

# THE DOWNS COMMITTEE

Clifton and Durdham Downs (Bristol) Act 1861

Reply to Steve Gregory

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Downs Committee

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Date

Friday, 1 March 2024

Councillor Paul Goggin  
(Lord Mayor)

Councillor Steve Smith  
Councillor Christine  
Townsend

Councillor Philippa Hulme  
Councillor Kye Dudd

Councillor Paula O'Rourke      Councillor Andrew Varney

## Merchant Venturers

Mike Bothamley  
(Master)  
Robert Bourns  
David Freed  
Bevis Watts  
Mark Burchfield  
Fiona Francombe  
David Powell

Dear Member,

You are invited to attend a meeting of the **Downs Committee** to be held at **2.00 pm on Monday, 11th March, 2024 at City Hall, College Green, Bristol.**

The agenda for the meeting is set out overleaf and the supporting documents are attached.

Yours sincerely,

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## **Agenda**

### **1. Welcome, Introductions and Safety Information**

### **2. Apologies for absence**

### **3. Declarations of interest**

To note and Declarations of Interest raised by Councillors.

### **4. Minutes of last meeting (Pages 4 - 10)**

### **5. Action Tracker (Page 11)**

### **6. Matters Arising From the Events and Finance Group (Pages 12 - 14)**

### **7. Public Forum**

Up to 30 Minutes is permitted for this item.

To consider items of Public Forum sent to the Downs Committee.  
Interested parties can submit:

- A written statement of approximately one side A4 no later than 12pm on 8 March 2024.
- A maximum of 2 written questions (which will be answered verbally at the meeting) must be received 3 clear working days prior to the meeting. For this meeting, it means that your question(s) must be received no later than 5pm on 5 March 2024.
- You will have the opportunity to ask one supplementary question arising directly out of each of the original questions or replies.

Please send submissions to Democratic Services at [democratic.services@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:democratic.services@bristol.gov.uk).

Please note that your statements and questions will be sent to

Committee Members and published on Council's website prior to meeting.

- 8. Downs Advisory Panel report (Pages 15 - 18)**
- 9. Downs Manager post - verbal update**
- 10. Vehicle Dwellers, Bristol - verbal update**
- 11. Downs Management Report (Pages 19 - 20)**
- 12. Downs Events Report (Page 21)**
- 13. Downs Finance Report (Pages 22 - 23)**
- 14. Avon Gorge and Downs Wildlife learning and community engagement programme - report (Pages 24 - 28)**
- 15. Any Other Business**
- 16. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled to be held at 11 am on 10 June 2024 at Merchants Hall.

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