



TRESA Public Meeting

Meeplenook, 143 Wells Road
7.30pm Tuesday 21st July 2026

Programme for the meeting

- Welcome and introductions
- Residents' open mic
 - Friends of School Road Park
 - Glyphosate free streets
 - Litter picking in Totterdown
 - Bake for the Bees

8.30-8.45pm Comfort break

- TRESA directors' reports
- Planning updates
- Any other business?



Residents' open mic

Friends of School Road Park

Dorothy Lovell & Zoe Sutcliffe

School Road Park: Some history

- In 2012, the park on School Road had been declining for years
- A group of residents joined with TRESA to make an application to 'The People's Millions' Lottery Fund
- £80,000 funding was secured and TRESA, local residents and Bristol City Council worked together to renovate the park
- The park is now well used by local residents, children at Hillcrest Primary School, Totterdown Children's Community Workshop
- TRESA successfully argued that School Road Park should have Local Green Space status to protect it from developers in the future



School Road Park: Some concerns

- **Reduction in protected status:** Bristol City Council is updating its Local Plan. 175 sites were proposed for Local Green Space (LGS) designation, including School Road Park. Central government planning inspectors told BCC to remove the LGS designation completely. The Council is now proposing a weaker designation of Protected Open Space (POS)
- **Improvements needed:** some equipment is broken, some is deteriorating; lack of shade around play equipment; and more...
- **Unsuccessful CIL application:** the recent Stage 1 CIL funding application was not taken forward to Stage 2 by councillors. It may be that councillors do not fully appreciate the importance of this park to the local community, despite it being the only park within the Totterdown boundary
- **No 'friends' group:** currently, there is no established 'friends' group to care for, protect, and enhance the park and to act as a vital link between park users and Bristol City Council



Thank you for submitting a Stage 1 Form for CIL & S106 for "Improvements to School Road Park". We regret to inform you that your application has been unsuccessful. Due to the high number of Stage 1 Forms received and the limited resources available, the Committee had to make difficult choices.

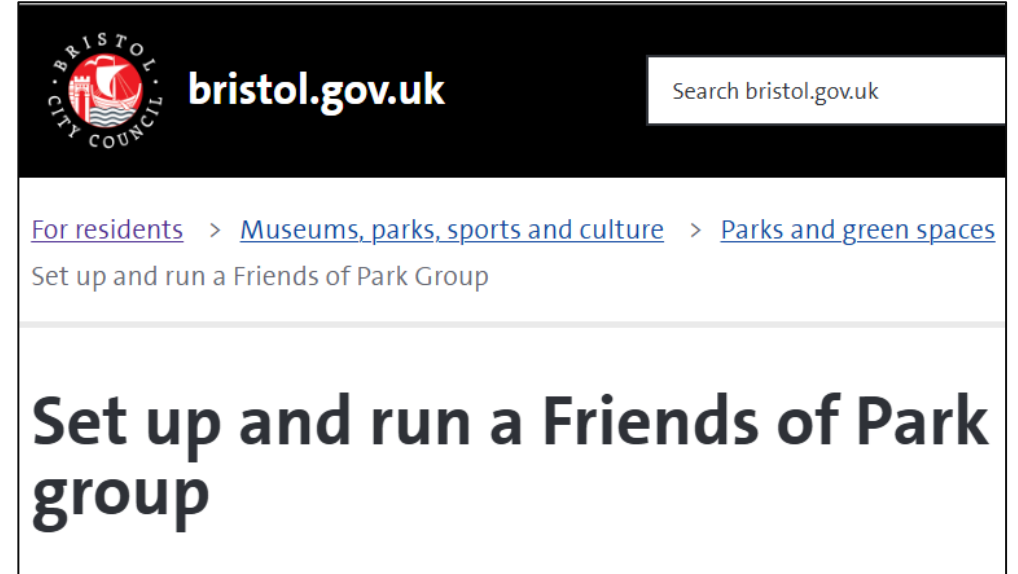
Friends of School Road Park

- Bristol City Council works with over 60 volunteer-led Friends of Park groups across Bristol
- Friends of Park groups help Bristol City Council to: consult with park users, promote park plans, organise events, raise money for park improvements, organise and deliver group activities such as litter picking.



Progress to date

- Dorothy and Zoe to lead on setting up Friends of School Road Park
- TRESA to help with administration, ring-fenced finances, comms
- School Road Park users survey set up to capture current use, concerns and ideas for the future, and to gauge interest in setting up a friends' group (closes midnight 30 September 2026)
- QR code and link <https://forms.gle/EwUf86Zb9S46Nfdt9>



Friends of School Road Park

Any questions or comments?

