



St George Neighbourhood Partnership

Wednesday 22nd June 2016

Report of: Subgroup Champions, Neighbourhood Partnership Co-ordinator.


Title: St George NP Achievement's Report

Recommendation:


NP members to note progress made, discuss and agree the NP Achievements for 2015/16.


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| 1- Environment | | | |
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| Priority 1: The NP area has quality Parks & Green Spaces accessible to all | Activity 2 Improve access to all Parks and open spaces entrances. | £77,630 | <p>2015/16 saw number of access improvements for our local parks. The NP managed to pool resource from BCC core funding, Green Capital funding and fundraised from national trusts. In total more than £77,630 was spent in access improvements. Below is a summary of main access improvements and their associated costs.</p> <p><u>Entrances to Rodney Rd:</u> The NP allocated £6,000 to progress this priority, the project is funded from S106. The improvement entails new gate & chicane. Safety concerns were raised by the Parks Department and subsequently agreed to change the location to install the new access. Cost: £5,400 Current Status: Works completed.</p> <p><u>Entrance to Plummer's Hill:</u> The NP identified this as an emerging anti-social behaviour hot spot location. With the support of the Police,</p> |



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| |  | | <p>the Parks Department agreed to fund this as part of their contribution to Discover East Bristol Project. Cost: £9,000 Current Status: Works completed</p> <p><u>Meadowvale Green Space:</u> The NP expressed concerns about the access located adjacent to the Speedwell Nursery. Following negotiations the Parks Department agreed to fund this as part of their contribution to Discover East Bristol Project, bearing in mind the funding secured to enhance Meadowvale. In addition BCC made further commitment to upgrade and widen the footpath, which is estimated to cost approximately £20,788. Cost: £5,500 Current Status: Works completed.</p> <p><u>Dundridge Park:</u> Friends of Dundridge Park have received grant funding to lay new path connecting new chicane funded by the NP and Children Play. The group also managed to fundraise new path, which will connect the Pavillion and Nature Reserve Woodland. BCC also agreed to carry out necessary maintenance to resurface and repair existing path from the car park. Cost: Approximately £57,730 Current Status: Project initiated.</p> |

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| | Activity 4 Fundraise and improve the Meadowvale Green Space. | £120,000 | <p><u>Meadowvale Green Space:</u> The NP funded consultant post to support Meadowvale CA and Dundridge Park. The consultant is expected to spend a third of their time in fundraising for the Meadowvale Green Space, with the value of approximately £3,333.33. The Partnership also allocated £24,683.23 of Section 106. With the help of Fundraiser the group managed to fundraise £45,000 for Children Play from Cori and Further £5,000 from John James Trust. BCC is also contributing approximately £20,000 to widen and resurface the existing path.</p> <p>Cost: £78,016.56</p> <p>Current Status: Project initiated.</p> |
| | Activity 5 Consult with residents around Colebrook Rd and Primrose Lane Open Spaces on investment options | £826 | <p>To encourage residents take interest in Colebrook Park, nominal £826 has been allocated to fund welcoming sign to promote the park.</p> <p>Cost: Approximately £826</p> <p>Current Status: Ordered, to be completed Summer 2016.</p> |
| | Activity 7 Remove remains of play area Gladstone St & consult on benches. | £6,673.90 | <p><u>Gladstone St:</u> Depleted children play equipment have been removed. The NP allocated £3,336.95 of Section 106 to match fund the removal of rubber mat and to plant grass in its place.</p> <p>Cost: Approximately £6,673.90</p> <p>Current Status: Ordered, to be completed Summer 2016.</p> |
| Priority 2: The NP area is clean, tidy and well | Activity 1 identify hot spot areas: At present – St George park, Church Rd and Kensington Rd | N/A | <p>Between January and April 2016 the following enforcement action has been taken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 66x Investigations (from complaints from the public). |


