



AGENDA ITEM NO.

Greater Fishponds Neighbourhood Partnership

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Title: Neighbourhood Partnership Annual Achievements Report

Introduction

This report is a summary of the Greater Fishponds Neighbourhood Partnership's achievements in 2012/13. The Neighbourhood Partnership's vision is to make the Greater Fishponds an area that is clean, green, safe, healthy and prosperous. This report highlights the work of Neighbourhood Partnership.

Project 1: The Gozzie



Objective: Making our environment a healthy and pleasant place to live, with community facilities for people of all ages to enjoy.

For many years the Coombe Brook woodlands, locally known as the Gozzie was in desperate need of improvements.

The site was well under used and attracted number of people dumping their rubbish and fly-tipped there. It was raised at the Hillfields Neighbourhood Forum as a local priority.

The Environment subgroup identified the site in its Area Green Investment Plan, under its heading of Nature and Woodland. In March 2012 the Neighbourhood Committee allocated Section 106 money to improve steps, resurface path and install handrails. The project aimed to improve access and enhance safety so more people can utilise this lovely local amenity.

NP Action Plan Aim: Improving and enhancing local environment.

Resources used: £20,342.00 of devolved Section 106

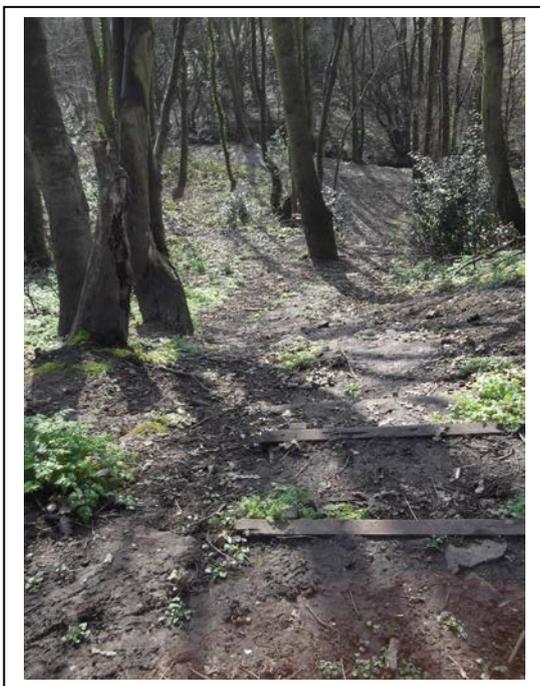
Additional benefits included:

- Generate local interest.
- Chesterpark School now use the woodland weekly as part of the children's Active Learning development.

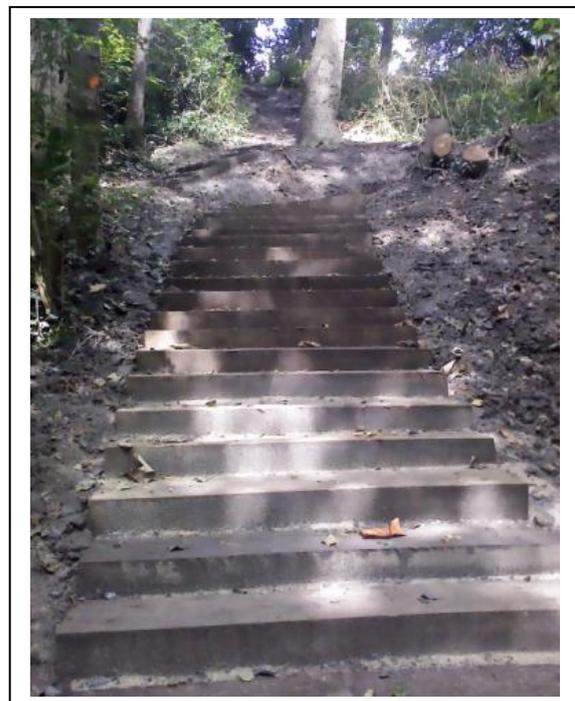
Equalities aims addressed:

The Gozzie is public amenity used by all section of the community. The enhancements will have a positive impact on wider community members of all ages wanting to use this facility.

