

**E Bulletin Issue 1**

*Hello and Welcome to the first edition of our E Bulletin.*

*As we hope you have heard, through the Hotwells and Cliftonwood Newsheet recently put through your door, we are unable to continue to produce our magazine for now. Thinking that there is usually quite a bit of information we feel it would be useful to share with people in our community, we have decided to try and send out an E Bulletin every month.*

*To keep the Bulletin short we will provide a summary list and then against each item provide a headline (and maybe a word or two) and, where we can, a link. Where we cannot provide a link we hope to keep the information to just a line or two, with, we hope, enough information to allow you to find out more if you wish to.*

*We hope you will find these bulletins useful. Please feel free to give us feedback on style or content or both. Of course we would be very pleased to receive any information about anything you feel would be relevant to these bulletins. Please send any contributions/suggestions to [admin@hotwellscliftonwood.org.uk](mailto:admin@hotwellscliftonwood.org.uk)*

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1. **Blooming Marvellous:** Congratulations to all the award winners in our area. Rownham Mead and Pooles Wharf, the Pump House and the Cliftonwood Town Green were all given awards by the RHS It's your Neighbourhood Awards. A list can be viewed at [Maybe the awards will spread further and wider next year.](#)

2. **HCCA AGM:** This will be held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November at Holy Trinity Church Hall at 7.45pm. Business meeting of reports and accounts will be followed by short presentations by Ben Barker, Greater Bedminster Community Partnership and Ben Meller, SPHERE project University of Bristol. The subject will be how to *Build confidence*, *Promote a "feel-good" factor* and *Improve Safety for members of our community particularly older people*. **Drinks and nibbles included. All Welcome!**

3. **Special Neighbourhood Forum:** There will be a special Neighbourhood Forum at the Spike Island Arts Centre on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm. Topics will include: The Metro bus scheme impacts, Cycle Ambitions Fund Scheme, Potential closure of Avon Crescent, Flooding issues and local RPZ matters. All welcome.

4. **Sanctum at the Temple Church Bristol:** A unique musical event? 29<sup>th</sup> October to 21<sup>st</sup> November, hundreds of musicians will contribute to a continuous programme of sound performed in Temple Church. More information at: <http://sanctumbristol.com/>

5. **New ward boundaries.** Following a recent national review of ward boundaries by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, Bristol's ward boundaries will change in 2016. We shall then see a new ward – Hotwells and Harbourside. All Councillors and the Mayor will stand down next May and there will be Ward and Mayoral elections on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May. We plan to organise hustings for each ward in our area and for the Mayoral elections. More news on this in later editions. The new

boundaries on <http://maps.bristol.gov.uk/pinpoint/> and click on “New Wards recommended by LGBC”.

**6. City Centre Works for Metro Bus.** Construction works have begun in the city centre as part of the MetroBus project. The works will see major improvements centre. The works include:

- \* Improved public spaces, including reducing traffic around the cenotaph
- \* Building a new link between Baldwin Street and St Augustine's Parade
  
- \* Providing new segregated paths for cyclists
- \* Relocating city-centre taxi-ranks
- \* Building new bus stops for MetroBus services
- \* Making additional changes to traffic routes around the city centre

Detailed plans of the proposals can be found online at:

<http://travelwest.info/metrobus/metrobus-build/city-centre-improvements>

**7. Temporary Closure of Ashton Bridge for Metro Bus**

**developments.** This has now begun and a signed diversion that uses Brunel Way is in place for pedestrians and cyclists who use the bridge. The diversion on Brunel Way does not use the road. Cyclists and pedestrians are segregated and protected from the traffic by safety barriers. There is further information about the works and the closure on the TravelWest website: <http://travelwest.info/project/ashton-avenue-swing-bridge>

**8. Tree Planting Plans in the Neighbourhood Partnership.** The Partnership has approved the spending of some £150,000 on replacement and new trees within the Partnership. Work is underway towards making a limited start in the next planting season over this winter. Next year 2016/17 we hope for greater progress when the “One tree per child” project has been completed. Further information should shortly be available at:<http://www.bristol.gov.uk/page/council-and-democracy/cabot-clifton-and-clifton-east-neighbourhood-partnership>

**9. “Traffic Choices” website for tracking highways issues.** This is a new tool available on the net for anyone to track the highways issues logged with the Council. Details can be seen at:<https://www.trafficchoices.co.uk/> to look at issues in our area click on the Tracker button.

**10. Jacob's Well Hub – a new community group for the Jacob's Well Rd area.** This new Community Group was formed earlier in 2015. The Group's focus is to work for a local inclusive community centre. Meetings usually in St. Peter's House. Further detail can be found at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/411423205698018/?fref=ts>

**11. Neighbourhood Forum.** The next Neighbourhood Forum will be on Monday 18 January 2016 at 7pm in the Beech room at Clifton High School. Forums aim to inform on current issues for the area and also provide you with the opportunity to raise any matters that the community and/or the City Council may be able to resolve.

**12. Bristol Waste Company takes over collecting our waste.** Waste collection and street cleansing services in Bristol are now provided by a new council-owned company, after mutually agreeing to part ways with the former contractor Kier (formerly May Gurney). Details at <http://www.bristol.gov.uk/page/bins-recycling-and-street-cleaning/changes-city%E2%80%99s-waste-services>

**13. New Café:** We recently got news of the arrival of Salt Café at 120 St. Georges Road. More information at: <http://www.saltcafebristol.co.uk/>

**14. Christmas Makers Market:** We have received news of a Christmas Makers Market to be held on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November 11am to 5pm in the Freemasons Hall 17 Park Street.

**15. 20mph speed limit petition:** Many who are concerned to ensure that the speed limit is maintained and extended in the city, rather than eroded, have set up an on-line petition. Details to be found at: [http://epetitions.bristol.gov.uk/epetition\\_core/community/sign/3132](http://epetitions.bristol.gov.uk/epetition_core/community/sign/3132)

**16. Castle Park consultation:** A consultation about improvements to this Park is ongoing until 24<sup>th</sup> December. The Council has nearly £0.5million to spend on this. You can find details at: [www.bristol.gov.uk/castleparksurvey](http://www.bristol.gov.uk/castleparksurvey)

**17. Sims Hill Shared Harvest:** Is a community supported agriculture project which grows veg in Stapleton at Feed Bristol on our magnificent Blue Finger soil. They don't deliver to peoples doors - but establish 'pickup points' in neighbourhoods so that people can collect - saving members' money and fuel. They have a grant to establish a new pick-up point and are thinking that **Hotwells** might be an option.

To develop a pick-up point in Hotwells they have to **establish that there are 5 or more people interested** in receiving a share of their harvest every week as paid up members. As a co-op they need to expand their

membership to survive and thrive. Why not have a look and see if it is for you. Information at: <http://simshill.co.uk/>

**18. Bristol Energy Co-operative share option:** Bristol Energy Co-operative are offering two different share options in a plan to raise £5m. The offer runs until noon on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. So if you want to invest in this community owned energy co-operative check the details at:<http://www.bristolenergy.coop/>

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