



**AGENDA ITEM NO. 8**

**St George Neighbourhood Partnership  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 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 7:</b> Remove the remains of depleted play in Gladstone Street.	N/A	John Knowlson confirms that this is scheduled to be removed before end of March 2015.
<b>1.2 Priority 2:</b> The NP area is clean, tidy and well maintained: An area free from litter, graffiti, fly tipping and posting.		
<b>Activity 6</b> Visually enhance other public spaces, as identified by the Environment subgroup.	£1,500	Enhancement plan agreed at Environmental sub group including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hanging baskets and new planters at St George Park Entrance, (waiting on Peter David to confirm whether it is Parks' or Highways' responsibility to remove the triangular barrier at the access to the park</li> <li>• New planters at Maldowers Lane outside shops. Highways have confirmed there is no opposition to this and these can be ordered now.</li> <li>• Teija Ahjokoski is leading on design and planting wild flower meadows across the NP area as agreed – all site visits completed with John Atkinson.</li> </ul>
<b>Activity 7</b> Visually enhance Kingsway precinct and Church Rd shopping areas.	£2,595	Winter planters work, at Kingsway Precinct, was completed in December with full refresh funded from Clean & Green funding.

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<p><b>Activity 2 &amp; 4-</b> Audit areas where dog fouling is most acute. Develop 2 programme of activities to tackle dog fouling.</p>	N/A	<p>Most recent education and enforcement action around St George Park, Troopers Hill, Air Balloon Rd and Meadow Vale – all last year. New hot-spots emerging include Rodney Road and Bell Hill Road. Poster campaign on Bell Hill Road completed in early February. Residents to update at next Neighbourhood Forum. No work planned in yet for Rodney Road.</p>
<p><b>Activity 3-</b> Improve condition of Public Rights of Way.</p>		<p>Public Right of Way between Crown Hill and Hudds Vale Road through allotments have been cleared by Community Payback. See Appendix 1 for more information.</p>
<p>Clean &amp; Green budget have been used to support above stated priorities. The NP had £1,710 to spend this financial year of which the Neighbourhood Officer spent £1,182 in supporting above stated priorities, for full detailed break see appendix 1. The remaining £528 will be allocated supporting street trees (P5 activity 5), as per the Environment subgroup recommendation.</p>		

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

Description of works	Est cost	Update
<b>2.1 Priority 1: Speeding and Traffic Calming</b>		
<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>Construction was proposed in November / Dec 2014, unfortunately the most competitively priced contractor turned down the works, therefore, an invite has now been sent to the next contractor on the council's preferred list, who provisionally accepted the work and has suggested they may be able to start on site in April 2015 in Crews Hole Rd.</p> <p>For more information see agenda item 6.</p>
<p><b>Project 5:</b> Encouraging the set-up of Community Speed Watch, along hot spot areas.</p>	<p>0.00</p>	<p>Community Speedwatch Volunteers have now been trained, (although the group are keen to recruit more volunteers). PS Darren Warr is supporting the group with risk assessing CSW locations. PS Darren Warr is also now the Police Trainer for speed guns with Police Officers and will be looking to carry out as much of this training as possible in the St George area. The groups first Speedwatch took place on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb 2015.</p>
<b>2.2 Priority 4: Cycling; address pedestrian and cyclist conflicts.</b>		
<p><b>Activity 1:</b> Promote responsible Cycling via 4 cycle surgeries in areas where there is conflicts – Church Rd, cycle track and Avon Valley.</p>		<p>Cycling surgeries have now taken place at St George Park, Avon Valley Trail and Church Road. Further surgeries need planning for Summer at the Railway Path and one other location TBC. Also opportunities to run the safety / theft surgeries at existing planned events such as Barton Fields fun day and Redfest.</p>

### 3. NP Plan Theme: Families and Young People.

Description of works	Est cost	Update
<b>3.1 Priority 1: NP will support activities for all sections of the community.</b>		
<p><b>Activity 5:</b> Develop more activities for people in the neighbourhood, including, Sport Coaching, Street games, etc. Target areas to include Meadow Vale and Dundry Park.</p> <p>This was funded from an area wide budget.</p>	£250	<p>Doorstep Sports are offering volunteer coaching opportunities and training to local people. Creative Youth Network are now offering Open Access nights at the Kingswood Centre on Britannia Road. Access Sports, sponsored by Sovereign Housing are still offering weekly sports sessions, on Monday evenings, at Barton Hill RFC on Duncombe Lane targeting young people in Speedwell and Hillfields. The first Youth Activity / Provision Fair was held at Bristol Brunel Academy on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2015. There was excellent participation by service providers but very disappointing attendance from young people themselves despite a significant publicity drive including posters, flyers and social media campaigns. There are plans to repeat this but at an event with guaranteed footfall such as Redfest or Dundry Park Fun Day.</p>

