

Partnership Board and the 2 Year Plan

Thank you for your suggestions and contributions to the Big Local Plan, the 2 year Big Local plan is ready and can be accessed from the website or could be emailed if you contact us.

On Sept 15th and 29th meetings the Partnership Board was elected with 9 local residents and 5 representatives from local institutions, you can view the list on the website.

Any resident can join the Board, particularly we are looking for residents from the Moors and around Swindon Road, Elmfield and Marsh Lane areas.

Highlights of the Plan will feature in subsequent newsletters.

Sean

Unfortunately Sean has resigned from his post due to his University studies, we all wish him well for the future and cannot thank him enough for all of his hard work.

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St Peter's & The Moors Big Local Newsletter

October 2014 Edition



Welcome

Welcome to the October edition of the Big Local Newsletter. In particular a warm welcome to all of the students of the University of Gloucestershire in Hardwick Campus, and to those living elsewhere in the Big Local area.

We would also like to welcome new residents and any new businesses or institutions who are working in the Big Local area.

What is the Big Local?

Our area, known as St. Peter's and The Moors, has been awarded £1 million over a 10 year period by the Lottery Fund. The aim of Big Local is to enable those who live and work in the selected area decide how best to use the money, to make their neighbourhood better.

For more info on the Big Local, on how to get involved and to view an area map, please go to our website sptm.org.uk

How can you get involved?

If you live or work in the area and are receiving this newsletter, you can get involved with the following;

The Partnership Board, volunteering, help with the Community Café, join the youth, children or seniors group, be part of the Newsletter editorial, contribute a poem, short story, photograph(s) or review to the Newsletter. [**Naming the Newsletter Competition!**](#)

You can also claim £250 to £500 through the Community Chest which will enable you to set up and run your very own event for the whole of the community!

Community Café

Is back! at The Rock Sports Hall, St. Peter's Church

The Community Café is run by The Rock in partnership with the Big Local.

Local young people will be serving the local community with refreshments, hot and cold food. Donations would be welcomed to support costs.



Started on Monday, 6th Oct
Every Monday 3.30 to 5.30 pm
During Term-Time

Everybody
Welcome

For More Info and suggestions contact:

Emily on 01242 700700 or Dan on 07914 347483



Elmfield Sunrise (Sep 2014) by Steve Burrows

Music Makers

If you are 16 to 25 and out of work, then join the Get Started with Princes Trust programme.



This programme runs from 27th October to 31st October 2014 in Cheltenham.

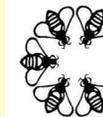
For more info: contact Julia Palmer of Princes Trust

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Bees Abroad

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Advertise in the Big Local Newsletter

If you would like to advertise your business, institution or charity, please check our website for details alternatively contact Dan or email us.

The basic charges: £75 for a full colour page, £40 for half and £25 for quarter page. There will be 25% discount for registered charities.

University Modules

Big Local in partnership with the University of Gloucestershire

The following University modules have chosen the Big Local area to study, be involved in and contribute towards the areas future:

Landscape Architecture and Community:

Students from this module will study our area as part of their course, and at the end of the year will share their observations and ideas with the Partnership Board and the Community. If you would like to join or participate in the discussion of how to improve the landscape of our area, please get in touch.

Working in Communities:

Students from this module will attend the Community Café, Forums and Events to observe, interact and learn with the community the nature and function of community and its value to society.

Managing Settings:

Carrying on from the module Working in Communities, the students in this module will assess the role, function and importance of community buildings in the area. We are at an early stage of negotiations, and will report during the next year any developments.

Global Futures:

Students from this module are required to work with an outside organisation to come up with a study project of their choice. This can range from looking at the character of a place to an environmental survey of an area.

If any of these interest you, please get in touch with us, and we can form small groups who can suggest improvements to students as well as giving them information on the area.

Report

Elmfield Park Development



We are pleased to announce that the first phase of the Elmfield Park Development has been completed.

This first phase of the development was to install railings around the play equipment in order for the play area to be a safer place to play.

This development would not have been possible without the thoughts and opinions of many residents of the area.

The railings have been contributed and installed by the Council at the cost of £8,495, with the Big Local funding future improvements approved by the community.

Suggestions so far have included a gravel path, tree planting and more play equipment.

The Big Local Partnership Board has budgeted £26,000 in the first two years to develop play areas within the St Peter's and the Moors area. Please pass on any suggestions to Dan or email sptmbiglocal@gmail.com

“Kate”

A poem provided by Mrs. Maria Mitchell of Marsh Lane.

‘Kate’, the writer of this poem was unable to speak, but was occasionally seen to write. After her death, her hospital locker was emptied and this poem was found.

What do you see nurses, what do you see?

Are you thinking when you are looking at me,

A crabbit old woman not very wise,

Uncertain of habit with far away eyes,

Who dribbles her food and makes no reply,

When you say in a loud voice ‘I do wish you’d try’

Who seems not to notice the things that you do

And forever losing a stocking or shoe,

Who unresisting or not do as you will with bathing and feeding a long day to fill,

Is that what you are thinking is that what you see?

Then open your eyes nurse, you’re not looking at me.

I’ll tell you who I am as I sit here so still.

As I use at your bidding as I eat at your will.

I’m a small child of ten with a father and mother,

Brothers and Sisters who love one another,

A young girl of sixteen with wings on her feet,

Dreaming that soon now a lover she’ll meet:

A bride soon at twenty, my heart gives a leap,

Remembers the vows that I promised to keep:

At twenty five now I have young of my own,

A young woman of thirty my young now grow fast,

Bound to each other with ties that should last:

At forty my young ones now grown will soon be gone,

But my man stays beside me to see I don’t mourn:

At fifty once more babies play round my knee,

Again we know children my loved one and me.

Dark days are upon me my husband is dead,

I look a the future I shudder with dread,

For my young are all busy rearing young of their own,

And I think of the years and the love I have known.

I’m and old woman now and nature is cruel,

Tis her jest to make old age look like a fool.

The body it crumbles, grace and vigour depart,

There now is a stone where once I had a heart:

But inside this old carcase a young girl still dwells,

And now and again my battered heart swells,

I remember the joys, I remember the pain,

And I’m loving and living life all over again,

I think of the years all too few – gone too fast,

And accept the dark fact that nothing can last.

So open your eyes nurses, open and see,

Not a crabbit old woman, look closer – see ME.

If you would like to share with your big local community any short stories, poems, drawings, photos or any thing of interest to the community, please get in touch with Dan or Sean or email sptmbiglocal@gmail.com