



Totterdown Residents Environmental & Social Action

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Annual Report 2009/2010

This report summarises the achievements of TRESAcic during another busy year. Thanks are due to everyone who has contributed their time, energy and skills to making it such a success. We look forward to continuing the good work during the forthcoming year.

Suzanne Audrey, Chair

Committee membership

During 2009/10 the committee consisted of Allan (Web editor), Phil, Alice (Vice-chair), Lou (*Talk of Totterdown* editor), Ed (Secretary), Luke (Treasurer), Patrick, Alex (Membership secretary), Martyn, and Suzanne (Chair). Phil, Luke, Ed and Martyn are now standing down and we would like to thank them for all their hard work. We hope that they are not lost to TRESA altogether and that they will continue to take part in our activities.

TRESA meetings



Regular meetings have continued throughout the year on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, usually upstairs at the Star and Dove. Meetings have alternated between the bi-monthly directors meetings with an emphasis on committee business, and bi-monthly members meetings that have been well attended and have given local residents an opportunity to express their concerns and raise local issues. For our Annual General Meeting 2010 we are very grateful to Greg's café for agreeing to open up in the evening.

TRESA membership

TRESA has continued to recruit new members throughout the year. Plans are being made for a members' e-newsletter, but in the meantime members and residents of Totterdown are urged to complete a short electronic survey to help us get to know you and improve our work. The survey can be found at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FSD9WW3>

Alexandra Allen

The Talk of Totterdown

The newsletter has been published quarterly and continues to be one of the most popular aspects of our work in the community. We are very grateful to all the local people who ensure it is delivered to over 2,000 households in the area. Publication dates have been moved back one month, mainly due to the timing of the Winter edition (31 December). The editor did not feel it was a very realistic publication date because it was too close to Christmas/New Year celebrations. The new publication dates will now be: end January/April/July/October.

Lou Boyce

TRESA website

The current 'new look' website was launched in July 2009 with a new banner graphics and updated 'TRESAcic' logo. The improvements allowed some older material to be removed and all the web pages were rewritten to include flash buttons and word links to allow easier navigation around the site.

The flash slideshows and extra pictures have increased the overall size of the site, but careful management of the resources has meant we have not needed to increase our package or price with the web host. The current costs are the same as last year at about £35.00 including VAT. The new site also attracted interest from an online advert agency in the past year but the deal would not allow TRESAcic to control the advertising links or content and so the approach was rejected by the committee. The website is a great source of information and our current web editor, Allan Keen, would also be happy to list events and/or organisation listings that benefit the residents of Totterdown. If anyone else would like to help out with the website, either in managing the content, suggesting improvements or perhaps you are handy with a



bit of coding ... get in touch via the web-site.

Allan Keen

Teenage Art Project

This project, which was coordinated by Lizzy Beech (local artist and teacher) and Lou Boyce (Talk of Totterdown editor), came about after TRESA was awarded two small grants - one from the Bristol City Council Neighbourhood Partnership Scheme and another from The Wakeham Trust. The project began at the end of September 2009 with a series of six art workshops for local 13-19 year olds. The workshops covered everything from drawing, painting and collage to print making and customising clothes. The project culminated in a one-off gallery show which took place over the weekend of Totterdown's Front Room art trial in an outbuilding attached to the Oxford pub. The space was 'donated' by Jon Evans (Oxford landlord) and was transformed into a gallery by the project coordinators, teenagers and other volunteers as one of their workshop tasks. Fiona (landlady of the Star and Dove) also provided free space for a Halloween workshop. The art gallery transformation was featured in the *Bristol Evening Post* and was attended by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress. Overall the project was a great success and received a great deal of positive feedback from the community and beyond.

Lou Boyce

Front Garden Festival

This year's festival included a market in Totterdown Square (the area around Oxford Street shops) and the front garden competition. Thanks are due to the judges Alexandra Denman and Reuben Boyce who were very impressed by the standard of entries and the efforts that some residents take to ensure that their small front gardens are a credit to the area.



School Road Park

It's been a long wait, but we were finally able to celebrate the transformation of School Road Park after a Big Lottery funded £80,000 revamp. The opening celebrations included children's entertainment and a picnic. TRESA has now met its obligations under the grant and management of the park has now reverted to the City Council.

