

# Henleaze Neighbourhood Forum Notes – 29 June 2023

<b>Present</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Helen Furber - Chair</li> <li>• Sergeant Alan Gentry</li> <li>• PCSO Azeem Wazir</li> <li>• Sharon Scott - Councillor</li> <li>• Steve Smith - Councillor</li> <li>• Members of the public</li> </ul>
<b>Apologies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Councillor Geoff Gollop</li> </ul>

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	<b>b</b>	<p><b>Car break-ins:</b> Prior to the Forum, HF sent details to the Police of concerns amongst the residents living in and around Henleaze Park Drive, Rockside Drive and Oakwood Road regarding a pattern of car break-ins.</p>																																																																																																																						

	<p>Residents made crime reports (in most of the cases) direct to the Police. These led to responses including (a) being provided with a crime number and (b) receiving a paragraph reading, “Unfortunately, based on the information you have provided, there are no proportionate lines of enquiry for the Police to investigate. Therefore, the report will be filed with no further action, pending any positive line of enquiry.”</p> <p>On a fortnightly basis the Police hold an analysis meeting to discuss crime trends and actions to take. We are asked that CCTV in support of possible criminal activity is shared with the Police. It is <b>not</b> advised to take photographs/videos of crimes in action if this could put the photographer in danger.</p>
<b>c</b>	<b>Scams:</b> Scammers have been targeting residents of care homes.
<b>d</b>	<b>Reporting Parking and Obstruction Issues:</b> There is a page on Avon & Somerset Police’s website setting out whether Bristol City Council or the Police are responsible for parking and obstruction issues. Go to <a href="https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/report/parking-issues/">https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/report/parking-issues/</a>
<b>e</b>	<p><b>Contacting the Police:</b> All details of crimes in action and urgent matters, should be dealt with by calling 999. Calls about non urgent crimes should be dealt with by calling 101. Calls to 999 and 101 are borderless; a controller will put you through to the appropriate person.</p> <p>If you want to contact the Westbury-on-Trym &amp; Henleaze Beat Team, use the form on the Avon &amp; Somerset Police website - <a href="https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/your-area/henleaze-and-westbury-on-trym/">https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/your-area/henleaze-and-westbury-on-trym/</a> Note: The form is for contacting the local team rather than for reporting crimes.</p> <p>If you want to report a crime anonymously, call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.</p>
<b>f</b>	<p><b>Police Station:</b> Cars to crimes in our area are likely to come from the Patchway Police Centre.</p> <p>There is a Police Station at Southmead (Westgate House, Southmead Hospital, Southmead Way, Bristol BS10 5LT) which is currently open Mondays to Thursdays from 10am to 1.30pm and from 2.15pm to 6pm where enquiries can be made, and lost property can be handed in.</p>
<b>3</b>	<b><u>Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)/s106</u></b>
<b>a</b>	<p><b>Background re Financial years to 31 March 2024 and 2025:</b></p> <p>CIL is a pot of money that can be used through Bristol City Council to make improvements to our local neighbourhood; s106 funds are largely used to purchase replacement trees.</p> <p>Decisions on how any funds are allocated are made by Councillors who sit on one of six Area Committees. Area 1 covers six wards including Westbury-on-Trym &amp; Henleaze.</p> <p>In 2022 (financial year to 31 March 2023) a successful application was made for funding 3 replacement ‘street’ trees in Henleaze/Westbury Park.</p> <p>On 28 June 2023 Bristol City Council advised that CIL funds available to Area 1</p>

