

Brislington East Matters

Working for Brislington East Ward, including Broomhill, St Annes and St Annes Park

Local news from your
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Please do not hesitate to contact us with any problem or concern.



Clean up and green up!

If you have a few spare hours over the coming months, we need your help to improve your local environment. The Brislington Green Team is a new group of volunteers who help to 'clean up and green up' areas identified by residents in the ward. The team, led by James and helped by local residents, have recently cleared an area in Montrose Park, and a future action day is being planned for Brislington Cemetery.

If you can think of an area that needs attention or want to join the team, contact James for more information, or check out www.brislingtongreenteam.org.

Labour say no to PCSO!

Tony Blair has done it again! Having promised national funding for 24,000 Police Community Support Officers, this has been slashed to 16,000. The Bristol allocation has been cut by 42 to less than a hundred, which will have a massive impact on the safety of our streets. Will we get the 3 PCSO's we were promised? Barbara and James believe that cutting crime and anti-social behaviour can only be done with effective and visible policing. They have joined the local police in lobbying hard to ensure that our allocation is delivered.

Joint Beat/Councillor Surgery

Barbara will be holding a series of joint surgeries with PC Neal Scarborough at Brislington Police Station on Thursdays in January and February 2007, giving you and our local community a chance to talk about the issues that concern you in confidence. These surgeries will be held at 7pm on 11th January, 25th January, and 8th February. Barbara will also be holding her regular Saturday surgeries at Wick Road Library at 11am, on 20th January, 24th February, and 24th March. If you have any concerns to raise, feel free to ring or email her at any time.

Allison Road: Success Story

Barbara is delighted to be able to report that the road narrowing measures that have caused so many problems on Allison Road will soon be a thing of the past. Instead, alongside alterations to the camber of the road and new refuge islands, Allison Road will play host to the first Watchman camera system in Bristol. This will digitally monitor speed and record number plates which can then be used by the Police to prosecute those who commit traffic offences. Where it has been used in other parts of the country, there has been a dramatic fall in the number of accidents and incidents of speeding. If the trial is successful, it may be used elsewhere in Bristol. We hope the system will also deter anti-social behaviour, by monitoring bus stops in the road. Work is due to begin in Spring 2007.



Campaigning and caring for our community

West Town Lane Traffic Chaos

Local residents and the Police are very concerned about so-called 'improvements' to the road system around the Lidl store in West Town Lane. Shoppers leaving the car park face a frenzied dash across four lanes of traffic, and current plans to make this safer will only lead to increased traffic congestion and loss of road space. If you have any concerns regarding road safety in this area, or witness any potentially dangerous incidents, please let Barbara know so that she can inform the Police and Traffic Management at the Council.



Prefab Update

Three more prefabs are due to be demolished in December. This should reduce vandalism and arson attacks in the area. A Pre-Planning Consultation event will be held in January 2007, where tenants, ex-tenants, owners and neighbours can have a look at and comment on the proposed plans. Work is still expected to start in April 2009.



Better Youth Services Needed

James is appalled at the chronic lack of youth services in Brislington East. He commented, "Whilst dispersal orders such as those in Lichfield Road and Eastwood Road offer a quick fix solution to break up troublesome groups and calm anti-social behaviour, we need to find a long-term answer. There is nothing for young people to do in our area – it is our duty to give them better opportunities. For too long the majority have been persecuted because the minority choose to misbehave, and this has to stop." Outreach workers funded by the Respect Project are now in the area, meeting local young people on a weekly basis to discuss the issues that matter to them. An Action Plan is being formulated for Brislington East, and we should be able to tell you more in early 2007.

Volunteers are always needed to help support local youth groups! If you can spare a few hours once a week or fortnight, then get in touch with James.

Eastwood Road Fencing Success

Security fencing and doors should shortly be installed to the flats on Eastwood Road. This will make life safer for residents, and is much needed!

Your Feedback

Please let us know any problems or issues that concern you.

Are any of the following causing you concern in your road?

(If yes, please give details).

- Fly-tipping _____
- Graffiti _____
- Abandoned cars _____
- Broken street lights _____
- Bad pavements _____
- Overhanging branches _____
- Problems with drains _____
- Other (please state) _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Help our fight to improve the area This leaflet has been delivered by local volunteers. Conservatives work all year round to help improve our area. Tick the boxes if you would like to help, and we will be in touch with you.

- Delivering a few leaflets
- Making a donation
- Joining the Party
- Attending social events

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