



Neighbourhood Partnership Times

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Your Neighbourhood Partnership Steering Group

Who we are & what we do

Welcome to your second edition of the Partnership Times, your local newsletter.

If you missed the first edition, which described your Neighbourhood Partnership please visit <http://www.troopers-hill.org.uk/StGeorgeNP> to download your own copy or contact Abdul Razak Dahir on 0117 9036409.

In this issue we want to introduce you to the people behind St George Neighbourhood Partnership and how you could get involved.

St George Neighbourhood Partnership is managed by a group of residents, representatives from local community groups, local councillors, local businesses, representatives from Bristol City Council, Police and NHS Bristol.

The role of the steering group is to guide the partnership to respond to issues raised by local residents. We can call key agencies to account where services have failed or need improving and press for those failures or shortfalls to be made good. Using the issues raised by local residents at St George Neighbourhood Partnership public meetings we use your priorities to create an

Action Plan. This plan is then used to ensure your issues are addressed by the right people in agreed timescales.

The steering group is currently chaired by Cllr Ron Stone, assisted by vice chair Cllr Charles Price. A new structure was agreed in June last year to extend the number of officers to include a treasurer and secretary. Please contact Abdul Razak Dahir, on 0117 9036409 if you are interested in any of these 4 roles or would like to nominate someone else. A nomination form is enclosed with this newsletter. Come and place your vote at our next public meeting on Wednesday 25th March.

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Express your views!

In this section we usually invite both local residents and agency representatives to express their views about the Neighbourhood Partnership. In this issue we have invited Police Sergeant Darren Warr to express his view about the Neighbourhood Partnership

PS Darren Warr says "We are working In Partnership to make St George a Safer, Stronger Neighbourhood"

Firstly let me introduce myself. I am the Police Sergeant for the community of St George East and West and together with a team of police officers, police community support officers (PCSO's), Special Constables (volunteers) and support staff are your dedicated Neighbourhood Policing Team.



As a brief history, Neighbourhood policing teams came into effect across the country from April 2008 and signalled a new approach to reduce crime and

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What we have achieved together

By coming to the open public meetings or contacting the St George Neighbourhood Partnership with your priorities and voting on their importance, together we have made the following progress in improving our area:

Facilities for young people:

A government grant of £7,500 was awarded to the Speedwell and Hillfields area to provide youth activities on Friday and Saturday evenings. Outreach youth workers have started working in the Meadow Vale area one day a week. We have also seen an increase in the number of activities for young people in Bristol Brunel Academy. Some of these activities are advertised in the centre page. This is a great example of working together to benefit our neighbourhood! For further information on activities for young people please see pages 4-5.

Road Safety:

Residents expressed their concerns about people speeding in their neighbourhood and this was voted as a priority. Records have been checked and there are no details of any accidents. Speed recorders will be temporarily set up on the roads that you have identified and the results will be shared with you at our next Public Meeting on **Wednesday 25th March 2009, 7pm to 9pm at St Aldans Church**.

If the numbers show that there is a need to reduce speed then those roads will be added to the list to receive flashing 30 mph signs which have been shown to have good results on reducing drivers' speeds.

Meadow Vale Community Centre:

As many of you know a fantastic effort was made preparing and presenting a bid for lottery funding so this venue could benefit more people.

Unfortunately we were unsuccessful on this occasion. However, more work is being done

to identify new funding opportunities.

Crime and safety:

At our last open public meeting local residents have voted for there to be more visible police officers in Speedwell area, following a sustained period of anti-social behaviour.

In respond our local Neighbourhood Team put into place a specific operation, which saw an increase in the number of police patrols over the times of greatest calls connected to a Dispersal Order.

The local Neighbourhood Team have since the ending of the Dispersal order been joined by PCSO Michelle Green and PCSO Victoria Shields, to assist their respective communities of Speedwell/Whitehall and Two Mile Hill. Their contact details can be found on page 8. On behalf of the Neighbourhood Partnership we would like to congratulate them on their appointment and welcome them to St George.

We hope the partnership work between the police, local agencies and the community will continue to combat anti-social behaviour.

Operation Torque, to tackle nuisance motorbikes and scooters in Speedwell is still on-going. Any motorbike/scooters deemed to be causing nuisance will be confiscated by the police and will be destroyed.

It is important for parents to take an active, caring role in encouraging their children to behave responsibly on their scooters, both for their safety and that of others.

We would like to hear your views about any of the issues discussed in this newsletter.

Please send your views to
Abdul Razak Dahir 0117 9036409
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Who we are and what we do

There are more places to be filled on the steering group in the categories of local residents and representatives of local businesses, voluntary, community and faith groups. You can simply volunteer for these additional roles. Please let Abdul know if you would like to help us and St George.

