

HENBURY & BRENTRY COMMUNITY COUNCIL



FINAL ACTION PLAN 2015-2020

"Let's deliver a better community for all!"

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Why are we developing a Plan?

Introduction:

We all care passionately about Henbury and Brentry. The neighbourhood has improved over recent years. On the whole people like the area and enjoy living here. The purpose of this plan is to improve our communities still further.

We want to drive forward positive changes and deliver on what the community wants. We would hope to build on the activities of many local voluntary, community, business and statutory bodies in order to influence what happens in Henbury and Brentry.

This is the final draft of the plan and has been developed following a ward wide resident's survey which was carried out over the summer of 2015. There were around 400 responses in total and the results were shared at the Community Conference, held in October of the same year. The Conference itself produced further input which where possible has been included in the plan. We hope that you can support this document but if there is something that can be improved then please let us know.

About Henbury & Brentry:

Henbury and Brentry are two inter connected communities in the North of Bristol. The area is easily discernible through the natural borders of Moorgrove Wood to the West, Brentry Hill to the South the railway track to the North and the former Filton Airfield site to the East. Although residents define themselves as either living in Henbury or Brentry (the perceived boundary being the A4018 that runs through the middle of the current Henbury & Brentry Ward) both communities are interlinked with similar needs and pressures.

The housing stock of our ward is an interesting mixture of historic, pre WWII, 1950's estates and flats as well as modern estates and flats. There are significant areas of deprivation as well as areas where professional and business people live. We want our plan to address equally mitigation of problems stemming from deprivation and fostering increased community involvement and enjoyment in the better off areas.

At present there are three primary schools, a special school and a secondary school located within the two communities. Children from the two communities attend all three primary schools. Henbury Secondary School is the local senior school and

draws the vast majority of its intake from the two communities. It is also a designated Specialist Arts School.

The primary shopping area is along Crow Lane, where the local library is also situated, with secondary shopping facilities on Station Road, Satchfield Crescent and Charlton Road.

Henbury Leisure Centre is based off Station Road alongside Henbury Secondary School. The area has numerous community serving facilities such as the Scout Hut on Tranmere Avenue and the Village Hall on Church Lane. In addition there are six churches that all provide meeting points for various community groups as well as serving their spiritual function.

There are four allotment sites scattered throughout the community and the neighbourhood is blessed with many well-loved parks and Green Spaces, of varying quality. These tend to focus on the Blaise Castle Estate, Arnall Drive Open Space, Crow Lane Open Space and the Okebourne Open Space.

About Henbury & Brentry Community Council:

The Henbury and Brentry Community Council has been an active grass roots organisation in Henbury and Brentry for 47 years. Over this time it has provided effective community representation and input into events affecting the interconnected communities. In doing this it has worked with, and is recognised by numerous Bristol City Council departments and by many other organisations.

The resources of the Community Council are limited. However we have a wealth of connections with a range of community groups and neighbourhoods in the North of the city. We aim to make use of these relationships to deliver what we acknowledge to be an ambitious Plan.

The process of developing this Community Plan has in itself strengthened the core capacity of the Council by bringing in a wider group of skilled residents as committed members of the Plan Steering Group.

This document will be used to help determine what money is spent on as opportunities become available. These include:

- Devolved budgets via the Henbury, Brentry and Southmead Neighbourhood Partnership (NP). These are approximately £50,000 p.a. The NP directs the spend of the devolved budgets, the work of NP officers and influences Bristol City Council and other agencies to deliver improvements. Relevant elements of this Community

Action Plan will be incorporated in the NP Neighbourhood Plan in June 2016 at the NP AGM.

- Developer contribution either via Section 106 or Community Infrastructure Levy. At present there is approximately £120,000 held for the Henbury & Brentry Ward, part is designated to specific types of project (such as Parks or Transport) whilst some is non-earmarked.

- Funding opportunities via Bristol City Council. These can vary year on year but currently include the Play Improvement Scheme (£500,000 p.a. citywide), Community Sport Grants (£250,000 one off, citywide) or Parks Accessibility Grants (£450,000 one off, citywide).

- Approaching other funding bodies to leverage in additional resources. These will vary according to the scheme but might include sporting bodies, charitable organisations or philanthropy groups.

Priorities

1. Greater Community Engagement: We want to continue reaching out to and involving members of the wider public, community groups and other organisations in order to increase the resilience of our neighbourhood, improve community communications and support long terms goals such as the delivery of a community centre.

2. To increase the number and scope of our community focussed facilities: This includes a wide range of both short and long term goals, including the provision of public toilets, a community cafe and the provision of a community centre.

3. Coping with the impact of the Cribbs Patchway New Neighbourhood(CPNN): The building of 6000 housing units to the North of Henbury & Brentry will have a profound impact on our community. We want improved communications to keep the public informed but also to work through a clear list of transport and flooding mitigations.

4. Improving and Investing in our Parks & Green Spaces: These are highly valued by the community. We want to see them improved further with additional play facilities, pathways, benches, planting, bins and a whole range of investments.

5. Combatting Isolation: 24% of respondents said that they felt lonely at some point. We would hope to develop ways to identify these people, help them get out and about, ensure that activities are available and look and working up a 'buddy' scheme so that no one feels left behind.

TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT

Current Situation – What is it like now?

Although most people in Henbury & Brentry have a good-average view of the neighbourhood there is a negative weighting of average/poor demographic.

Most people believe that transport links to the City Centre are good, but that improvements can be made to the bus network and infrastructure.

Speeding is listed as an issue in the survey where 59% of respondents argued that 'Traffic Speed Control' was a problem. However, at the Conference delegates argued that although 20mph was good on side roads that it should remain at 30mph on the larger routes.

The five main concerns from the Survey were:

- Traffic congestion & fumes
- Traffic speed control
- Parking
- Heavy goods vehicles / tankers
- Cost of public transport

The three main priorities from the comments were:

1. Parking (on corners, around schools and at the Blaise estate)
2. Bus Improvements
3. Speed Control

What changes are on the horizon?

The CPNN development will have a profound, and mixed, impact on the transport network. This could potentially lead to the removal of the Crow Lane roundabout, additional bus lanes, road reconfiguration and major mitigations on the network.

The Henbury Rail line reopening in 2021 provides the opportunity for improved public transport to the area, as does the creation of bus routes through Brentry and over the former Filton Airfield site.

How do residents want it to be?

Buses:

Local residents want an affordable and reliable public transport network that serves all areas of the neighbourhood which is well maintained.

They want up to date travel news at all stops and printed timetables that show all this information which needs to be brought up to date to reflect the new speed limits. In addition they want a crackdown on anti-social passengers when on board.

Speed Control:

There is some concern about the widespread use of 20mph speed limits. It is generally accepted on the residential and side roads but remains unpopular on the arterial roads.

Never the less there is concern that the speeds do need enforcement in the more vulnerable areas. These include along Crow Lane, Brentry Lane, Avonmouth Way, through Blaise Village and down Henbury Road towards the Ford. The solution appears to be a combination of education (flashing signs) and enforcement (speed watch).

Parking:

Local residents would like to see additional parking restrictions around the Blaise Castle estate with additional parking made available within the estate grounds themselves.

In addition the public have identified additional areas where parking can be improved. This includes along Crow Lane, both via access through the contested public right of way to the rear car park and through the introduction of echelon parking on the front. Yellow lines have been requested to protect corners from inconsiderate parking with additional measures around all local schools (similar to those installed near Brentry Primary School).

Rail:

Residents want an ambitious rail improvement programme with a new station to serve the community. The general preference is for the old site to be brought back into use with adequate parking provision, either at the station, or nearby via an alternative provider.

Goods Vehicles:

The public regard the weight limit in Hallen as grossly unfair as it forces fuel tankers from the Hallen depot to route South through Henbury and local residential roads, rather than Northwards to the industrial roads in and around Avonmouth. Local residents would like this measure removed and the weight limit moved to our side of the boundary.