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| <p>maintained: An area free from litter, graffiti, fly tipping and posting.</p> | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19x Warning Letters • 11x Notices (eg domestic or commercial how they should be presented, or overflowing bins) • 12x FPNs (6x dumping of black bags, 3x littering, 3x commercial waste) • 3x prosecution files submitted to legal team <p>Some of the FPNs have come thanks to witness statements provided by businesses & residents,</p> <p>In total for 2015/16 Tom Ward delivered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 256 warning letters • 217 Notices - compliance notices • 139 Fixed Penalty Notices (fines) • 19 prosecutions (e.g. flytipping and business non-compliance with waste contracts) <p>Neighbourhood Officer is costing up planters and bollards for one of the sites where vehicles are parking vehicles on the adopted footway.</p> <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</p>  |


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| | | | <p>wide figure is 3,533 clearances.</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 & 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 started Op Secure in St George NPA where every shop/business received a visit from BCC enforcement team 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> |
| | Activity 7 Organise 2 educational/awareness | N/A | 1 organised, See above. Spring Bling awareness campaign and Community work carried out in Feb and March. |


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| | community clean-ups. | | |
| | Activity 8 Enhance the St George Fountain. | £90 | This is one of the most recognised sites in the NP area. It supported from the annual Clean & Green Budget as one of the |
| | Activity 7 Visually enhance Kingsway precinct and Church Rd shopping areas. | £315 | <p>Spring planting is currently happening, funded from Clean & Green funding. St George in Bloom members and NO actively encouraging Church Road businesses, residents and organisations to enhance their premises with baskets/tubs and manage their waste/keep frontage litter free.</p> <p>Winter planters work, at Kingsway Precinct, was completed in December with full refresh funded from Clean & Green funding</p> |
| | Activity 6 Visually enhance other public spaces, as identified by the Environment subgroup. | £1390 | <p>Enhancement plan agreed at Environmental sub group including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hanging baskets and new planters at St George Park Entrance. • New planters at Maldowers Lane outside shops will need to be replenished. NO encouraging new active residents via Meadowvale C.A to help maintain. • The front of Billboard site adjacent to the Gurduwara on Church Rd is being significantly improved by the Town Team and St George in Bloom and sponsors. |

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| | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £ 1390 for skip and mini diggers. • Work still ongoing at rear by Sikh community. • Hanging cable and lighting being repaired by primesight. • Primesight response awaited regarding choice of advertising or having blank one for July/August 2016. |
| | Activity 3 Improve condition of Public Right of Ways as part of the Green Capital Project. | £5,412.70 | <div data-bbox="945 611 1547 967" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Used community payback to clear vegetation from the following: Strawberry Lane, other PROW lane, River Avon towpath litter picks and path widening, plus other sites eg Headwick Street and Troopers hill bracken clearance, rear of fire engine, rear of billboards site. Funded by a central community payback team</p> <p>budget. Two light columns were also installed to improve visibility during the dark winter evenings.</p> <p>In total £5,241.28 of this was supported from the Green Capital Grant. Additional £100 was used from the NP Clean and Green budget and further £71.42 was used from the PROW team, which was used to install the signs.</p> <p>Cost: Approximately £5,241.28 Current Status: Completed.</p> |

