



# Neighbourhood Partnership Times

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## Devolved Services

Some of you may remember in issue 4 we reported to you that the Council was considering to devolve more decision making powers to 14 Neighbourhood Partnerships across the city. If you have not seen it, you can download it for free from our website

[www.bristolpartnership.org/neighbourhood-partnerships](http://www.bristolpartnership.org/neighbourhood-partnerships) or you can request a free copy by calling 0117 9036409.

Since then just over £13.5m has been devolve to 14 Neighbourhood Partnerships across the city. St. George Neighbourhood Partnership is among them. See page 6 for full breakdown of services and amount of money under each service that has been devolved.

For the past two years or so St. George Neighbourhood Partnership has gone from strength to strength thanks to the relentless effort and the hard work its members put in.

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It is hoped that the new devolved powers would further strengthen the partnership in order to achieve the aspirations of local residents and enhance the quality of life for people living in St. George.

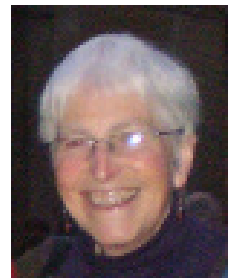
For the first time, St. George Neighbourhood Partnership members had the opportunity to determine how the devolved budgets should be spent locally and prioritise services in the order works should be carried out in the St. George area.

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### Express your view!

In this section we usually invite both local residents and agency representatives to express their views about the St. George Neighbourhood Partnership. In this issue we have invited Clare Willott to tell us what she thinks of the St. George Neighbourhood Partnership

“..... Actively engaging with local people across the neighbourhood, seeking their views and active participation in improving their quality of life. This includes seeking the participation of residents that are hard to reach.”



This is a statement from the Terms of Reference of Neighbourhood Partnerships in Bristol and is the basis of this short article. I was encouraged to join the steering group of St. George Neighbourhood Partnership whilst on a walk last spring organised by the Friends of Troopers Hill. I



## Devolved Services

On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2010, the St. George Neighbourhood Partnership met to consider the first round of devolved services and budgets. Members considered 2010/11 financial reports on the Wellbeing budget, Highways and Minor Traffic. From now on, we will use this section to report to you key decisions partnership members make. We would also love to hear from you any comments or suggestions you have regarding this.

### I- Highway Maintenance Works:

There are two separate works under the heading of Highway Maintenance, these are Footway Reconstruction and Carriageway Surface Dressing. In total £167,420 was allocated to St. George Neighbourhood Partnership from the Bristol Council 2010/11 budgets, of which £140,000 is ring fenced for Footway Reconstruction and remaining £27,420 is ring fenced for Carriageway Surface Dressing.

#### Footway Schemes:

In total the partnership approved the proposed Footway scheme listed below with a price tag of £118,590. Members suggested to carry out further consultation with regards to the £21,410 underspend.

- Avalon Road - £20,650
- Speedwell Road - £59,000 and
- Queen Street - £38,940

#### Surface Dressing Schemes:

Members faced a dilemma to match the proposed number of schemes

for the area, which is estimated to cost approximately £47,524.30 with a small nominal budget of £27,420. It was recognised that the partnership would not be able to fund all the proposed schemes from this year's allocated devolved budgets. Members agreed to spend £26,871.10 to surface dress the following roads. Remaining £548.90 will be carried over to the 2011/12 financial year.

- Kingsway Road - £21,798
- Richmond Road - £2,040
- Salisbury Street - £1,917.60 and
- Conham Vale (Upper) - £1,115.50

### II- Minor Traffic

Members are aware that issues relating to minor traffic are high up in the St. George Neighbourhood Partnership Action Plan. Many residents across St. George complained about issues relating to speeding, traffic and noise. Nominal budget of £17,143 is allocated to St. George Neighbourhood Partnership in order to deal with minor traffic issues. The cost of proposed possible minor traffic schemes are estimated to cost in excess of £231,000. Following an in-depth discussion members were advised to support the following recommendations:

- To set-aside £1,500 to carry out miscellaneous minor signing and lining works as and when needed by the Traffic Management Officers.

