

Name of Group: Save Stoke Lodge Parkland

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**Stoke Lodge Parkland** comprises approximately 21 acres of curtilage to the Grade 2 listed Farm and Manor House known as Stoke Lodge; and is an exceptional example of free, safe, open, green space and wooded areas with many specimen trees set in ample space for recreation and exercise for all ages and family groups and has been used and enjoyed extensively by the community consistently for legitimate recreational use, throughout the ownership by Bristol City Council which has extended over 64 years from 1947, and is the last remaining green space in Stoke Bishop.

**Save Stoke Lodge Parkland (SSLP)** is a properly constituted community stakeholder group formed with overwhelming public support to defend this valuable community amenity from the Bristol City Council proposals to exclude free public access to the Parkland. Following the co-ordinated community opposition BCC has currently withdrawn these particular proposals; however based on community concerns regarding ongoing threats SSLP has prepared and submitted a Town or Village Green registration Application to secure the Parkland as green space for future generations.

Since our inception we have hosted a highly successful Picnic in the Park that will be repeated this year. Taken positive steps to raise public awareness of the Neighbourhood Partnership, engaged with local councillors and officers to gain support for more “open” consultation on the future of the Parklands and set in motion the implementation of “106” monies set aside for children’s play facilities at Stoke Lodge as well as encouraging better maintenance / upkeep of the Parkland. Additionally SSLP plays a major part, and currently chairs, the umbrella stakeholder liaison group set up by the BCC cabinet member responsible for Stoke Lodge to represent community views.