junction of New Queens Street and Two Mile Hill and is being looked after by the owner of Milano Hair Salon.

- 13- The two business volunteers will be given set of keys for the notice boards along with guidelines similar to the one developed for Kingsway Precinct. See appendix 1 for reference.

Part 3: Neighbourhood Forum Update

- 14- The Neighbourhood Forum was held on Tuesday 12th August at the Beehive Centre. Below is a brief report.
- 15- Following a suggestion at the last NP meeting this information has also been displayed on public noticeboards in the area.
- 16- Every quarter there is a Neighbourhood Forum meeting open to ALL St George residents to bring local issues to council officers and police.
- 17- First Commercial Manager, Simon Ford answered questions about bus services. This was a lively question and answer session.
- 18- Police officers, Inspector Jason Shears and PC Louise Dembicki:
- Reported on progress and steps to be taken on issues ranging from fishing issues in St George Park to parking outside local schools.
 - Answered questions about the law and recent incidents in St George.
 - Reminded everyone during this warm weather to avoid leaving valuables such as iPads and phones in easy reach of open windows and doors.
- Remember - shut doors and windows and put valuables out of sight.
- 19- Reports were shared on progress Bristol City Council has made on issues raised by local people at May's NF meeting. These ranged from dealing with overgrowth blocking visibility on junctions and blocking public footpaths to signage for narrow Cassey Bottom Lane to stop vehicles getting stuck.
- 20- New issues were raised including fencing being installed that now blocks a public footpath connecting Blackswarth Rd to Netham Rd and new gate access needed to Rodney Rd Playing Fields.
- 21- News was shared of £10,000 of Green Capital Funding being made available to spend in St George. Ideas were requested and given.

- 22- For a full report of this meeting please visit www.stgeorgenp.org.uk/you-said-we-did-august-2014
- 23- If you do not have access to the internet please contact the St George Neighbourhood Co-ordinator, Abdul Razak Dahir, on 0117 903 6409 for further information.
- 24- Next forum - Tuesday 11th November at Summerhill Methodist Church, 5 Air Balloon Rd.

Part 4: Operation Subgroup update

- 25- The Operation Subgroup met on Thursday 28th August 2014. The meeting focused on the Citywide NP Review and proposed NP Plans.
- 26- The group acknowledged that the Citywide NP Review will not address the long-awaited NP membership structure for the NP.
- 27- Following discussion it was agreed to invite suggestions from the NP members and to pull together three or four models to consider at the next Operation subgroup meeting.
- 28- It is important for the NP to consider draft proposal from the Operation subgroup at the December NP meeting with the view of finalising and making any final changes necessary between December and March 2015, when it needs to be approved by the NP members in time for the 2015 AGM meeting.
- 29- Moreover the group were informed that the equalities agenda will be a shared responsibility and rests on all the NP members. NP members are expected to undergo equalities briefing/training sessions, which will be organised citywide. For more information see agenda item 6.
- 30- The group welcomed the proposed three year NP Plan, which aims to pull together number of different existing Plans, including the Waste Plan, Local Area Green Investment Plan, Tree Plans, Action Plan, and subgroup Work Plans. The NP Plan will not necessarily replace them but will concentrate on what the NP would like to see delivered within the three year timescales.
- 31- The group suggested ensuring the Plan is measurable and has performance targets to measure against.

Part 5: Traffic and Transport Subgroup

- 32- The Traffic and Transport subgroup met on Tuesday 2nd September 2014.
- 33- The group were provided progress update on the Crews Hole Rd/Beaufort Rd Schemes along with other live schemes.
- 34- Residents observed with an interest recent road closure diversion signs Bristol Water placed along Crews Hole Rd. This was largely ineffective as it was too late by the time car drivers found out the road was closed. It was suggested to place the diversion signs at the top of Conham Hill and Troopers Hill.
- 35- The group also discussed exploring the possibility of fundraising for Bialy Bridge near the suicide bend and also made other suggestions to improve road safety.



Guidelines for the Kingsway Shopping Precinct

Community Noticeboard

Very many thanks for agreeing to be the contact for putting notices in the noticeboard. If you have any problems or issues please contact any one of the people listed below:

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John Atkinson 0117 352 5282 john.atkinson@bristol.gov.uk

Susan Acton-Campbell 0117 947 5037 chair@troopers-hill.org.uk

The noticeboard is intended to be an addition to the Precinct that provides an added attraction for shoppers, benefiting the surrounding businesses. It is important that notices are up to date, neatly displayed and the board looks in full use.

The door to the noticeboard can be caught in the wind, resulting in damage to the board or perhaps a passerby. Because the keyholder will know about this problem it will be better if the keyholder puts up notices rather than giving the key to the person wanting to display the notice.

Please avoid putting notices up when it is raining. The water entering the noticeboard condenses and the result is a "steamed up" noticeboard where no-one can read the notices.

The noticeboard is for community notices, so fairs, fetes, walks, police advisory sessions are all good things to display.

Adverts for items for sale or businesses should not be displayed.

Any notices for the St George Neighbourhood Partnership will have priority on being displayed over any other notice. The noticeboard was paid for with funds from Bristol City Council applied for by the St George Neighbourhood Partnership.

If there are more notices than space available then it is first come first served UNLESS an event is more than 2 weeks away, in which case notices for events that are going to happen sooner should go up first.

Any "permanent" notice e.g. walks every Thursday 4pm meet at X, can go up for 2 weeks but can then be replaced by whatever notice is waiting.

Advertisements for commercial exercise classes are acceptable as they do promote health in the local community.

24 magnets have been supplied to hold up the notices. If these are lost please use a product like Blu Tack to put up notices. This keeps the noticeboard in good condition for longer. If you run out of Blu Tack or magnets please contact Susan.

It is better to have spaces on the noticeboard than any notices that are a day or more out of date. If you have too few notices to fill the board just contact Susan or in her absence John or Abdul.