



**AGENDA ITEM NO. 7**

**St George Neighbourhood Partnership  
Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 2015**

**Report of:** NP Plan lead persons.

**Title:** NP Plan Update Report

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<b>Note NP Plan update:</b>			
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NUA = No Update Available

## 1. NP Plan theme: Environment

Activity/Description	Cost to date £	Update
<b>1.1 Priority 1: The NP area has quality parks and green spaces accessible to all.</b>		
<b>Activity 2:</b> Improve access to all parks and open spaces entrances.		<p><b>Entrances to Rodney Rd:</b> Following decision to make Section 106 funding available. Parks department and Environment Subgroup chair met on site with local residents.</p> <p>This is currently on hold due concerns raised about the safety of proposed improvements. There is ongoing negotiation about the location of the entrance.</p>
		<p><b>Entrance to Plummer's Hill (Naseby Walk entrance):</b> Site visit was done; it is currently with landscapes to progress installing new chicane. Parks agreed to pay for this.</p>
		<p><b>Meadowvale Green Space:</b> Following site visit it is currently with Landscapes to progress installing chicane.</p> <p>Parks agreed to pay for improving access by installing new chicane and agreed to consider widening the footpath. Currently waiting for quotation.</p>
<b>Activity 4:</b> Fundraise and Improve Meadowvale Green Space.	N/A	Consultant starts Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2015 to work with steering group.
<b>Activity 7:</b> Remove the remains of depleted play in Gladstone Street.	N/A	<b>Gladstone St:</b> A revised Section 106 request is submitted for approval, see agenda item 6, Part 3.
<b>1.2 Priority 2: The NP area is clean, tidy and well maintained: An area free from litter, graffiti, flytipping, and posting.</b>		
<p>Reduce on street litter and Flytipping:</p> <p><b>Activity 1:</b> Identify hotspot areas.</p>		In the first 5 months of the year there were 142 incidents of fly-tipping cleared from the St George NP area, This is 22 incidents more during the same period last year. The city wide figure is 3,533 clearances.

<p><b>Activity 7:</b> Organise 2 educational/awareness community clean-ups</p>		<p>21 enforcement investigations were carried out in the St George NP area this is out of 1,124 across the city. The breakdown of these are – 8 x fly-tipping, 9 x domestic waste, 2 x commercial waste, 1 x cars for sale &amp; 1 x fly-posting.</p> <p>Of the 8 x fly-tipping investigations, only three related to witnessed incidents. Two of the witnesses did not respond to contact from officers and one was unwilling to provide a witness statement. 1 x FPN for fly-posting and 1 x FPN for failure to comply with notice was served.</p> <p>On 1st October 2015 the enforcement team will be starting Op Secure in St George NPA where every shop/business will be visited to check if they have the required commercial waste contracts and businesses with bins stored on the highway will either be required to store them off the highway, or will receive legal notices tightening restrictions on their size, location and maintenance.</p>
<p><b>1.3 Priority 3: The NP has good quality Children’s Play areas close to all residents.</b></p>		
<p><b>Activity: 2:</b> Improve and expand the Children’s Play areas in Dundridge Park &amp; Troopers Hill.</p>		<p>As stated above consultant helping Friends of Dundridge Park and Meadowvale will start Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Oct 2015. The consultant will work with the park groups and will report to steering group.</p>
<p><b>1.4 Priority 5: The NP has a range of areas that benefit wildlife and support.</b></p>		
<p><b>Activity 1:</b> Stop damage caused to wildlife. Evaluate fishing permit scheme and take appropriate actions to protect wildlife at St George Park.</p>		<p>The fishing permit scheme is currently being monitored. Findings are that some people are fishing without a permit and some have permits. Those without a permit are being advised about the scheme and are told not to fish without one. Officers have not come across someone fishing without a permit more than once thus far.</p> <p>Grounds maintenance staff have twice used the boat to</p>

		access the island in the lake to remove fishing line.  A set of byelaws that currently includes the potential to ban fishing is still being considered by the Council and a decision likely before the end of the calendar year.
<b>Activity 3:</b> Deliver Tree Planting scheme in the St George Park.		Tree Bristol are seeking to plant in St George during the National Planting Day 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2015.  They submitted Section 106 request to support with this event. For more information see agenda 6 part 3.

