

Henleaze Neighbourhood Forum Notes – 3 December 2019

Present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helen Furber (HF) – Chair • PCSO Robert Cole (RC) • Geoff Gollop (GG) and Steve Smith (SS) - Councillors • Approximately 40 Members of the public
Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Liz Radford, Graham Donald

1		<p><u>Introduction</u></p> <p>HF welcomed everyone, gave apologies received and explained the proposed format for the evening.</p>																																																																						
2		<p><u>Police update</u></p>																																																																						
	a	<p>Statistics: The Westbury-on-Trym & Henleaze crime statistics for the three months to the end of November 2019 were provided in advance of the Forum.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr style="background-color: #FFD700;"> <th style="text-align: left;">Crime offence group</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Totals</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Sept 19</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Oct 19</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Nov 19</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Unclassified</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Arson and Criminal Damage</td> <td style="text-align: center;">17</td> <td style="text-align: center;">9</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> <td style="text-align: center;">5</td> </tr> <tr style="background-color: #FFD700;"> <td>Burglary</td> <td style="text-align: center;">32</td> <td style="text-align: center;">6</td> <td style="text-align: center;">14</td> <td style="text-align: center;">12</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Drug Offences</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Possession of Weapons</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Public Order Offences</td> <td style="text-align: center;">21</td> <td style="text-align: center;">7</td> <td style="text-align: center;">5</td> <td style="text-align: center;">9</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Robbery</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sexual Offences</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> </tr> <tr style="background-color: #FFD700;"> <td>Theft</td> <td style="text-align: center;">52</td> <td style="text-align: center;">19</td> <td style="text-align: center;">18</td> <td style="text-align: center;">15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vehicle Offences</td> <td style="text-align: center;">31</td> <td style="text-align: center;">7</td> <td style="text-align: center;">13</td> <td style="text-align: center;">11</td> </tr> <tr style="background-color: #FFD700;"> <td>Violence against the Person</td> <td style="text-align: center;">33</td> <td style="text-align: center;">8</td> <td style="text-align: center;">8</td> <td style="text-align: center;">17</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">197</td> <td style="text-align: center;">60</td> <td style="text-align: center;">63</td> <td style="text-align: center;">74</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>RC confirmed that the offence groups highlighted in yellow are local priorities. In response to questions raised, RC advised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The majority of thefts related to items stolen from motor vehicles. A large number of these were thefts of tools from builders' vans. - Violence against the person includes 'domestic issues'. 	Crime offence group	Totals	Sept 19	Oct 19	Nov 19	Unclassified	3	3	0	0	Arson and Criminal Damage	17	9	3	5	Burglary	32	6	14	12	Drug Offences	1	0	1	0	Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society	1	0	0	1	Possession of Weapons	1	0	1	0	Public Order Offences	21	7	5	9	Robbery	2	0	0	2	Sexual Offences	3	1	0	2	Theft	52	19	18	15	Vehicle Offences	31	7	13	11	Violence against the Person	33	8	8	17		197	60	63	74
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	b	<p>Scam Seminars: Two have been held. RC is arranging more in 2020.</p>																																																																						
	c	<p>SpeedWatch: Volunteers are still sought to help with local initiatives. Contact RC for further information/ to ask about training opportunities.</p>																																																																						

