

Hotwells and Cliftonwood Community Association – Newsletter September 2021

Dear Neighbour

Welcome to the Bulletin for September 2021.

Summer has officially ended, and schools and universities are set to reopen. The end may have been a damp and soggy but according to the Met Office, we can expect a 'blast of summer' in the coming week, so don't despair yet. Did anyone see Soccer Aid last night? It was strange watching Wayne Rooney being bullied on the ball by [this guy](#). The good news was that over 13 million GBP was raised to aid the efforts of UNICEF around the world!



The Moon Installation at Bristol Cathedral

Should you wish to raise any local issues/matters of interest, we can always be contacted at the following:

admin@hotwellscliftonwood.org.uk

or leave a message on 01179 291 833.

If there is anything you have written and would like to add to the next Bulletin – please send it to this email hccabulletin@gmail.com

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1. Cumberland Basin/Western Harbour.

We are frustrated by the lack of information on what exactly is happening about the engagement process. It is over a month since the appointment of '[Turner Works](#)' to lead the engagement and there seems to be nothing out there in the public domain to say what is going on. [This page](#) on the Bristol City Council website says "*This work will start in summer 2021*". Dennis tried to make direct contact with Turner Works through their [website page](#) but has had no acknowledgement or response. One hopes that this is not indicative of what is going to happen or otherwise over the next few months.

The company are encouraging contact from you by saying "*It all starts by talking, so get in touch and let's see where it takes us*". So, we are encouraging all readers with an interest in this project to do exactly that! Their email is hello@turner.works.

It would be good if you can let us know what information or feedback you get – if any. Please send any detail to admin@hotwellscliftonwood.org.uk.

2. New Community Noticeboard

The committee have recently submitted an application to Bristol City Council for consent to display a new notice board on Hope Chapel Hill. Whilst there are seven boards distributed around Hotwells, Cliftonwood and Spike Island, we recognised a gap in the West side of Hotwells' community. Our research identified a suitable site halfway down Hope Chapel Hill, with good pedestrian footfall, and being opposite the Hotwells Primary School and close to the Chapel it's a place where people congregate. The proposed board will be wall mounted at the point where the pavement widens, and the design will be in keeping with the historic location with a pair of side hung doors.

The Community have used notice boards for many years and in our increasing digital world we appreciate that people still like to see and read physical notices and advertising of events and meetings. Boards provide a tangible and physical item which can help make us feel part of a wider community.

If you would like to see our proposals then click on this [link](#) to the Bristol City Council Planning Website, or search planning applications on [Council's website](#) and enter reference **21/03591/A** in the search bar which will take you to the documents.

Members of the community can comment on planning applications, and we would appreciate your support for this board. If you would like to support us, please follow the links above and make a comment!

3. The Piazza

Summer Family Arts

We had a good time working with our young artists this summer. Mhairi made clay ornaments in the torrential rain with the passing public on the weekend of 7/8th of August and Anna and Mhairi facilitated young people to decorate the planters and create juice carton planters and add more colour to our Sun Will Rise and So Will We protest posters. You can see some lovely pictures [here](#).

Gardening

The next communal gardening session has been planned for 19th September, 1pm to 4pm. Do drop by if you can. If you don't manage to come to any communal sessions, you are welcome to weed and plant whenever you want to. There are some guidelines on the piazza noticeboard. If you need tools, please contact us admin@hotwellscliftonwood.org.uk with the subject line 'Piazza gardening'.

4. Beware of Fake NHS Emails

Action Fraud has received over 700 reports from members of the public about fake emails purporting to be from the NHS. The emails claim to be able to provide people with a “digital passport” that “*proves you have been vaccinated against COVID-19*”. These emails are **fake**, and the links within them lead to genuine-looking websites that steal your personal and financial information.

How to protect yourself:

In the UK, coronavirus vaccines will only be available via the National Health Services of England, Northern Ireland, Wales and Scotland. You can be contacted by the NHS, your employer, a GP surgery or pharmacy local to you, to receive your vaccine. Remember, the vaccine is free of charge. At no point will you be asked to pay.

- The NHS will never ask you for your bank account or card details.
- The NHS will never ask you for your PIN or banking passwords.
- The NHS will never arrive unannounced at your home to administer the vaccine.
- The NHS will never ask you to prove your identity by sending copies of personal documents such as your passport, driving licence, bills or pay slips.
- Your vaccination status can be obtained for free through the official NHS app, NHS website, or by calling the NHS on 119.

How to report scams:

If you receive a call you believe to be fraudulent, hang up. If you are suspicious about an email you have received, you can report it by forwarding the email to: report@phishing.gov.uk. Suspicious text messages can also be reported by forwarding them to the number: 7726 (it's free of charge).

If you believe you are the victim of a fraud, please report this to 'Action Fraud' by calling 0300 123 2040 or visiting <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/>.

On the subject of scams, Avon and Somerset Police have also prepared guidance linked [here](#) concerning online selling and use of apps that will lead you to believe payment has been transferred from the buyer's account – when, of course, it hasn't.