Residents' open mic

Glyphosate free streets

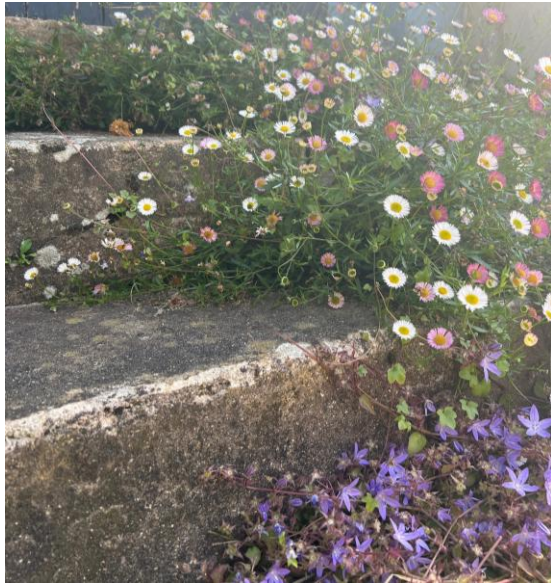
Rachel Bentham

with case study from Emma Dangerfield

Glyphosate free streets, Rachel Bentham



- Ivy leaved toad flax
- Valerian
- Campanula
- Erigeron
- Buddleia



Glyphosate free streets

St Lukes Crescent case study, Emma Dangerfield

- Rob, one of our residents, shared a link about the project on the street WhatsApp group and asked who would be interested in taking part. Lots of interest and positive responses, but only 2 other people volunteered to help!
- Rob volunteered to be street co-ordinator. I volunteered to be deputy. I'm a lead volunteer for VPAG and co-ordinate wildlife activities in the park. I'm familiar with city council Risk Assessments, have had training in handling tools and have done Bristol City Council first aid training. (This isn't essential to take part in the scheme.)
- The 3 volunteers met, collected the consent forms and split the street into areas to canvas. It took several sessions to get responses from all the street.
- I did some additional research on glyphosates so I could talk to people about it, but most weren't that interested! They were just happy to sign up. A very small minority didn't agree with the scheme.



Google Maps

Image capture: Sept 2025

St Lukes Crescent case study continued...



- I also took names and numbers of people interested in helping with weeding whilst canvassing. I presented it as an opportunity to get to know your neighbours.
- We managed to get required >50% of households consenting and Rob submitted the relevant paperwork to the council. That was the easy bit!
- Rob created a Weeders WhatsApp group for coms.
- Organising volunteer sessions has been trickier - not everyone who signed up was now available!
- We have had several separate sessions with different groups of people weeding. We used garden waste bins to collect the weeds. People used their own gardening tools or borrowed them from neighbours.
- Weeding kerbs is trickier due to constantly parked cars, but most weeds have been cleared. Need to be mindful of safety - would recommend weeding in pairs.
- When out weeding, members of the public and neighbours have responded very positively to the volunteers and the scheme.

Glyphosate free streets

Any questions or comments?

Residents' open mic

Litter picking in Totterdown

Sarah Townsend

Litter picking in Totterdown

- Where?
 - Within Totterdown boundary
 - Streets, green spaces, steps, pathways
- Why?
 - Litter problems in Totterdown
 - Bristol Waste street cleansing rota is unclear, under pressure or non-existent?



Litter picking in Totterdown



- Who?
 - TRESA members and Totterdown residents
 - As a group, in pairs, as individuals?
- When?
 - Regular slot or ad hoc?
 - Weekly? Monthly?
 - Daytime or evening?
 - Weekdays or weekends?
- How?
 - Own equipment?
 - Book through Bristol Waste?



