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**HOTWELLS & CLIFTONWOOD
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

Dear Neighbour

We are looking for more people to help us run the Hotwells & Cliftonwood Community Association and to do the things that local people want to do. Organisations benefit massively from new people with new ideas, initiatives and skills

This short leaflet tells you all about who we are and what we do. We hope you enjoy reading it and invite you to contact us if you'd like to get involved in helping us improve our local area for all. The best way to contact us is by email

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We look forward to hearing from you!

HCCA Management Committee



Town Green Cliftonwood 'a village hall without walls'

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Your Community Association

Many of you will know a lot about the Hotwells and Cliftonwood Community Association. If you are newer to the area you might like to know that CA was based in Hope Centre until 2001 in what is now Hope Chapel. The CA played a huge role in the community, ran a lively arts programme, toddlers group, youth club and youth theatre, ran Saturday markets and undertook a host of other initiatives which enhanced life for many in this area. At that time there was money from Arts South West and from the City Council. But times have changed and we are now run by volunteers- we'd love you to join us!

The Hotwells & Cliftonwood Community Association has achieved a huge amount in this area over the past 40 years.

Some of our more recent successes include:

Improving local play parks through raising the need with Bristol City Council and identifying the funding available



Argyle Place was improved in 2007 and 2017 in partnership with a group of local residents led by Emma Peddie, who also organises the fantastic annual Cliftonwood Open Air Cinema events; here is the Italian Job in 2016.

After a wide consultation with locals, the 2017 works are in progress and locals will be doing the gardening

In 2013 Ray Smith identified some funding and, with support from Luise Holder and Anna Wilson worked with the council to get new play equipment and surfacing for the dilapidated Charles Place play park. We asked local parents to choose the best design presented by contractors

In 2016 Amy Hutchings designed and painted this wonderful mural with community volunteers.

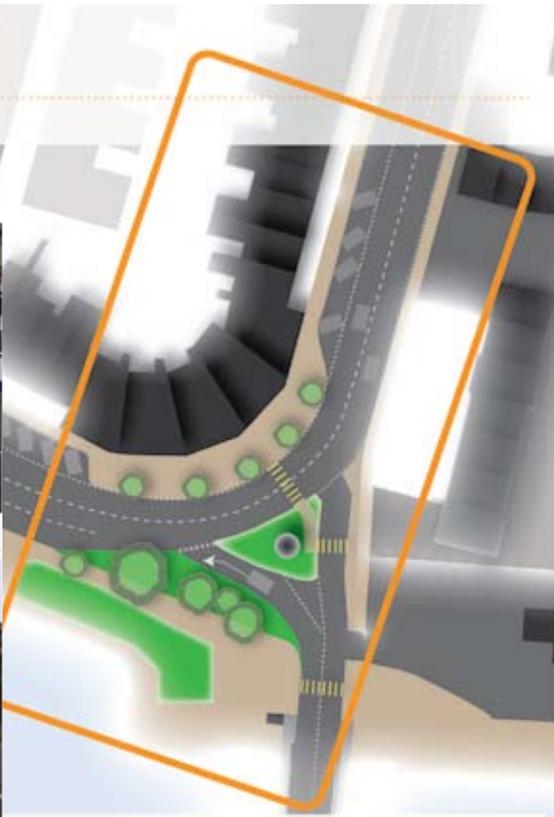


Developing, publishing and promoting a Traffic Strategy for the area which has been adopted by Bristol City Council within their Central Area Action Plan. This means they should be taking into account our traffic strategy when considering local developments

HCCA carried out a full consultation from 2008 and used the responses to develop this strategy with concepts for safer streets devised by Richard Walker



ants Road and 'run for your life' corner



Instigating the West Bristol Arts Trail 2008/09 with local residents after many years of “Art on the Railings” and handing it over to members of the community who have enabled it to flourish



Art on the Railings was an annual art event mainly organised by Rachel McNally preceding the Art Trail. Local parents from Hotwells Primary School, Deb Pearson, Fiona Willis & Kate Edmunds responded to calls for an art trail, and worked with Anna at HCCA to get one going. We're delighted that Hotwells Primary is still opening for the trail and so many local artists are sharing their beautiful work

Regenerating the Cumberland Piazza in consultation with the local community as a local public open space to be enjoyed by all. Improvements so far include planting of trees, making and maintaining planters, painting walls and pillars, creating a skate spot, building a pocket park, and most recently the installation of interpretation panels



In 2010 Ray Smith set up a local working group to come up with ideas for this neglected space. Joined by Anna Wilson in 2011, with Art under the Flyover work began to find out what people wanted, develop plans & negotiate permissions with the council. In 2014 we began to see change with trees planted and here in 2015 are some of the 40 volunteers who helped paint the pillars and make and maintain our planters

Supporting local groups: the Hotwells and Cliftonwood Transition Group, Cliftonwood Open Air Cinema, Peaceful Portway Group, Jacobs Well Community Hub, Cliftonwood Town Green, Cliftonwood Secret Garden and the Avonquay House Group



Peaceful Portway Group with Bristol Cycle Festival at our 2017 event

Campaigning

To save and provide support to develop green spaces – Granby Green and Cliftonwood Town Green

To get the old brown tin building opposite the Mardyke pub removed and the area improved.

