



Hotwells and Cliftonwood Community Association – Newsletter October 2023

Dear Neighbour

Welcome to the October edition of our newsletter! We hope everyone had a fantastic summer and we now look forward to Autumn and everything that is going on in our neighbourhoods and Bristol at large.

This October we celebrate Black History Month, honouring the black leaders, artists, activists, poets, and scholars that inspire us.

We will be holding our AGM on 9th November - you are invited, and we are delighted to launch Street Champ: a celebration of, and thank you to the people who are the beating hearts of our communities. If you would like to nominate someone as a Street Champ, see below. We are also looking to find a few more people to join our small but mighty band of local volunteers who make HCCA tick, specifically we are seeking a Company Secretary and a newsletter editor, or two. Read on to find out more.

Finally, I would like to thank Omair Nayyar for editing our newsletter over the years and keeping us all in the loop. We all wish him well in his future endeavours.

Happy Reading

Rachel McNally

Chair - Hotwells & Cliftonwood Community Association

Should you wish to raise any local issues/matters of interest, we can always be contacted at the following:

admin@hotwellscliftonwood.org.uk

Or leave a message on 01179 291 833.

If you have any stories of interest that you would like included in the newsletter, please write to Omair hcca.editor@gmail.com

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1. Annual General Meeting & Community Supper

Our AGM will take place at 7pm on Thursday 9th November.

It will be held at Holy Trinity, Clifton Vale Entrance Hotwells



Our AGM will include discussions and updates on community issues and will be followed by a Community Supper and Street Champ Awards.

To find out more about the AGM and book a place go to:
https://www.hotwellscliftonwood.org.uk/agm_information

2. Street Champ Awards

If you would like to nominate someone on your street, please complete [this form](#).

We will then invite you and your nominee to our AGM and Community Supper and Award Ceremony.

Please check with your nominee before completing this form that they are happy to participate.

Please note this is not a competition, it's a recognition of everyone who helps to make Hotwells and Cliftonwood great neighbourhoods.

3. HCCA - Get Involved

As a wholly voluntary and locally run organisation we really do represent the communities that we live in. If you would like to get involved with HCCA there are lots of ways to do that.

Would you like to edit or write for this newsletter?

Do you enjoy writing and finding out everything that is happening locally? We are looking for a new newsletter editor - or two.

Company Secretary

Are you someone who relishes the details and has experience working on boards or committees? We are looking for a Company Secretary. You can find out more about both these opportunities here https://www.hotwellscliftonwood.org.uk/get_involved

Or email Rachel McNally chair@hotwellscliftonwood.org.uk for further details

4. Cumberland Piazza Gardening Group

2-5pm 5th November



Please join us at the Cumberland Piazza for some community gardening between 2-5pm. We are a friendly group of people helping Hotwells' biggest open space flourish as a community garden, biodiversity corridor and a place that people of all ages can enjoy. Bring gardening tools if you have them or we can supply. Please bring drinking water for yourself. We will bring cake!

Contact Anna by email admin@hotwellscliftonwood.org.uk if you are interested and want to find out more.

To find out more about the history of community work on the piazza, please visit <https://artundertheflyover.com> or www.hotwellscliftonwood.org.uk/fohp

5. Hotwells Gateway project with UWE Architecture Students

H&CCA are planning to work with architecture students on one of their live projects over the next couple of months. This is a fantastic opportunity for us to get some support with community engagement and ideas and resource development to contribute to neighbourhood plans and for submitting funding applications. We have called this live project Hotwells Gateway because over the years local people have told us that rather than the existing facilitation of motor traffic from the Portway to the City Centre, Hotwells could be a place where people feel they have arrived into Bristol and can slow down, enjoy the streetscapes and make their way leisurely along the harbour. A UWE Architecture Live Project back in 2015 led to a successful funding bid of £15k from DCLG to develop a Pocket Park at the Piazza. To find out more, contact us via admin@hotwellscliftonwood.org.uk

6. Little Libraries

This is an exciting new community wellbeing project by Luise Holder

Back in 2019, Luise seized the opportunity to apply for a Bristol City Council wellbeing fund. Her idea was to get a grant to bring a sharing library to our local community. She won the bid and hatched plans to start work on this new little library initiative.

In the meantime Covid happened and her initial idea was shelved....get it! due to the logistics of the project.

