



Hotwells and Cliftonwood Community Association – Newsletter October 2020

Welcome to the Bulletin for October. It is hard to believe it is seven months since we first spoke about 'Lockdown' and its effect on our community. Times are still uncertain, that is for sure. We have become used to wearing masks, to being asked to sanitise our hands before doing business in shops, and standing outside in the fresh air waiting for appointments in doctors or dentists.

Many businesses are struggling to survive – curfews and the possibility of further lockdown are making it hard for business owners. The good news is that we have new businesses opening in Hotwell Road – let's help them feel welcome

Your Community Association very much hopes you are keeping well and we wish our readers and their families the best of health as we move into autumn and the colder weather.

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1. HCCA Survey

For those who are new to the Bulletin – we have promised a survey for all those living within the area. The aim is to identify the factors which are most important to those in our community and to try to address the response accordingly. There are many open-ended questions, allowing for comments from respondents. It is many years since this was done in our neighbourhood and we hope it will give us an overall picture of what people find the positives and negatives of living here.

There will be a **Special Survey Bulletin** very soon and this will have the link for those who can do the survey online. The link will also be posted on our Facebook page and on sites such as Next Door. Results will be made public – ideally at a meeting, but in these tricky times -probably via another Bulletin and our Facebook Page.

2. AGM.

As mentioned last month this will be held by Zoom and will concentrate just on the business element of our AGM in accordance with our charity status. The meeting will be at 7.30pm on Monday November 9th. We will be using this email listing, together with the emails from last year's meeting to notify you of how to gain access to the meeting, the agenda and the links to the papers for the meeting which will also be posted on our website. Please come to our meeting if you can. It should not last more than an hour. We look forward to seeing you.

3. Cumberland Basin/Western Harbour

Correspondence with the Mayor continues but I am not sure that we are really any the wiser! See the latest [here](#)

The Advisory Group met again for the first time since February. The main outcome of that meeting is that there are plans for a different approach to engagement. This would mean that engagement would be stimulated through creative arts projects and “meanwhile” or “pop up” commercial, business, or community activities and initiatives in and around the area that might help people look at potential for the area in different ways. This process would by its nature be carried out over quite an extensive period. These plans are at a very early stage and we will keep you posted with more as we learn more.

Walks around the area. Unfortunately our plans for walks around the area in conjunction with the Civic Society have had to be put on hold due to particular circumstances. Planning will start again soon and so it will be afternoon walks and wrap up warmer! More news soon.

The Cumberland Basin Stakeholder Group will meet again in a few days to plan our next steps. If there are issues you want to bring to our attention please email admin@hotwellscliftonwood.org.uk

4. Plans for Baltic Wharf (Caravan Site) presentation. Virtual public meeting.

Goram Homes and Hill - see <https://www.goramhomes.co.uk/> -will be presenting their plans for their Baltic Wharf proposals on Thursday 8th October at 7pm. The proposals include 165 homes, 40% affordable, commercial space, which could include a mix of places to eat and drink, and new public realm. To register to join the meeting, [go to](#) You can also find the presentation slides by going here [wetransfer](#) It might help to look at their slides before the presentation

5. Research on the locations for new housing in Bristol.

The London School of Economics (LSE) have contacted us as they are conducting research on resident's preferences for where to locate new housing in Bristol. This research is also covering Nottingham and Newcastle. They are specifically interested in how residents would choose between either building on parts of the green belt or on sites in their neighbourhood. To seek resident's views, they have developed a survey and have written to request our assistance by sharing the survey with our members. All responses to the survey would be anonymous, they would not have access to any identifying information.

The survey can be accessed [here](#) survey consists of two parts, the first a questionnaire and the second a series of images for the participant to respond to. It should take about 4-6 minutes to complete. More detailed information, including a consent form, can be found on the survey's introduction pages. The results will be published on the progress in [planning blog](#): They estimate the results will be there in the New Year. We encourage you to participate.

6. Future of Transport in Bristol - a Greenpeace Greenwire online event

Greenpeace Transport Campaign is holding a Bristol Webinar on Saturday 17th October at 2.30 p.m. As part of their campaign, Greenpeace are inviting local groups to speak on the issues affecting them in their area. This webinar will be joined by Bristol north west MP Darren Jones, contributions will be from Bristol Cycle Campaign, Liveable Neighbourhoods and Clean Air Alliance. To register for this webinar and to read more about the campaign please [click](#)

7. Piazza Matters: Piazza update

The Cumberland Piazza is number 43 in **Martin Booth's book** - we are very proud. (see item **#10** for more information on the book).