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| Priority 3: The NP has good quality children's play areas close to all residents | Activity 2 Improve and expand the Children's Play areas in Dundridge Park and/or Troopers Hill Field | £216,456.90 | Both Friends of Dundridge Park (£125,706.90) and Troopers Hill (£80,750) successfully managed to fundraise for their park users aspirations. Between them they have managed to fundraise £206,456.90, out of which the NP contributed £40,000, when you include the fundraiser commissioned to support Dundridge Park and Meadowvale Community Association. Cost: Approximately £216,456.90 Current Status: Initiated. |
| | Activity 4 Improve and upgrade play facility Meadowvale Green Space. | £85,044 | Total estimated capital investment needed to bring about the community aspiration is estimated to be £402,220.91. The Development Plan identifies 3 phase development approach and the group are focusing on phase 1 of the development plan. With the help of the NP the group managed to secure funding for this phase and is schedule to have this implemented by end of 2016/17 financial year. Total estimated budget for this phase is £123,000 of which £24,500 was paid from the St George S106. The group is looking to submit an application to Tesco. Cost: Approximately £85,044 Current Status: Initiated. |
| Priority 5: The NP has a range of areas that benefit wildlife and support | Activity 1 Stop damage caused to wildlife. Evaluate fishing permit scheme and take appropriate actions to | £7,057 | Following NP decision to remove fish from the lake, BCC drained the lake and removed fish stock to rehouse them where possible to suitable locations. The wall and footpath has been inspected on two occasions but a more in-depth inspection is needed. This further work has been quoted for and will take place imminently. |

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| biodiversity | protect wildlife at St George Park. | | <p>A set of byelaws that currently includes the potential to enforce a ban on fishing in St George Park is still being considered and the Council has now made its submission to the Secretary of State for the Department of Communities and Local Government. The submission can be seen on the council's web pages. Officers are working towards asking Full Council to adopt the byelaws at its meeting in July but this is dependent on receiving Secretary of State approval to proceed.</p> <p>Cost: Approximately £7,057 Current Status: Initiated.</p> |
| | Activity 3 Develop Tree Plans for Plummer's Hill and Dundry Park. | £2,000 | <p>Trees were planted in both parks as part of the 'One Tree per Child' project following consultation on the proposed plans. At Plummer's Hill the trees were planted in conjunction with the installation of a memorial bench for Becky Watts for which the NP contributed the equivalent of the cost of a standard bench.</p>  <p>Cost: Approximately £2,000 Current Status: Completed</p> |

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| | Activity 3 Deliver tree planting scheme in St George Park | £12,055.27 | <p>Tree Bristol planted trees in St George park during the National Planting Day 1st December 2015.</p> <p>The NP allocated £6,745.27 of Section 106 and with this approximately up to 40 trees were planted.</p>  <p>Cost: Approximately £12,055.27 Current Status: Initiated</p> |
| | Activity 4 Seek opportunities for planting additional street trees | £1,180 | <p>In respond to local resident request, new trees were planted during the 2015/16 planting season 1 tree at Burchels Green (£295) and 3 trees Harvey's Lane (£885) to stop a vehicle parking on the grass verge land. Rodney Rd Playing field is booked for 2016/17 planting season.</p> <p>Cost: Approximately £1,180 Current Status: Completed</p> |

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| | Activity 5 Street Trees: Replace all felled trees (stumps) | £1,475 | During the 2015/16 tree planting season Bristol University agreed to sponsor replacing 5 street tree stumps. Cost: Approximately £1,475 Current Status: Completed |
| 2- Families, young & Older People | | | |
| Priority 1: NP will support activities for all sections of the community. | Activity 1: Support community groups to access funding to deliver community activities including fun days, luncheon clubs, and community based projects. | £9,351.49 | <p>The NP funded from the Wellbeing Budget number of community activities suitable for all sections of the community, including Mr Punch in the Park, Dog Show, Summer Fair, Halloween Party, St George's Community and Redfest.</p>  |
| | Activity 2: Promote and improve activities for young people. | £1,223.30 | The Wellbeing grant was also used to enhance facilities and activities for young people. Groups supported include Nicholas Wanderers JFC and 74th Bristol Brownies. |
| | Activity 3: Promote community activities including fun days, luncheon clubs, and | £228 | Using Facebook and Twitter, the comm subgroup regularly promoted number of events and activities in the NP area, including the St George Strollers, Meadowvale Community Fete, Redfest, St George Community Fair and Angel Patch to name a few. £228 of Wellbeing grant was also awarded to St George in |

