

Hartcliffe & Headley Park Matters

Working for Hartcliffe Ward, including Headley Park and parts of Bishopsworth.

Local news from your
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Winter Edition

"Save Our Pool" Campaign Boost

Over 2,100 local residents have now backed our campaign to save Bishopsworth Swimming Pool from closure.

The popular pool, which is just about to undergo a 6-week make-over, has been threatened with closure by the Lib Dem-run Council which wants to scrap it in the run-up to the opening of a new leisure centre at Hengrove in 2010.

Anti-closure campaigner Nicki Crandon and Bishopsworth Tory Councillor Richard Eddy have so far won the backing of 2,160 people for our petition opposing the closure.

A Council watchdog, the Quality of Life Scrutiny Commission, has also urged the Lib Dem Administration to think again at its meeting on 20th November.

Nicki commented, "The Lib Dems have already axed four swimming baths in the last two years and now they seem determined to sound the death knell for Bishopsworth Pool. Eighteen local schools, including Bishopsworth, Fair Furlong, Gay Elms, Headley Park and St Pius, presently use the pool, as well as swimming clubs and local people. It would be a disaster if this well-used facility was axed and local Conservatives will fight fiercely to preserve this vital community asset."

Policing Cuts Protest

Plans to crack down on yobs and anti-social behaviour are threatened by a massive cut in funding for our Police Community Support Officers.

Avon & Somerset Constabulary has admitted that the cutbacks could mean the loss of 42 of the city's present 132 PCSOs - including those working in Hartcliffe, Headley Park and Withywood.

Nicki said, "Our PCSOs have been a godsend in the fight against crime and are recognised and valued throughout the neighbourhood. This crazy idea by the Labour Government will do real long term damage and severely impact on street safety."



Local Round-up

- Work on demolishing **Symes Avenue** has started. This is fantastic news for the whole community and we look forward to seeing the rise of the new Morrison's superstore, shops, children's play area, community building and replacement library.

- Following our defeat of plans to open a **takeaway at 2a St Peter's**

- **Rise**, the current owner is still trying to sell the shop. Thanks to everyone who supported Nicki's successful campaign so enthusiastically.
- Fitting-out of the **New Withywood Centre**, Queens

Road, has started. It is hoped that the new church, community centre and healthcare clinic will be up and running by the second half of January. *Continued overleaf.*



Campaigning and caring for our community

Who Else Has To Die?

Lib Dem transport supremo Dennis Brown has spurned pleas for action to cut dangerous vehicle speeds along busy Church and Grange Roads.

According to the Council's own statistics, over 23 casualties have been reported in injury accidents over the last three years (including a tragic death in March) and there have been many more near-misses. But this has clearly not impressed Cllr Brown who has refused to take any action in response to the 515-name petition collected by Nicki Crandon earlier this year.



In a letter to Nicki, Cllr Brown says it would be "inappropriate to consider the introduction of traffic management measures in roads with good accident records." Is he seriously suggesting that 23 serious injuries and a death in the last few years is a good record? How many more innocent victims have to die before this heartless Council is prepared to take action?

When Sorry Is More Than A Word...

You would have thought that Bristol City Council had enough to apologise for... badly-run schools, run-down estates and the disgraceful axing of old folks homes but, no, it has now formally said sorry on your behalf for the slave trade of hundreds of years ago.

Against strong Conservative opposition, Labour and Lib Dem Councillors pushed through a motion to rename streets after former slaves, erect public sculptures at your expense and hold an annual African Remembrance Day. Nice to know Bristol City Council is really in touch with your everyday concerns, isn't it?

Local Round-up *continued*

- Despite complaints from local residents, the pavements in **Selly Walk** are still in a state of disrepair. Nicki is battling for safer streets and a better environment.
- Welcome plans for a £200,000 make-over of **Bishopsworth Library**

have been delayed and are now expected to start after April 2007. We will keep you informed.



Drunken Yobs Face Clampdown

Angry householders have been promised a police crack-down on drunken yobs at a public meeting organised by local Conservatives. At a residents' meeting at Bishopsworth URC church held on 22nd November, over 50 people turned up to complain of broken windows, anti-social behaviour and drunken assaults.

Police representatives have agreed to improve their Friday and Saturday night presence in the vicinity of the "Queens Head" and "Elm Tree" pubs and are working closely with the landlords to deter unruly elements. Nicki said, "Local people are determined not to surrender our neighbourhood to yobbery and this firm pledge of police action is most welcome."

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 _____
- Un-taxed 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.*

- Help with petition to save Bishopsworth Pool
- Delivering a few leaflets
- Making a donation
- Joining the Party
- Attending social events

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