This year Luise has redesigned the project and is now going to launch several little libraries across our community. All you have to do is fill in [this form](#) to apply and get one on your property for all to use.

So, what does the project plan to deliver?

Luise is having several miniature cabinets built which can be mounted on your boundary for people to come and book swap/share. You may have seen some across the city already? Installation will involve either a post, drilling holes in brickwork, or mounting with fittings to metal fences. Each property will be treated individually. The project is linked to the wider Bristol Little Libraries Network and an interactive map will guide you to other venues for book sharing. If several applications are made in the same road, the library will be distributed on a first come first served basis.

*You must live within the boundary of Hotwells and Cliftonwood community association to be eligible for a little library.

Your little library

The cabinets have been built from marine ply, to give a superior look and finish. They can be painted and decorated by you, or you can opt to have it varnished for a natural look finish. The dimensions are approximately 350x250x400mm. It will come with a felt roof finish.

Childrens lending libraries will be allocated at all local playgrounds and possibly at primary school locations as well.

Happy book swapping!

7. October Is Black History Month

As we mark the beginning of Black History Month, we honour the Black leaders, artists, activists, poets and scholars who have left an indelible mark on our culture and society. Their stories inspire us to strive for a brighter and more just future. You can now download the 2023 Bristol Black History Month Issue and Additional Assets from [this website](#), proudly funded by Cognitive Paths.

8. Hotwells Primary School October update

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to Hotwells primary this term - especially our new Reception children who have settled into school life brilliantly. Highlights so far include holding our 2023-2024 School Council and Green Team elections where the children got to experience a very realistic voting process complete with voting booths and ballot boxes as they cast their votes. We were so impressed with how mature they all were during the process.

The Autumn term is always a busy one, with children putting their artistic skills to great use in preparation for our taking part in the West Bristol Arts Trail. The school will be open between 10:00am and 3:00pm on Saturday 14th October so please do come along and see the artwork that has been produced by our budding young artists. In addition to the artwork on display, our PTA will be serving hot drinks and delicious cakes.

If you're looking for a school place for your child, we would love to show you around our school! We are also holding school tours for prospective parents - including prospective Reception parents for September 2024, please see details below.

In addition to our main school, we also have an on-site Nursery which offers up to 30 hours of childcare (Monday - Friday, 8:15am - 3:20pm). Please get in touch if you'd like to visit or find out more.

9. Jacobs Wells Baths Hub

As many of you know by now, Trinity in Old Market is hard at work securing the future of Jacobs Wells Baths for the community. You can find out more about their campaign and donate here

<https://www.trinitybristol.org.uk/activities/jacobs-wells>

10. Funding for new cycle hangars across the West of England

Funding has been secured from the central government's Active Travel Fund for 80 new "cycle hangars" – secure, on-street weather-proof storage for bikes. West of England Combined Authority (WECA) and local councils are working in partnership to find out from residents where they should be located.

WECA is working with Bristol, Bath & North East Somerset and South Gloucestershire to encourage more people to travel by bike. Cycling is an important mode of sustainable transport, and can improve health and wellbeing, and at the same time help reduce traffic congestion and improve air quality.

Being able to park bikes safely and conveniently plays a vital role in whether people can choose to cycle. By installing new cycle hangars on residential roads, the choice should become a little bit easier.

People can get involved and suggest locations for cycle hangars by visiting www.cyclehangarswest.co.uk

The consultation runs between Monday 2 October and Sunday 29 October 2023.

11. Festival of the Future City at the Watershed 17th-19th October

This biannual festival returns with guided walks, fascinating talks and workshops, many which are free to attend. If you are interested in cities and how they can adapt to climate change, become more sustainable and function for all citizens take a look at their programme and sign up for events. There are a few very local guided walks such as Place Portrait, Unbuilt Bristol and Bristol Beyond the Bridge you may enjoy <https://www.bristolideas.co.uk/projects/festival-of-the-future-city/>

As you made it all the way through to the bottom of the newsletter, we have a little request.

HCCA receives no regular funding and relies on donations and grants. Would you consider making a donation to help us keep sending out this newsletter every month?

If so, you can now donate here https://www.hotwellscliftonwood.org.uk/support_us

For now, that really is it!

Best Wishes

HCCA Team