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- To liaise with South Gloucestershire in order to contribute to the proposed Britannia Road area “Feasibility study into traffic reduction scheme”.
- Feasibility study into traffic reduction scheme and traffic management measures to be carried out in Beaufort Rd, Queens Rd and the Avenue. It is hoped that the outcome of this study could potentially release money available under section 106 for the area. This is estimated to £5,000.
- To develop detailed design for the proposed “Traffic calming / management measures” for Meadow Vale & Whiteway Road. The group recommends that the design be presented to the community for consultation with a view to funding it from future devolved budgets. Estimated cost for this is £2,500.
- Kingsway area “parking restriction review” to be carried out within 2010/11 financial year and if it is possible to removing the double yellow lines from Grantham Road. Estimated cost for this is £7,500.
- Finally, to see if it is possible to finance more minor traffic improvement schemes by using Section 106 money available in the

area. These areas include Crews Hole Road, Lodge Road, Burchells Green, Weavers Mills, Blacksworth and provision for lighting in St. George’s Park Car Park.

### III- Wellbeing Budget

St. George Neighbourhood Partnership has managed the Wellbeing budget since it was first introduced in 2009. The purpose of this money is to support projects or schemes that aim to improve the quality of life for the residents of St. George.

We also have an Action Plan of priorities. Partnership members actively encourage community and voluntary organisations to apply for funding to assist their projects. So far, a number of community groups in the area have benefited from this financial support. We currently have £38,467.19 in our Wellbeing Budget.

Members agreed to support an application submitted by Summerhill Methodist Church to enhance community facilities. The amount requested by the group was £500 and they have received the full amount.

Watch out for the coming community consultation on  
Area Green Space Plan  
&  
Site Allocations  
This is likely to take place at the  
**Speedwell Community Fun-day planned on Sat 7th August & Sun 8th August 2010 at Meadowvale Park**



# St George - V

**Our next  
Neighbourhood Forum  
& AGM  
meeting is at  
Air Balloon Hill  
Primary School  
Hillside Road, St. George,  
BS5 7PB  
On  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2010  
7pm to 9pm**

Remember to come along!

If you cannot attend above date, here are future Neighbourhood Forum dates for your diary.

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2010, 7pm to 9pm  
at Bristol Brunel Academy, Speedwell  
Road, Bristol, BS15 1NU**

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec 2009, 7pm to 9pm at  
Hillside Court, Batten Road, St. George,  
Bristol, BS5 8NL**

**For more information about the next  
Neighbourhood Forum meeting in your area  
please contact Police Sergeant  
Darren Warr on 0117 952 9529 or  
Abdul Razak Dahir 0117 9036409**

Meadow Vale Community Centre		
Days	Activities	Time
Mondays	Art classes	09:45
Tuesdays	Card club	2pm
	Available for hire	7:30pm
Wednesdays	Available for hire	
Thursdays	Craft Club	1pm
	Bingo	7pm
Fridays	Available for hire	
Saturdays	Indian dance classes	11am
Sundays	Available for hire	

For more information or to book for parties contact Ann 0117 960 535

**ST. GEORGE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

- Activities for  
 Senior Citizens' Coffee Morning  
 Time for Tots toddler group  
 Craft Group  
 Samba dance  
 Bristol School of Tai-chi  
 Choreographed Drumming  
 Bristol Twins and More  
 Jolly Tots singing group  
 + Much more

Dance School every  
Wednesday & Saturday

Choreographed Drumming  
every Monday & Thursday

Yoga every  
Monday & Tuesday

For more information visit our  
website or phone us

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 0117 9411882  
 0775 7319582  
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# What's On!

## 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

[abdulrazak.dahir@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:abdulrazak.dahir@bristol.gov.uk)

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St. George has its own award-winning garden that is open to the public!

The garden has been featured on B.B.C television's 'Gardeners World' and in numerous magazines and national newspapers.

The garden at 28 Kensington Road, St. George, Bristol, BS5 7NB will be open by appointment from June 1 2010 for private visits, or on Sundays 6th & 13th June & 4th & 11th July 2010, 1pm to 5pm for the National Garden Scheme.