Litter picking in Totterdown

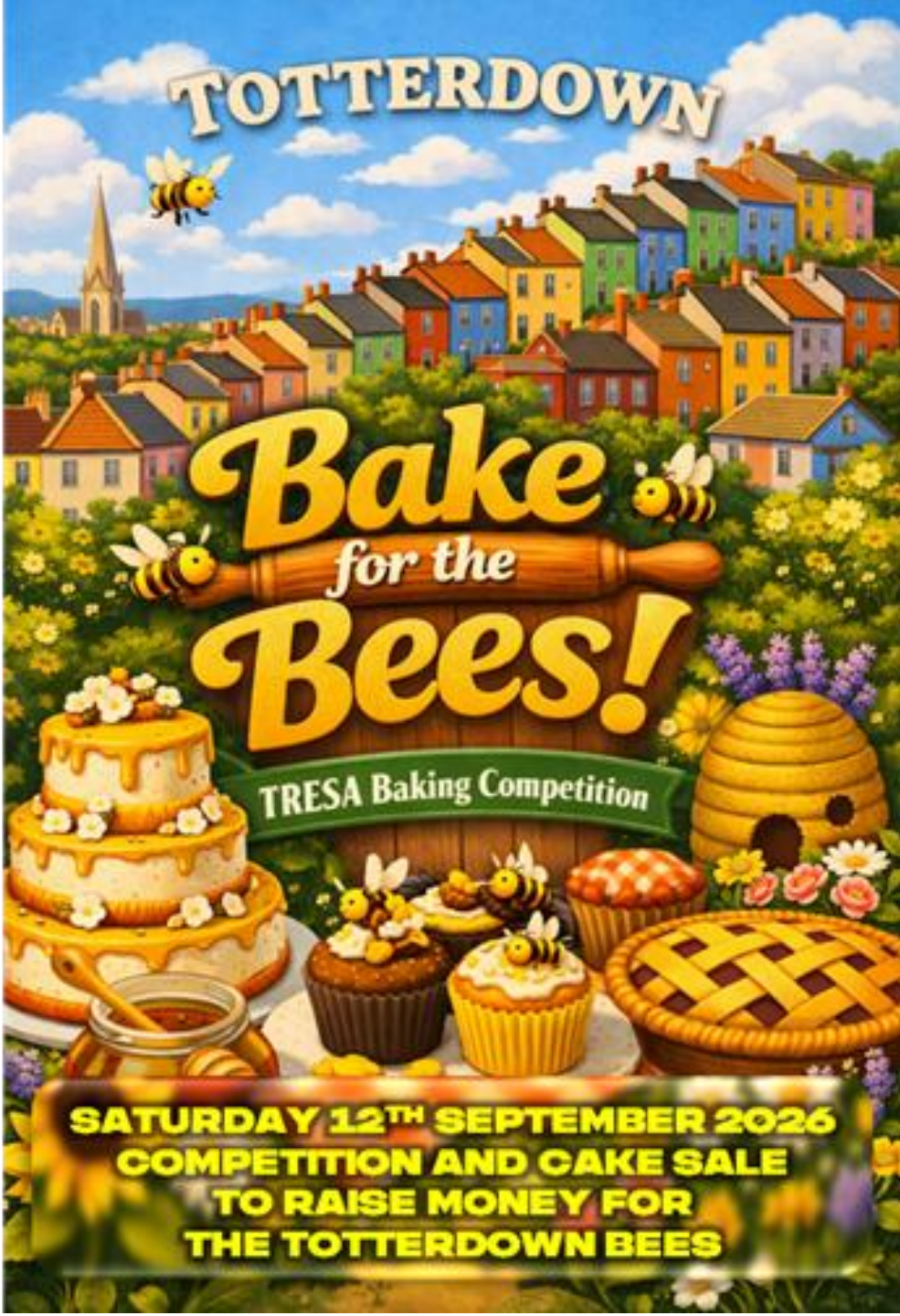
A response from Bristol Waste

- We'd love to have some of the members on board more regularly. I'd recommend all members read the health and safety checklist, even long-time litter pickers. Knowing what to do with hazardous materials such as drug waste or nitrous oxide cannisters, as well as basic health and safety should never be skipped. [Litter-Picking-Checklist-Nov-2023.pdf](#)
- Bristol Waste can provide bags. Members could either submit the form ([Request extra bags for your litter pick – Bristol Waste Company](#)) to get under 30 bags delivered to their address, or someone could pick up a box of bags from St Phillips and distribute between yourselves.
- For collection of the waste, even next to street litter bins, a waste collection form needs to be filled out each time - [Litter collection – Bristol Waste Company](#). This alerts the street cleansing team to collect the bags, and also helps track the amount of litter collected from certain roads to establish whether there is the correct level of street cleansing for an area. This important data is used during street cleansing reviews.

Let me know if you'd like to pick up any bags, and happy picking!

Litter picking in Totterdown

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Bake for the Bees, Adam Tayler

Saturday 12th September, Meeplenook

- 10am-12 mid-day bring your cakes to Meeplenook
- 12-1pm judging
 - Best bee design
 - Best savoury cake
 - Best in show (standard cake)
 - Best in show (individual cakes)
 - Best junior bake (under 16s)
- 1-4pm afternoon tea and cake sale
- **Sunday 13th September**, Community Orchard, Park Street
- 2-4pm Meet the bees
 - Cake sale, honey raffle, plant swap
 - View the hive (from a distance)
 - Talk to the apiarists (who look after the bees)

Comfort break - opportunity to purchase drinks

After the break:

- TRESA directors' reports
- Planning updates
- Transport updates
- Any other business?



