

Henleaze Neighbourhood Forum Notes – 3 March 2020

Present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helen Furber (HF) - Chair • PC Stephen Harding (SH) • PCSO Kelly Foyle (KF) • Geoff Gollop (GG) - Councillor • Members of the public
Apologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Liz Radford, Councillor Steve Smith, PCSO Robert Cole (RC)

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	<p>b Scam Seminars: Three have been held; more are being arranged.</p>
	<p>c Community SpeedWatch: See www.communityspeedwatch.org/.</p> <p>In late 2019 two SpeedWatch reviews were carried out by volunteers in South Croft. There was no evidence of speeding vehicles.</p> <p>Forum participants/ local residents can influence where future SpeedWatch reviews are carried out.</p> <p>Volunteers are sought to help with local initiatives. Send an email to henleazeforum@hotmail.com or contact KF for further information and/or to ask about training opportunities.</p>
	<p>d Mobile Speed Camera Enforcement: Avon & Somerset Police Speed Enforcement Unit mobile speed camera location schedules are published each week – see www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/advice/vehicles-and-roads/speeding/speed-camera-information/mobile-speed-camera-enforcement-schedules-for-week-commencing-16th-march-2020/.</p>
	<p>e Home Security: SH referred to various home security products.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ring: Video doorbells etc. See en-uk.ring.com/. - Keepsafe: Royal Mail facility to receive and look after mail whilst you are away. See www.royalmail.com/keep-safe#/start-your-application. - Defender 24-hour segment timer: Can be used to switch lights and electrical appliances up to 3200W on/off automatically. Typically used as a security device, it also eliminates the need to manually switch lights on and off, reducing the risk of tripping on cables. See www.solonsecurity.co.uk/defender-24-hour-segment-timer/
	<p>f PCSO Robert Cole: RC sent his apologies as he was at a meeting at Bridewell. As of 16 March, RC starts a 3-year Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship. It was requested that these notes record that Forum participants would like to thank RC for the support he has provided in our area.</p> <p>SH and KF remain as Westbury-on-Trym & Henleaze and Stoke Bishop Neighbourhood Policing team members. In due course they will be joined by a new PCSO.</p> <p>SH confirmed that recruitment is in progress for new PCs and PCSOs with Avon & Somerset Police.</p>
	<p>g Beat Surgeries: Will be advised when details are available.</p>
<p>3</p>	<p><u>Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)/ Section 106</u></p>
	<p>a Background re Financial year to 31 March 2021: Area 1 covers six Wards including Westbury-on-Trym & Henleaze.</p> <p>HF advised that Bristol City Council's Neighbourhood Team had issued various emails about the grant funding process for 2020/21.</p>

	<p>In essence they can be summarised as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Outline proposals are required to be completed by mid-March. - Ward Councillors “will make sure outline proposal forms are completed and ask for more information, if required”. - Forms to be submitted by 6 April. - Forum participants/Residents’ Groups should meet in the first two weeks of June to discuss and prioritise applications. - Final forms to be submitted by 3 July. <p>However, the latest email from the Council advises that there is likely to be only about £6,000 of funding to share between the six wards!</p>
b	<p>Guidance notes: 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>
c	<p>Way forward: It was agreed that it is unlikely that we will get much funding – if any. However, at the June Forum, we will prioritise possible funding requests for the current year and, provisionally, for the year to 31 March 2022. Suggestions should be forwarded to henleazeforum@hotmail.com. They are likely to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Possible safety enhancements to/around the zebra crossing on Henleaze Road by the junction with Cavendish Road. Following up on last year’s application about a zebra crossing, we are awaiting advice from Bristol City Council. - A bin in Wellington Hill West. - Improvements to the path linking Ridgehill and Lime Trees Road. - Trees.
4	<p>Defibrillators</p>
	<p>The Henleaze Society and Trinity Henleaze United Reformed Church combined to provide an information and training session for local residents about CPR and the use of defibrillators on 19 February.</p> <p>At the Forum it was agreed that the community needs to have more awareness about the availability and importance of having accessible defibrillators. We also need to have more defibrillators and to work together as a community to fund them.</p>
5	<p>Environmental issues</p>
a	<p>Open fires/wood burners: At the last Forum, a resident raised her concerns about the burning of fuel either in open fires or in wood burners. She remarked that 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.</p> <p>In February, the Government announced that a ban on the sale of wet wood (defined as wood with less than 20% moisture content) and coal will come into force in 2021. The hope is to reduce most dangerous types of air pollution. However, as discussed at the March Forum, the proposed legislation may be difficult to enforce and there are potential loopholes with definitions. In addition, people could still acquire (by collection rather than purchasing) wet wood.</p>