In total there are 20 steering group members. Each member has a vote on issues raised in steering group meetings but they can only use

their vote if they are present at the meeting. They cannot nominate proxies. Local residents representing St George community groups are on the steering group but we currently have no representation from independent residents. Please do join us working to improve St George in the way that residents want. The table shown below describes who is currently active on the steering group, how anyone interested can come on board and the number of vacancies on the steering group panel.

St George Neighbourhood Partnership Membership

	Local Councillors	Local community groups	Local residents	Bristol City Council	Police	Local Business	NHS Bristol
Number of allocated seats	4	5	5	2	1	2	1
Number of vacancies	0	2	5	1	0	2	1
How to come on steering group panel	Automatically qualifies after public elections	Self nominating	Self nominating	Nominated by BCC	Nominated by Avon & Somerset Police	Self nominating	Nominate by NHS

Who we are

Name	Organisation	Contact
Cllr Ron Stone	Councillor for St George West	0117 9779169/0771 8588475
Cllr Tony Potter	Councillor for St George West	0117 9551586
Cllr Charles Price	Councillor for St George East	0117 9678401
Cllr Fabian Breckels	Councillor for St George East	0117 3533371
Susan Acton-Cambell	Chair of Friends of Troopers Hill	0117 9475037
Grenville Johnson	Chair of Kensington Rd Residents Association and Neighbourhood Watch	0117 9496788
Ann Radnedge	Chair Meadow Vale Community Association	0117 9605350
PS Darren Warr	Avon and Somerset Police	0117 9529529
Sarah Sparks	BCC Estate Management	0117 3534002

If you are interested to take part in the Steering group panel as an independent or member of a local community organisation we would like to hear from you. Please contact Abdul Razak Dahir 0117 9036409 abdulrazak.dahir@bristol.gov.uk

Please remember Wednesday 25th March is our AGM!

**if you want to nominate yourself or anyone else for any of the management posts please contact:
Abdul Razak Dahir 0117 9036409
abdulrazak.dahir@bristol.gov.uk**



St George - What's On!

Many of you wonder about what activities are available in your neighbourhood. In this edition we have decided to promote local community activities in St George.

These are some of the activities on offer in your neighbourhood. If you know about something that should be shown on these pages but isn't, please get in touch on 0117 9036409.

**Our next
Open Public meeting
is at
St Aidan's Church
Fir Tree Lane
St George
Bristol BS5 8TZ**

**On
Wednesday 25th March
2009
7pm to 9pm**

Remember to
come along!

ST.GEORGE COMMUNITY CENTRE

MONDAY

10am-11am

Senior Citizens' Coffee Morning
Yoga on every

TUESDAY

9.30am-11.30am

Mondays & Tuesdays
Time for Tots toddler group

WEDNESDAY

9.30am-11.30am

1pm-3pm

8.30pm-10pm

Time for Tots toddler group
Craft Group
Samba dance

THURSDAY

10am-11am

7.00pm-8.00pm

8.30pm-10

Choreographed Drumming
on every Mondays & Thursdays

Jazzercise
Post Natal Fitness

Choreographed Drumming
Dance School on every

FRIDAY

10am-12pm

2pm-3pm

Wednesdays & Saturdays

Bristol Twins and More
Jolly Tots singing group

For more information please visit our website or contact

www.stgeorgecc.co.uk

0117 9144882

0775 7319582

stgeorgecc@hotmail.com

Please note, St George Neighbourhood Partnership is not responsible for the activities adverts in this section.

Youth Activities

Harry Crook

Day	Activities	Time
Monday	After School Club	3:15 - 5:45
	Judo Club	7:00-9:30pm
Tuesday	After School Club	3:15 - 5:45
Wednesday	After School Club	3:15 - 5:45
	Judo Club	7:00-9:30pm
Thursday	After School Club	3:15 - 5:45
Friday	Football training U12s	6:15-8:15pm

for more information contact:

Gary on: 0117 9656948 / 0797 1686946

or email: hcyac@dsl.pipex.com

Kingsway Youth Centre

Day	Activities	Time
Monday	General activities	7:00-9:30pm
Wednesday	Judo Club	7:00-9:30pm

for more information contact:

Mary Hastings on: 0785 5222320

or email: mary.hastings@bristol.gov.uk

FREE CENTRE PAGE PROMOTION!

If you are a community/voluntary group and would like to be featured in future editions. Please contact Abdul Razak Dahir 0117 9036409 or e-mail abdulrazakdahir@bristol.gov.uk.

St George - What's On!

The Stagelights

We are a Theatre Club that caters for everyone from the age of 4 to 100+. We produce 3 main plays/variety shows each year and a few other 1 night shows at various times. We stage them at Wesley Memorial Church Hall or Emersons Green Village Hall. **Come and see 2 plays for only £5.00pp.**

Quality family time!