Adults £3.50  
Children Free  
Please phone  
0117 9496788



ngs gardens open for charity

Or email

[victorianhouse@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:victorianhouse@blueyonder.co.uk)

[www.victorianhousegarden.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk](http://www.victorianhousegarden.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk)

Contact Rob/Susan 0117 9475037

Or visit

[www.troopers-hill.org.uk](http://www.troopers-hill.org.uk)



## Friends of Troopers Hill 2010 Programme

Date	Activities	Time
Sat 1st May	Work Party	10:00 am
Tues 25th May	Meeting	7:15 pm
Sat 5th June	Work Party	10:00 am
Sat 19th June	Music on the Hill Bring a picnic (no BBQs) A summer evening of music on Troopers Hill	6:00 pm
Sat 3rd July	Work Party	10:00 am
Tues 13th July	Meeting	7:15 pm
Sat 7th August	Work Party	10:00 am

**World Cup 2010**  
**FREE Community Street Party**

JOIN US AS WE PREPARE FOR ENGLAND'S FIRST MATCH AGAINST USA

Saturday 12th June  
5.30-7.30pm: Street Party\* in Crofts End Road with:  
Kids Inflatables  
Music  
BBQ food  
Cream Teas  
Team Face Painting  
Penalty Shoot Out  
Keepie Up Competition  
And more!!

\* THIS IS AN AWARD WINNING EVENT  
7.30pm: Match Kick Off  
Enjoy the family atmosphere of the match LIVE on the BIG screen

## Youth Activities

### Activities Available in Speedwell

Date	Venue	Time	Age
Tuesdays Youth Bus	Bookers Cash & Carry 01454868371	7:00-9:00pm	13-19 Years
Wednesdays Judo Sessions	Brunel Academy Speedwell Rd Bristol, BS5 For Judo sessions contact: Sarah on 0770 3469000	6:00-7:00pm 7:00-8:00pm	5-7 Years 8-13 Years



### Kingsway Youth Centre

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

For more information contact:

Mary Hastings on: 0785 5222320

Or email: [mary.hastings@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:mary.hastings@bristol.gov.uk)

**Speedwell Fun-day is back!**  
**Sat 7th August & Sun 8th August 2010**  
**at Meadowvale Park**

Don't miss out on a great family day!

## NP Budgets explained

The St. George Neighbourhood Partnership safeguards the interest of people living and working in St. George. It does this by seeking and capturing the needs and wants of people living in St. George. The partnership organises 4 Neighbourhood Forum meetings per year. These are open public meetings where local residents are invited to come and express their needs, wants and aspirations for the area. This information is then used to inform service delivery for the area. The next Neighbourhood Forum meeting is **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2010, 7pm to 9pm at Air Balloon Primary School, Hillside Rd, St. George, Bristol, BS5 7PB**. The partnership also publishes this newsletter you are reading to inform residents of St. George.

As explained in page 1 of this newsletter the role of the partnership has also become to approve budgets for local services and influence decisions associated to these services, some of these services include Highways, Parks, Bristol Clean and Green, and so on.

Shown below is a table showing the break-down of devolved monies to the Neighbourhood Partnerships across the city. This is divided into two, namely devolved budgets & Influenced budgets. The distinction between the two is that devolved budgets are actual spending budgets, which Neighbourhood Partnerships could allocate against agreed priorities for a particular service. Whereas the influence budgets are referred to those services where the devolution is in relation to the authority to set priorities for existing staff, hence not spending devolved budgets as such but setting priorities for services.

<b>NO</b>	<b>Devolved Budgets</b>	<b>Revenue/ Capital</b>	<b>Amount £</b>
1	Wellbeing Budget	Revenue	£350,000
2	Community Centre/Buildings	Revenue	£128,000
3	Local Recycling Centres	Revenue	£482,000
4	Environmental Projects	Revenue	£50,000
5	Highway Maintenance	Capital	£1,000,000
6	Minor Traffic Schemes	Revenue	£150,000
7	Minor Traffic Schemes	Capital	£197,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>£2,357,000</b>
<b>NO</b>	<b>Influenced Budgets</b>	<b>Revenue/ Capital</b>	<b>Amount £</b>
1	Community Safety Staff	Revenue	£250,000
2	Street Cleaning	Revenue	£5,600,000
3	Parks & Green Spaces and Ground Maintenance	Revenue	£4,682,000
4	Community Engagement & Cohesion	Revenue	£700,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>£11,232,000</b>

# Wellbeing Budget

The Wellbeing Budget is a devolved budget. This means it is controlled by the St. George Neighbourhood Partnership and is released by our local councillors.