South Gloucestershire Housing Development:

There is a general feeling that more public information is needed about the traffic measures associated with this development, in particular regarding the future of the Crow Lane roundabout and whether this could become a signal controlled roundabout rather than being removed entirely. Residents want proper consultation and input into what will be provided as a result of this development.

Cycling:

Most residents do not regard this as a priority ((35% not a concern and 37% don't know) but there are still a large number of people that would like to see better cycling provision, although the most frequently expressed concern relates to cycling on pavements causing distress to pedestrians. It is of considerable concern to active cyclists that there is no safe cycling route connecting the Henbury part of the ward with the Brentry part or Southmead and Southmead Hospital.

Road Improvements:

Other than the above, the major concern expressed revolves around the Henbury Road – Crow Lane junction. Improvements are needed, preferably a mini-roundabout to control speed, access and egress from this junction.

Pedestrian Safety/Provision:

Although not a primary concern for most people there is a sizable minority (43%) that would like to see improvements in Henbury and Brentry. These include additional crossing points on Charlton Road (opposite the shops), and Kingsweston Road (near Hallen Road). In addition residents would like steps taken to limit parking on pavements as all too often this prevents pushchairs and wheelchairs to pass.

Air Quality Improvements:

Residents want better air quality free from pollution and are concerned that if the traffic from the CPNN increases then this will create a real concern along the A4018.

Action Plan Going Forward:

First Steps

Proposal	Aim	Partners	Funding/ Cost Time Frame
CPNN – Public Consultation	To keep the public informed on what is being proposed by hosting a public meeting.	BCC Highways Team, BS10 Parks & Planning Group, Neighbourhood Partnership.	NP – Within 6 months.
Bus Improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Hold a Meeting with First Bus and Wessex Bus Companies. · The Purpose it to explore the future provision of routes coming from the CPNN. 	Traffic & Transport Group, NP, First Bus, Wessex Bus, BS10 Parks & Planning.	Bus Companies / BCC – Within 6 months.
Air Quality Improvements	Establish a Tree Sponsorship List for planting along grass verges of main routes.	SEARCH, BCC, BS10 Parks & Planning Group.	BCC – Within 6 months.
Establish Improvement Hierarchy	Establish a definitive list of future improvement schemes to help guide development & Investment. These will include approximate costing for future aspirations.	Traffic & Transport Group, NP, BS10 Parks & Planning.	Nil – Within 6 months.

Further Actions

Proposal	Aim	Partners	Funding / Cost Time Frame
CPNN – Public Consultation	The public will be kept informed of development via information events and newsletters.	BCC Highways Team, BS10 Parks & Planning Group, Neighbourhood Partnership	Nil as uses existing sources – On-going
Bus Improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · More information at bus stops · New routes to serve neglected areas · Crackdown on anti-social behaviour on buses 	Traffic & Transport Group, NP, First Bus, Wessex Bus, BS10 Parks & Planning, BCC.	Nil to Community – time frame subject to meeting with Bus Companies
Air Quality Improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Additional tree planting in and around Henbury & Brentry (some to be paid for by sponsorship, others by NP payment) · Promote public transport as widely as possible. 	First Bus, Wessex Bus, BCC, SEARCH, NP, Parks Groups, BS10 Parks & Planning.	Nil to Community (use BCC to draft a sponsor list to pay for planting) – By end of 2017
Rail Improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · A new station to serve the community. · Adequate parking provision on or near the new station site 	HBCC, NP, BS10 Parks & Planning, Clifton Rugby Club, BCC, Network Rail, SGC.	Nil to Community – Expected completion date 2021
Road Improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Lobby South Gloucestershire to remove the weight limit in Hallen. · Modify the Henbury Road / Crow Lane junction 	BCC Highways Team, BS10 Parks & Planning Group, Neighbourhood Partnership, SGC.	Nil to Community – On-going - NP (S106/CIL) – installation by end of 2017.
Speed Controls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Enforcement in sensitive areas via speed watch (to be promoted amongst the community) · Look at engineering works along vulnerable areas, such as Brentry Lane and through Blaise Village. 	Police, HBCC, Speed Watch, Volunteers, BCC Highways, Traffic & Transport Group, Parks & Planning Group, NP.	- Nil to Community – By end of 2017 -Funding Unknown (might be paid for as part of CPNN. Otherwise limited HBCC Safety budget to be used) – Plan drawn up by end of 2017

<p>Parking Improvements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Parking restrictions around schools, corners and Kingsweston Road · More Parking within the Blaise Estate Better use of grass verges to provide parking · Echeloned parking along the Crow Lane shops 	<p>BCC Highways, Traffic & Transport Group, Parks & Planning Group, NP, BCC Estates Team</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BCC & NP funding – On-going timeframe as dependent on funding. - Funding Unknown but would have to involve BCC – by End of 2019. -NP – On-going up to 2020 Lobby for BCC Funding (Cost: £50k-100k depending on the scheme used) – to be achieved by end of 2020.
<p>Pedestrian Improvements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Additional crossings on Kingsweston Road and Charlton Road · A campaign to prevent parking on pavements to allow proper pedestrian access, linked to greater off pavement parking options. 	<p>BCC Highways, Traffic & Transport Group, Parks & Planning Group, NP, BCC Planning Team</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -NP – Installation by 2020 - NP / BCC – By 2018

CRIME & SAFETY ISSUES

Current Situation – What is it like now?

There is a patchwork of active 'Neighbourhood Watch' Groups and where they exist people feel a lot happier. This brings a good community spirit at street level.

There is a good working relationship between the Police and Fire Services which results in a good co-ordinated effort when dealing with major incidents. There are talks taking place in Henbury School highlighting the dangers of playing with fire, trespassing on the railway and at various community events highlighting fire safety in the home.

Anti-social behaviour has improved dramatically on Crow Lane thanks in large to different sections of the community working together and good on-going preventative measures taking place between Police, School and Youth Workers. Care must be taken though to make sure the issues are not just taken elsewhere.

However several concerns remain, including:

- Too many people park in the bus stop outside Co-op in Station Road. The removal of a bus pull-in makes it dangerous with cars trying to pull round parked buses into oncoming traffic.
- Parking also highlighted in the many narrow streets blocking access to the emergency services.
- People still have a reluctance to use the '101' police number thinking little notice will be taken of their call.
- A lack of Police presence means people are reluctant to confront any anti-social behaviour that they see taking place.
- There is no confidence in the security cameras on Crow Lane. Do they work? Are they ever used as evidence in a court case?
- Other general issues are the number of burnt out motor bikes, constant damage to the bridge over the river Trym behind Aldi, dog fouling on pavements and known drug dealing taking place.
- Arson attacks particularly in the Henbury Village area.

What changes are on the horizon?

The relocation of the Southmead Police Station to the former Wayfarer Pub site is considered a benefit as it will generate more Police through traffic in the area and help deter crime.

How do residents want it to be?

Residents want to be safe and feel safe in their homes, on the streets and in our parks. They want to see the local beat team more and know that a good team of neighbourhood watch teams are there to support the Police and protect residents. Much good work has been done around fire safety. The aspiration here is to continue the work already being done; ensuring visibility and education reaches all areas of the community.

Action Plan Going Forward

First Steps

Proposal	Aim	Partners	Funding/ Cost Time Frame
Strengthen Neighbourhood Watch Teams	Liaise with the Police to highlight the areas that need support and work with them to ensure that full coverage is achieved.	HBCC, Police, Neighbourhood Watch.	Nil to Community – By end of 2017.
Strengthen Communication Channels	Work with the Police and other public safety organisations to strengthen communications. This should involve all forms and include social media, e-mails, public meetings, Newsletters and notice boards.	HBCC, Police, Neighbourhood Watch	Nil to Community - By end of 2016.
Building Safety Schemes	Grants are available to help protect community buildings. HBCC should sign post these opportunities to the relevant building owners to make sure that the buildings are secure.	HBCC, Police, BCC, Safer Bristol, local voluntary organisations and community buildings.	Nil to Community – Bids in by end of 2017.

