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This month we have a British bird theme for you, words to find:

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| Blackbird | Magpie |
| Chaffinch | Red Kite |
| Cuckoo | Robin |
| Dove | Skylark |
| Goldfinch | Sparrow |
| Jay | Wren |

For pictures and more go to:

<http://www.garden-birds.co.uk/birdgallery.htm>

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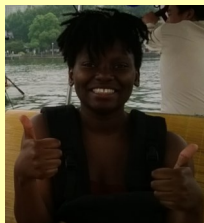
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St. Peter's and The Moors Big Local

Community Chat

Welcome to the May/June edition

Local Trust **Big Local**
 LOTTERY FUNDED
Big Local
Fun on the Green
Sat 23 May 2015
11.30am - 3pm
Moors Green
 (off Tewkesbury Rd,
 opposite Saracen's football field)
You are all invited*
 All children must be accompanied
 by adults
Free refreshments
Face painting
Bouncy castle
Plant your own seedlings
**A chance to take part in
 fantastic events...**
**Sign up to our exciting
 new volunteer programme!**
 For any questions, contact Naif or Dan at
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How you can support this event

Volunteer

Event Stewards

to let visitors know what's happening during the event and how they can get involved

Face Painters

to cater to children (and adults) who want to get their faces painted

Street Champions

to spread the word and foster a sense of community on their street



Creatives

to document the event using photography and other artistic mediums & to sign up to the Big Local Creative Network (also open to musicians & performers)

Mucky Spades

to help visitors plant seedlings & to sign up to our Greener, Cleaner, Safer Initiative

Volunteer inductions
Thur 20 May 2015
Gas Green Church
11.30am - 1pm
& 4.30 - 6pm

Participate

Be curious, turn up, spend time with neighbours who live, study, work or volunteer in the Big Local area and interact with our great displays and activities

For more information contact Naif or Dan at
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Neighbourhood Watch (NHW)

What is the NHW all about?

They are setup to encourage people to share crime prevention advice and activities, keep an eye on each others' property and improve home security. This is achieved by having a two way communication with the police.

What do they aim to do?

NHW's aim to bring people together and improve peoples' quality of life, they help to build communities and empower them to deal with local issues and tackle problems.

What can they do for my community?

The NHW schemes can:

- Cut crime and the opportunities for crime
- Help and reassure those in fear of crime
- Encourage neighbourly communities

How can I get a NHW in my area?

The first step is to see how many people are interested in your area and if they would like to be part of the scheme. Then you will need to contact the NHW Field Officer for Cheltenham to setup meetings with residents so that everyone knows what the scheme is and how it works. From this a NHW Co-ordinator will need to be selected, along with an assistant, to act as the link between the residents and police for your NHW scheme. They will also keep the residents up to date on new information from the police and all that is required is a telephone.

For more information contact:

The Neighbourhood Watch Office 01242 276 256 or visit the website at:
<https://sites.google.com/site/cheltenhamhwa/>

Big Local Bristol Spring Event

On the 14th April Dan, David and Naif attended a Local Trust workshop in Bristol Zoo Gardens Pavilion, where we presented to other Big Local areas our partnership with the University of Gloucestershire.

There were several other workshops that took place on the day which included:

- Running community events
- Big Worle's story on their community choir
- How to stop a loan shark
- Raising funds for community-based social enterprises
- The Margolis Wheel (Problem solving technique)
- Working with local media
- Taking ownership of a community hub
- Reviewing your Big Local plan

The event was enjoyed by everyone who attended and we would like to thank Scott Farlow and his two students who travelled to Bristol to present with us.

If you would like to see what other **FREE** workshop events are coming up then you can visit: [www.http://localtrust.org.uk/events/](http://localtrust.org.uk/events/) or ask any of the Big Local partnership for more information.

A video of the event can be found on our Social Media sites or by going to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G1AfG-Q4R9Q>

Big Local Volunteering



Do you have any spare time on your hands?

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Recently retired?

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Looking for work experience or new skills?

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Or do you just want to give something back to your neighbourhood?

We'll find the right role for you!

With plenty of activities during the year, there are lots of opportunities to get involved in the Big Local Area of St. Peter's and The Moors. It's a great chance to meet new people and learn new skills in a supportive environment.

We aim to provide all our volunteers with exciting opportunities such as: mentoring and training. We will also cover basic expenses such as travel costs.

We will have a preliminary chat with anyone who would like to join the Big Local Volunteering team. If any of the roles interest you please get in touch at sptmbiglocal@gmail.com or call 01242 700 700.

Volunteering Opportunities!

