

**Our next
Public Open meeting
is at
The Brunel Academy,
Speedwell Road,
Speedwell**

**On
Wednesday 12th
November 2008
7pm to 9pm**

*Remember to
come along!*

Our public meetings are just one of the ways in which you can have your say on what you would like the Partnership to tackle.

Read on to find out what the Neighbourhood Partnership has been doing and how you can help support the Partnership to achieve what you want.

What has been achieved so far?

The St. George Neighbourhood Partnership was formed in November 2007. At the first public meeting the following were identified by the community as their highest priorities:

- To extend Speedwell's very small Meadow Vale Community Centre.
- To involve young people in Troopers Hill Local Nature Reserve.
- To publish a Partnership Newsletter
- To reinstate trees in Kensington Rd.
- To tackle rubbish dumping in the public footpath in Kensington Rd.

Since this meeting the Partnership has:

- Supported the members of Meadow Vale Community Association with their application for funding from the People's Million Lottery fund. We are delighted to say that they are through to the final stage and now require your help!
- Via their contacts with Friends of Troopers Hill, involved candidates from the Duke of Edinburgh's Award in building steps and recovering an overgrown path linking Troopers Hill and Troopers Hill field.

Help us to WIN by phone vote on 27th November, between 9am & midnight. Numbers will be in the Daily Mirror & HTV local news

Through Friends of Troopers Hill assisted local children to learn about the history and wildlife of Troopers Hill. They used their performance and recycling skills to present a very successful "Trooping the Hill" event. This was funded by a grant from Awards for All, and supported by Bristol Parks' Local Nature Reserves Officer, Sally Oldfield.

- Published a Newsletter to promote the Partnership and the work being done to tackle the identified areas of concern. The first issue is this one you are reading and we plan to produce it quarterly.
- Supported the residents group in Kensington Road in their efforts to have trees replaced and get more trees planted in their area.

If you can help in anyway including putting together our quarterly newsletter, or helping with distribution or want to take part in the editorial group we would like to hear from you. Please contact us:

We would like to hear your views, please send your views to
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In August 2008, the Partnership held a second public meeting. At the meeting members of the community identified the following issues that they wanted the Partnership to focus on:

- Increase the police presence and action in the Speedwell area to tackle a rise in anti-social behaviour.
- Improve opportunities & facilities for young people in the Speedwell area.
- Traffic calming in Meadow Vale, Whiteway Rd and Speedwell Rd
- Fly tipping at Speedwell Road, Ventnor Road, Cossham Road, Church Road, Beaufort Road, St George's park and Kensington Road, and last but not least
- Dog fouling

Since this second meeting the Partnership has initiated the following actions:

The Neighbourhood Policing team based at Fishponds have worked with the community in Speedwell and Safer Bristol to devise a range of measures to tackle an increase in anti - social behaviour. Some of the measures are as follows:

- A dispersal zone has been implemented in the area, with extra police patrols. Any group identified as causing or likely to cause anti-social behaviour can be ordered to leave the area for 24 hours or face arrest / prosecution.
- Issued letters informing parents that their children has been acting in anti-social manner and provide help and guidance over the dangers of under age drinking.
- To conduct a crime reduction in the area.
- To work with local premises and trading standards over the selling of alcohol to young people. To encourage shops mark any alcohol sold from their shop and to challenge anyone appearing under 21 years old buying alcohol.

- Continue to work closely with Bristol City Council and Housing Association, housing officers to address any anti-social behaviour from their tenants.
- The Partnership is working with local community groups & Bristol Brunel academy to improve the range of activities available for young people.
- Arranged for graffiti in the area to be removed.
- Arranged for a mobile alcohol education vehicle to attend the area and distribute information and advice about the dangers of alcohol and under-age drinking.
- Bristol City Council and local community representatives have collaborated to stage a community fun day at Meadow Vale. Young people have been asked about the leisure activities they would like to have in their area. The Partnership is keen to work with all stake holders to improve the range of activities available for young people in the area.
- Friends of Troopers Hill held a Fun Dog Show on Sunday 12th October. The local Dog Warden team supported this. Dog owner's responsibilities were highlighted during this event.
- The Highways department are to conduct a site survey in the Meadow Vale, Whiteway Rd and Speedwell Rd areas.

Need support!

We are always looking for ways to engage with local residents, if you have an idea as to how we can improve this we would like to hear from you!

The partnership is very keen to support community groups in the area. If you are a community group and you are looking to organise an event we may be able to support you. Please contact us

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attitudes also needed to change in some areas that the Council manages its ways of working. We are able to meet Councillors and Officers and influence the way decisions are made. We ask for funds to be set aside to make the improvements happen, and keep an eye on how the work progresses, so we are 'watchdogs' for the area.