	d	Beat Surgeries: Will be advised when details are available.
3		<u>Parking Issues</u>
	a	Westbury Road: A local resident had submitted details in advance of the Forum of her concerns regarding an increasing number of cars parked on the pavement on Westbury Road (between Badminton School and St Ursula's E-ACT Academy). The parking is on a bend with some of the parking allowing insufficient space for pedestrians, mobility vehicle users, pram pushers etc. RC advised that there are a number of health and safety issues around the local schools but that he will make a point of visiting the area and providing advice to motorists where appropriate. Sanctions (depending on the circumstances) can include warnings and 'points on licences'.
	b	Coldharbour Road: Obstructions are being caused by parking on parts of Coldharbour Road. RC advised that in some cases it may be appropriate to issue warning letters.
	c	Vans: The ongoing issues about vans parking and being used for overnight accommodation in Parrys Lane were discussed. The issues improved after the Council's Parking Services undertook two weeks of monitoring but the problems returned at the end of the fortnight. It was agreed that a creative plan is required.
	d	Other: In some roads yellow lines were amended and 'painted over' a decade ago meaning that vehicles could park on the painted over lines. Over time the paint has faded which has led to confusion about whether or not vehicles can park in some locations. Bristol City Council is going to have further paint applied so it is clear that parking is permissible.
4		<u>Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)/ Section 106</u>
	a	<p>Updated position: In Area 1 as a whole (covering six Wards) a large number of applications were submitted for funding in 2019. At a meeting on 26 November it was agreed that, in so far as Henleaze is concerned, funding was awarded for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - High viz LED halos on the zebra crossing on Henleaze Road by the junction with Henleaze Park Drive. - 4 Trees to be replaced by 31 March 2020. The locations are Brean Down Avenue, Devonshire Road, Old Quarry Park and Owen Grove. <p>Advice is still being sought from Bristol City Council about possible safety enhancements to/around the zebra crossing on Henleaze Road by the junction with Cavendish Road.</p> <p>Funding for 2020 will be discussed at the next Henleaze Forum. Detailed guidance notes, which include information on the type of projects that can be funded by CIL/106 funds, are available at www.bristol.gov.uk/people-communities/funding-local-projects</p>
5		<u>Electric Vehicle Charging Points</u>
		<p>In response to questions raised at previous Forums, a Press Release from Bristol City Council of 21 November 2019 was issued (for information) in hard copy. The text is reproduced below.</p> <p>"Revive officially launched on Wednesday 20 November, to coincide with the opening of the region's first electric vehicle (EV) charging hub.</p>

Revive is a new council-owned public EV charging network in the West of England, taking over from previous network Source West. Revive will serve EV drivers in Bristol, Bath and North East Somerset, South Gloucestershire and North Somerset.

The charging hub in Eastville Park is the first of four planned for the region, each housing four to eight rapid-charge connections that can charge an EV up to 80% from 30 minutes' charging. A new toilet block is also being installed at the location, as well as bird and bat boxes and several new trees.

The four local authorities will install an additional 120 new or replacement charge point connections across the region over the next year. The majority of these new charge points will be supplied with 100% renewable energy provided by Bristol Energy, Bristol City Council's own energy supply company.

A map of existing, planned and suggested charge point locations is also now available.

Revive is funded by the Office for Low Emission Vehicles (OLEV), which awarded the four West of England authorities £7.1million as part of the Go Ultra Low West (GULW) programme. The project's aim is to promote the uptake of electric vehicles, including plug-in hybrids, across the region.

Councillor Kye Dudd, Cabinet Member for Transport at Bristol City Council, said: "Revive will provide us with a critical service for residents and visitors – reliable EV charging.

"The improvements will make it easier for more people to use electric vehicles, by providing more charge points across the West of England and a simplified payment system.

"Revive contributes to our One City vision of improving sustainable transport options for Bristol, alongside electric car clubs, electric freight deliveries, more electric vans in council fleets and electric taxis. Electric vehicles also help us improve air quality in Bristol, as they do not produce tailpipe emissions when running.

"Enabling more people to switch to clean electric vehicles is one of our key strategies for addressing the climate emergency and delivering a carbon neutral Bristol by 2030."

Source West members are encouraged to sign up as soon as possible on the Revive website, to ensure they can charge as normal when charge points are switched over to the new system. Revive membership is free and charging will be on a pay-as-you-go basis. Revive members will also be able to charge at any GeniePoint charge point across the country.

The Revive network was developed following a 2017 research project, where EV owners and those interested in using EVs in the future were asked how they think the network should be run. Bristol City Council formed a new partnership of suppliers (Siemens, ChargePoint Services and Alfen) to take on the running of the network, including upgrading and increasing the number of charge points in the city region.