Further Actions

Proposal	Aim	Partners	Funding/ Cost Time Frame
CCTV	Ensure that the Crow Lane CCTV is working, and if not then how do we make it so. Also identify 'hot' spots which would benefit from CCTV before lobbying the police and council for installations.	HBCC, Police, BCC, Safer Bristol.	Unknown at this time – Ongoing until 2020.
Perception VS Reality	Fear of crime is far worse than the actual reality of crime levels. We need to bring together all public safety bodies to develop a policy of communication and reassurance for local residents.	HBCC, Police, BCC, Safer Bristol.	Nil to Community – By end of 2018.

COMMUNITY BUILDINGS

Current Situation – What is it like now?

There are several established community buildings within Henbury and Brentry however; accessibility and size of rooms are predominately an obstacle to meet overall community need. These include Henbury Village Hall, Henbury Library, the Henbury Centre, numerous Church Halls and community rooms within Schools.

The majority of the buildings are used on a limited basis with a limited community participation. Only 37% of residents were happy with the condition of the existing community buildings, with the majority of comments noting that maintenance and modernisation is required.

Several of the buildings are council owned so a set amount of money is required per year for running costs. The Community Council has looked at trying to take on one of these buildings in the past, however high running costs and lack of wider community involvement presented a barrier to doing so.

What changes are on the horizon?

There is a consultation process taking place within the Bristol area on the future of Henbury library. The building is due to remain open but with more limited opening hours. It is hoped that voluntary involvement may preserve or even extend existing provision. There is also the possibility that the library may have space to meet some of the wider community's needs.

There has been some interest in one of the community buildings from a religious organisation which through discussion may give an option for community activities to be held at pre-arranged times.

Henbury Village Hall, a registered charity, has embarked on a major refurbishment of its facilities. After renewal of all toilets a new ground floor meeting room, kitchen and storage areas will be installed. Significant funds are available and an application for full planning permission is underway. Taken together with its adjacent parking area this will make the hall a valuable asset for the whole community.

Henbury Social Club, a private members club, which does host some community events, is applying for planning permission for a complete re-development of its site at the top of Tormarton Crescent. This will involve demolition of the existing building which will be replaced by a new club building together with up to nine houses. The

club facilities are likely to include a skittle alley, bar (including space for a pool table); kitchen, toilets; function room and Committee/ meeting rooms.

How do residents want it to be?

The long term goal of the majority of residents is for a bespoke Community Centre. In the survey 72% of residents said they would like a stand-alone community building to be central and accessible to the Henbury and Brentry communities.

58% of residents would like to explore the possibility of a joint community centre and Library facility where a variety of activities could be provided.

The top 5 activities and facilities that residents felt were necessary within a Henbury and Brentry community Centre were:

- 80% Short courses and Learning
- 78% Community Café
- 62% Young People Facilities
- 62% Play area/Creche
- 60% Toilets

Action Plan Going Forward

First Steps

Proposal	Aim	Partners	Funding/ Cost Time Frame
Meeting with all community building owners to see in the what community desires can bet met	<p>There are several established buildings within the Henbury and Brentry area to explore the possibility of providing community activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet with People Directorate • Meet with Library Team • Meet with Bristol Charities •Meet with Village Hall Charity 	<p>HBCC, BCC Community Development, People Directorate, Library Team, Bristol Charities, Village Hall Charity</p>	<p>Nil initially but may increase if a viable option is found. – Initial meetings within 3 months.</p>
Explore possible existing sites for community provision	<p>The Henbury Centre and Brentry Lodge are both possible opportunities for Community provision.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings between BCC and Community Leaders to determine possible provision. • In addition the Spirit of Life Church is interested in finding a building that can serve theirs and the community’s needs. 	<p>HBCC, BCC Community Development, Bristol Charities, Spirit of Life Church.</p>	<p>Nil initially but may increase if a viable option is found. Initial meetings within 3 months.</p>
Determine Opportunities at Henbury Library	<p>Meeting between HBCC and Library services to determine what can be achieved here.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To explore setting up a “friends of” group to help bring in volunteers to support the library service. • Whether the toilets can become a public service • Whether a community café can be sited in the back, currently neglected, room. 	<p>HBCC, Library Department, NP</p>	<p>Nil initially but may increase if a viable option is found - Initial meetings within 3 months. Plan developed within 6.</p>

Further Actions

Proposal	Aim	Partners	Funding/ Cost Time Frame
A bespoke Community building to accommodate the local needs.	Establish an exploration committee to explore potential sites for the siting for a Community Centre; determine possible funding opportunities and how this aspiration can become a reality.	HBCC, BCC Community Development, NP, BS10 Parks & Planning	Nil to community initially – Investigate Viability by end of 2017.

HOUSING & DEVELOPMENT

Current Situation – What is it like now?

The Henbury and Brentry ward has a wide range of housing types ranging from historic listed buildings through post war housing estates and flats, modern estates to small recent small scale infill with mainly flats.

There has been relatively little development over the last two decades so the large scale developments happening just over the boundary railway line are viewed with trepidation particularly as Bristol has no direct say and is at the mercy of South Gloucestershire planning decisions when it comes to resulting traffic flows.

Local shopping facilities range from fair to good along Crow Lane although as indicated by the survey results Crow Lane is in need of a major face lift. The more remote parts of the ward are, in the main, poorly served with local stores.

What changes are on the horizon?

There is relatively little change on the horizon within the community itself. What development there is, is relatively small and mainly infill of unused and overgrown secondary and garage sites.

The major change that will impact the community is the Cribbs Patchway New Neighbourhood (CPNN). This will see over 6000 units built over the next 15 years just over the border in South Gloucestershire. This could provide improved and accessible facilities for the community but there is general fear that the scale of the proposals will have a VERY negative impact on the transport network in the area.

75% of respondents believe that CPNN developments will have a major impact on their life in Henbury.

How do residents want it to be?

When asked what residents wanted to see if there were development opportunities, the top three were:

- Improved Shops 91%
- Cafe Restaurants 81%
- Health Facilities 80%

However there was large scale support for other proposals. Over 71% of people supported improved Youth Facilities, 72% a new Community Centre or combined Community Centre and Library (58%).

There is general support for all types of housing being built in the area (subject to local consultation), however there was little appetite for Hotels or a Traveller Site. In addition only 49% of people supported self-build initiatives.

Action Plan Going Forward

First Steps

Proposal	Aim	Partners	Funding/ Cost Time Frame
Encourage the building of small new homes (1-2	BCC Planning to be encouraged to persuade developers to come forward with proposals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lobby for alterations to the Bristol Local Plan. • Identify Brownfield and privately owned sites for inclusion. 	BCC Planning, BS10 Parks & Planning, HBCC, NP	Nil to Community – By end of 2017.
Assess potential for new combined Library / Community Centre	Identify options with BCC as part of Library Review	HBCC, BCC, NP	Nil to Community to begin with but might escalate. NP has £16k for some library improvement – By end of 2016.

Further Actions

Proposal	Aim	Partners	Funding/ Cost Time Frame
Ameliorate effect of vastly increased traffic flows from CPNN.	Residents to be given information about the different options to cater for the increased flows – Covered in the Traffic & Transport Section – refer above	See Traffic & Transport Section.	See Traffic & Transport Section.
Provide access to more extensive Local Health Facilities.	Review needed as to where and whether additional facilities can be provided: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speak to local health care providers and PCT as to whether local need has been assessed. 	Local Healthcare providers, HBCC, NP, BCC People Directorate, Primary Care Trust.	Nil to Community – By end of 2017.

Assess potential for new combined Library / Community Centre.	Create and Our Place (Community Development Foundation fund) project to do this.	HBCC, BCC, NP	Nil to Community to begin with but might escalate. NP has £16k for some library improvement – By end of 2017.
Assess potential for new restaurants / shop arcade revamp.	Create and Our Place (Community Development Foundation fund) project to do this.	HBCC, BCC, NP	Nil to Community – By end of 2017.