### 4. NP Plan Theme: Crime and Community Safety.

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<b>4.1 Priority 1: Reduce the supply and cultivation of Drugs.</b>		
<b>Activity 1:</b> Identify and target hotspot locations including St George Park, Speedwell.		Numerous drugs warrants executed in the St George area by members of the local Neighbourhood Team. 3 persons recently charged with Possession with intent to supply drugs. Separate prosecution pending for production of cannabis at a local address. At local licensed premises 6 people found with class A. Local police working with the premises to eradicate drug dealing at location.
<b>Activity 3:</b> Increase community confidence		Leafleting the local area after drugs warrants. Updating local web pages. Supporting Bristol City Council ASB officer around areas of ASB/Drug related activity.
<b>4.2 Priority 2: Domestic violence</b>		
<b>Activity 1:</b> Support the multi-agency ‘ No More Excuses...’ campaign by increasing awareness and targeting those locations with high incidents of domestic violence and domestic abuse. Promote local support partners such as Next Link and the Freedom Programme. Promote awareness of MARAC (Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference) process across the NP. Contribute to campaigns in schools and youth settings running Bristol Ideal  ( <a href="http://www.bristolideal.org.uk/">http://www.bristolideal.org.uk/</a> around abusive behaviours and witnessing abusive behaviour in the home. (Jess Dicken / Amy Campbell))		Poster circulation in local area where high footfall to help raise awareness.  Referrals of victims to Lighthouse towards securing additional support from specialist support agencies.

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<b>4.3 Priority 3: Reduce Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) in key hotspot locations</b>		
<b>Activity 1:</b> Promote positive activities organised for young people in areas where ASB associated with young people are most acute working with school and Bristol Youth Links partners.		ASB Diversionary event held at The Bristol Brunel Academy to promote youth activities in the area for young people to become involved. Support / Promotion of the “Doorstep Sports “activities in Speedwell. (see above Priority 3.1)
<b>Activity 1:</b> Take action against ASB related to alcohol misuse in Church Rd, St George Park, Naseby Walk and Meg Thatcher’s Green maximising new ASB tools and powers where appropriate.		Street briefings, beat surgery in Meadow vale / St George Park, daily high visibility patrols. Assisted Trading standards on licensing premises visits. Large quantity of Alcohol seized from unlicensed shop. Liaising with local housing providers and other support agencies on specific local ASB perpetrators.
<b>4.4 Priority 4 : Reduce incidents of Domestic Burglary and increase community resilience</b>		
<b>Activity 1:</b> Proactive and reactive Burglary visits/walkabouts as part of seasonal crime reduction initiatives and raising awareness of distraction burglary. Use Neighbourhood Watch groups to enhance intelligence and provide resource in information sharing and target hardening operational work		Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) organise burglary follow up visits to any victims of burglary. Increasing awareness and Target hardening premises around burglary crimes. High visibility patrols in hotspot areas. Promotion of immobilise and services of local volunteer at local street briefings/beat surgeries.

## 5. NP Plan Theme: Employment, Training and Economic Development .

Activity/Description	Cost to date £	Update
<b>1.3 Priority 1: Increase local business resilience.</b>		
<b>Activity 1:</b> Support/encourage use of local retail centres and businesses Support local high streets including Church Rd and Kingsway shopping precinct.	N/A	Church Road Town Team working on Action Plan to improve Church Road with introduction of trees, "pocket parks".  Site at junction of Church Road and Chalks Road has been cleared, Town Team in touch with owner who is supportive of plans for better fence  Public Forum Statement on possible PSPO being progressed by church Road Action Group

## 6. 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 518 (437 at last NP meeting) 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

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 405 (346 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
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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	2419	2795										

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	100	138*									

\* = part month stats

### Support

The NP website is hosted on a system managed by Knowle West Media Centre. We've experienced a technical problem with the site and it became apparent that there was uncertainty as to what ongoing support remained in place from KWMC. The problem was resolved, but uncertainty over technical support for the webteam continues.