Contact Mark on:
0117 9606192

Or contact
John Hicks on
0117 9477413

if you want to join the theatre club as an actor or helper

Saturday
May 16th 2009
2:30pm

Clara's On The Curtains & Ali The Barber

Contact Rob/Susan 0117 9475037

Or

Visit: www.troopers-hill.org.uk



Friends of Troopers Hill 2009 Programme

Date	Activities	Time
Wed 4th March	Meeting	7:15pm
Sat 7th March	Work Party	10am
Sat 4th April	Work Party	10:00am
Fri 10th April	Good Friday Service	11:30am
Sun 19th April	Avon Valley Walk	10am - 4pm
Sat 2nd May	Work Party	10:00am
Wed 13th May	Meeting	7:15pm
Sun 17th May	Wildlife Walk	10:30am
Sat 6th Jun	Work Party	10am
Sat 20th Jun	Music on the Hill	6:00pm

Youth Activities

For the Youth bus contact:
Avon Youth Association on 01454868371

For Judo sessions contact:
Sarah on 0770 3469000



Extended School Football Coaching Sessions



Date	Venue	Time	Age
Mondays	Brunel Academy Speedwell Rd Bristol, BS5	6:00-6:55pm	8-11 years
Tuesdays		5:30-6:25pm	5-7 years
Wednesdays	Metropolitan College, Snowdon, Bristol, BS16	6:00-6:55pm	8-11 Years
Thursdays		6:00-6:55pm	5-7 years

Activities Available in Speedwell

Date	Venue	Time	Age
Tuesdays Youth Bus	Firestation Speedwell Rd Bristol, BS5	7:00-9:30pm	open
Wednesdays Judo Sessions	Brunel Academy Speedwell Rd Bristol, BS5	6:00-7:00pm	5-7 Years
		7:00-8:00pm	8-13 years



No need to book, just turn up! Each session is £3. Coaches available are FA registered, CRB checked & First Aid trained.

For more information contact:
Sarah on 0770 346900

Local Councillor Surgeries

Ward	Name	When	Where
St George East	Cllr C Price Cllr F Breckels	2nd Saturday of every month 11am	St Aidan's Church Hall
St George West	Cllr Ron Stone	1st Wednesday of every month 7-8pm	Labour Club Beaconsfield Rd

If you have any comments, views or an idea as to how we could improve the Partnership Times we would like to hear from you please contact
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Speedwell Fun Day

Community Fun Day in Speedwell is organised by Meadowvale Park Action Group or MPAG for short. We are a recently constituted group and our aim is to organise community activities for ALL residents living in the Speedwell area.

Last year we successfully managed to get the community Fun Day running in a very short time, we have had lots of help from BCC, St George Neighbourhood Partnership, Crofts End Mission plus lots of local businesses.

Building on our success last year, we are looking forward to organising Speedwell Fun Day on the **Saturday 8th August 2009**, with lots more activities. We want to make it even bigger and better so please come and join us to organise this local event.

We have already held a few meetings, but would love to see some new faces and fresh ideas. If you have any ideas or would like to help, please contact:

Joanne Thomas on 07913340073
Ivan Roberts on 07988158481 or
e-mail us MVPAG@live .co.uk

It's all about Community

In recent years 'community engagement' has become a top priority for her Majesty's Court Service (HMCS) and the agencies that come under the umbrella of the Criminal Justice System (CJS). The vital role that residents play in their local communities can never be underestimated and when it comes to working together, everyone from the Police to HMCS truly value the huge steps forward that have already been made.

A recent Public Open meeting at the New Brunel Academy in Speedwell brought residents together with the Police Service, HMCS Magistrates' and legal professionals, the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS), and the Probation Service.

The purpose of the meeting was not merely to pay lip service to residents; but to openly discuss local criminal issues that often have a significant and very negative impact upon a community.

These meetings are not a quick fix, but they are an important tool for building understanding and trust and as a method to demystify what is frequently seen as a remote and inexplicable system.

HMCS, the Police and the CJS are committed to building lasting relationships with the residents of St. George and Speedwell. By doing so it gives Magistrates the opportunity to further understand the impact of offending on local people and how sentencing itself can affect a community.

If you would like more information about the work of HMCS in the St. George/Speedwell area please contact:

Zoë Threlfall at Bristol Magistrates' Court zoe.threlfall@hmcourts-service.gsi.gov.uk
Your views. Your needs. Our Priorities.

St George NP Fund

When Bristol City Council introduced the roll out of Neighbourhood Partnerships across the city, the council allocated a nominal budget of £5,000 per ward to each Neighbourhood Partnership. The aim of this money is not to deliver services or replace mainstream funds but to help local Neighbourhood Partnerships achieve quick wins to improve their local area. Funds received could potentially be spent on anything providing it is deemed reasonable and legal to do so! St George Neighbourhood Partnership received £10,000 to spend in 2008/9 financial year. This is £5,000 for St George East and £5,000 for St George West.