The Partnership has managed this fund since 2008/9 when the St. George Neighbourhood Partnership was first launched. Like our Neighbourhood Partnership the budget increased in size from £5,000 per ward to £10,000. At present we receive £20,000 per year and we currently have £38,467.19 in our kitty. The aim of this budget is to build the capacity of local community groups by removing potential barriers.

Listed below is a range of community projects, which the St. George Neighbourhood Partnership supported since it was formed. This list is by no means complete, we are very keen to hear from you if you have an idea or suggestions to improve the St. George area.



Community Bus for Hillside Court



Environmental Improvements



Community Garden



Kensington Rd,  
Street Trees



Meadow Vale Fun Day



Flower Baskets in  
Prime Locations

**If you are a community organisation/group and would like funds to help you deliver a project that is benefiting your local community the Partnership would like to hear from you. Please contact Abdul Razak Dahir 0117 9036409 or [abdulrazak.dahir@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:abdulrazak.dahir@bristol.gov.uk)**

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had no idea what this entailed, or what, as a fairly new resident of St. George, I might have to offer. Over nearly a year I have attended meetings and sub-groups, and participated where I can. I can see how much knowledge local people bring to the process and affect decision-making. I have also come to wonder how much the majority of people know about the NP and how much relevance it has to ordinary, everyday life. Although more people are turning up to the NP's Open Meetings, they are a very low proportion of the whole population of St. George.

To become a truly 'bottom up' organisation the NP needs more active support from people who live and/or work locally and can offer their experience and ideas. To find out what's going on, visit the [website www.bristolpartnership.org/neighbourhood-partnerships](http://www.bristolpartnership.org/neighbourhood-partnerships), and make contact if you find something there that catches your interest. But I am also using this space to ask what value the NP has for you, and if it hasn't, why not? What do you want from a local organisation that supports "community involvement and 'grass-roots' action"? I, and other members of the Partnership, really want to know. This is the start of building up a picture of what your needs and wants are, and perhaps your hopes and disappointments as well. Please contact me on:

Clare Willott 0117 9414514

If you would like to get involved or just want to share your thoughts please contact:  
**Abdul Razak Dahir 0117 903 6409**  
[abdulrazak.dahir@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:abdulrazak.dahir@bristol.gov.uk)

## Some useful contact details

Bristol City Council	
Department	Contacts
<b>General enquiries</b>  Street lighting Removal of rubbish Fly tipping and Household waste	<a href="http://www.bristol.gov.uk/a2b">www.bristol.gov.uk/a2b</a> <a href="http://www.bristol.gov.uk/flytipping">www.bristol.gov.uk/flytipping</a> <b>0117 922 2100</b>
<b>The Pest Control &amp; Dog Warden Service</b>	<a href="mailto:dog.warden@bristol.gov.uk">dog.warden@bristol.gov.uk</a>
	<a href="mailto:pest.control@bristol.gov.uk">pest.control@bristol.gov.uk</a>
	<a href="http://www.bristol.gov.uk/pestcontrol">www.bristol.gov.uk/pestcontrol</a> <b>0117 922 2500</b>
<b>Anti-social behaviour</b>	<a href="http://www.bristol.gov.uk/asb">www.bristol.gov.uk/asb</a> <b>0845 605 2222</b>
<b>St. George NP Area Co-ordinator</b>	<a href="mailto:Abdulrazak.dahir@bristol.gov.uk">Abdulrazak.dahir@bristol.gov.uk</a> 0117 9036409

Police	
Bristol East South Neighbourhood Team	
Area	Name and Contact details
<b>Bristol East South</b>	PS 2665 Darren Warr Contact all on 0845 456700
<b>St. George West (Speedwell/Whitehall) Beat</b>	PC 4170 Andy Peppin
	PCSO 7150 Pawel Borkowski
	PCSO 6995 Michelle Green
<b>St. George East (Two Mile Hill) Beat</b>	PC 1978 Huw Williams
	PCSO 9198 Natalie Martin
	PCSO 8397 Victoria Shields
<b>St. George's South East / South West Beat</b>	PC 682 Peter Crawford
	PCSO 7047 Richard Mathias
	PCSO 7094 Geoff Siddorn
<b>Contact all above</b>	<b>0845 456700</b>
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<b>In the case of an EMERGENCY you Should always dial 999</b>	
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