Mhari and Anna are recreating the summer kids pavement artworks to create a lively trail through the piazza. As winter approaches progress will be slow but steady- keep an eye out. As ever, if you'd like to help with art and gardening, please contact anna@artwithinthecracks.org

FFI <https://artundertheflyover.com>

8. Centre of Gravity Exhibition- artists take over Gardiner Haskins

Sat 3rd October- Sunday 1st November (Wed - Sun)

Longing for a bit of art and culture to shake up the status quo? Fond memories of shopping at Gardiner Haskins? Interest in re-use and re-imaging spaces? This FREE and COVID SAFE exhibition opens to the public tomorrow at 12pm. There will be performances, films, opportunities to add to the artworks and fascinating talks. Artists have transformed this iconic old building and this is your chance to enter before it is demolished for development. For further details, see below

<https://www.bristolartistledforum.com/>

<https://www.thesoapworksbristol.co.uk/>

<https://www.centrefogravity.uk/home>

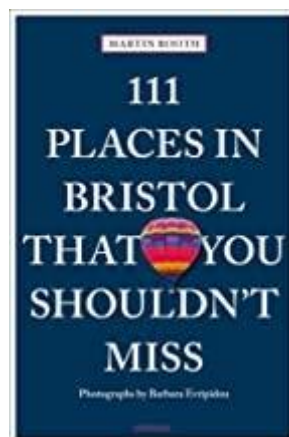
9. Alternative Approaches to Architecture- working with students and communities

22nd October 4.30pm at the Centre of Gravity (details above)

Local residents [Rachel Sara](#) (Professor of Architecture) and [Anna Haydock-Wilson](#) community artist, are giving a talk about how we can build our environment in different ways. We will take you on a journey beginning in Old Market, describing the value of involving students with fresh ideas and the expertise of communities in ideas for developing our neighbourhoods. The Cumberland Piazza is an example of this approach, where UWE students worked with H&CCA to build a pocket park, and inspired Thomas Sale to develop a practice that has led him to designing public spaces in Myanmar! With further exciting examples form around the world, this talk will inspire and help us reach for alternative ways to 'top-down' urban development. Places are limited so please book your FREE tickets [here](#).

10. '111 Things in Bristol that you shouldn't miss'

This intriguing book was written by Martin Booth (editor of 24/7). He is a local author who lives in the Harbourside, with two daughters at Hotwells Primary School. In the book he devotes a section to our very own Hotwells Piazza – the reason he is so familiar with it is that it is part of the daily cycle to school!



The book costs only £12.99 and is available locally from:

- Storysmith bookshop on [North Street](#):
- Bristol Museums: click [here](#)

You can buy signed copies at Waterstones in The Galleries. See below !



Other 'things' mentioned within our area include 'Recession' – retro shop at the bottom of Jacob Wells Rd; 'Orchard Pub' on Spike Island and Dowry Square. There are several others too – this book is a veritable mine of information and the photographs are lovely.

11. HCCA Facebook Page

The new Facebook page is slowly taking shape and hopefully will become a useful way of sharing information in the future and keeping people up to date with the progress of various campaigns in the neighbourhood. Thank you to all those who have commented/liked/followed or just read it!

<https://www.facebook.com/HCCABRISTOL>

12. Hotwells Panto updates

A message from Sue Otty for all those budding actors and script writers out there.

'Unfortunately Hope Chapel can't let us have our original dates for the performances so we have agreed to put them forward by a week.

Here are the revised dates:

- Panto: 17th - 20th March 2021
- Dress rehearsals: 7th and 14th March 2021
- Tuesday rehearsals: 5th Jan - 16th March 2021
- Read-through and casting: Sunday 3rd January 2021

13. Message from Jacob's Well Hub

The **Craft Hub** are currently planning to meet regularly every Tuesday 11.00-13.00.

We are waiting for the council so that we can move forward on the Interpretation Board for Jacobs Wells Road. We have the board manufactured and the excavation licence fee has been paid.

If you are interested in joining the activities of the 'Craft Hub' (socially distanced meetings)

Please call Heather Ann – who will give you the details - heather4jwrhub@gmail.com

Just adding this picture of a statue which appeared a while ago near the top of Jacob Wells Road- on the right. It was there the last time I walked by - such a touching and uplifting sight.



14. Ashton Court Update

There has been a very positive move in the future of Ashton Court. Here is a message from Simon Birch, the Chairman of Bristol Civic Society.

'At last we have a clear decision on the future of Ashton Court Mansion. Bristol City Council has decided to establish a Partnership Board in order to identify a Vision for the future and to work out how best to take forward implementation of that Vision.