During the 2008/9 financial year the steering group worked hard in developing the Action Plan based on your priorities and used this to guide them on spending the money. Money had to be allocated by end of March 2009, otherwise it would have been clawed back into Bristol City Council's central funds.

So far money has been spent on tree planting/replacement, a priority from first public meeting, a Community Fun Day in Meadowvale Park, publicising the need to vote for the Meadowvale Community Association's Lottery bid, printing the last newsletter and improving the local area. This expenditure was all in response to priorities raised at public meetings. A full financial report will be given in our next Public Meeting so please come along to hear about these projects and how you can have a say in how to allocate funds from this year's budget.

Good news! The budget for 2009/10 financial year has doubled. £10,000 for each ward means that the St George Neighbourhood Partnership has been allocated £20,000 to use to meet the priorities you identify for St George. We are also pleased to hear that the clawback of any unspent money to central funds has been sensibly reconsidered by BCC so any unspent monies will be carried forward to 2009/10 financial year.

Speedwell Pride Project (SPP)

Residents in Speedwell often regard Speedwell as a neglected community with very little provision. SPP is an ambitious project. The partnership is teaming up with local services to turn Speedwell into an area of which we can all be proud. We are planning to carry out environmental improvements, some of which include:

- Promoting a Gardening Competition
- Helping local residents who needs assistance with their gardens
- Hanging baskets in prime locations
- Deep cleaning in front of shopping areas
- Getting young people involved in improving the local landscape

If you want to get involved in this please contact Mary Hastings on 07855222320 →

As you can see the Speedwell Pride Project is shaping up. We want to give young people the chance to be part of making their area a nicer place to live through getting involved in carrying out some garden improvements, possibly some tasteful graffiti.

Detached workers including Mary, Kayleigh and Winston will be out and about on Friday evenings in Speedwell – for young people to stop them and tell them what they think is needed in the area.

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the fear of crime in communities to build **Safer, Stronger Neighbourhoods.**

During our daily work your Neighbourhood team will be dealing with a wide range of policing matters in your community together with responding to requests for assistance. We recognise that you, the local people, want more say in the issues we deal with in St George and how we deal with these issues. By you having an influence on policing in your neighbourhood we will, by finding local solutions to these local problems through close partnership working and community involvement, make your community Safer and Stronger.

Involvement within the St George Neighbourhood Partnership enables us, in addition to working closely with, council services, key local agencies, volunteers such as Neighbourhood Watches, to identify with the community at regular public open meetings what matters most to them and then work through the partnership to jointly solve the issue.

This new approach is called Partners and Communities Together (PACT) and gives you the chance to influence the policing priorities in your neighbourhood.

What is your local priority? Contact any of your Neighbourhood Team, register it on the Avon and Somerset Web site, attend one of the forthcoming open meetings or by any one of the other methods available such as attending one of your local police surgeries.

You will find your Neighbourhood teams contact details have been included at the back of this Newsletter for your reference. You can find out more about your Neighbourhood Team, policing news in your area or about forthcoming meetings/surgeries, by visiting www.avonandsomerset.police.uk and using the link "in your area".

We would like to hear your views about any of the issues discussed in this newsletter.

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Some useful contact details

Bristol City Council

Department	Contacts	
General enquiries including (Street lighting)	www.bristol.gov.uk/a2b	0117 922 2100
Removal of rubbish/fly tipping/ household waste	www.bristol.gov.uk/flytipping	0117 922 2100
The Pest Control & Dog Warden Service	dog.warden@bristol.gov.uk	0117 922 2500
	pest.control@bristol.gov.uk	
	www.bristol.gov.uk/pestcontrol	
Anti-social behaviour	www.bristol.gov.uk/asb	0845 605 2222

Police

Bristol East South Neighbourhood Team

Area	Name	Contact
Bristol East South	PS 2665 Darren Warr	0117 9529529 0791 9538882
	Main Office	0117 9529533
St George West (Speedwell/ Whitehall) Beat	PC 2912 Rachel Caithness	0791 9628303
	PCSO 7724 Casper Harvey	0782 4519237
	PCSO 6995 Michelle Green	0776 8970970
St George East (Two Mile Hill) Beat	Main Office	0117 9529519
	PC 1978 Huw Williams	0776 7827613
	PCSO 8397 Victoria Shields	0776 9551551
St George's South East / South West Beat	Main Office	0117 9529534
	PC 682 Peter Crawford	0791 9628304
	PCSO 7047 Richard Mathias	0782 4519236
	PCSO 7094 Geoff Siddorn	0782 5103277

Crime stoppers

0800 555 111

In the case of an EMERGENCY you should always dial 999

visit: www.avonandsomerset.police.uk