**Environment Budget and Clean & Green expenditure summary:**

Most of the Clean and Green Budget is allocated. There is £58 remaining in the budget for the remainder 2015/16 financial year. The Environment subgroup agreed to set aside approximately £1,400 from the Environment Budget for 2016/17 Environment enhancements. They will make their recommendation at the next NP meeting in December 2015. For more information see appendix 1.

**2. NP Plan theme: Traffic and Transport.**

Description of works	Est cost	Update
<b>2.1 Priority 1: Speeding and Traffic Calming</b>		
<b>Activity 2:</b> Address safety concerns along Crews Hole Rd and Beaufort Rd. Design and implement suitable Traffic Calming Schemes.  Funded from Section 106 scheme. Approved by the Neighbourhood Committee (NC) March 2012/13 meeting.	£70,218.80	<b>Crews Hole Rd:</b> Traffic calming measures have been completed. Waiting for final figures.  <b>Beaufort Road Update:</b> The scheme is designed and ready for implementing. However following requests from residents and NP members, it is put on hold until Troopers Hill scheme is implemented.
<b>Activity 1:</b> Troopers Hill in St George NP area. Traffic Calming scheme. This is funded from IBFF	£30,000	Design work completed, it is currently going through internal consultation. Public consultation showing road humps and pedestrian improvements due to start week commencing 21 September 2015. TRO stage is next for the proposed parking restrictions and road

		humps.
<b>Activity 4:</b> Design and implement traffic calming scheme along Plummer's Hill. NC approved this scheme on March 2014 meeting.	£40,000	Public consultation showing road humps and pedestrian improvements due to start week commencing 21 September 2015. Leaflet currently out to Councillors. TRO stage next for road humps.
<b>Activity 6: Feasibility-</b> Identify suitable location to install crossing along Bryant's Hill. NC approved this scheme on March 2014 meeting.	£4,000	Feasibility study started. Site investigation and pedestrian desire line identification by pedestrian surveys.
<b>2.2 Priority 3: Parking Problems/Restrictions</b>		
<b>Activity 5: Feasibility-</b> Stop vehicles from parking on pavement on Lyppiatt Rd. NC approved this scheme on March 2014 meeting.	£4,000	Traffic surveys carried out, design option consideration to follow including suggestions for closing off the road.
<b>2.3 Other Schemes</b>		
<b><u>Hammersmith Road Area:</u></b>		This road has been included in the Westminster Road scheme prioritised by AE&LH NP. Waiting restriction TRO is currently out to advert both on street and in local press. Subject to objections, waiting restrictions anticipated to be installed in November 2015.
<b><u>Redfield North Area (Easton):</u></b>		Eastern edge of this scheme (Tintern Avenue Roseberry Park etc) is within a wider scheme prioritised by AE&LH NP. TRO currently being progressed by our TRO/ Legal Team and will be advertised both on street and in local press in due course (probably before the end of 2015).

### 3. NP Plan theme: Families, Younger and Older People

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**3.1 Priority 1: NP will support activities for all sections of the community.**

<p><b>Activity 1:</b> Support community groups to access funding to deliver community activities including fun days, luncheon clubs, and community based projects.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>The 'In Bloom' planting project in Burchells Green will be taking place in the middle of October. A small fruit tree plus a selection of bulbs will be planted on 2 small plots of land owned by the Housing Dept. on Burchells Green Road. Participants will create and take away winter hanging baskets constructed with the support of St George In Bloom. Funding for this has come from NP Environmental sub-group Clean and Green funds, B.C.C. Housing Environmental Improvement Budget and B.C.C. Community Development. 6 residents plus their children have asked to be involved.</p> <p>Crofts End Church, Friends of Troopers Hill and Meadow Vale C.A. have engaged in the Consultation being carried out by the Grants and Investment Team on the commissioning of Infrastructure support for the Voluntary and Community Sector.</p>
<p><b>Activity 3:</b> Promote community activities including fun days, luncheon clubs, and community based projects.</p>		<p>Used Facebook page to promote a number of events and activities in the partnership area including the new programme of the St George Strollers, Meadow Vale Community Fete, Redfest and the Angel patch group as well as advertising job and volunteering opportunities that may be of interest.</p>