Instead of disposing of a long lease (as happened at King's Weston House), Ashton Court Mansion will remain part of the City Council.

I'm delighted at this decision and hopeful that it will result in a period of positive action!'

15. Ashton Court – an opportunity for you to visit

Join the Friends of Ashton Court Mansion on October 16th and 17th.

While Ashton Court's future is the subject of a 'Vision Decision', part of the ground floor is being utilised by Artspace Lifespace (a charity that specialises in finding creative uses for problem properties) as a multi-use arts venue for Bristol and North Somerset facilitating art, theatre, performance and community activities.

Artspace Lifespace has invited the Friends of Ashton Court Mansion (FAM) to take over the mansion on Friday October 16th and Saturday October 17th when they will be giving 'rule of 6' tours of the ground floor, with a new look at some of the history and archaeology of the building and parkland and a few stories of the young and old who lived there.

Pre-booking will be essential and track and trace systems in place. This will be a free event but voluntary contributions to help us cover costs are appreciated.

For further details and to book your ticket [here](#)

16. Local Food Bank – update on day and timing.

The collection from The Lion and 57 Poole's Wharf Court has been running successfully for several months now. It is a very easy way for people in this community to donate food/toiletries which are much needed at this time in different parts of the city. Collection day will now be **Thursdays 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.**

In Poole's Wharf you can drop off your goods at the garage of no. 57. It will be quite clear as Jenny Hendy (or one of her neighbours) sits to the side – so that you leave your bag/box quite safely at a social distance. If you want to enquire more about dropping off goods at the Lion Pub then please call 07867 796961 for more information. For an update on exactly what is URGENTLY needed – you can check on this [website](#)

17. Further call for support from Merchant's Arms

Here is a repeat of the message from Mike the Landlord of the Merchant. He is still battling with the Council to try and get railings established on the pavement, to keep his customers feeling secure. This small, local pub with a great heart (many local fund raising events) really needs help.

'I am taking this opportunity to ask for your help. As you may remember, it is now nearly 3 years since the car went into our pub. Fortunately, no one was injured too badly, but since then, and elderly gentleman has been killed on the crossing and this row of buildings has had several near misses, see the broken curb near our front door. Mark Wright, our local councillor is keen to

help us get some railings installed, to protect pedestrians and anyone else walking along this stretch of busy footpath'.

You can read all the news from Merchant's Arms here on their Facebook Page -also [here](#) is a link to Fix-my-street where you can sign Mike's petition.

<https://www.facebook.com/MerchantsArmsPubHotwells/>

18. Local Business Support Group Initiative

Currently there is no local support group for businesses in Hotwells, although neighbouring businesses obviously do help each other out in times of need. If you run a pub, restaurant or any other kind of business in the area and would like to discuss the possibility of forming a support group – then please contact

Tristan St James – his email is hotwellsfishshop@gmail.com

If there is any way that HCCA can support such a group we will do so.

19. Two short films with a Hotwells Theme

During recent months when Bristol Civic Society were unable to organise their usual interesting and informative walks – they have sent out several short films – often humorous and definitely quirky – to entertain their members. With their permission – here are links to two with a Hotwells theme.

A Giant Idea <https://youtu.be/dsWcnXKWXRk>

Tide and Time <https://youtu.be/Yr-MtwyAI4U>

Here is another link to BCS - <https://www.bristolcivicsociety.org.uk/>

They would like to hear any feedback – or you could send it to us admin@hotwellscliftonwood.org.uk

20. Bristol Avon Flood Strategy Consultation

This, as you will imagine, is an important document for Bristol. Consultation starts on October 26th. Details should be available on the City Council website.

21. Community Liaison Update- Bristol University Students

Here is a message from the University Liaison Officer. It should be of interest to those of you who may be disturbed by student behaviour from time to time. Below is a link to Vice-Chancellor Professor Hugh Brady's blog ' Stay Safe, follow the community rules and be respectful' our message to Bristol's student community. Read the full text below

<https://vice-chancellor.blogs.bristol.ac.uk/>

Operation Beech is running again and the details can be found on the website:

<http://www.bristol.ac.uk/accommodation/community/complaints.html>

22. Coronavirus update from Bristol Council

Here is the link to the latest update from Bristol Council on the local figures for the outbreak and an outline of the current regulations as laid out by the Government. There is advice on downloading the NHS app and other relevant information. Click [here](#)

23. Security Advice from Avon and Somerset

Avon and Somerset Watch have produced some very simple advice about keeping yourself and your property safe. There is an article on Doorstep Scams and a request to complete a survey with your views on the police and crime services. Special advice is given to those who live alone. Click [here](#)

