

St George East Matters

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Recycling victory for local Conservatives

Pressure from local Conservatives has helped to result in the expansion of the network of plastic recycling banks in Bristol to bring one to Laburnum Road car park in Hanham, the closest available to the residents of St George.

In 2006, Labour Councillors sought to cut the funding which was needed to create a wider network of recycling facilities in the city.



Save Cossham Hospital

The campaign to refurbish and modernise Cossham Hospital has been given a big boost, after the NHS received thousands of messages of support for this option.

The Save Cossham Hospital Group has led the campaign for the refurbishment of the hospital, and has delivered thousands of leaflets informing residents how to respond to the NHS consultation.



Local Conservatives have consistently supported the Cossham campaign, organising and submitting a petition signed by 1,152 people backing refurbishment.

Chris Windows reports, "It is absolutely vital for the future of local people's healthcare that Cossham Hospital is fully refurbished and modernised. For too long, services have been drained away from our treasured hospital and this is our opportunity to reverse its decline and bring new, much-needed services, particularly a new Minor Injury Unit. Next year is the centenary of the opening of Cossham Hospital. What better way to celebrate everything this treasured hospital and the wonderful staff have one than by securing the investment needed to give it a future as great as its past?"

Post Offices stamped out

Despite having already slashed the local Post Office network, the Labour Government wants to close another 2,500 branches. Local people in St. George East have already seen the closure of branches on Nags Head Hill, Two Mile Hill and Duncombe Lane. Those residents who still have a local Post Office fear their branch will be the next victim.

Chris Windows reports, "The Government wants another set of closures, which could see St. George residents having to travel even further to get to a so-called 'local' branch. Instead of developing the Post Office network, the Government seems intent upon reducing their trade by transferring pension payments to banks and stopping the purchase of TV licenses at branches."



Better bus service for St George?

Last year, First Bus made changes to the route of the 43. The service now terminates in the City Centre, as opposed to providing a through service to The Mall. First Bus claims this has improved the reliability, although many St. George residents have said they would prefer the original service to be restored. Local



campaigner Chris Windows wants to know your opinions about the new service. Chris comments, "You can tell me your views directly by responding free of charge to my survey."

Campaigning and caring for our community



A little piece of paradise lost?

Residents who have fought a three year campaign to save 'a little piece of paradise' from development have had to abandon their bid to gain village green status for Magpie Bottom after being threatened with a £30,000 legal bill. Solicitors warned that campaigners would face the hefty bill if they lost in the High Court.

Chris Windows comments, "I pay tribute to the campaigners for all they have done to try and save Magpie Bottom for future generations to enjoy. This is a terrible setback for the community. It really is a David and Goliath situation, where local people, no matter how strong their case, cannot fight to protect their community because of the threat of legal costs.

This valley and nature reserve is a little piece of paradise for local residents to enjoy, and it is scandalous that it cannot be saved from the developers' diggers by village green status. I will oppose any application to build here."

Hopper-ing mad!

Despite the number of people now living in the Crews Hole area, there is still no bus service.

Local residents have to climb Troopers Hill to access a bus service. This is a major deterrent to using public transport. Previous attempts to secure a service have been dismissed, with one of the objections cited as being the problem of negotiating Conham Hill.

Chris Windows reports, "I think that the bus company and Council should look again at this issue. It is perfectly possible for a hopper bus to use the route. This is exactly what local people want to see, particularly for commuters. Please sign and return my petition today to get the need for a bus route reviewed."



Your Feedback

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

- I/we think the changes to the 43 bus have improved the reliability of the service and are a good thing.
- I/we think the changes have made the service worse and would prefer the old service to be restored.
- I/we support the provision of a hopper bus service linking Crews Hole with Bristol City Centre.

Other comments...

Name

Address

Phone

Email

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- Making a donation
- Joining the Party
- Attending social events

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