		Bristol City Council is not currently understood to be taking action about this issue (i.e. current burnings). Forum participants recognised that action is needed but, given other priorities, unless a significant number of people come forward to press the Mayor, it is unlikely any action will be taken prior to the proposed 2021 legislation being introduced.
	b	Air quality targets: 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; it is not known when a decision will be made. For details and the Mayor's update of 30 January, see www.cleanairforbristol.org/ .
	c	Bristol North West Climate Action Group (BNWCA): The Group aims to raise awareness of the impact climate change will have on our lives. At meetings speakers are invited to discuss a topic about energy, transport, waste and the natural environment relating to climate change. Possible individual actions to reduce the impact on the climate are then considered. All from Westbury-on-Trym & Henleaze ward are welcome to BNWCA meetings etc. Attached, as Appendix 2, is an update of 15 March.
	d	Looking after our environment: In advance of the Forum, a local resident raised her concerns about a number of issues including over mowing of the Downs, spraying pavements with weed killer and the need to increase our bird population.
6		Homelessness/Foodbanks
		It was agreed that we need to be mindful of issues leading up to and caused by homelessness and to consider actions to help. It is understood that 1,230 people slept on Bristol's streets at some stage during 2019. The Bristol North West Foodbank is based in Avonmouth. There are many ways to help (e.g. time, food and/or monetary donations etc) – see www.trusselltrust.org/get-help/find-a-foodbank/bristolnorthwestfoodbank/ .
7		Transport/Highways
	a	Vans: The ongoing issues about vans parking and being used for overnight accommodation in Parrys Lane were discussed. In addition, there are also issues in Kellaway Avenue. As reported at the last Forum, problems in Parrys Lane 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.
	b	Inconsiderate parking: Sanctions (depending on the circumstances) can include warning letters and points on licences. The Police are aware of several issues (e.g. Coldharbour Road) and are doing their best to provide support.
	c	Henleaze Parking Review: Several issues were highlighted about yellow lines being required etc. Many of these issues continue to be raised as the proposed Henleaze Parking Review did not take place following the demise of Neighbourhood Partnerships

		and the funding associated with them.
	d	<p>Buses: Buses, cycling and walking were included in the West of England Combined Authority Consultation. In the future (medium to longer term) it is possible that you will need to use more than one bus to reach your destination. The proposal would see more frequent bus services that use hubs with orbital routes being introduced.</p> <p>Although not passing through Henleaze, there is a Consultation in progress regarding Services 9 and 72. These buses are often used by our residents so you might light to participate in the Consultation which closes on 29 March – see response.questback.com/isa/qbv.dll/ShowQuest?QuestID=5442988&sid=Agrikibamb1.</p>
	e	<p>Pavements: Concern was expressed about the state of the pavements in Henleaze Road. In particular (a) the corner with Cardigan Road (outside the former Lloyds Bank) where white chalk marks appeared and are now largely invisible and (b) the 'Boots corner' – near the shop and also just along Cavendish Road.</p>
8		Community events
		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.
9		Any Other Business
	a	Redland Bakery: All of their shops closed, including the one in Henleaze Road, on 27 February - after the business went into liquidation.
	b	St Ursula's E-ACT Academy: In January, it is understood that there was liaison with Bristol City Council about a possible need for an additional nursery - based at the Academy.
	c	St Christopher's School, Westbury Park: Closes at the end of March.
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		<p><u>Next Forum</u></p> <p>TBC. Date cannot be confirmed due to coronavirus restrictions. An email will be sent to those on the Forum database and the date/time will be included in local media.</p>

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 1 – Contact Details/ Further information

Henleaze Forum	Email: henleazeforum@hotmail.com
The Henleaze Society	Email: ths.newsletter@gmail.com
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 Kelly Foyle. For urgent matters call 999; for non-urgent matters call 101. 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
Member of Parliament	Darren Jones MP – Email: darren.jones.mp@parliament.uk ; Tel: 0117 9596545
Ward Councillors (2020 elections deferred until May 2021)	Geoff Gollop – Email: cllr.geoffrey.gollop@bristol.gov.uk ; Tel: 903 9946 Liz Radford – Email: cllr.liz.radford@bristol.gov.uk ; Tel: 0739 210 8806 Steve Smith – Email: cllr.Steve.Smith@bristol.gov.uk ; Tel: 07769 285266
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/
First - Bristol, Bath & the West	www.firstgroup.com/bristol-bath-and-west Ian Coyle (Operations Director) - ian.coyle@firstgroup.com

HENLEAZE FORUM APPENDIX 2 - BNWCA GROUP – Update of 15 March

Small steps to climate action this spring

We can all do a little

The problem of climate change may seem insoluble for us as individuals. But we can all take some steps, however small, to cut our own carbon footprint. And the great thing is that as we cut down on our use of gas, coal and petrol, we all save money too.

By sharing our own best tips for saving the use of these fossil fuels, members of the Bristol NW Climate Action Group are encouraging each other to make real change in our own lives.

This month, we have a visit to a Victorian cottage home in Westbury, which needs extra insulation to help its owner Peter to cut down on the heating. Peter will show us some of the measures he has already taken, and we hope that some of us may be able to come up with more ideas for him.

Sharing with others

St Mary's Church in Stoke Bishop already plays an active part in our group. Church members are supporting a group of Bristol University students in starting a vegetable plot. The church has provided wood and compost, while University staff are providing expertise and encouragement.

In September this year, when St Mary's opens for Doors Open Day, it will be going a big step further, and will host a "Small Steps" event, to share practical ideas for climate action. The Bristol NW Climate Action Group has planning to support the event, and we would love to hear from any local group which would like to join us. There is so much we can do to limit the use of fossil fuels, whether in our transport, food, use of packaging etc. We look forward to sharing these ideas, in the beautiful surroundings of St Mary's, on September 12th.

Spring cleaning

In the meantime, please look out for the Great Bristol Spring Clean. We can help to stop plastic waste from getting into watercourses, and on out to the sea. All the information is on the Bristol Waste web-site. You could join a group, or start your own with loads of help from Bristol Waste. Locally, Sus WoT plans to be litter-picking in Westbury on Trym on Saturdays 5th and 11th April. *Please check before turning up though! Contact SusWoT2050@gmail.com for updates.*

Like to get involved?

Details of future meetings can be found on Eventbrite. Search for Bristol North West Climate Action Group.

However, the Climate Action Group meetings in April (Thurs 2nd and 23rd) have been cancelled, in light of the corona virus situation.