24. New Businesses on Hotwell Road update

A new **fish and chip shop** opened at 132 Hotwell Road adjacent to the Hideaway Café. It has been totally refurbished to an extremely high standard. You can visit in person or order by phone from various delivery organisations. The menu is extensive and covers a range of vegetarian/vegan options. Picture of [the cooks](#)

Hideout Café Just next door (but not the same business) – you can find a regular café, providing home cooked food (cakes are a speciality) – ranging from sandwiches to snacks, quiches and sausage rolls. They even offer a Sunday roast. These two ladies are working very hard. If you want delivery you can contact them – if you order first there is space to park outside while you pick up.

<https://www.facebook.com/hotwellshideout/>

Jon Craig studio – this is opposite the garage and once was the place to buy a hot-tub. It is a work in progress but Jon has big ideas to open a photographic studio with a coffee bar in front and who knows what else? It looks like the project will be open in a few weeks. We are looking forward to it. An optimistic message from Jon can be found [here](#)

Ecomove : Since the company suffered from a major break-in recently, there has been a lot of rapid action to restore the company to where it was. The windows have been replaced and the decorators are in action. We wish them well once they open fully again. I believe that they are still operating – so here is their web site.

<https://eco-move.co.uk/about-us/>

25. Milk Bar at the Pump House

The milk machine is outside – behind the wall on Merchants Road. You don't need to enter the building and can buy your milk at any time of day. The milk comes from a farm on the Mendips and is fresh and unhomogenised. Read more here

<https://www.facebook.com/pumphousebristol/>

Farmer Oliver checking the milk station



26. Local Business Digest

2020 has been an exceedingly difficult time for local pubs and restaurants. Now that the Government has brought in the 'rule of 6' and a 10 p.m. curfew – things will not get any easier. Many places are now delivering – or offering take-out instead of seated dining. Below is a list of local establishments with their contact details and where possible any recent changes to what they can offer.

Local pubs/restaurants

Merchants Arms Our traditional local pub is back in business and has had the full anti-covid treatment to keep its customers safe. You can be guaranteed a friendly welcome. Here is their Facebook page

The Pump House- Harbourside pub still operating as a mix of shop and pub offering food and drink. Lots of outside seating and distanced indoor seating. Strict track and trace in place

<https://www.facebook.com/pumphousebristol/>

The Lion Cliftonwood – still offering take-away menu and on-site eating. All is by booking only – the Lion opens Wednesday/Thursday/Friday and Sunday. It has some legendary food options.

<https://twitter.com/lioncliftonwood?lang=en>

The Cottage – recently re-opened harbourside pub. Probably with one of the best locations in Bristol. They have outside seating and ordering as well as limited indoor spaces. <https://www.facebook.com/TheCottageBristol/>

Rose of Denmark – open again and serving food. Even serving full breakfasts – to eat in or take away. Open from 10a.m. The Rose did great work providing shelter and food to the people who had to evacuate after the shocking early morning fire in Cliftonwood.



<https://www.facebook.com/roseofdenmarkbristol/>

The Bear- has recently changed landlords but is open again. It has strong anti Covid protection policies in place

<https://www.facebook.com/thebearhotwells/>

Orchard Inn- Spike Island – this pub, famous for cider and cheese has been operating take-away but is now fully open.

<https://www.facebook.com/orchardinnbristol/>

The Grain Barge – open and operating very strict track and trace policy

<https://www.facebook.com/grainbarge>

Nova Scotia - no online information – but definitely open judging by the people sitting outside

Underfall Yard – the Yard itself is still closed until further notice. However the café is open to the public and there is plenty of outside seating along the water.

Restaurants cafes in Hotwells

Raj Bari – Hotwell Road. This legendary restaurant has recently opened its doors again to a small number of customers to ensure safety. Please check their site for full details

<https://www.facebook.com/Rajbaribristol/>

Chai Shai – bottom of Jacob Wells Rd. This restaurant is now open for take-away as well as offering a delivery service. Please see their full details here

<https://chaishaikitchen.co.uk/>

Rassassy Hotwell Rd opposite Dowry Square- now open for indoor eating as well as take-away.

<https://www.indianrassasy.com/>

Local Thai – this restaurant is only open for take-away orders currently

<https://www.localthaibristol.com/>

Lockside – Famous for its brunch – there is seating inside and outside and you can also take-away if you prefer.

http://www.lockside.net/food_and_drink.php

The Gallery – Hotwell Road: This restaurant will be closed for the rest of the year – owing to essential building repairs.