HEALTH & WELLBEING

Current Situation – What is it like now?

Bradgate Surgery and Willow Tree Surgery work well for the area (57% people surveyed think health services are good, 30% average whilst only 6% say services are poor).

Between 50-60% of people are satisfied with the availability of appointments at Bradgate Surgery, Willow Tree Surgery and Passage Road Dental Practice.

Mental Health Services are considered to be poor in Henbury and Brentry (only 7 people surveyed have accessed this) and participants at the Conference in October mentioned concerns regarding the provision.

Lloyds Pharmacy since moving to the Bradgate Surgery site has brought a mixed response. Whilst some people find it convenient next door to Bradgate Surgery others find it harder to access as it used to be down Crow Lane and there are more parking facilities there. In addition some people are not satisfied with Lloyds repeat prescription service as well as the queues and length of time waiting for medication.

Older people in Henbury and Brentry use the Community Transport which goes to Aldi weekly. This works successfully in getting people that would otherwise not be able to go shopping out and about. This is good for mental health and wellbeing as social interaction is imperative in keeping residents healthy. We need to secure the continuation of the existing “Aldi Bus” Monday service for older/disable people to continue when current funding runs out in Summer 2016.

What changes are on the horizon?

A proposal was made at the CAP Conference in October on the Older People’s table to ask that Bradgate Surgery and Willow Tree Surgery work with Henbury and Brentry Community Council to augment the information that already goes to new patients. This could take the form of giving leaflets and information about community groups and activities relevant to each age group.

The newsletter of the area is also a wonderful tool for communication and can be given each time a new patient welcome pack is issued. This can make new people feel “part of the community” and offer useful signposting information which is good for health and wellbeing.

A further proposal was made to tackle the issue of loneliness which seems to be largely hidden. It was proposed to empower professionals who already have access

to residents in their home to be able to signal those they consider to be in need to the relevant agency/community group.

Brentry and Henbury Children's Centre is probably the largest organisation based in our area and it sees approximately 800 families each year through their doors supporting some of the most vulnerable people in our community.

How do residents want it to be?

Residents overwhelmingly want more access to physiotherapy services as well as rehabilitation in Henbury and Brentry (76%) as they feel that this would ease the pressure on Southmead Hospital. Residents would like to see a Physiotherapist that is free at point of use.

72% of people want a Community Centre in the area whilst 55% of people would like to see health advice available in one.

190 people would like to see health facilities such as alternative treatments become available as part of development opportunities in Henbury and Brentry over the next 10 years. Residents would also like to see Mental Health professionals available at surgeries in the area.

One of the main areas of discussion at the Health and Wellbeing Conference table was the need for "Social Prescribing", which is a means of enabling primary care services to refer patients with social, emotional or practical needs to a range of local non-clinical services often provided by the voluntary and community sector.

Residents would like to see the current walking group expanded with more families participating and more walks arranged at other times to accommodate working people and children of school age being able to attend.

Residents want to keep the "Aldi Bus" going through exploring regular funding and increasing capacity to be able to reach more disabled/residents in need.

Many residents would like to see community transport available for the Henbury and Brentry area not just for shopping but the service expanded to enable isolated, lonely and vulnerable people to access local service appointments such as medical or social ones.

Action Plan Going Forward

First Steps

Proposal	Aim	Partners	Funding/ Cost Time Frame
Health and Wellbeing Event.	To hold a Health and Wellbeing Event	BCC Health Promotion and NP, HBCC	Spring 2016
Find out about Community access support services.	Target a good mix of residents for focus groups on what they see are the key issues for the area regarding health and wellbeing.	HBCC, BCC, NP.	Undetermined at this time – By end of 2016.
“Welcome letter” to be put in GP pack	To put a welcome to the area letter in the new patient GP pack from HBCC along with leaflets/info about community groups in the area. This has to be age-group appropriate.	HBCC and local GP Surgeries.	Wellbeing Fund By end of 2016.
Target dog mess in the area	Many residents see this as a big problem in the area which is unsightly and is a major health issue. Lobby the Council to re-introduce dog wardens in the area to help control the problem.	NP, BCC	Nil to Community – By end of 2017.

Further Actions

Proposal	Aim	Partners	Funding/ Cost Time Frame
To understand the role of a social prescriber and explore funding to create a post holder in Henbury&Brentry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · To understand the social prescribing programme and the role that it has in addressing issues which may cause or exacerbate health problems. This includes physical and mental well-being. · To understand the role of a social prescriber in being able to develop a pathway to enable residents to access non-medical support in the community by establishing pathways with the community and voluntary sector. 	Local Doctors, BCC, NP, HBCC, Clinical Commissioning Group	Nil to Community initially – By end of 2017.
Find out about Wellhay	Explore possibility of using this building to offer Health/Wellbeing services which could include mental health	BCC, HBCC, PCT	Nil to Community – By end of 2016.
Expansion of community transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · To explore additional community transport options. · Look at funding opportunities to continue and expand the existing service. 	HBCC, BCC, NP, Lawrence Weston Community Transport	Undetermined at this time – By end of 2016.
Health Advice to be available in community buildings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · 55% of people would like to see health advice available in a community centre. · To ensure health advice is available in all buildings where the community come together and also on-line. 	BCC, HBCC, PCT	Nil to Community – By end of 2017.

PARKS, OPEN SPACES & GROWING

Current Situation – What is it like now?

Henbury and Brentry is an area mostly well provided with large areas of parkland (Blaise Castle Park). There are various open spaces (Crow Lane/Station Road wilderness area, Okebourne Road, Pen Park and Arnall Drive) as well as sports and open spaces, and growing spaces (various allotments and the Blaise Community Garden).

All of the provision is well used, although a number of features require improvement to facilitate residents' use, involvement in their preservation and future development. We know that local green spaces are highly valued by the community at large. For example, survey respondents rate parks and open spaces as good (62%) or average (29%) and 92% rate parks and open spaces as contributing to their general health and well-being; 68% list walking as their main form of relaxation: 81% use Blaise Castle Estate and 75% have visited the museum.

A total of 28% of respondents have been involved in the activities of the three friends of open spaces groups (Crow lane, Okebourne Road and Arnall Drive) and 72% would like further information about these.

The BS10 Parks and Planning Group has involved 37% of respondents and 63% would like to know more about them.

What changes are on the horizon?

The only major development on the horizon is the creation of a local Parks and Open Space improvement plan by Bristol City Council in conjunction with local residents. Recently there has been an addition to the Tormarton Allotments have reopened, a community orchard has been planted on Crow Lane Open Space and work continues on the Community Garden on the Blaise Estate.

Discussions are on-going regarding the future of the former bowling green site.

How do residents want it to be?

Residents want all parks and open spaces to be well maintained, horticultural diverse, easily accessible by all, free of dog mess and litter, provided with adequate

levels of seating, with play facilities for young children and outdoor gym facilities in some.

Growing facilities such as allotments need to be utilised to the full with under-used space brought into use. Small allotment spaces need to be made available for those who cannot manage a whole or half standard space.

Action Plan Going Forward

First Steps

Proposal	Aim	Partners	Funding/ Cost Time Frame
Form parks and green spaces local residents groups to influence devolved spending in the area.	Identify possible groupings including existing ones, Advertise and recruit new members and determine aims and objectives for the groups.	HBCC, Parks Groups	Nil – use existing channels of communications - By end of 2016.
Involve more residents in supporting and maintaining parks and open spaces.	As above.	HBCC, Parks Groups	Nil – use existing channels of communications – By end of 2016.
Develop detailed plans for Park Investment Priorities	Hold meeting with all interested groups to draw up an initial list to allow bids to the numerous funding options (Play Fund, Infrastructure Fund, S106/CIL)	HBCC, Parks Groups, SEARCH, BS10 Parks and Planning, NP, BCC Parks	BCC, NP (S106/CIL) – By end of 2016.
List and distribute to the above groups detailed comments recorded at community conference.	Detailed information which will inform the above.	HBCC, Parks Groups, SEARCH, BS10 Parks and Planning, NP, BCC Parks	Nil to Community – By end of 2017.

