



AGM Statement 2018

Chair

In 2018 TRESA has continued to deliver a range of activities that within our three main categories: Guest Speakers I just neat public meetings, Local Projects, and Campaigns.

We have held six public meetings and six directors' meetings. Public meetings have included guest speakers covering a range of topics:

- Action for Balanced Communities - Impacts of studentification
- Bristol University - Talking about plans for new campus by Temple Meads
- WeCare& Repair - A charity in the South West that supports older people to live independently.

Work has continued on projects to improve the local area with work parties in the community space, community orchard, Zone N, and Zone A. Most work parties have involved litter picking and weeding/clearing. Three larger trees were planted on Zone N using raised funding and work continues on larger improvements with a council grant. Zone A was used for a combined Great Get Together and Garden festival which had a great turnout.

We track and review the large developments on the Totterdown border such as the Arena site and the University of Bristol. Part of our remit is to ensure Totterdown residents are aware of the scheme and potential impacts so are more able to get involved with consultations. TRESA is working with other local resident groups to consider the impact of development within the Enterprise Zone and along Bath Road.

For all the projects and campaigns, we continue to issue the quarterly newsletter (Talk of Totterdown), which also advertises for local businesses. This remains the most viewed "face" of TRESA and remains a key part of our organisation.

Finally, recent cuts to local government provide threats to our area within the near future. TRESA will keep working on our aim to bring together residents in Totterdown with the aim of improving and protecting our local environment and to promote a vibrant cultural life.

Simon Hobeck

Chair of TRESA

Company Secretary

TRESA's 2017 company accounts and Confirmation Statement were filed with Companies House, and any changes in company directors and any other relevant details were kept up to date on the Companies House database.

Appropriate steps were taken to comply with the General Data Protection Regulation.

Membership Secretary

As of July 2018, TRESA has 104 full members and 12 "out of area" friends. There are another 9 people who were due to renew in May or June and who have now received reminders and we hope some of these will renew.

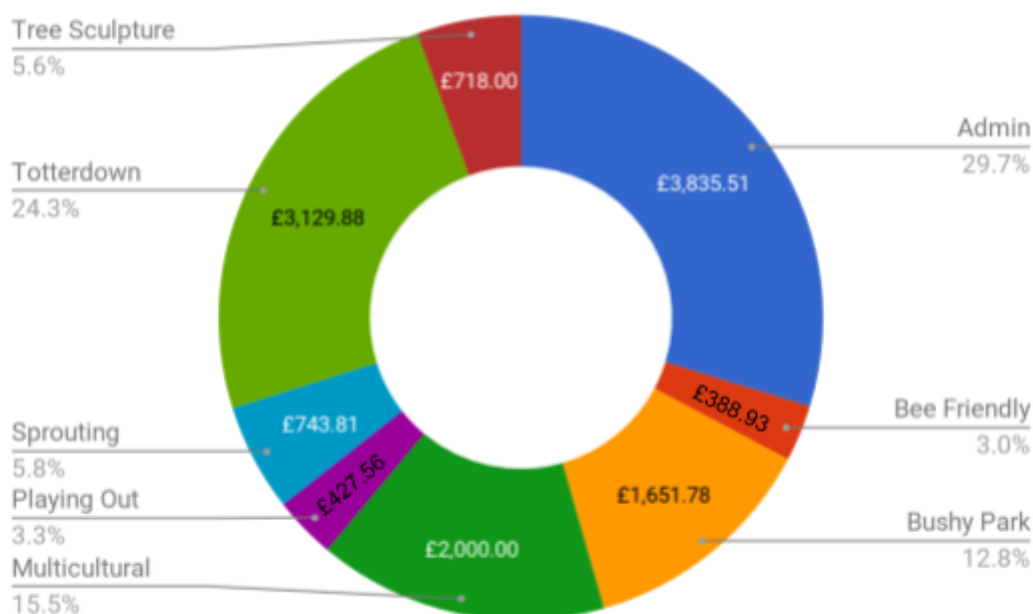
Membership has been increased recently through TRESA stalls and events with 4 new members joining at the 'Clean Air Day' stall on 21st June and another 6 with 2 additional 'out of area Friends' joining at the Street Party event on 24th June. Aside from this recent increase membership remains fairly constant at around the 95 - 100 mark and there is quite a high turn-over as people move in and out of the area.

We have updated our records and are ensuring that we comply with the GDPR.

Treasurer

Company accounts have been prepared ready for approval at TRESA's 2018 Annual General Meeting. TRESA has continued to bank with The Co-operative Bank, and this year online banking was set up, as well as an online income and expenses account, in order to improve the company's financial administration.