**4. NP Plan theme: Crime and Community Safety**

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<b>1.5 Priority 1: Reduce the supply and cultivation of Drugs.</b>		
<b>Activity 1:</b> Identify and target hotspot locations including St George Park, Speedwell.		The Local neighbourhood Teams have engaged in high visibility patrols and stop checks in the Neighbourhood area disrupting and targeting enforcement including the execution of misuse of drugs act warrants.
<b>Activity 2:</b> Increase awareness of the Crime stoppers reporting system.		At numerous public events crime stoppers awareness leaflets have been distributed utilising the Police cadets and special constables. Leaflets given out to victims of crime.
<b>Activity 3:</b> Increase community confidence		The local neighbourhood Team have supported victims of crime and ASB and engaged in specific targeted activity, i.e during Halloween period, towards providing community reassurance.  In progress is a Local Area Action Plan regarding an ongoing community issue in the St George Area.  All victims of Burglaries have been offered target hardening, ie window alarms, 28 victims have taken up the offer as have 122 neighbouring properties.
<b>1.6 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 process across the NP. Contribute to campaigns in schools and youth settings running Bristol IDEAL around abusive behaviours and witnessing abusive behaviour in the home. (Jess Dicken / Amy Campbell)		Local officers have given out Posters to schools/ local groups for them to display. At local events officers have given out the DV lip balm.

<b>Priority 3: Reduce 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 BYL partners.		Local officers have promoted the services from youth services and signposted during specific periods, i.e Halloween the diversionary activities available towards tackling potential ASB.
<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.		Local officers have completed patrols from in and around St George's Park.  The Police are also supportive of proposed Naseby Walk access improvements to Plummer's Hill.
<b>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		The local neighbourhood Team have continued this year to support the victims of Burglary and Target harden neighbouring premises. Crime prevention events have been held in high footfall area to widen the target hardening work and local Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators have been given information during regular meetings with their neighbourhood Team on crime reduction initiatives.

**5. NP Plan theme Community Development & Cohesion: No update available**

**6. NP Plan theme: Community Buildings.**

Description of works	Est cost	Update
<b>3.2 Priority 1: Promote/Take Advantage of community asset transfer opportunities, right to bid, etc.</b>		
<b>Activity 1:</b> Support the Meadowvale Community Association management committee to recruit volunteers and increase their capacity.	N/A	In order to try and engage the membership of the Community Association more widely and also to promote the AGM in October, Denis Wise



		(Community Development Worker) have knocked on the door and left a leaflet at every members address. This also enabled the membership list to be updated accurately. He spoke directly to 7 people during this exercise, which he will repeat again prior to the AGM.
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**7. NP theme: Employment, Training and Economic Dev.**

**No Update Available**

**8. NP theme: Housing, Planning and Major Projects**

**No Update Available**

**9. NP Theme: Communication/Engagement Update**

Our new NP Priorities leaflet was finalised, and produced in time for distribution at Redfest. A stock of the leaflet will be given to each NP member at our meeting on 30 September. The leaflets give us an opportunity to explain to people what some of our priorities are. (Please contact Rob Acton-Campbell if you would like any additional copies.)

We have also had printed some small cards (business card size) with brief information on the NP. These are great to share information concerning the NP with colleagues, neighbours etc, and to point them towards our website, Facebook and Twitter. Again, a stock of cards will be given to each NP member at the NP meeting on 30 September. (Further copies available from Philip Bird.)

The NP Forum on 11 August was heavily promoted through our website, Facebook and Twitter. This time, posters were also circulated to a variety of public buildings in our area to help to promote the Forum.

The WASP community group has closed, so the NP has taken control of their NP funded notice board in Whitehall Avenue / Alder Drive.

The NP was well represented at Redfest and this helped us to promote the work of the NP to the many people that visited the NP stand at the event. The NPs financial support for the event was also promoted on the Redfest website as well as in their programme etc.

Those hosting our website decided to relocate it (without warning us). This caused a problem with our emails addresses for a while, but seems to have now been rectified.

As before, our website, Facebook and Twitter continues to be effective:

Website stats:

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	3239	2078	2951	2774	2395	2724	1930	2361	2141	1861
2015	2418	2783	3608	3781	3259	2309	3119	3012				

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	99	116	126	105	77	101	97				

Facebook: 536 likes and Twitter: 649 followers