Further Actions

Proposal	Aim	Partners	Funding/ Cost Time Frame
Support allotment holders and others with seedlings and seeds.	Provide a local resource for the provision for a sale or donation of young plants or seed to allotment holders and owners of small gardens.	Blaise Community Garden, BCC Allotment Team, Allotment Tenants	Nil to Community – By end of 2017.
Identify locations for additional dog waste and litter bins, seating and accessible pathways in parks and open spaces.	Again to be developed as part of a coherent and complete local improvement plan with local involvement and Council support. First stage is the Parks Investment Priorities	HBCC, Parks Groups, SEARCH, BS10 Parks and Planning, NP, BCC Parks	BCC, NP (S106/CIL) – By end of 2016.
Support community orchards.	Again to be developed as part of the Parks Investment Priorities	HBCC, Parks Groups, SEARCH, BS10 Parks and Planning, Friends of Blaise, NP, BCC Parks.	BCC, NP (S106/CIL) – On-going.

EDUCATION, LEARNING & JOBS

Current Situation – What is it like now?

We have excellent schools in Henbury and Brentry with 4 primary schools of which 2 are rated Ofsted Outstanding and one Special School, Woodstock which has been recently rated “Good”. There are also two Children’s Centres in the area.

We have One Secondary, Henbury Specialist Arts School which has recently been awarded Ofsted Good and has made major improvements to learning and development.

There is no “Post 16” provision in Henbury and Brentry which is regarded as a concern within the community considering the growing population.

Bristol City Council’s Learning Communities Team offer a range of short free courses particularly for adults over 19 years with few or no formal qualifications. Courses include activities to engage and build confidence; courses to support parents and carers; learning for work courses; maths, English, IT and courses to support residents in developing their community.

Partnerships to deliver learning have included Brentry and Henbury Children’s Centre, Blaise Primary and Nursery School as well as Henbury Library. Courses held recently include ESOL for community life, maths and English, computer skills, CV writing, Family Cookery, Food Hygiene and First Aid.

Retired and Semi-retired people can access the University of the Third Age (U3A) where people come together for learning opportunities (Non qualification related).

Link-Age works well supporting older people in the area although most things are chargeable which is undesirable if service users are on a low income.

Henbury is ideally situated for young people to tap into the increasing number of very attractive apprenticeship opportunities with employers in the North Fringe. The biggest issue with these is raising the profile of good apprenticeships as many young people and, more importantly, their parents are unaware of these as a really viable alternative to 6th Form or in many cases, to University.

What changes are on the horizon?

Avonmouth and Severnside Enterprise Area (Industrial and Warehousing) is under development now and seeking to recruit locally as far as possible. There will be thousands of new jobs within the Filton Airfield Enterprise Area (Industrial, Aerospace and Office) over the next 20 years.

The Cribbs Causeway Retail Expansion will create more Retail/Services/Leisure jobs when it starts construction. Gaining access to a job should also be improved when the Henbury station re-opens in 2021.

BCC is developing a Work Zone initiative in North Bristol to create a joined-up approach to delivery of jobs training, skills and employment support across the area. The shape of this can be influenced over 2016 to support the ideas in this Plan. BCC Economic Development is committed to supporting a Henbury/Brentry & Southmead Employment & Enterprise co-ordination group, modelled on similar successful groups in the city to shape service design and bids for external funding. The NP will work with Henbury Brentry primary schools in 2016 to encourage the development of the FAST programme and follow-on Fast Friends groups, modelled on the successful work at Henbury Court Primary Academy.

Currently there are plans for a new 7 Form Entry Secondary School to be located centrally within the CPNN by the time the 4,745th home has been built with a Three Form Primary School to be located next to it.

There is provision in the plans to have 5 new Primary Schools in total, the first one once the 835th dwelling has been built, the second after the 1,840th one, the third after the 3,190th one and the 4th after the 4,745th home has been built.

This could have implications for all our current schools with the potential to be under-subscribed as more choice of schools becomes available, especially if SGC over-estimates the number of children that are going to live in the CPNN.

How do residents want it to be?

People that attended the CAP conference were happy with the way Schools are performing in the area but felt that a major gap is “Post 16” provision especially as Bristol Free School has opened up.

There will be another Secondary School opening up as part of the Filton Airfield Development under South Gloucestershire Council and residents are aware that Henbury School is currently under subscribed.

Residents would like more consultation about decisions that will affect the Henbury and Brentry area on major developments such as Filton Airfield as local people feel that South Gloucestershire Council are not keeping our community informed about potential issues that will affect us in the short or long term.

Residents would like to see as part of the development a “Post 16” provision provided and consultation on what Education services SGC intend to provide. Residents want to see more local jobs provided for the area both skilled and unskilled and careers advice delivered locally to address potential issues/barriers that may be preventing local people from accessing work.

People at the CAP Conference felt that a fit for purpose Community Centre is essential in providing good Education, Learning and Jobs advice and in fact 72% of people surveyed want to see one in the area.

Action Plan Going Forward

First Steps

Proposal	Aim	Partners	Funding/ Cost Time Frame
Explore holding a regular jobs and advice fair	Look at the existing providers/find new ones to explore holding a bespoke jobs and advice fair in the BS10 area.	HBCC, BCC People Directorate.	Wellbeing – By end of 2017.

Further Action

Proposal	Aim	Partners	Funding/ Cost Time Frame
To Explore possibility of “Post 16” provision	Work with local councils to find out what Education services are going to be provided in the future which would benefit Henbury and Brentry residents.	HBCC, BCC/SGC Education Department and Local Schools	Nil to Community – Discussions by end of 2016.
To Explore possibility of local careers, Training and education advice	Increase awareness among young people and their parents about the full range of educational options available, including vocational routes.	HBCC, BCC, Move On, National Careers Service, Children’s Centres	Nil to Community. Discussions by the end of 2016.
To provide a support hub for jobs.	Look at the possibility of providing a specific drop in centre for advice on careers, education and jobs to enable local people with barriers to work to get into paid employment, linking into the BCC’s Work Zones project.	HBCC to lead BCC Employment, Skills and Learning Team.	Unknown at this time – could be developed as part of the Library review – Discussion by end of 2016.
Identify learning providers who are able to offer local courses.	Interest expressed in the survey in leisure/hobby courses, computer skills, languages, arts&crafts, volunteering, accredited and work related courses.	HBCC to lead, BCC Learning Communities Team	Nil to community. Discussions by the end of 2016.
Publicise what learning/training provision is on offer	Use existing networks so that all residents know what FREE provision/fee paying courses are already on offer in the area or in Southmead; e.g. for older residents.	HBCC to lead, BCC Learning Communities Team	Wellbeing Fund. Discussions by the end of 2016

<p>Improve Adult skills/qualification Levels.</p>	<p>To improve adult qualification levels across the area including: literacy, numeracy, IT skills and ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages)</p>	<p>HBCC to lead, BCC Learning Communities Team, City of Bristol College, Learn Direct/CMT, SGS College.</p>	<p>Nil to community. Expand on existing funding streams. Discussions by the end of 2016.</p>
<p>Develop a Local Community Transport Bus</p>	<p>To enable access to training as local delivery/transport have been identified as barriers to learning. To increase knowledge of transport options to enable people to access training/jobs out of the area.</p>	<p>HBCC to lead, Lawrence Weston Community Transport</p>	<p>Undetermined at this time. Discussions by the end of 2016.</p>
<p>Improve provision of affordable childcare available (holiday play schemes/creches) for residents to access training and work.</p>	<p>In the survey childcare was identified as a barrier for families taking part in learning activities and returning to work.</p>	<p>HBCC to lead, Local Schools and Children's Centres.</p>	<p>Undetermined at this time. Discussions by the end of 2016</p>

YOUTH SERVICES & PROVISION

Current Situation – What is it like now?

