

# Hotwells & Cliftonwood Community Association



January has already delivered an icy harbour and a serious amount of rain but the sun always rises and so do we! We're pleased to share some opportunities for us all to get together and sustain ourselves through the winter months.



## Some dates for your diary!

- **Community Barn Dance** 30 January
- **A Piece of Cake** 3pm Saturday 21 February Holy Trinity
- **Spike Island Green Futures Week** 2-6 March
- **Hotwells Panto** Wednesday 11 to Saturday March in Hope Chapel
- **HCCA AGM** 1 July

## H&CCA News

### A Piece of Cake

3pm Saturday 21 February Holy Trinity Church, Clifton Vale BS8



H&CCA invite you to get baking for a community afternoon tea. Bring a cake, stories and we'll provide the tea. A chance to connect with neighbours, find out more about the Community Association and eat cake! More information here [https://www.hotwellscliftonwood.org.uk/a\\_piece\\_of\\_cake](https://www.hotwellscliftonwood.org.uk/a_piece_of_cake)

### **Spike Island Green Week 2-6th February 10-5pm**

H&CCA have partnered with Spike Island Arts Space to produce a week long event of exhibition and talks exploring the incredible nature and community opportunities our little 'island' can inspire for a more sustainable, equitable future. We will open the week with a presentation of *Connected Actions/Sustainable Neighbourhoods*, our Hotwells, Cliftonwood and Harbourside Community Climate Action Plan and presentation of our newly formed Harbourside Community Nature Reserve. This will take place on Monday 2nd 12-1pm in Emmeline Cafe, Spike Island, 133 Cumberland Road BS1 6UX.



There will be a foyer exhibition, including work by Spike Island studio and associate artists and MA architecture students referencing our tidal river and harbour environment and talks and workshops available throughout the week. We'll be sending out further details by email and advertising the event on our local noticeboards- in the meantime, if you have any questions, do contact Anna [admin@hotwellscliftonwood.org.uk](mailto:admin@hotwellscliftonwood.org.uk)

## Ways to Connect

### Neighbourhood WhatsApp Group

Do you and your neighbours have a WhatsApp group? HCCA has a neighbourhood wide group to share info and news that affects everyone living in Hotwells and Cliftonwood. It works like a phone tree. If you would like us to add your street/community WhatsApp to this group please email [chair@hotwellscliftonwood.org.uk](mailto:chair@hotwellscliftonwood.org.uk)

### Other Ways to contact HCCA

We have a new phone number 07351 426910. Please note messages and voicemails are checked once a week.

### Volunteer with us

We welcome new volunteers to join our team. We are still looking for volunteers to help us clean graffiti throughout the neighbourhood and help with keeping the Cumberland Piazza tidy and green [admin@hotwellscliftonwood.org.uk](mailto:admin@hotwellscliftonwood.org.uk)

## Local News

### Hotwells Primary School update

In November, the Department for Education rejected Cathedral Schools Trust's (CST) plan to merge Hotwells Primary with Cathedral Primary, after strong opposition from parents and the Community. The merger was originally suggested due to Hotwells' low admissions and financial deficit, caused by wider trends such as falling birth rates and fewer families in the local area, while also providing a better learning environment for both schools' younger children on the Hotwells site. But Hotwells Primary performs very well academically (ranked #5 for Key Stage 2 SATS in Bristol in 2025) compared with Cathedral Primary's position at #42.

Efforts to promote Hotwells School are succeeding, with strong applications for Reception places in September 2026 and new admissions across other year groups. However, CST has now opened another consultation to reduce Hotwells School's Reception intake (Published Admission Number or PAN) from 30 to 15 from September 2027. The community is encouraged to respond before the consultation closes on 30 January 2026, and links to both CST's consultation and the school's explanation are provided below.

CST letter re PAN reduction consultation with links to respond:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1gKLW2AnpFQMTSLbw78EZv--vdN0H7eVt/view?usp=sharing>

Hotwells Primary letter explaining PAN reduction proposal:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1g9jum8Z1z6KcacraOofO81wwL5Lj9I33/view?usp=sharing>

### **Community Barn Dance**

Please come with your family and friends to join us for a fun-filled evening of dancing, laughter and community spirit. Tickets can be purchased here:

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/99744>



30 January at Holy Trinity Clifton Vale

<https://www.bristolharboursidechurches.org/news/barn-dance> Tickets cost £15, and include a ploughman's supper. Doors open at 7pm, with dancing starting at 7:30pm

### **Swivel Bridge January Newsletter**

Packed with local news and the dates of this year's volunteer workdays. They are Saturdays: Feb 21st, March 28th, April 18th, May 16th, June 20th, July 18th, August 15th, September 19th, and October 17th. The Newsletter also gives information about Bristol City's *Avon Riversides 2100*. This is a major long-term strategy to control flooding which may significantly impact the heritage assets on the Knuckle.