TRESA directors' reports

- Company Secretary, Robin Millard
- Treasurer, Simon Hobeck
- Membership Secretary, Anne Silber
- Talk of Totterdown editor, Carolyn Jones
 - Copydate for next issue is Friday 4 September
- Totterdown Urban Nature Reserve lead, Penny Russell
- Totterdown sprouting, Anne Silber



Totterdown Sprouting, Anne Silber

- Tues 18 Aug, 7.30pm: **Honey extraction, Meeplenook.** Hoping for about 30lb. Opportunity to view the honeycomb and the engineering skills of our female bee engineers. Volunteers needed to help spin the honey and put it into jars the following day.
- Sat 12/Sun 13 Sept: **Get Growing Trail.** Bristol event which includes Totterdown Community Orchard. Sun 13 Sept 2-4pm volunteers will be in the Community Space selling tea and cakes to raise funds for the apiary. Help needed to make sure the orchard is looking its best for this weekend.
- **Gardening club:** usually meets 2nd Monday of the month from 2pm in Totterdown Square. The Bakehouse donated £80+ of plants. Volunteers have been trying to keep them watered but the weather has been challenging!
- **Community Space:** Is anyone interested in helping to build a new planter using recycled scaffolding planks?



Planning updates

Bath Road tower blocks

- work continues...

Templegate Park, Mead Street

- Granted 2 February 2026
- Harris hawks unsuccessful in stopping seagulls nesting?
- Resident contacted the developer who said they had changed their building schedule (starting September) to accommodate the gull nursery

Former Oxford Grill, Oxford Street

- Application for Removal of Condition No. 4 (Hours of operation) to allow opening until 3.00am was refused
- Appeal against refusal dismissed 06/07/2026



Former Bart Spices site

- **26/12687/CP** | Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for a Proposed use or Development - Confirm the Lawfulness of Planning Permission 24/02678/X
- Condition 1 to the Planning Permission requires that **the Development must be begun before 17 May 2026**
- Section 56(2) of the Act states that **development shall be taken to have commenced from the earliest date 'any material operation comprised in the development begins to be carried out.'**
- Section 56(4) of the Act sets out what a 'material operation' constitutes, which includes: **'the digging of a trench which is to contain the foundations, or part of the foundations, of a building'**
- Photograph dated 14 April 2026



Princess Street tower blocks

- Planning Committee A, 28 January, voted to **REFUSE** – over-densification, harm to heritage assets and views
- Planning Committee A, 11 March, officers undermined reasons for refusal and committee voted to **APPROVE** subject to conditions being brought to a future meeting
- Planning Committee A, 22 April, conditions **APPROVED**
- Campaign for a Judicial Review is underway: barrister instructed, over £10,000 raised
- Planning decision notice not published yet - until that happens, next steps cannot be formalised
- Communication with barrister continues...