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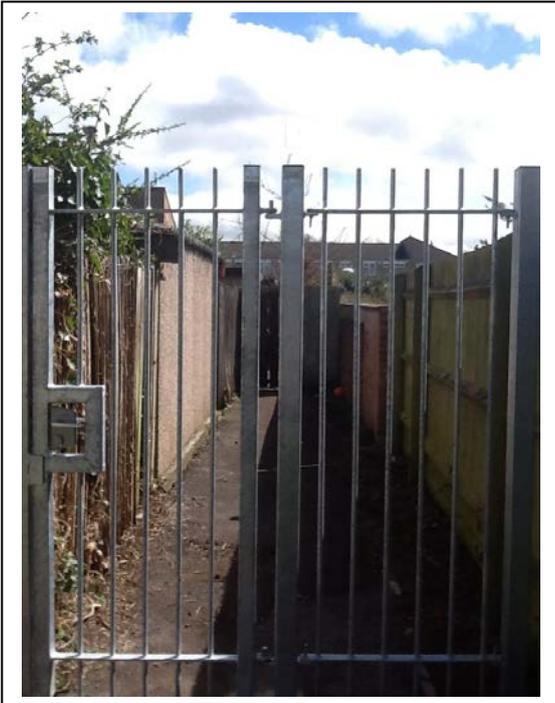


Other environment improvements we have done in the area include:

- New fencing installed under the M32 along stapleton rd.
- Utilised Community Payback to clear vegetation/cutback key locations including Alcove rd, Grove Rd, Eastpark Estate, Trendlewood and many Public Rights of Ways in the NP area.
- Provided Spring bulbs to community groups including residents from Greenfinch Lodge, Colston Estate and Snuff Mills.
- Processed Section 106 quick wins worth £14,434.99 for over 8 sites.
- For more information on supported projects aiming to enhance the environment see agenda item 11, under the Clean and Green heading.

Project 2: Eastpark Estate Agreement

Objective: Make the NP area free from crime, anti-social behaviour and prostitution.



The East Park Makeover project is a scheme aimed at getting Bristol City Council working more closely with residents of Eastville and Eastpark.

Eastpark and its green spaces should be safely enjoyed by everybody. An agreement has been set to dedicate resources and work with local residents towards a common goal of improving the look and feel of Eastpark for the benefit of all of the local community.

Prostitution is a high priority for both local residents and service providers. The team targeting this type of activity has increased in size and is called Operation Bowler it consists of specialist proactive police officers, supporting the local neighbourhood team to tackle anti social behaviour, drug, vice and street violence in Stapleton Road and surrounding areas.

NP Action Plan Aim: Make the area free from litter, graffiti, postings and tackle crime and prostitution.

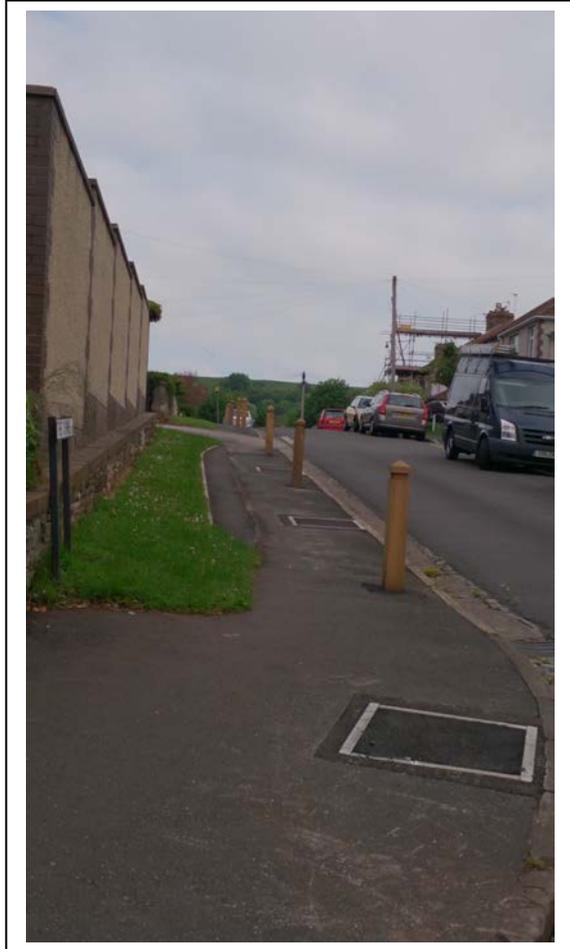
Resources used: Officers and local residents time, £4950 to fund allygating and clearing vegetation.

