



Community Toilets Scheme

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Background

- ❑ Dec 2017 Cabinet decision to close 18 public toilets located on the street and introduce a Business/Community Toilet Scheme. Saving £440K annually
- ❑ 4 toilets transferred to Downs Committee to manage
- ❑ Remaining toilets decommissioned
- ❑ Community Toilets Scheme (CTS) launched Dec 2017
- ❑ Target - double existing provision (36- 50 toilets open to the public for free)

Background

Main issues highlighted from **consultation** about toilet closure:

- ❑ **Availability of public toilets on the Downs** - 4 toilets have been transferred to the Downs Committee to manage
- ❑ **Provision for homeless people-** CTS members commit to non discriminatory admission including those sleeping rough. CTS facilities are listed on the Homelessness Connect website <https://bristolhomelessnessconnect.com>
- ❑ **Provision of properly accessible toilets across the city** -new provision exceeds the old in most areas of the city 80% are accessible.

What is the Community Toilets Scheme (CTS)?

- ❑ Participants sign up to set of standards
- ❑ Free to non customers and offered without discrimination.
- ❑ 75 toilets have been inspected .
- ❑ Full details on [website map](#)
- ❑ Signage displayed
- ❑ Participants offer facilities for free.
- ❑ Cleaning products available from British Toilet Assoc. scheme



Current provision of CTS

- ❑ **85** signed up community toilets (50 are businesses , medical centre or community organisations)
- ❑ **84%** are accessible
- ❑ **14 pending**

Available information about CTS toilets

BCC website

[public toilets map](#)

Legible City- city centre paper map
CTS in Autumn edition

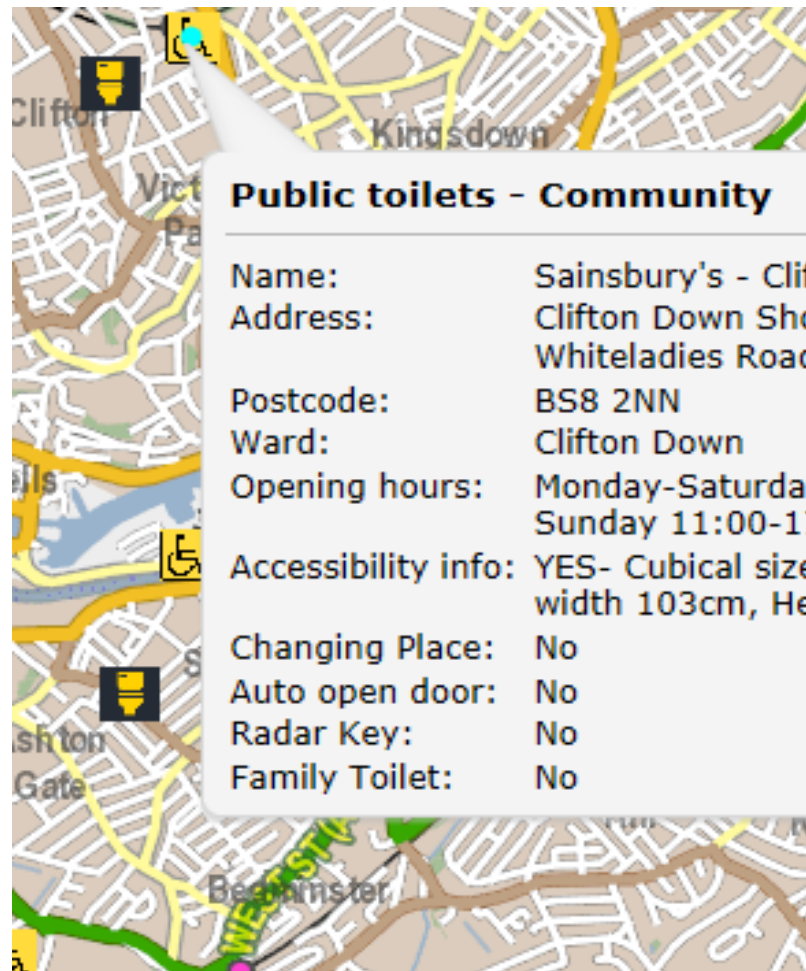
Great British toilet map- auto
updated with new venues. Smart
phone app. available

Bristol Ageing Better paper map

Open data

<https://opendata.bristol.gov.uk/explore/dataset/public-toilets/information/>

Homeless Connect website –
<https://bristolhomelessconnect.com>



Business rates changes

- Nov budget- business rate relief for public toilets for which government would compensate local authorities
- Applies to standalone toilets whether publically or privately owned.
- If all public toilets that the council are responsible for were reopened this year the rates bill for BCC would be £25,670



Next Steps

- Continue to work with partners to sustain the provision of accessible toilets across the city.
- Recruit new 'recruiters' in the community
- Goal - 100 participants across the city
- Ensure information about public toilets is accurate and easily available to all

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