



## Sir John's Lane Wall Restoration Project

### **Introduction**

This notice is to inform park users about Bristol City Council's project to repair and restore the wall in Sir John's Lane. The project is being undertaken by Bristol Parks & Estates who manage Stoke Park.

### **Background to Project**

When Bristol City Council acquired Stoke Park in 2012 it also inherited the wall adjacent to Sir Johns Lane. A locally significant historic landmark, the wall is the remnants of an 18th century estate wall originally built around the Heath House Estate by the Smyth family when they built Heath House in the 1780's (now the Priory in private ownership).



The wall, which falls within the curtilage of Heath House, shares its Grade II English Heritage listing. After 230 years over 350 metres of the wall in Sir John's Lane still stands nearly 3 metres high. However, much of the wall is in urgent need of repair and restoration. In recognition of its poor state of repair and its historic value, the previous owners of Stoke Park, a consortium of developers gave an endowment to the city to repair and restore the wall. This will be used to fund the restoration project which will run from 2013-2016.

### **Aim of Project**

The aim of the project is to preserve the most significant parts of the wall still standing in Sir John's Lane in order to prevent further collapse, safeguard its future and to ensure continued public appreciation of the wall as an important historic landmark and future interpretation of its historic value as an important remnant of the old Heath House Estate. When the restoration is complete, an interpretation panel will be installed describing the history of the wall and the Heath House Estate.

### **Project Approach**

In the last year works have been undertaken to remove ivy and other vegetation growing on, in and against the wall in order to open it up for inspection and assessment. As a result we have now prepared the following draft programme for the repair and restoration project:

- Undertake further scrub clearance to enable access for a full condition survey and to prepare for future works: winter 2013/14
- Undertake a condition survey / prepare repair & restoration proposals / liaise with English Heritage: Winter/Spring 2014
- Obtain prices from wall restoration contractors: Spring 2014
- Obtain Listed Building and Planning Consents: Summer 2014
- Commence construction works: January 2015 (It's anticipated works will be completed in 2016).

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***If you would like more information on the project please contact the project manager:***

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