Additional benefits included:

- From January to December 2012 there were 348-recorded offences for kerb crawling and loitering in the Fishponds area.
- 259 of these relate to kerb crawling offences and were dealt with by a combination of conditional cautions, charges and acceptable behaviour contracts.
- There were 24 Anti-Social-Behaviour Orders (ASBOs) applied for during this period, 14 were granted and 6 are still pending.

Equalities aims addressed: Enable all sector of the community to feel safe and benefit from clean environment.

Project 3: The Chine



Objective: Maintain our roads and pavements so that it is safe for everyone to use.

This project was supported from the devolved Local Traffic Scheme's budget. The problem was first raised at the Eastville Neighbourhood Forum, but according to local residents, they have been calling for the council to do something about the parking problem they have been experiencing for a long time.

The problem was most acute when the parents from the nearby Colston school were dropping and picking up their children.

As The Chine is a narrow road, no emergency vehicles could gain access into it when vehicles are parked on both sides of the road.

The Neighbourhood Partnership funded traffic engineers to install timber bollards on

one of side of the pavement, which eliminated the problem local residents complained from for many years. Tree pits have also been incorporated into the design. They will be planted in the 2013/14 planting season.

A resident from the Chine said "Thank you so much for finally arranging for the bollards to be installed, it has already made an enormous difference. At least now it is safe to walk down the Chine. We now look forward to the trees".

NP Action Plan Aim: Traffic nuisance.

Resources used: £2,637.34 of devolved Local Traffic Scheme funds.

Additional benefits included:

- The footpath is now much safer and pleasant for local residents, parents walking with their buggies and wheelchair users.

Equalities aims addressed: This is a public road open to all users including people with wheelchairs and parents with buggies.

Project 4: Fishfest: Community Fun Days:

Objective: Encourage and promote community engagement.



Fishfest is among one of the local community fun events the Neighbourhood Partnership funded in 2012/13. It is originated locally by local residents and it is aiming to inspire local residents by bringing together local artist, music and family entertainments.

Fishfest is going from strength to strength and is packed with family fun activities.

Other community events the Neighbourhood Partnership funded include Activate St George Tea Party in Fishponds Park and Horticulture show, Hillfields Eid Party, the Vassall Centre Community Open Day in Frome Vale ward.



The Neighbourhood Partnership and Hillfields Community First Panel work very closely.

There is good news in that the Hillfields Community First Panel managed to secure the 2013/14 funding after they have successfully submitted the Hillfields Community First Plan. The group had to produce an area Plan in order to satisfy the Community Development Foundation's

requirement for releasing 2013/14 funding, which is £8,488. Appendix 1 shows groups funded in 2012/13 from the Hillfields Community First Funding.

NP Action Plan Aim: Providing and promoting community provision and activities.

Resources used: £6,016 of Wellbeing Budget was used to support above stated activities and community volunteers time.

Additional benefits included:

- In total 8 community events have been support using this money.
- Enhance community cohesion, which is another NP priority by bringing

together people from different backgrounds and encourage their children to play together.

- Increased use of Community Centres and space.
- Enhanced community spirit and local residents feeling valued and belonging in their community

Equalities aims addressed

Stalls aimed at raising awareness about local community activities and services for all sectors of the community.