## BRUNEL SWIVEL BRIDGE NEWS JANUARY 2026



Courtesy of Facebook.

[Click here to see the whole newsletter](#) and ways to receive them.

### Ellenborough Porter Stores

A local resident is wondering if anyone has any photos of No.13 Ellenborough Place *Bombed in January 1941*

If you can help, email [admin@hotwellscliftonwood.org.uk](mailto:admin@hotwellscliftonwood.org.uk)

### Local Decision making, BCC Community Development Team and community funding

Community Infrastructure Levy funding can support ideas you might have for improving our neighbourhood. Every year councillors invite locals to participate in this process. You can contact your local councillor anytime- Clifton ward councillors are Paula O'Rourke, 07584 370433 [cllr.paula.orourke@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.paula.orourke@bristol.gov.uk) and Jerome Thomas [Cllr.Jerome.Thomas@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:Cllr.Jerome.Thomas@bristol.gov.uk), 07810 581 031 and Hotwells &

Harbourside is Patrick McAllister [Cllr.Patrick.McAllister@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:Cllr.Patrick.McAllister@bristol.gov.uk) 07423414337

To find out more, Area Committee Meetings for CIL- Area Committee 3: Clifton, Clifton Down, Cotham and Hotwells and Harbourside 9 March, 5.30pm to 7.30pm: Area Committee 3 at The Redland Club, Burlington Rd, Bristol BS6 6TN

Follow this link to find out more about decision making in our area  
<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/residents/people-and-communities/decision-making-in-your-area>

A video introduction to the process is [here](#)

Bristol City Council also have a great Community Development Team  
<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/residents/people-and-communities/get-involved-in-your-community>

## City-Wide News

### Bristol Older People's Forum February

**Open Forum**, Thursday 12 February, 10:30-12:30, Triodos Foundation.



BOPF will welcome Helen Godwin, WECA Mayor to the February Open Forum at Triodos Foundation venue. Ian sent the questions raised at the December forum to her and we look forward to the discussion. We also look forward to hearing about Robins Foundation, the official charity of Bristol City Football Club. The charity provides a number of services for older people. All welcome. No registration needed. [Click on this link](#) to read the February Open Forum programme and directions to the Triodos Foundation.



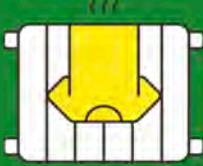
## Exhibition news from Transitions Hotwells Cliftonwood

Richard says: Interesting 'Green Register' sustainable construction exhibition currently at CREATE Centre, including passivhaus standard co-housing project in Bedminster and Goldfinch Create and Play cafe in Westbury on Trym. There is also a short video on some lovely work going on a short distance down river - 'Think global - act Avonmouth'.

Green Register established by architect Lucy Pedler, whose Redland home upgrade inspired me to add solar thermal tubes to my Listed Building roof in 2010!

<https://www.createbristol.org/events-and-exhibitions/>

## Groundwork Get Energy Help offers helpful tips and advice on different ways you can save energy, stay warm and reduce energy bills

		
<p><b>Only boil the water you need</b></p> <p>Over time, boiling the correct amount of water for hot drinks and cooking can reduce your bills. Learn about the difference you can make with this small change to your daily habits.</p>	<p><b>Keep your home ventilated</b></p> <p>A home with moist air uses more energy to heat and can cause bills to rise. It takes longer to heat damp air, and it cools down quicker. Learn how to keep moisture levels down.</p>	<p><b>Drying your clothes</b></p> <p>Drying clothes on radiators makes your home more expensive to heat and can cause damp, mould and condensation. Learn about the alternatives with this guide.</p>

On our Resource Hub, you can access guidance on how to you can heat your home more efficiently, reduce damp mould and condensation, or save money on your energy bills – including advice on how to retrofit your home.

There are many small changes we can make to our everyday activities in the home such as cooking, washing and heating, as well as cost effective ways we can keep cold and moisture out. These 'interventions' may be small but can add up to make large savings long term.

Visit our [Resource Hub](#) to learn how you can make your home more energy efficient. You can also download [planners](#) to help keep you and your household members on track with the changes too.

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