TRESA finances are mostly ring-fenced. The breakdown is shown accordingly:



70% of our funds remain ring fenced for dedicated projects. General reserve (Admin) received a significant boost following an insurance claim for TRESA equipment stolen from the Star & Dove pub. This is now 29.7% of total funds.

Talk of Totterdown

We will celebrate our half century with the next issue of Talk of Totterdown in the Autumn and Carolyn Jones will start her 7th year as Editor.

The main focus is on news and issues likely to affect the wider community – we will continue to report news on planning and developments, as well as issues of national importance such as air quality. I am delighted to have regular contributors each issue who write on a wide range of topics covering gardening, wildlife, environmental issues and weather. I think these all contribute to providing a rounded view of our community and my sincere thanks go to them.

The newsletter is delivered quarterly to all residents and businesses in Totterdown, and I also want to thank all the volunteers who undertake their “paper rounds” to get the publication out there.

Project - Multicultural Totterdown book

TRESA is collecting ‘stories’ for our multicultural Totterdown book (funded by Bristol City Council and Aviva). We are asking people who live or work in Totterdown, and were born or have ancestry in another country, to tell us something about their heritage and how they came to be living or working in Totterdown. Our aim is to collect 50 stories from at least 25 different countries. We have recruited three photographers to help with the book, which will be published locally by Tangent Books. For more information contact:

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Project - The Great Get Together

This year we made the decision to combine our garden festival with the Great Get Together (national event) and enjoyed a glorious summer day up at Zone A on 24th June. The event was very well supported by the local community and everyone seemed to enjoy a relaxed and fun time.

Thanks to all the local businesses and lovely crafts people who participated with stalls and activities: Frankie loves Ava, Gail Treece, Piglets, Sydenham Stitches, Tangent Books, Jane Vellender. We also had TRESA information point and Marie Curie participated with a fundraising stall. Fanny Tingles Tantalising Flavours served delicious scones and jam, Banco Lounge provided a fresh lemonade bar, and we also enjoyed performances from Natalie Davies and Dave Merrick, The Shynee Ladies and The Road Zombies.

Floriography created an amazing midsummer mandala featuring flowers, feathers, and stones hand coloured by participants on the day, and concluded the event with a closing ceremony of thanks.

Project - The Park Street community space

TRESA has worked with volunteers from the area to keep the Park Street community space well-maintained, including through regular clearance work parties. It is used for a range of events throughout the year, including Apple Pressing in autumn, wassailing in January, and there have been a number of BBQs in the area organised by different people. We are delighted that residents are still enjoying this outdoor community asset.

Project - Stanley Hill & Playing Out

Stanley Hill continues to be an issue as a rat run. Speeding and volume of cars are both high. TRESA were told the money allocated to the scheme was ring fenced however, since the BCC traffic officer changed role we have been unable to get any response from the council highways team. A lot of progress had been made on designs for traffic calming and this has completely stalled. It is very frustrating and hard to know how to get a response from the council.

Project - Zone N

Further work parties have been held on Zone N / Bushy Park during 2017/2018. Most significantly, council funding of £30K had been awarded to help improve Zone N but this had been cancelled by the council. This has now been reinstated and TRESA has worked with local residents to review previous plans and provide the council with a prioritised list for improvements. This is being reviewed and estimated - once complete we will know "how far" the money will go. Our aim would be to start work on site within 2018.

Further on site work parties have been conducted using grant funding from Viridor and Tesco. These involved tree planting, planting more wildflowers, raking the long grass, and regular litter picks.

Project - Garden Festival and Front Garden Awards

The Front Garden Awards are a popular annual event, and it is a real pleasure to see the effort which residents put into creating colourful and fun front gardens.

Judging this year took place from late June and the Award winners will be announced in early August. Many thanks to awards sponsors: Greenwoods, Fig1, Totterdown Canteen.

Project - Totterdown Sprouting

Our key projects continue to be the Orchard and Community Space on Park St and the herb and other planting in the brick beds in Oxford Square. The herb beds are maintained by the monthly Monday morning gardening group and had been attracting lots of favourable comment, with funding from the local Tesco enabling some interesting Spring planting. It has been impossible to keep plants watered through the drought and it is now looking quite bare. Some plants will survive and we hope to repeat the spring tulip and allium planting next year.

The Orchard has plenty of soft fruit and rhubarb. The trees are mostly coping with the drought but the apple crop looks likely to be small this year. We have a recent donation of a fig for the Community Space but our original fig has succumbed to the heat and lack of water. We need more volunteers to water.

There has been further planting on zone N with several work parties and one on Zone A with help from Floriography for the wildflower planting. Again watering has been a problem.

Events this year included Autumn apple pressing [thanks to Richard Jones for his help], the Wassail and an Earth Day celebration in April and we once again featured in 'Edible Bristol'.