5. Pedestrianisation of Princess Victoria Street

[Princess Victoria Street](#) has now been pedestrianised and most of the reaction appears to be positive. Readers may be aware that the pedestrianisation of this short stretch of road in Clifton Village was opposed by a few local businesses, while a few doomsayers warned of traffic snarls. However, having walked to the road a few times since the change, I did not find any such evidence. The shops looked as busy as ever and patrons walked, cycled and dined on the street without the constant noise, pollution and inconvenience of passing traffic. Most of the comments on social media too appear to support this move by the Council. Like almost any change, there may be some inconveniences at the onset, but this resident feels that it is a small price to pay in the larger interests of protecting our natural environment.



Princess Victoria Street (Image Source: Martin Booth, Bristol24/7)

6. Banning Adverts for High Carbon Products

North Somerset Council passed a motion on 19th July 2021 to introduce a 'Low Carbon Advertising Policy' on the advertising sites it manages. Once implemented, the policy should see an end to adverts for high carbon industries such as petrol and diesel cars, airlines, airports and fossil fuel companies. Details can be found [here](#). Similar rules exist in Liverpool and Norwich.

Bristol has its own local citizen action group, and the City Council has imposed some restrictions on advertising, for example in relation to tobacco. Since Bristol is committed to action on the Climate Emergency, there seems a case for saying that we should at least match North Somerset.

Bristol's group meet monthly, share info via Twitter and Instagram, and are planning their programme for the autumn. They can be e-mailed at adblockbristol@gmail.com.



#AdBrake project satirising car advertising in Bristol
(Artwork by Matt Bonner, August 2020)

7. Grayson's Art Club Exhibition

Art works chosen by Grayson Perry and guest celebrities during season two of the popular Channel 4 series, '[Grayson's Art Club](#)' will feature in an exhibition at Bristol Museum & Art Gallery this December.

During lockdown, Grayson Perry, one of Britain's most well-known artists, helped the nation find comfort and company through art as part of his TV series by Swan Films for Channel 4. The artworks created by the public, established artists, and celebrities are powerful and very personal responses to the pandemic and form a lasting artistic record of the unprecedented times the nation has experienced together.

Grayson's Art Club will open on Saturday 4th December at [Bristol Museum & Art Gallery](#) and continue until summer 2022. Entry is 'pay what you can'. An exciting events and community engagement programme will accompany the exhibition alongside a range of specially designed merchandise. More details will be announced in the coming months.



Grayson and Philippa Perry (*Image Source: Bristol City Council*)

8. Bristol City Council's Priorities - Have Your Say!

Bristol City Council's new draft plan for 2022 – 2027 sets out its priorities for children and young people, economy and skills, environment and sustainability, health care and wellbeing, homes and communities, and transport and connectivity. They want everyone to have their say and help get the priorities for the city right. You can tell

the council what you think until 26th September. Find out more and take part at <https://bristol.citizenspace.com/bristol-city-council/corporate-strategy-2021/>

Alternative formats of the survey can be requested in another language, Braille, audio tape, large print, easy read, BSL video or CD-ROM or plain text by emailing consultation@bristol.gov.uk or calling 0117 922 2848.



We're consulting on our priorities for Bristol



To have your say go to bristol.gov.uk/corporatestrategy2021 and tell us what you think. Consultation closes 26 September.

9. Community Climate Action Project

We are going to have to make changes to how we all live if we are going to stop climate change. We will need to change our transport, our housing, our air quality, our health, our jobs and more. These changes will include the types of energy we use, and they will affect people living in Bristol. These changes could make life better or worse for Disabled people. We must be part of this change to make sure that the changes make Bristol better for everyone.

The Bristol Disability Equality Forum (BDEF) is working with Disabled people to:

1. Create a climate action plan for the Disabled community in Bristol. This plan will help Disabled people in Bristol lower their use of “dirty energy”.
2. Make sure that the city's climate plans are fair and good for Disabled people.

BDEF will give the Council feedback and will make a list of priorities and a plan to achieve them. To do this work they need to hear about what you care about and your ideas. Please fill in [this survey](#) to share them.

10. Rose of Denmark Update

The [Rose of Denmark](#) have just completed a refurbishment of their downstairs space and are promoting the "Newest speakeasy in Hotwells". Friday and Saturdays from 7pm and Sundays from 1pm. A wide selection of German and Belgian beers is available. Booking is essential. Telephone 07399 353265 to book or make your booking through <https://tableagent.com/bristol/absolutely-anchored/>

Also try their '*Booze and Blues*' night on 17th September.

11. Bristol City Council's COVID-19 Update

Bristol's current rate of infection is 418 cases per 100,000 population, which remains above the England current average of 313 per 100,000. There have been 1,949 new cases in the last seven days. 331,708 residents or 76 percent of adult Bristol residents aged over 16 have had at least one vaccine dose.

[City of Bristol College vaccination walk-in clinics for 16- and 17-year-olds](#)

The COVID-19 vaccine is now available for 16- and 17-year-olds. Next week the local NHS will be holding walk-in clinics at two City of Bristol College locations for all 16- and 17-year-olds in the city. The clinics will be on:

- Wednesday 8th September, 9.30am-4pm - City of Bristol College, College Green Centre, St George's Road, BS1 5UA
- Thursday 9th September, 9.30am-4pm - City of Bristol College, South Bristol Skills Academy, The Boulevard, Hengrove Park, BS14 0DB