### Point of Contact

The NP's Facebook and Twitter accounts are increasingly being used as a source of information on what is happening in the area, and we've seen an increase in the number of direct enquiries received.

### New Structure

The Web Team supports the proposal from the Operations SubGroup that the NP has a new SubGroup responsible for Communications, and that the responsibilities for "CommsSub" would include the website etc.

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

### What happened on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February at the St George Neighbourhood Forum?

Every quarter there is a Neighbourhood Forum meeting open to ALL St George residents to bring local issues to council officers and police.

**Briefings included:**

£10,000 available to St George for Green Capital Neighbourhood Arts Projects - [www.bristol2015.co.uk/nap](http://www.bristol2015.co.uk/nap) or phone 0117 379 0115 for more information and to give your ideas Bristol Futures Academy - a new free school for 100 14-16 year olds who find mainstream schools challenging. Consultation ends Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 6pm. Forms on [bristolfuturesacademy.co.uk/](http://bristolfuturesacademy.co.uk/). Open Evening on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February between 7-8pm at Rose Green Centre, 65 Gordon Road, Whitehall, Bristol, BS5 7DR.

Drug and Alcohol Recovery opportunities in the community - a community co-ordinator and a volunteer described the services available to drug users and their families via ROADS/DHI. <http://www.dhi-online.org.uk/do/bristol/>. Telephone 01225 478730.

Police officer, Sgt Darren Warr, accompanied by 2 new PCSOs, reported on:

- work done to stop the unlicensed sale of alcohol and illegal tobacco
- supporting schools on Safer Internet day
- local crime figures

**All the speakers were available for questions during the break.**

**Bristol City Council has made progress on a number of issues raised by local people at November's meeting. These ranged from Stradbroke flooding to replacing the swings from Dundridge Park.**

**New issues were raised including motorbikes in Dundridge Park and drugs in a telephone box.**

For a full report of this meeting please visit

[www.stgeorgenp.org.uk/yousaidwedid](http://www.stgeorgenp.org.uk/yousaidwedid)

**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.**

**NEXT FORUM - Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May at Summerhill Methodist Church, 5 Air Balloon Rd.**

## St George NP Clean &amp; Green expenditure 2014/15

<b>Works Requested</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Resource Used</b>	<b>£1,710</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Planters to enhance shopping area	Kingsway shopping precinct		£210.00	£1,500.00
Clearing overgrown pathways & fly-tip	Dragons Walk, Speedwell	volunteers	£0.00	£1,500.00
Winter plants for volunteers	Kingsway shopping precinct	volunteers with materials	£105.00	£1,395.00
Path clearance work	Public Right of Way between Crown Hill and Hudds Vale Road through allotments	Community Payback	£0.00	£1,395.00
Site clearance	Dundridge Park	Community Payback	£0.00	£1,395.00
Path clearance work	Bristol to Bath cyclepath	Community Payback	£0.00	£1,395.00
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Bramble bashing and litter pick	Troopers Hill Nature Reserve	Community Payback	£0.00	£1,395.00
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Path clearance work	Dundridge Park	Community Payback	£0.00	£1,395.00
Painting	Meadow Vale Community Centre, Meadow Vale	Community Payback	£0.00	£1,395.00
Site clearance	Troopers Hill Nature Reserve	Community Payback	£0.00	£1,395.00
Bramble bashing and litter pick	Dundridge Park	Community Payback	£0.00	£1,395.00
Site clearance	Meadow Vale Community Centre, Meadow Vale	Community Payback	£0.00	£1,395.00
Painting	Follow up- Meadowvale Community Centre	Community Payback	£100.00	£1,295.00
Bramble bashing and litter pick	Bramble at the corner of Lyppiatt Rd, St George	Blaise Nursery	£100.00	£1,195.00

other	St George Park	Seeds, tools and compost for Community Garden	£230.00	£965.00
other	St George Park & Maldowers Lane	Top-up to Environment fund for planter and basket installation	£135.00	£830.00
other	St George Park & Maldowers Lane	Maintenance and watering of planters, (if no volunteers come forward)	£200.00	£630.00
other	Dundridge Park	'In-the-green' Bulbs for new access and wooded areas	£102.00	£528.00
<b>Total amount spent to date</b>			<b>£1,182.00</b>	
<b>Amount Allocated for Street tree planting</b>				<b>£528.00</b>