

Bristol Parks Forum

Meeting 19th October 2024 at Eastville Park

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Just so you have an update from Community Development – here is a story map highlighting community led action I have supported across Hartcliffe and Withywood over the last few months [BS13 Parks and Green Space Projects 2024 \(arcgis.com\)](https://arcgis.com)

In other news – Hartcliffe Millenium Green back in 2021, a group of residents worked with community development to successfully apply for CIL to improve their local park. The small friends of group consulted with local people and drew up a list of local priorities for the fund. After some delays last year I connected them to the major projects team and parks managers revisit the plans – the project is now going to be delivered this year with additional resource from YP for access improvements following their access project.

Using experience of working on housing and highways land in Lockleaze, I have drafted a community process map for working on housing land (in the same design as the parks process maps) just waiting on comment from comment from housing.

Oldbury Court Kitchen Garden/Former Depot : as you probably know, we have made a start on engaging with communities and local (community facing) organisations around the former depot site in Oldbury Court. Heritage Officer April Coombes and we will be holding 3 “open gate” sessions (inviting people into the space to get a feel for interest in the site, and scope out opportunities to develop ideas)

Invitation below – please feel free to share, and it would be lovely to see some of you there.

Best Wishes

Hayley

“Funds have been awarded to enable the Parks Service to work alongside community and enterprise to design and deliver a vibrant space that will benefit everyone that visits the Estate.

Over the coming months, we will be looking to invite ideas that support the city’s strategic ambitions around culture, sustainability, heritage, food growing, nature and community ownership, with an open mind about how this will look in practice.

The Parks Service are committed to working alongside stakeholders from the start of the process to shape the future of the site and encourage community led initiatives to develop and take forward ideas.

I am contacting you to see if you would like to be part of the conversation?

If you are curious to know more about the site and whether there is scope for you to be involved in its future, we are holding some open-door sessions over the next few weeks so people can come and walk around the site, meet the team and ask questions.

Dates (October)

Friday 18th Between 10.30am-12.30pm

Thursday 24th Between 1pm-3pm

Saturday 26th Between 10am-12pm

If you are interested in one of these sessions, you are welcome to just drop in, it would be useful to get an idea of numbers so a quick email would be appreciated.

There is a car park in Oldbury Court – BS16 2JH. You then need to walk past the café and the play area and stay on the path that leads to the left and look out for the bunting on the gate.

Entry to the site is accessible by wheelchair but limited within the site due to overgrowth and rough ground – if you have any questions about this please do contact me.

If you can't make any of these dates, but would like a site visit, please email me on Hayley.swift2@bristol.gov.uk; and this can be arranged.

Best Wishes

Hayley”