Community Cafe Assistants

We're looking for a variety of people with different motivations and skills to support our community cafe. In this role you will gain experience in the kitchen and serving food to our community café visitors. Ideal for anyone looking for work experience in hospitality and customer service. We also provide training on food hygiene certificates for volunteers in this role.

Community Cafe Advisor

We are looking for voluntary support from a specialist to explore options of making our community cafe more sustainable, with an eye for social enterprise.

Communications Assistants

We are looking for volunteers with skills and a keen interest in marketing including:

Newsletter Editors

Take our publication, "Community Chat" from strength to strength. Write articles that capture the heart of community. Have a say over its design, content and distribution.

Website Developer & Assistants

Support the web and social media presence of Big Local and it's partner organisations.

Mucky Spade Volunteers

Volunteer in pairs for a couple of hours a month to help tend to a neighbour's front garden. Help build a sense of pride in different green public spaces in St Peters and the Moors.

(If you want to sign up to our Mucky Spades initiative and have your front garden pruned over the summer months, please get in touch. Priority will be given to people with access needs that make it difficult to maintain their own gardens).

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 21st July:

Partnership meeting, St. Peter's Church, Tewkesbury Road

7:30pm

Thursday 23rd July:

Elmfield Neighbourhood Coordination Group Meeting

Grove Street Resource Centre

3:00pm start

20th - 24th July:

The Rock Activate Holiday Drop in Sessions

(more details nearer to the date)

Every Monday:

Community Café, The Rock Sports Hall, Tewkesbury Road.

3:30pm to 5:30pm

Dates for your diary

Below are some dates for events and meetings in the area that everyone is welcome to attend:

Thursday 21st May

5th Anniversary of The Rock

Thursday 21st May

FREE Loan shark awareness training, Guildhall, Gloucester

10:30am to 12:30pm or 2:00pm to 4:00pm

Saturday 23rd May

Big Local Fun on the green, Moors green between Tewkesbury Road and St. Peter's Close.

11:30am to 3:00pm

Saturday 6th June

Bingo, Gas Green Community Centre, Baker Street.

7:00pm

Tuesday 16th June

Partnership meeting, St. Peter's Church, Tewkesbury Road

7:30pm

Volunteering Opportunities!

Street Champions

We are looking for attentive volunteers with positive attitudes who would like to foster a sense of community on their street or in their local area. This role is an exciting opportunity to give your street a voice in the Big Local area.

Street Champions will serve as a link between their neighbours and the Big Local Partnership – distributing information such as the Community Chat newsletter, feeding back ideas from their neighbours and encouraging them to act on issues that affect them.

Event Stewards

We are looking for volunteers who would like to support our events throughout the year. This is a great opportunity to develop skills in communication and customer service. In this role we require volunteers to speak to residents about Big Local events and initiatives, and answer any questions they might have.

Face Painters

We're looking for people who will interact well with children and their families at our events. Depending on the event, it may also include running fun activities for families at our events.

Creatives

All Big Local roles have a degree of creativity. This role is a platform for any musicians, performers, dancers or artists who would like to get involved in the big local programme. The benefits to a Big Local Creative is a platform to work with varied audiences through our events programme.

Meet the Big Local Partnership

Over the next few months we are going to be doing write ups on the partnership members so that you can get to know them better, the first member for you to meet is Michelle.

Michelle is a member of the Big Local partnership and has been since this was formed towards the end of last year, she is an asset to the partnership as she has connections with a lot of people.

She also volunteers for the Big Local on a monthly basis by delivering the Community Chat newsletters to the households in the area.

Why did you get involved in the Big Local?

I was curious at first about what the Big Local was so attended a meeting at Gardner's Lane Primary School to see what it was all about and how the project was going to change the area for the better. I have lived in the area since I was born in St. Peter's Square and want to make the area an even better place for my children.

Why do you volunteer for Big Local?

I volunteer because it gives me more confidence in life in general, I enjoy volunteering and helping out other people. I would recommend volunteering for the Big Local or in general as you mix with other people who you may not mix with normally and I feel like I am giving something back to the community.

In next months edition we will be introducing you to David who is currently the Vice-chair and Treasurer for the Big Local partnership.

Prize Winners!

The draw for the four winners of the £25 shopping vouchers was made on the 13th April at The Community Café, with residents randomly picking out names.

To enter the draw you had to give us your ideas and opinions on the old BMX track. This could have been done at the tidy up event held in the BMX track area on the 17th February, or by talking to us when we went out knocking on doors.

There are four winners who will each receive a £25 shopping voucher of their choice, either for Tesco or Sainsbury's, below is a picture of Dan with one of the prize winners Mr Aldridge.



It is not too late to give us your opinions on the area, however, due to the draw being made you will no longer have the chance to win a shopping voucher.

If you would like a form then please get in touch with Dan or Naif.