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| | community based projects. | | Bloom to publicise its activities and the BCC contributed £483 for the design and print cost of St George Annual meeting cards. |
| Priority 1: NP will support activities for all sections of the community. | Activity 5: Develop more activities for people in the neighbourhood, including, Sport Coaching, Street games, etc. Target areas to include Meadow Vale and Dundridge Park. | £250 | Doorstep Sports offer volunteer coaching opportunities in Speedwell area. Sovereign Housing paid £250 to sponsor weekly sport sessions targeting young people from Speedwell and Hillfields areas. This was delivered by Access Sports. First Youth Activity Fair was organised at Bristol Brunel Academy Jan 2015. |
| | Activity 6: Improve and maintain sport pitches and their accessibility in parks and open spaces. | £1,700 | Parks agreed to fund rotating 5 a side football goal posts for Dundridge Park. Cost: Approximately £1,700 Current Status: Completed |
| 3- Community Development & Cohesion: | | | |
| Priority 1: Neighbourhood Partnership to ensure that all residents can influence decisions in their local | Activity 1: Target underrepresented community members and develop suitable mechanism, which will enable them to have an input into the NP activities. | | The St George NP members are highly committed in upholding and promoting the equalities agenda in the NP area. All except a view attended BCC Equalities Training. Following which the NP Web team added language translation function on the NP Website. The Wellbeing subgroup managed to recruit volunteers from wide range of background. Their latest recruits include women, who are one of the protected characteristics. St George in Bloom forged links with members of the Sikh community to |

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| neighbourhood and influence the public services they receive. | | | enhance the billboards near the Gurdwara |
| Priority 2: Strong VCS organisations delivering quality projects in the area. | Activity 2: Proactively help to set up Friends of Parks for all the Parks and Open spaces. Advising about policies and constitution matters. Target Rodney Rd Playing Fields, Meadowvale Green, Furber Rd. | N/A | Ongoing support for Gladstone Street Park Group and encouraging people with in other green spaces to attend the St George Environment Subgroup meetings. Current Status: Ongoing |
| | Activity 3: Working in targeted locations to increase local capacity including Meadowvale, | N/A | BCC Community Development time was used to support Meadowvale Community Association Bid and helped promoted groups AGM. Community Development support was also provided to Friends of Dundridge Park with their Survey and Angel Patch to prepare Wellbeing Grant application. Speedwell Nursery managed to fundraise for Part Time Community Development worker to work with Meadowvale CA. Current Status: Completed |

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| Priority 1: To celebrate diversity | Activity 1: Actively work with diverse communities in St George to take part in community events and existing group activities. | £2,900 | Wellbeing grant was awarded to Speedwell Friends to develop a project bringing communities together and inviting them to grow food together. Other supported events include Redfest, St George Community Fair and the St George in Bloom. Current Status: Ongoing |
| Priority 2: Increase volunteering | Activity 2: Help to recruit the hard to reach communities on to the NP activities. | £14,202.79 | Wellbeing grant applications generated £54,021.75 worth of volunteer's time. This was used to match fund against Wellbeing Grant applications worth £14,202.79. Current Status: Ongoing |
| 4- Community Buildings and Facilities | | | |
| Priority 1: Promote / take Advantage of community asset transfer opportunities, right to bid etc. Future Development of Open Spaces and public areas | Activity 2: Support the Meadowvale Community Association management committee to recruit volunteers and increase their capacity. | £3,333 | In addition to Community Development support mentioned above, the NP funded £10,000 for consultant to support Meadowvale Steering Group to prepare and submit a bid to the National Lottery. Current Status: Ongoing |

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| 5- Employment, Training and Economic Development | | | |
| Priority 1: Increase local business resilience | Activity 1: Support/encourage use of local retail centres and businesses. | £270 | Environmental enhancements in key shopping districts, including Church Rd and Kingsway shopping precinct, by developing and supporting the St George in Bloom and RHS Grey to Green initiatives. Current Status: Ongoing |