To get the Plimsoll bust erected in Hotwells



The The Town Green, Cliftonwood, otherwise known as Ambra Vale East Community Garden, is a piece of public reclaimed space which was rescued from dereliction and made beautiful by local people, led by Carol Lilwall. It is like a 'village hall without walls' and provides space for peaceful reflection, seasonal events such as Easter Egg hunts, Xmas celebrations and a famous summer BBQ. It also hosts a toddler group and is a beautiful meeting place for local walking groups.



Communicating local events, news and things we feel you will find interesting through our website, noticeboards, monthly e-bulletins and extra emails

Organising and promoting hustings meetings for elections that affect the area to allow people to meet the candidates for whom they might vote.

So how do we make it all happen?

We meet 6 times a year as a management committee and share ideas, opportunities, things people have mentioned to us on the street, news or 'no news' from the council, a glass of wine and we decide together what we feel the priorities are, how we can progress them, communicate them, fund them and who has the time to take action.

Here are some of the jobs that need doing and for which you may be ideally suited:

Treasurer: Management of sound financial records and procedures. Oversight of company and secretarial affairs of the CA. Production of financial reports and returns. Management of the 500 club lottery.

Emails: Monitoring and managing the CA's email box 3+ times a week

Website: Management, maintenance and development of the CA's Website

Design and Website: We know our newsletters and website could look so much better- are you a designer?

Social Media: Development and maintenance of other social media forums to assist with communications

E-bulletin: Construction and despatch of the monthly e-bulletin

Engagement: Development of community engagement in events and with issues that may affect the area

Noticeboards: Collection of material and receipt of ads, distribution to board managers, updating board information

Magazine Production: Organise production of HCCA community magazine at minimal or no cost, 1, 2 or maybe more times a year. Work closely with whoever manages distribution (below).

Magazine Distribution: To develop (by building on previous systems where possible) a comprehensive system for distribution of magazines (or flyers) to every household in the area. To work closely with the magazine producer.

Work with City Council community engagement systems: Working with any successor to Neighbourhood Partnerships and/or any specialist groups established where advantage might be gained for the local area

Assistance with administrative/organisational matters: Management Committee work, arrangements for Annual General Meetings

Hustings meetings: To arrange hustings meetings whenever there is an election that affects the area (MP, Mayors and Ward Councillors)

If you think you can help by taking on or assisting with any of these jobs then please get in touch so that we can talk to you about it.

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Here's what our management committee members say:

'I enjoy being part of HCCA because this community is a great place to live and it's a chance to do something for the place I love to live in. Being chair has allowed me to steer things a bit and has allowed the HCCA and me, as Chair, to gain a certain status in the wider community through the BCC Neighbourhood Partnerships, which in turn has been useful for raising funds to support our local projects. The biggest achievement by HCCA in my time here was producing the Traffic Strategy and getting it recognised by the council as an important piece of work.'

Dennis Gornall Chair of the Association and Neighbourhood Partnership representative

'I love urban living, but if there was one thing I could change about our area it would be the traffic- stop developing our roads without taking into account pedestrians and cyclists. I'm quite a task driven person so having things to do for HCCA is motivating and an opportunity for me to use my skills now I'm retired. Being part of the Community Association means I can contribute to change which might not happen if HCCA did not exist.'

Christine Smart, Harbour Heads Group representative, speed watch activist

'I'm really interested in local issues, I love the area and its history and enjoy meeting people. I'm devoted to the community garden at the Town Green and I see it as the centre of the Cliftonwood community. I've met so many lovely people through working and playing in the garden. The vibrant response we've had and the number of people attending our seasonal event, like the Easter Egg Hunt, brings a sense of wellbeing that's peaceful and lively at the same time because we have such a broad age range, from toddlers upwards- it's exciting. Encouraging planting with the window boxes and hanging baskets creates a beautiful space and sociability.'

Carol Lilwall, community garden expert and the driving force behind Cliftonwood Town Green and Ambra Vale window boxes

'I got involved with HCCA because I'd been talking to people for years about the lack of a community centre locally and I wanted to help develop a group who could work together towards that aim. I enjoy meeting people who live in the area and a feeling of having a stake and influencing change.. It's a very interesting area historically, but it does have issues that we can all help with.'

Carol Walton, Avonquay House Group and long time local



'Being part of HCCA has given me a massive excuse to nosey into what local people want to change about this area and allowed me to try and help make some things happen. I'm very proud that the West Bristol Art Trail is now in it's tenth year and grateful to the people who so successfully adopted it and have worked hard to make it a success. I love experimenting with what will grow on the Piazza with only rain water but my greatest pleasure is helping kids of all ages to play creatively in their own local spaces, be it parks, Piazza or Portway!'

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