On the whole there are a range of good independent providers of youth services in Henbury and Brentry, including;

- Henbury Football Club off Arnall Drive
- Scouts & Guides at the Scout Hut on Tranmere Ave
- Rainbows & Brownies at Henbury Village Hall on Church Lane
- Brownies at Emmanuel Chapel, Satchfield Crescent
- Open Access Youth Club at Emmanuel Chapel
- One to One work set up by Learning Partnership West

As well as these there are the many sports services provided at Henbury Leisure Centre. In addition many local children play rugby at the Saracens Rugby Club, which although beyond the City boundary still provides a service to the community.

There was a Youth Club situated on Machin Road. This was the former base for Council provided youth work for the community. In 2012 this service was stopped and the building was let to the former children's charity, Kids Co, on the assurance that they would work with the new provider, Learning Partnership West, in order to continue providing an open access service to the community. This proved unsuccessful and the building was taken back into Council ownership.

There are three play areas in the Community; Blaise Castle which is a City flagship play area, Crow Lane Play Area which has recently been expanded and the Okebourne Open Space Play Area which is newly installed.

What changes are on the horizon?

With the closure of Kids Co the former Brentry Youth Club has transferred back into Council ownership and will be used to provide an alternative education provision. In addition as part of the wider South Gloucestershire development the Saracens Rugby Club may well be moving premises to an alternative nearby location.

How do residents want it to be?

There is concern amongst local residents about the lack of regular open access provision for 'well behaved' youngsters. A lot of the Council funded provision is

perceived to be spent on ‘troublesome’ teenagers. This has caused some resentment and it is hoped this will be addressed.

In addition it is hoped that links could be made with local companies to provide vocational skills and generally improve the outlook for young people in the area.

There is wide ranging support for the Duke Of Edinburgh award scheme and it is hoped that greater awareness will lead to more young people taking part.

Communication also needs improving of what’s on and where e.g. Public Notice Boards, a mobile phone app, Newsletter, Community Website.

There needs to be a good provision of affordable activities during holiday periods to keep local youngsters active and engaged.

Although the three play areas are well liked, the two smaller locations on Crow Lane and Okebourne are quite small and it is hoped that further improvements could be made to bring them up to a higher standard.

Action Plan Going Forward

First Steps

Proposal	Aim	Partners	Funding/ Cost Time Frame
Improve Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Appoint a Co-ordinator to liaise with youth groups to ensure that all opportunities are covered · Pull together a meeting of all youth providers to explore greater accessibility and opportunities. 	HBCC, NP, LPW, BCC Early Help Senior Practitioner, Henbury Football Club, Emmanuel Chapel, Leisure Centre, Schools.	Nil to Community – Within 6 months
Open Access Youth Provision	Prioritise open access provision during the summer months by pulling together providers to ensure a comprehensive provision.	HBCC, NP, LPW, BCC, Henbury Football Club, Emmanuel Chapel, Leisure Centre, Schools.	£2k p.a. from Wellbeing Monies – Annual

Further Actions

Proposal	Aim	Partners	Funding/ Cost Time Frame
Improve Communications	Regular updating of online and physical communications	HBCC, NP	Nil to Community - Ongoing
Duke of Edinburgh	Liaise with Henbury School and Youth Groups to raise awareness of the award and seek to promote locally.	DofE, Schools, Youth Providers, NP, HBCC.	Nil to Community – By end of 2016
Open Access Youth Provision	Liaise with Learning Partnership West to explore reinstating open access provision.	HBCC, NP, Learning Partnership West	Nil to Community - By end of 2016
Support Existing Providers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Work to support existing providers to ensure that they can meet a growing need · Discuss their plans for the future with them and look at ways to co-ordinate funding opportunities in the future. 	HBCC, NP, LPW, BCC, Henbury Football Club, Emmanuel Chapel, Leisure Centre, Schools	NP, Wellbeing, CIL – On-going
Local Play Areas	Carry out discussions with local youngsters on how Crow Lane and Okebourne Play Areas should be improved.	HBCC – Youth Co-ordinator, LPW, Henbury Football Club, Emmanuel Chapel, Leisure Centre, Schools	As Part of the Park Investment Plan – By end of 2016
Further Work Needed	Additional survey work is needed to ensure that development in this area meet the needs of local youngsters.	HBCC, LPW, Henbury Football Club, Emmanuel Chapel, Leisure Centre, Schools	£500 from Wellbeing Monies as a one off - By end of 2016
Inter-Generational Activities	Investigate the possibility of involvement of school pupils in more community events, arts classes, etc.	Linkage, HBCC	Nil / By September 2016

OLDER PEOPLE

Current Situation – What is it like now?

On the whole most elderly people are very or fairly satisfied with life in the community, 82% describe themselves as such. However 24% sometimes or always feel isolated or lonely.

Three quarters of pensioners have access to the internet at home.

There are several community groups that cater for the needs of the elderly. Those administered by LinkAge (funded by Bristol Charities) for the over 55s include Arts & Crafts, Kurling, Line Dancing, Tai Chi, Cooking sessions and Computer tuition. Community Volunteers organise the Emmanuel Chapel coffee mornings, monthly Getting to Know You events at Henbury School, Community Council Christmas Hampers initiative and older persons Walking Group.

What changes are on the horizon?

A proposal made at the Conference in October was that the Bradgate and Willow Tree surgeries work with the H&BCC to augment the information that already goes to all new patients with leaflets giving full information about community groups and activities relevant to each age group.

A further proposal was made to tackle the problem of loneliness, which seems to be largely hidden and to help those having physical problems in their home (shopping/bathing, etc). This was to empower the professionals who already have access to the home to be able to signal those they consider to be in need to the relevant agency or group.

How do residents want it to be?

Residents are looking for small scale improvements such as seating in parks and open spaces. To create new groups such as a befriending group to combat loneliness, or to build on already successful initiatives such as the Monday Community bus that takes the elderly to the supermarket.

Of major concern was the need to tackle loneliness. Although the vast majority of older people do not suffer from this, the fear is that it could happen to everyone in the end and that initiatives need to be brought forward to tackle this.

Action Plan Going Forward

First Steps

Proposal	Aim	Partners	Funding/ Cost Time Frame
Befriending	Recruit and train additional volunteers as befrienders	Linkage, HBCC, Bristol Ageing Better	Nil / By end of 2016
Heavy Transport / Tankers re-routing	Lobby South Gloucestershire to remove the weight limit in Hallen.	HBCC, NP, BCC, South Glos, BS10 Parks & Planning	See Traffic & Transport Section
Air Quality measurement on Passage Road, etc.	Determine just how bad air quality is. Lobby for inclusion in CPNN assessment on major corridor.	HBCC, NP, BCC, South Glos	Nil to Community - By end of 2016
Build a Public Toilet along Crow Lane	Include in remodelling of former Bowling Green or explore turning the Library toilet into a Public Toilet. Meeting with BCC parks Department to discuss future of Bowling Green. Lobby for public toilet inclusion as part of the Library review	HBCC, BCC Library and Parks Departments.	Unknown at this time as will depend on the final option - By end of 2016
Community Transport enhancement	Continue and expand the current Aldi financed service to wider coverage and more days. - Follow up application to Aldi for further funding of Community Transport	HBCC, Lawrence Weston Community HBCC, Aldi.	ALDI (TBD) - By April 2016

Further Actions

Proposal	Aim	Partners	Funding/ Cost Time Frame
Community Transport enhancement	Continue and expand the current Aldi financed service to wider coverage and more days. Explore all further funding options.	HBCC, Lawrence Weston Community Transport, Aldi, BCC, NP	Unknown at this time – By end of 2017
Access to more Local Health Care	Expansion of what services are currently available to local residents - Covered in the Housing & Development Section (refer above)	See Housing & Development Section	See Housing & Development Section
New resident leaflet	Information about community groups and activities relevant to each age group handed out by GP Practices - Covered in the Health & Wellbeing Section (refer above)	See Health & Wellbeing Section	See Health & Wellbeing Section
Improve Green Spaces to make them Older Person Friendly	Desire for more seating and all weather pathways such as a north-south route over Crow Lane Open Space. - Covered in the Parks & Green Spaces Section (refer below)	See Parks & Green Spaces Section	See Parks & Green Spaces Section
Empowerment of professionals with access to homes	Encouraging those who deliver medicines, care, etc. into homes to signal where help is needed. Meeting needed with PCT	HBCC, Local GPs, PCTs, BCC	Nil to Community - By end of 2017

ARTS, LEISURE & CULTURE

Current Situation – What is it like now?