	<p>Councillors for the current financial year are -£11,657. The amount is negative as funds were provisionally allocated last year out of funds anticipated to be received this year.</p> <p>There is a formal application process for CIL/s106 applications. If you have ideas for future funding requests, it is better to informally discuss them with the Councillors in advance to ensure you do not waste time completing excessive paperwork.</p>
	<p><b>b Funding awarded in November 2019:</b> Following an application made by The Henleaze Society, funds were awarded by Area Committee 1 in November 2019 to enhance the halo lighting on the zebra crossing on Henleaze Road (by Henleaze Park Drive). Bristol City Council added the work to their project list, and it joined a long queue and work was also delayed due to Covid.</p> <p>Disappointingly Bristol City Council failed to notify The Henleaze Society (as the applicant) of correspondence earlier this year with Cllr Smith to the effect that the works will cost more than budgeted. The project either needed to be dropped or to go back to the Area Committee for increased funding. Our Councillors have asked that the project goes back for increased funding, which will happen later this year.</p>
	<p><b>c Guidance notes:</b> Detailed guidance notes, which include information on the type of projects that can be funded by CIL/106 funds, are available at <a href="http://www.bristol.gov.uk/people-communities/funding-local-projects">www.bristol.gov.uk/people-communities/funding-local-projects</a>.</p>
<b>4</b>	<b>Community Issues</b>
	<p><b>a Toilets:</b> Concern was expressed about the lack of public toilet facilities. The person who raised the topic reluctantly accepted that this issue is best left until a new Council is elected in May 2024. Waitrose and the Westbury Park Pub are registered with the Community Toilet Scheme.</p>
	<p><b>b Fix My Street:</b> Several issues were raised of street issues that need to be resolved – e.g., drains, leaves, potholes etc.</p> <p>Issues should be reported to Bristol City Council using <a href="https://www.bristol.gov.uk/residents/streets-travel/report-a-street-issue">https://www.bristol.gov.uk/residents/streets-travel/report-a-street-issue</a></p> <p>If a matter remains unresolved, our Councillors will help with follow up action. Cllr Scott likes dealing with pothole matters!</p>
	<p><b>c Bus route 2 Consultation:</b> Cllr Smith advised that Councillors had a meeting with Bristol City Council Officers in June about the January 2022 Consultation regarding the number 2 bus route. The way forward is uncertain, with no further Consultation likely for a few months but current thoughts include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Closing off the ends of Lake Road and Henleaze Gardens are not expected to go ahead.</li> <li>- They are still planning to mostly close the end of Holmes Grove, allowing a left turn out onto Henleaze Road.</li> <li>- The narrowing of Southmead Road between Henleaze Road and Wellington Hill West roundabouts, with new bus lanes added – is not expected to go ahead.</li> <li>- A new 2-way bike lane at the top of Henleaze Road opposite Old Quarry Park is not expected to go ahead, although they are looking at other options to improve that stretch for cyclists and pedestrians.</li> </ul>

		- Install a bus gate on North View, which would stop all non-bus traffic from turning off the White Tree roundabout.
<b>5</b>		<b>Community events</b>
	<b>a</b>	<b>Input:</b> Residents are encouraged to share details of upcoming community events at the Forums. Please feel free to submit advance copies/ bring leaflets etc to future Forums.
	<b>b</b>	<b>Working together:</b> The Reverend Neil Thorogood, Trinity-Henleaze URC's Minister spoke about various local groups (including St Peter's and his own church) working together for the benefit of the local community.
	<b>c</b>	<b>Henleaze Christmas Festival:</b> This will take place on Wednesday 6 December.
<b>6</b>		<b>Further Forums</b>
		It was agreed to hold Forums twice a year (subject to review). The next Forum will be in November.

## HENLEAZE FORUM APPENDIX 1 – Contact Details/ Further information

<b>Henleaze Forum</b>	<b>Email:</b> henleazeforum@hotmail.com
<b>The Henleaze Society</b>	<b>Email:</b> ths.newsletter@gmail.com
<b>Westbury Park Community Association</b>	<b>Email:</b> westburyparkca@gmail.com
<b>Police</b>	Our Neighbourhood Police Team is Beat Manager PC Stephen Harding and PCSO Azeem Wasir. 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 <a href="https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/your-area/henleaze-and-westbury-on-trym/">https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/your-area/henleaze-and-westbury-on-trym/</a>
<b>Vehicles without MOTs</b>	To check if a vehicle is taxed, members of the public can use the DVLA website – <a href="http://www.gov.uk/check-vehicle-tax">www.gov.uk/check-vehicle-tax</a>
<b>Member of Parliament</b>	Darren Jones MP – <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:darren.jones.mp@parliament.uk">darren.jones.mp@parliament.uk</a> ; Tel: 0117 9596545
<b>Ward Councillors</b>	Geoff Gollop – <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:cllr.geoffrey.gollop@bristol.gov.uk">cllr.geoffrey.gollop@bristol.gov.uk</a> ; <b>Tel:</b> 903 9946 Sharon Scott – <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:cllr.sharon.scott@bristol.gov.uk">cllr.sharon.scott@bristol.gov.uk</a> <b>Tel:</b> 07584 182792 Steve Smith – <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:cllr.steve.smith@bristol.gov.uk">cllr.steve.smith@bristol.gov.uk</a> ; <b>Tel:</b> 07769 285266
<b>Bristol City Council &amp; Cabinet Meetings</b>	Full Council and Cabinet meetings are available via live and recorded webcasts. <a href="https://democracy.bristol.gov.uk/mgCalendarMonthView.aspx?GL=1&amp;bc_r=1">https://democracy.bristol.gov.uk/mgCalendarMonthView.aspx?GL=1&amp;bc_r=1</a>

<b>Street Issues</b>	Examples include street lighting, drains, graffiti, and damaged roads/footpaths. <a href="https://www.bristol.gov.uk/residents/streets-travel/report-a-street-issue">https://www.bristol.gov.uk/residents/streets-travel/report-a-street-issue</a>
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<b>First - Bristol, Bath &amp; the West</b>	<a href="http://www.firstgroup.com/bristol-bath-and-west">www.firstgroup.com/bristol-bath-and-west</a>