Street lighting

TRESA supported local residents in their successful fight to save the remaining Victorian lamp-posts in Totterdown. Well done to all concerned!

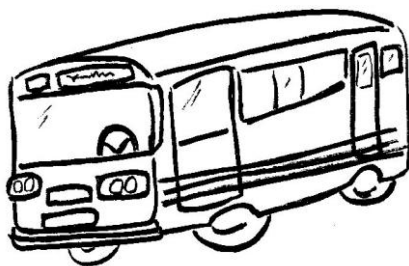
Planning applications

2009/2010 was a busy year on the planning front for TRESA. Former director Phil Horner led the successful fight against the plans for a waste incinerator, planned for St Philips Marsh, which would have loomed over Totterdown. A further success involved the proposed tower block development on the former Esso Garage site, Bath Road, which was rejected. However, revised plans have now been submitted for the site and TRESA will continue to monitor the proposed development. TRESA was less successful in objecting to the redevelopment of the shops at 172 Wells Road. We influenced some aspects of the design and reduced the height slightly, but the planning application has now been approved. Whilst the pace of house conversions to flats has slowed down during the economic downturn, further houses were lost to conversions, notably Bathwell Road where plans were approved to convert the last remaining house into flats. Next year is likely to see more battles over planning: TRESA members and local residents are urged to stay vigilant to planning applications and log objections where required.

Martyn Trowbridge



Off the buses?



Despite our strong objections, the 339/349/1 bus stops below Totterdown will be relocated to sites nearer Arnos Vale. This new spacing between bus stops will not comply with recommended guidelines and will cause considerable inconvenience to Totterdown residents who are less mobile or have a lot to carry. TRESA was not even given the opportunity to comment on changes to the No 20 bus route which no longer goes along St Lukes Road/York Road causing problems for less mobile residents who wish to visit the General Hospital.

Totterdown Transport Initiative

TRESA was awarded a grant from Bristol City Council Neighbourhood Transport Initiative, and we were delighted to work with Kai Paulden who was the freelance project coordinator. The project achieved all of its objectives which included a *Talk of Totterdown* travel information insert; liaising with local schools about active transport; and a transport market in Totterdown Square (at Oxford Street shops) with free bike maintenance, and information about walking, cycling, the City Car Club, and public transport.

20s plenty

TRESA is supporting the 20mph pilot in the Pylle Hill area of Totterdown. We were initially disappointed that 'main roads' were not initially included, and successfully campaigned for St Lukes Road to be part of the scheme.



Celebrating Age

TRESA was given a small grant for the Celebrating Age Festival and was delighted to work with local singer Alexandra Denman and her accompanist John Bowan to provide an afternoon concert in Totterdown Methodist Church Hall. We are also grateful to Jean Piper and the members of the church who arranged delicious light refreshments.

Treasurer's report

A summary of TRESA's accounts to April 2010 are set out here. The full audited accounts of TRESAcic (to year ended 31 May 2009) will be available to members at the AGM and on our website.

TRESA Accounts 01 June 2009 to 23 April 2010

This Summary prepared

23 Apr 10

	Unrestricted	RESTRICTED	RESTRICTED	RESTRICTED	RESTRICTED	RESTRICTED	
	Unrestricted (inc book sales)	Tot Square Project	Celebrating Age Project	Youth Art Project	School Road Park	Transport initiative	Total
Opening Balance	£2,926.17	£76.04	£0.00	£0.00	£1,905.05	£2,813.26	£7,720.52
Income	£539.01	£0.00	£80.00	£750.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,369.01
Expenditure	£1,115.46	£0.00	£80.00	£765.71	£1,905.05	£2,813.26	£6,679.48
Current Balance	£2,349.72	£76.04	£0.00	-£15.71	£0.00	£0.00	£2,410.05
Latest bank statements							£2,372.21

Unrestricted Income detail

subs	£119.60
adverts	£225.00
sponsorship	£0.00
Other	£150.41
Totterdown Rising Sales	£0.00
Taste of Totterdown Sales	£44.00
Total	£539.01

Expenditure detail

Talk of Totterdown	£610.00
General	£505.46