Due to the lack of a Community Centre there are few available venues in the area which Art, Leisure and Culture activities are taking place. In addition few people are aware of the opportunities that there are.

It is only the Art Community Group in Henbury School which is free, established and open to all ages. Some Line Dancing and Art activities take place under LinkAge but these are restricted to the over 55s. Previously there was a Drama Group in Henbury School which has recently ceased.

Choirs are not well known in the area and only exist locally within the various churches. The only non-religious singing group is based in Southmead although it does draw some of its members from our communities.

There does, however, appear to be an appetite for more of this kind of activity. In the survey 31% of said they relaxed by doing creative activities such as singing and art. With 51% of respondents asking for additional media and art facilities in the area. There was also a lot of interest for more information about Art, Leisure and Culture opportunities.

What changes are on the horizon?

Due to the survey the local Art Community Group published an article in the community newsletter inviting more people to join. In addition Paper Art are willing to work with the Community and Schools to help create more projects in the future.

How do residents want it to be?

Residents want better use made of existing community facilities, and the Blaise Museum, to display and host creative skills. In addition residents are hopeful that more can be done during these exhibitions to display the talent of local people. It is hoped that this won't just remain concentrated in 'bricks and mortar' venues and that the community green spaces might be included as possible venues.

Better links need to be forged between Museum staff and the local Community so that they become involved in advising on the sort of events and activities the Museum runs and how these can link into the local aspirations.

These links with the Museum could be further strengthened by involving the Council's Parks team, the National Trust, 'Friends of...' Groups etc. This would build on the 'green' nature of the area and might well involve wildlife groups. Ideally residents would like a Community centre to display Arts and Cultural aspects of Henbury's History and achievements.

There is an appetite for more choirs, and it is hoped that local organisations could be established with an annual choir competition.

One area of concern was the relative lack of opportunity for local youngsters to share experience beyond Northern Bristol. One possible remedy to this cultural cul-de-sac would be to support travel opportunities for the local youngsters.

Action Plan Going Forward

First Steps

Proposal	Aim	Partners	Funding/ Cost Time Frame
To create a new group for the area	A new group of volunteers should be organised by HBCC to address the need of having more Art, Leisure, Cultural projects in the area.	HBCC, Local Art Groups and residents	Nil to Community – Explore possibility by 2016
Support for a bespoke Community Centre	A Community Centre would be able to house Art, Craft and Cultural projects and bring people together. Need to explore with BCC what is happening regarding empty Council properties	HBCC, BCC	Please see Community Building section
Better Communications	Develop a targeted communication strategy for what's on.	HBCC, local schools, churches, community groups, BCC and all other groups	Please see Communications section

Further Action

Proposal	Aim	Partners	Funding/ Cost Time Frame
Develop a coherent approach to Art, Leisure and Culture	Blaise Museum, BCC and other arts and cultural providers should be brought together with the Community Group to develop a strategy for provision in the area.	BCC Estates, BCC Museum Service, HBCC, Local Art Groups	Nil to Community – By end of 2017
Work with existing venues to maximise availability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - More craft sessions suitable for all ages in suitable venues. - More social activities or get together should be organised 	HBCC – Culture Group, local venues	Unknown at this time - By end of 2017
Role for Henbury & Brently Community Council	- HBCC should support Minorities and BMI cultural events to take place in the area.	HBCC	Unknown at this time - By end of 2017

SPORT & FITNESS

Current Situation – What is it like now?

By far the most used facility in this category is Henbury Leisure Centre with 163 of 390 respondents saying they had accessed it.

Rugby came next in line of use with 77 split between Bristol Saracens and Clifton Rugby.

The 21 footballers at Henbury Football Club were matched by 22 people who played Snooker or Skittles at Henbury Social Club. In addition to this the United Banks Cricket Club and Westbury Harriers running club are based on the Blaise Estate. There is also the Avon Riding School for the disabled opposite the estate and numerous sports, fitness and martial arts groups based at the various community buildings.

A total 115 respondents said they would like to find out more about one or more of the following minority activities:

Extend Mobility; Tai Chi; Martial Arts; Age Well Fitness; New Age Kurling.

What changes are on the horizon?

There are no major changes envisaged in the near future other than the possible relocation of the Saracens Rugby to a new, albeit still local, site.

How do residents want it to be?

Questioned about what they'd like to see in Development Opportunities over the next ten years 132 respondents listed Sport / Fitness facilities.

Although there was insufficient interest in the topic by attendees at the October Survey Follow Up Conference to have a discussion table one concrete suggestion that came forward was that our local green spaces should provide adult fitness apparatus (outdoor gym) in addition to children's playground equipment.

Action Plan Going Forward

First Steps

Proposal	Aim	Partners	Funding/ Cost Time Frame
Minority sports follow up	Follow up of those people who want to know more about minority sports: Extend Mobility; Tai Chi; Martial Arts; Age Well Fitness; New Age Kurling	HBCC – Survey Response List	Nil to Community - By end of 2016
Outdoor Gym	Follow up of those people who want to know more about minority sports: Extend Mobility; Tai Chi; Martial Arts; Age Well Fitness; New Age Kurling	BS10 Parks & Planning, Parks Groups, SEARCH, BCC, HBCC, NP	BCC, NP, S106, CIL etc - By end of 2016

Further Actions

Proposal	Aim	Partners	Funding/ Cost Time Frame
Further Work Needed	<p>Sadly there wasn't enough interest at the Conference to draw any conclusions about the future provision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting needed with all sports providers as to what their local aspirations and plans are. Further work will be needed to determine the demand and whether this is being met through existing providers. 	HBCC, NP, Local Sports providers & clubs, Leisure Centre, Schools	Nil to Community - By end of 2017

Getting Involved & Media

Current Situation – What is it like now?

A.Communication and information sharing

Residents rate the Henbury & Brentry newsletter highly as a source of information, along with word of mouth, Henbury Library, community notice boards and GP surgeries.

A high proportion of people have access to the internet but 10% at least don't access it – lack of knowledge and cost was cited. Computer skills was also the second highest request for courses.

25% of total are accessing internet somewhere else except in their house and/or on their phone (27%).

Use of social media among survey responders was 45% - the survey attracted a higher response from people 65+, however, it's likely that figure would be higher if younger people were better represented. Updated website for the Community Council linked with Facebook, Twitter and apps for Android and IOS could help approach younger people.

B. The community working together, getting involved and influencing/shaping the community

The 390 survey responses in a two month period shows a clear appetite to engage and influence the neighbourhood. 63 people volunteered their skills and 91 people want to follow up an interest spurred by taking part in the survey. This is a real opportunity to build the active participation on the life of the neighbourhood.

82% are satisfied or fairly satisfied with the area (higher than the 76% recorded by Quality of Life 2014) and 33% feel the area has got better). This contrasts favourably with the 13% who feel it has got worse. There is a sense of hope and progress in the neighbourhood.

35% feel they can influence decisions a lot or a little. Interestingly, volunteering is the most significant way that people do this, followed by the Henbury and Brentry Community Council and the Neighbourhood Partnership. But 34% feel they can't influence much or at all. Lifting this figure is a challenge for all partners in taking this Community Plan forward.