It's not all about asking for more money. Often, a short discussion or phone call is all that is needed to put things right. Currently, we have a very small budget that is available to the Partnership, and I hope that more funds will be made available as we develop.

We now feel that we can challenge those who make decisions on our behalf. Our steering group is made up of a group of volunteers. We hold regular meetings with a variety of support agencies. We want to see St. George become an even better place in which to live, work and relax. We listen to what local people are saying, and then we do our very best to support them and quickly respond to their concerns, and sort out the problems or issues as rapidly as possible.

I have lived here since 1949, and I feel that Bristol City Council has overlooked parts of St. George. Until recently, it was probably seen as an area requiring little or no attention, probably because it did not meet with certain criteria in order to trigger cash grants.

Sadly, this has resulted in some areas of St. George looking neglected, run down, tired and forgotten. Things are now beginning to change and improve, but there is still a lot of work to do. I hope that our group will continue to play a significant role in this. By working together we will be able to make some major improvements to St. George, and begin to put things right.

Neighbourhood Partnerships are an exciting way of working in the future. We look forward to hearing from any groups or individuals who would like to join us on this exciting and innovative way of working.

Grenville Johnson.
Member of St George NP

Some useful contact details

Removal of rubbish/fly tipping/ Household waste and Street Maintenance services

Tel: 0117 922 2100

or fill in the on line form on <http://www.bristol.gov.uk/ccm/content/Transport-Streets/Street-care-and-cleaning/fly-tipping.en>

The Pest Control & Dog Warden Service

Monday to Friday. Available from 8.30am to 8.00pm

Tel: 0117 922 2500

email: dog.warden@bristol.gov.uk

email: pest.control@bristol.gov.uk

www.bristol.gov.uk/pestcontrol

Bristol City Council Anti-social behaviour

Tel: 0845 605 2222

or

visit: www.bristol.gov.uk/asb

Bristol City Council General enquiries

Tel: 0117 922 2000

or

visit: www.bristol.gov.uk/a2b

Police

Bristol East South Neighbourhood Team

PS 2665 Darren Warr - - - - - 0117 9529529
- - - - - 07919538882

St George West (Speedwell / Whitehall)

Beat 0117 9529533

PC 2912 Rachel Caithness - - - - - 07919628303

PCSO 7724 Casper Harvey - - - - - 07824519237

St George East (Two Mile Hill) Beat

0117 9529519

PC 1978 Huw Williams - - - - - 07767827613

St Georges South East / South West Beat

0117 9529534

PC 682 Peter Crawford - - - - - 07919628304

PCSO 7047 Richard Mathias - - - - - 07824519236

PCSO 7094 Geoff Siddorn - - - - - 07825103277

Crime stoppers - - - - - 0800 555 111

visit: www.avonandsomerset.police.uk



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What is a Neighbourhood Partnership?

The St. George Neighbourhood Partnership is a group made up of local residents, Police, Bristol City Council, local Councillors, community & voluntary organisations. Representatives from this group make St George Neighbourhood Partnership steering group. The steering group meet on regular bases and is responsible for managing the partnership.

The Partnership provides an opportunity for residents, community & voluntary organisations to influence the way that services are delivered locally. We find out what sort of issues residents would like to see improved or changed in the St. George area. This then forms the St George Neighbourhood Partnership Action Plan.

The steering group takes ownership of the Action Plan and ensures that identified priorities are addressed by the responsible agency.

What area does St George Neighbourhood Partnership cover?

The two council wards of St George East and St George West are covered by the Partnership. This is the area bounded by Conham Rd, starting at the boundary with South Gloucestershire, Crews Hole, Netham Rd, Lypiatt Rd, Whitehall Rd, Speedwell Rd, Ingleside Rd, Soundwell Rd, Cross St and then follows the South Gloucestershire boundary across Magpie Bottom and down to Conham Rd again.

**If you would like to know more about the partnership or wish to take part in the steering group please contact:
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Grenville says "Let's work together to get St. George back on the map!"

I was born, raised and educated in St. George, and have lived in this area for almost sixty years. I am very passionate about this part of Bristol because it is an interesting area of the city to live in, and I want to see improvements and positive changes in the future.



When I first joined the Partnership I didn't really expect it to be successful.

I thought it would become a political platform for the benefit of Councillors and Council officers, or just be a 'talking shop,' and our influences would be minimal.

My initial doubts were swept away after our first public meeting. We were given the chance to have our say and ask for improvements to be made in the area. I realised that this meant that