

## August 2016 Bulletin 10

Welcome to this month's e-newsletter for HCCA sharing community news from Hotwells, Cliftonwood, Spike Island and wider Bristol. If you wish to contribute to our next bulletin, please send us a short paragraph and link/s where relevant by 28<sup>th</sup> August.

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**1. Mobile Police Station Beat Surgeries.** Neighbourhood Beat Manager, Peter Crawford has organised a mobile Police Station beat surgery to be established in Princess Victoria Street on the following days. Saturday August 13<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday September 21<sup>st</sup>, Wednesday October 12<sup>th</sup>, Thursday November 10<sup>th</sup> and Sunday December 11<sup>th</sup>. All between 10am and 12 noon. All are welcome to drop in and raise any issues of concern, or just to meet your local police team.

**2. Speed limit petition for Hotwell Rd/Portway.** You may recall from our January bulletin that residents of The Colonnade, St Vincent's Parade and the Hotwell Rd on the Portway are campaigning to reduce the speed of traffic in front of these houses, some of which have lower ground areas that open straight onto the road. The suggestion is to have a 30mph limit extend from Bridge Valley Road to the South end of the Plimsoll Bridge, (and vice-versa). If the speed of vehicles were reduced we think the carriageway could be altered to allow short term parking outside in a "protected" space. Currently there is absolutely no facility for the residents here. Nowhere for the nurse or doctor to pull up or the gas man etc. And so we have a classic case of what appears to be vehicle movement and speed being more important than life quality for residents.

***The residents have submitted a petition to Bristol City Council. This can be found at: [http://epetitions.bristol.gov.uk/epetition\\_core/community/petition/3377](http://epetitions.bristol.gov.uk/epetition_core/community/petition/3377)*** Recently there were 172 signatures in support of this petition. We would like to see this number raised significantly as the speed limit here is currently being reviewed. ***Please have a look at the petition if you have not already done so and if you support this idea then please sign and encourage others to do so. Every signature will help.***

**3. Neighbourhood Partnership Wellbeing Grants.** The next round of Wellbeing Grants are open for applications. Details of the application form and guidance can be found at <https://www.bristol.gov.uk/people-communities/neighbourhood-partnerships/neighbourhood-partnership-wellbeing-grants> There is over £34000 available in the fund for this year. Closing date for applications is 2<sup>nd</sup> September

**4. West of England Mayoral Combined Authority.** Recent news about this new position which will cover the three Local Government areas of Bristol, Bath and North East Somerset and South Gloucestershire, is now out to a system of local consultation. Unfortunately announcement about the consultation was only made on July 29<sup>th</sup> and many of the local public sessions in Libraries in Bristol will have already have been held by the time you receive this. However you can comment by going to: [www.westofenglanddevolution.co.uk](http://www.westofenglanddevolution.co.uk) Paper copies of the survey will also be available at Libraries. Consultation runs until August 15<sup>th</sup>.

**5. Fancy a Good Sing!** Diverse City Bristol community choir is for any body and every body who loves to sing or who fancies joining a one off, mass singing event for Bristol! Their mass community choir is at the heart of an uplifting outdoor circus show 'Weighting' which will be performed in Castle Park, Bristol, over the weekend of 17th & 18th September 2016 by the company 'Extraordinary Bodies'. There is more information on <http://www.doingthingsdifferently.org.uk/>. You might also want to look on [www.diversecity.org.uk](http://www.diversecity.org.uk)

**6. Celebrating Age Festival.** Please note that the Celebration Day is now to be held on **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September**, 10am to 4pm at the M Shed. You may have seen cards indicating this is to be on 25<sup>th</sup> September. These are wrong. The Festival will still run from 26<sup>th</sup> September to Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October. Further details at: <https://celebratingagefestival.co.uk/>

**7. Bristol Older People's Forum BOPF.** BOPF have just published their 50<sup>th</sup> newsletter which can be found at <https://bopf.org.uk/newsletters/> We know this does not apply to all our readers but we hope those of a certain age might find this useful!

**8. Goldney Hall Gardens/ Ambra Vale East wall improvement plans.** The University of Bristol has put forward plans to improve and stabilise the wall between Goldney Hall Gardens and Ambra Vale East. Some of you may remember that part of this wall collapsed into gardens in Ambra Vale East in high winds in early 2014. Details can be found at [www.bristol.gov.uk](http://www.bristol.gov.uk) following the planning links and entering numbers: 16/03473/F and 16/03474/LA.

**9. Voter Registration.** Bristol City Council has recently sent out their annual canvass to ask all voters to check the details on the register. **Don't forget to ensure you are on the register correctly.** Details can be found at [www.bristol.gov.uk/annualcanvass](http://www.bristol.gov.uk/annualcanvass)

**10. Life Cycle UK.** Lots of information about upcoming events can be found at <https://www.lifecycleuk.org.uk/>

**11. Underfall Yard.** Underfall Yard has launched a new website. <http://www.underfallyard.co.uk/> Take a look and see what is happening. They are also moving to a new domain for email addresses. Their new address is [info@underfallyard.co.uk](mailto:info@underfallyard.co.uk)

**12. A taste of Mexico.** Bristol Museum and Art Gallery will be bringing ancient Mexico to life with a new exhibition displaying the work of Adela Breton, opening on Saturday 6 August. Artist and traveller, Adela Breton (1849-1923), who lived some of her life in Bath and who bequeathed some 1500 items to Bristol Museum, made some amazing watercolour paintings of some of the famous Mayan sites in the Yucatan peninsula in Mexico. For more information [bristolmuseums.org.uk](http://bristolmuseums.org.uk) If you can't get to Mexico, you can probably get to the Museum!

*On that note we hope that you all have a good August whether or not you are going on holiday*