Henbury and Brentry still has work to do as a community to find ways to engage more recently-arrived communities.

Another indicator is the low representation of the voices of Henbury & Brentry's minority communities in the Survey itself. Black and Minority Ethnic people form 12% of the population; only 2.5% of surveys were from these groups.

The voices of younger people are less represented in the survey. Under 16s are 7% of the population but returns for under 18s were 2%; 18-30 year old voices were 8% against a census population of 11% for 16-24 year olds; not directly comparable but clear evidence of lower take-up. In comparison people over 65 were over-represented: 41% against their actual census proportion of 17%.

What changes are on the horizon?

From May 2016 Henbury & Brentry ward will expand in area to take in the Charlton Mead area which is currently in Southmead ward. This will increase the spread of the newsletter.

It's likely that the BME and Eastern European population will increase in line with increases in most Bristol wards.

New employment opportunities in the expanded communities north of Henbury & Brentry in South Gloucestershire will also pull newer populations into Henbury/Brentry.

The BCC Community Development team have a commitment to developing work within Henbury & Brentry with less engaged residents to generate community activity and increase resident capacity from 2016 onwards. They can be utilised to support elements of the Action Plan.

How do residents want it to be?

A course should be run on the development of computer skills with instruction for older people and parents on e-safety.

Work should be done to extend conversations with BME communities in the Community. This could be started by working through churches. The Spirit of Life Church would be willing to assist

Efforts should be made to bring together people who wish to talk with others through schools and Community chat times.

A Fast programme and Fast Friends groups should be set up in all Community schools as this would help to involve parents in Community activities. There is a need for information on a range of communication platforms such as Social media, Webpage, Facebook, Twitter, e-mail, and Newsletter.

It would be useful to assemble a group of people who wish to build an effective communication network.

Efforts should be made to expand communication by word of mouth. Revive the former Neighbourhood Watch network which used to involve 130 persons. This could be done in partnership with the Police to include crime and community safety news further extended to share information on Community issues, activities and opportunities.

Continue running the Henbury & Brentry Community Awards to encourage people to be involved.

A programme of Community events should be set up such as workshops, getting people out such as on the Henbury/Brentry Fun day. Generate more activities and encourage people to take part as being good fun and to encourage others to do so.

Encourage more involvement of families. Work with the Children's centres. Arrange meetings in the mornings or, if at other times, with a crèche.

Action Plan Going Forward

A.Communication and information sharing

First Steps

Proposal	Aim	Partners	Funding/ Cost Time Frame
<p>'Need information in a range of 'platforms': Social Media; webpage; Facebook; Twitter; e-mail, newsletter'</p>	<p>Develop an integrated Communications Plan for Henbury & Brentry;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Link to the Neighbourhood Partnership communications work. • Needs to include all the different ways people receive information and talk to each other. • Make links to Southmead Community Plan which is developing a similar piece of work. • Recruit volunteers who want to put energy into this work. 	<p>HBCC, local residents, Southmead Development Trust, NP</p>	<p>Nil to Community - By end of 2016</p>
<p>Word of mouth communication: Revive former Neighbourhood Watch network</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Link into police and meet with them to understand what they currently deliver in Neighbourhood Watch. • Invite former Neighbourhood Watch residents to meet to explore how this network could be developed and resourced. 	<p>HBCC, Police, Neighbourhood Watch, local residents</p>	<p>Nil to Community - By end of 2016</p>

Further Actions

Proposal	Aim	Partners	Funding/ Cost Time Frame
Bring local people who want to talk with other local people together – through schools/community chat times	See B1 – invite residents who offered a skill or interest to explore how they could contribute to this network of information sharing and who might lead it. Explore if BCC Community Development team could support with input or training. i.e Open Community coffee mornings.	HBCC, BCC Community Development, Survey Response Residents and all known community groups, Schools	Nil to Community - By end of 2017
Develop computer skills, more learning on e-safety	Expand this through BCC Community Learning Team resources and how they could contribute – also peer learning and skills sharing – see B1	Police, BCC Community Learning Team, HBCC and local residents.	BCC - By end of 2017
'Would be good to have a Wi-fi hot-spot in the area'	It was discussed at the CAP Community Conference to explore a possible Wi-Fi spot in the area for free open access. Will need to discuss options with BT.	HBCC, BT, BCC	Nil to Community initially - By end of 2017

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B. The community working together, getting involved and influencing/shaping the community

Proposal	Aim	Partners	Funding/ Cost Time Frame
<p>Do some work to develop conversations with BME communities in Henbury & Brentry</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Could start this work off through churches (Spirit of Life Church are willing to help). • Bring together interested people to explore how to grow improved links between different communities. • Explore what has worked in different parts of Bristol; explore support from BCC Community Development 	<p>HBCC, NP, Local churches and other religious groups, Local GPs, BCC Community Development</p>	<p>NP - By end of 2016</p>
<p>Get Fast programmes and Fast Friends groups in to all Henbury/Brentry schools (it helps involve local parents in community activities)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is a Neighbourhood Partnership priority. • Bring together parents who've benefitted from existing Fast programme & Fast Friends with local Councillors and NP Co-ordinator. • Agree an approach to local school heads – through their cluster meetings • Start conversations with schools and providers of FAST programmes. 	<p>HBCC, NP, Local Schools, Fast Friends</p>	<p>NP, BCC, HBCC, CIL, Schools - By end of 2016</p>

Further Actions

Proposal	Aim	Partners	Funding/ Cost Time Frame
Involving more families	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore with FAST Friends families ideas on how to link more reliably with people who have children. • Explore with staff from organisations like Children's centres and schools. • Work with Children's Centres – Look to vary official meetings so that some either meet in the mornings or have a crèche at meetings at other times 	HBCC, NP, Local Schools, Fast Friends,	NP, BCC, HBCC, CIL, Schools - By end of 2017
Continue doing the Henbury & Brentry Community Awards to get people involved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set up 2016 Community Awards group – some volunteers have already offered. • Invite wider group of volunteers to take part in planning and promoting. Set date for awards. • Make links to young people's groups/organisations. 	HBCC, Local residents and community groups	HBCC, NP, Wellbeing - By end of 2016
Set up a programme of Community Events – workshops, getting people out (like the Henbury/Brentry Fun Day) – generate activities and plan them so people tell others 'it was really good fun' – people 'spread the gospel' to encourage others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bring people who already organise events (Events Group and Brailsford Lights) to set out the current range of events in Henbury/Brentry and ideas for any new/additional events. • Take ideas from B1 and Henbury and Brentry survey. • Focus on expansion and enhancement of Henbury & Brentry Fun Day. 	HBCC Events Group, Brailsford Lights, community organisations, BCC Estates, BCC Parks, BCC Festivals	HBCC, Wellbeing, CIL, BCC - By end of 2017

<p>Explore creating a Young People's conference to inform this Community Plan</p>	<p>Meeting of all youth providers and their users explore ways of strengthening young people's voices and influence on decisions on life in Henbury & Bentry</p>	<p>Young people's service providers, Learning Partnership West, BCC's Senior Youth and Community Worker; local Scout/Guides and schools</p>	<p>BCC – By the end of 2016</p>
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Moving forward.

The CAP Steering Group will be responsible along with HBCC and other partners in implementing this plan. Any funding gained from the plan will be used in order of priority and with further consultation should it be necessary from the community.

Over the coming months/years this plan will need to be updated to reflect changes/improvements that have been made.

This plan needs to be reviewed at future HBCC AGM's and at any subsequent community conferences to ensure that it is still fit for purpose.

Other areas are already looking to us for support in completing their Action Plan process and we are working collaboratively to share experiences and expertise. We want to forge relationships with areas that have completed plans as well. This will benefit all communities within our locality.

Thank you for taking the time to read our comprehensive plan and we hope that you have found it a useful and informative tool to aid decision making.

On behalf of CAP Steering Committee.

HENBURY & BRENTY COMMUNITY COUNCIL



FINAL ACTION PLAN 2015-2020

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