

Someone to CARE for our open spaces

Planning the future of Bristol's parks and green spaces



BRISTOL Parks is pleased to announce a new and exciting initiative within Southmead. From the 24th July Southmead has its own park keeper dedicated to a number of parks and open spaces; Doncaster Road Park, Glencoyne Square, Embleton Road Open Space, Trym Valley Open Space, Port Elizabeth Sheltered Housing Frontage and Badocks Wood.

The Park keeper, Jamie Bushel, is an experienced grounds worker and gardener and is keen to make a difference to the parks under his supervision.

He will tackle issues of litter, broken glass, pruning shrubs and bushes as well as small repairs to the parks

infrastructure. He will be equipped with all the hand tools required and will have the use of a small van.

Jamie will be part of the Continental Landscapes Team reporting to Brian Williams and BCC Senior Community Parks Manager for Southmead Chris Hammond.

I am sure you will join me in welcoming Jamie to Southmead.

Chris Hammond

Left to Right in the photo: Paul James, Contracts Manager, Continental Landscapes; Jamie Bushell, Southmead Park Keeper; Chris Hammond, Bristol Park Service; Brian Williams, Area Supervisor, Continental Landscapes.

New Dog Control Orders are now in force



IRRESPONSIBLE dog owners in Bristol will face tough penalties for their anti-social behaviour since new Dog Control orders came into control on 1st August.

The orders follow consultation with the public and interested organisations and approval by the Cabinet at a meeting held on June 21. The orders use newly available legislation to toughen up on people whose dogs are a nuisance in public.

The four new Dog Control Orders make it an offence to:

- Not keep a dog on a lead
- Not clear up after a dog has fouled
- Not put and keep a dog on a lead when directed to do so by an authorised officer, and
- Permit a dog into a dog exclusion area.

Dog owners will face a fixed penalty notice of £80 for all four offences, with a reduction to £60 for early payments within 10 days. Any non-payment or refusal to accept the fixed penalty notice will be pursued through the courts where the person breaching the Order could be liable for a maximum fine of £1,000.

Making a difference together

EVERY month residents from each of the Neighbourhood Renewal* (NR) areas come together to talk about local community issues that impact on peoples quality of life.

It's a chance to hear about what projects are happening in other NR areas, share good ideas and decide how they can influence decisions made through the Bristol Partnership (a partnership between all different organisations in the city).

The NR Residents Forum also acts as the link between their communities and the Bristol Partnership (the people that make decisions).

The group has called itself the NR Residents Forum and meets for lunch

and to talk once a month at the Council House, on college Green between 1 to 3pm.

If you'd like to come along to the group, dates for the rest of 2007 are planned for Tuesday 11 September, Tuesday 9 October, Tuesday 13 November and Tuesday 11 December.

If you'd like to find out more or have a question about the NR Residents Forum then call Matthew Symonds at Voscur on (0117) 909 9949.

**Neighbourhood Renewal areas cover Barton Hill, Easton, Hartcliffe, parts of Henbury, parts of Knowle, Lawrence Hill, Lawrence Weston, Lockleaze, Southmead, St Pauls, Withywood.*



Wrap up your food waste

...and look forward to the new biodegradable bags next summer

SUMMER may have gone but do the smells remain? Residents of Bristol are being advised to keep their kitchen caddies and bins clean and wrap their food waste in paper or use special paper bin liners to avoid smells and pests, particularly during warm weather.

A new, clean and efficient way to wrap food waste will be available in the city by next summer.

Councillor Judith Price, Executive Member for Neighbourhoods explains further "Thanks to the efforts of Bristol's residents to recycle their food, the recycling rate has increased by 100% in just one year.

We want to make the process even easier by offering residents clean and efficient ways to wrap their food waste. Finding a manufacturer to supply approved starch bags and

licensing our logo to go on them requires a detailed legal and procurement process, which I have ordered underway immediately and our officers are getting on with the job."

"Once the bags have been approved they will be available for sale through local retailers, we are exploring whether bags could be provided free to residents, although this will not delay the opportunity for people to buy them through local shops.

Providing free bags could add to the council tax payers bills and we would have to balance these costs against the benefits to residents and potential costs saved by diverting food waste from being buried in landfill sites."

To obtain advice on kitchen waste collections call 0117 922 3838 or email customer.services@bristol.gov.uk Residents can also download kitchen waste advice from www.bristol.gov.uk/kitchenwaste