6	<u>Air Quality</u>
a	Clean Air Zones: Bristol City Council’s plan to improve air quality to meet targets for nitrogen dioxide (NO2) legal limits was submitted to Government following its approval by Cabinet on 5 November. For details see https://www.cleanairforbristol.org/
b	Open fires/wood burners: A resident attended the Forum to raise her concerns about another form of air pollution, which appears to be becoming more socially acceptable: that produced by the burning of fuel either in open fires or in wood burners. She remarked that in Bristol this is illegal under the 1993 Clean Air Act unless you are you using an authorised fuel or an exempt appliance, as sanctioned by DEFRA. GG agreed to follow up with the resident and to provide feedback at a future Forum.
7	<u>Transport</u>
a	Buses: A revised timetable for Services 1 and 2 was introduced on 15 September. On 2 December First Bus issued a Press Release about changes to Bristol Services from 5 January 2020. The Release included, “With customer demand dropping away a little during the winter and spring months, some services will run at a slightly decreased frequency during off-peak times from 5 January. Service 1 (Cribbs Causeway – Broomhill), Service 2 (Cribbs Causeway – Stockwood), ... will operate every 15 minutes during off-peak times.”
b	Residents Parking Zone (RPZ): As previously discussed at Forums, there are ongoing parking issues in parts of the Ward – especially in roads close to the area covered by the Redland Residents’ Parking Scheme. A non-binding survey carried out by the Councillors in the Westbury Park area within our Ward and in roads near the Downs from North View to Brecon Road was inconclusive in that, whilst a majority were in favour of a Scheme, the results differ from street to street dependent upon current parking issues. Post the survey, it is understood that Councillor Dudd (Cabinet Member responsible for Transport) will consider two RPZ possibilities elsewhere in Bristol in early 2020 and will then consider extending existing RPZs.
8	<u>Fix My Street</u>
	Fix My Street website: A number of concerns are still ongoing about the adequacy of the website. The key issue is that some automated emails are erroneously being issued to advise that an issue has been dealt with.
9	<u>Old Quarry Park</u>
	Vandalism: HF advised that there had been recent vandalism in the Park. This involved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stones being removed from the wall between the Park and Henleaze Road. - Some of the stones being placed on top of a shelter in the Park. - Minor damage to the interpretation board that was installed in July. <p>Bristol City Council Parks Department staff have temporarily secured the hole in the wall pending a full repair of the wall. The staff have also removed the stones from the shelter as they were placed in such a way that they could easily have fallen on someone and caused a serious injury. The police have been given photographic information.</p>

10	<u>Bristol City Council Consultations</u>
	They are available at https://bristol.citizenspace.com/ . (set the status option to open or you will also see all closed Consultations)
11	<u>Community events</u>
	Residents are encouraged to share details of upcoming community events at the quarterly Forums. Please feel free to submit advance copies/ bring leaflets etc to future Forums.
12	<u>Next Forum</u>
	7pm to 9pm on Tuesday 3 March 2020 at Henleaze Library.

Privacy/ Contacts

Your privacy is important. The Henleaze Forum (administered by Helen Furber) only uses your email address to send you information about Forums (including related papers) or to respond to information requests from you. Your address is held within a separate Henleaze Forum database. Your contact details are not shared with other entities, e.g. The Henleaze Society, the Westbury Park Community Association or your Ward Councillors without your prior permission.

HENLEAZE FORUM APPENDIX – Contact Details/ Further information

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Henleaze Character Appraisal	https://www.bristol.gov.uk/documents/20182/0/Henleaze+character+assessment/1719a373-1617-4f53-bb97-eccbce1c5b89
Westbury Park Community Association	Email: westburyparkca@gmail.com
Westbury Park Character Appraisal	https://westburyparkcommunityassociation.weebly.com/uploads/2/9/5/4/29540263/wpca_character-assessment_(1).pdf
Police	Our Neighbourhood Police Team is Beat Manager PC Stephen Harding and PCSO Robert Cole. For urgent matters call 999; for non-urgent matters call 111. You can also send an email to the Beat Team using the Avon & Somerset website – see www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/your-area/henleaze-and-westbury-on-trym/
Vehicles without MOTs	To check if a vehicle is taxed, members of the public can use the DVLA website – www.gov.uk/check-vehicle-tax
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Bristol City Council & Cabinet Meetings	Full Council and Cabinet meetings are available via live and recorded webcasts. https://democracy.bristol.gov.uk/mgCalendarMonthView.aspx?GL=1&bcr=1
Bins and recycling	https://www.bristol.gov.uk/en_US/bins-recycling
Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)/ Section 106	See www.bristol.gov.uk/people-communities/funding-local-projects
Street issues	Examples include street lighting, drains, graffiti and damaged roads/ footpaths. https://www.bristol.gov.uk/en_US/report-a-street-issue
West of England Combined Authority	https://www.westofengland-ca.gov.uk/
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