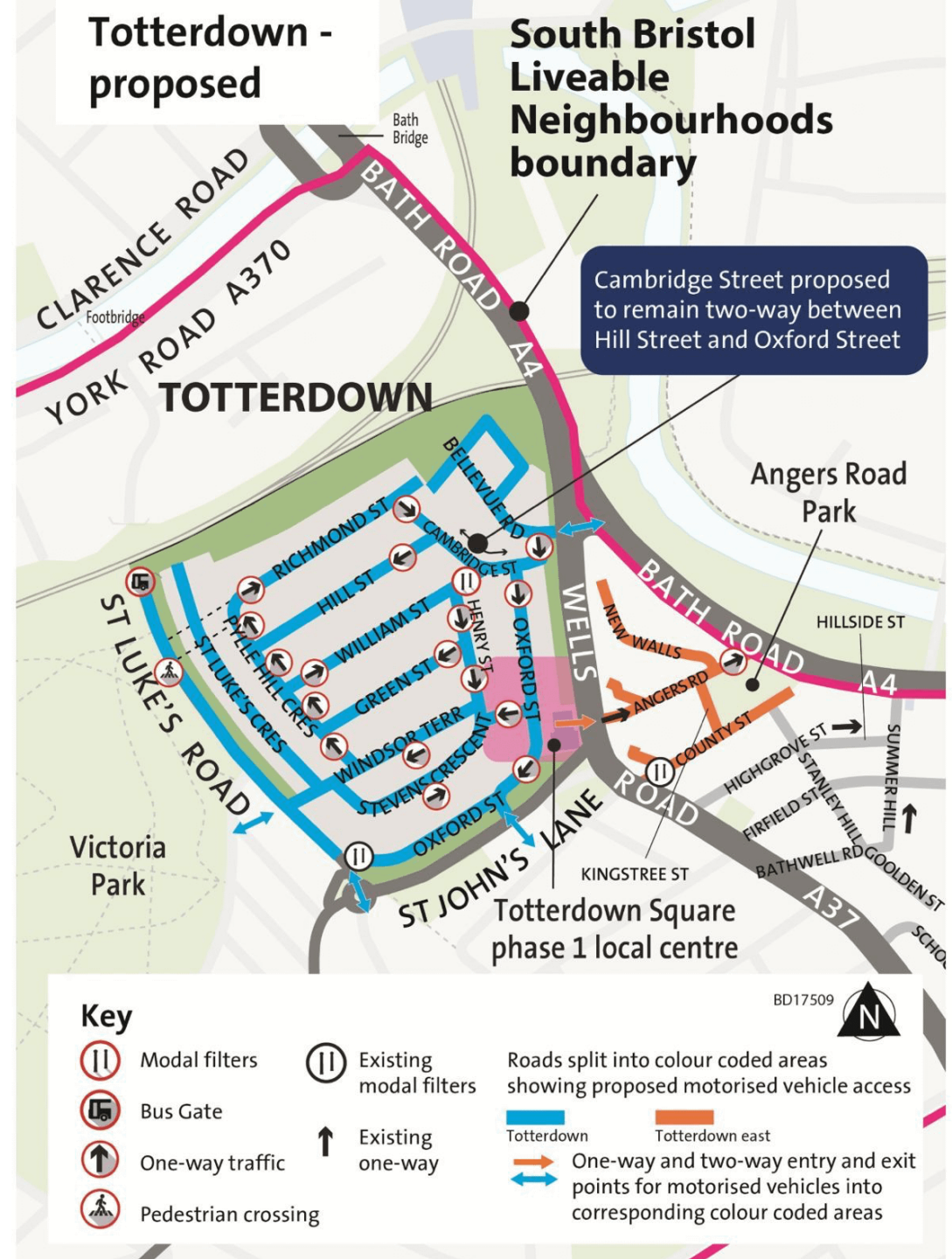


Bristol City Council: *“The Committee appropriately considered and scrutinised the advice before it when determining the application, and the correct procedures were followed. As the Committee has made its decision, the appropriate mechanism for challenging that decision is through Judicial Review.”*

Transport updates

South Bristol Liveable Neighbourhood website indicates:

- Co-design: Some of the proposals will need further **input from local residents and businesses to shape the project design**
- Statutory consultation 2026: **Detailed designs of the agreed solutions will be made.** Issues can be addressed as they arise ahead of the formal consultation
- Inform 2026: We will **keep people informed** on the status of the project whilst the legal orders are going through and during construction
- Launch 2026 to 2027: The project will be launched with the new streets that reflect local wishes

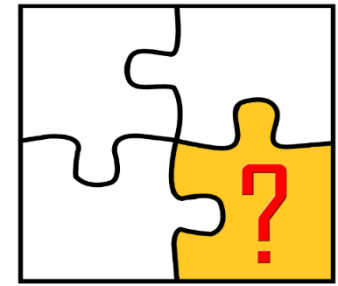


Transport updates

- **Temporary bus stop** closer to Three Lamps estate near Totterdown Bridge is in operation
- **Angers Road:** continued and repeated violation of no entry to Wells Road despite new signage and bollards to protect cycle lane
- **Bathwell Road:** repeated violation of new no entry modifications and signage. Additional sign 'No access to A37 Wells Road ahead' to be installed on Stanley Hill



- Lack of a new temporary building for **Knowle Library**.
- Journalist from ITV Wales is researching a new social history programme, **Vanished Britain**, and wants to include the demolition of Totterdown. He is looking for former residents from the 1960s and 1970s who are willing to speak on camera. Filming will take place between 20th July and the end of August.
- The council is assessing feedback from the citywide **20mph** proposals consultation. The outcome is due to be presented at the Transport & Connectivity Policy Committee, 17th September 2026. Public statements in favour of 20mph at that meeting would be appreciated! Current understanding is that **Wells Road** is included in the proposals to be taken forward following good local support.
- CIL officers have indicated they are hoping funds for better access at **Higham Street Green** will be discussed next month, with work undertaken towards the end of the year.
- **TRESA AGM** is Tuesday 15th September 2026 where local police will be out guest speakers.



Any Other Business