

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

Forthcoming events

Coffee and Christmas Gifts at Bethany, (Greystoke Avenue) Saturday 24th November 10am to 12 noon, very reasonably priced sale of goods that are suitable for Christmas presents, Christmas cards, calendars. **Coffee and cakes available.**

All proceeds from this sale go to the New Life Clinic in Kenya, where HIV babies are cared for. Many are healed and go on to be adopted by loving families.

Southmead Development Trust Annual General Meeting

Thursday 27th September 2007, from 7pm in The Concorde Room, Greenway Centre, Doncaster Road, Southmead BS10 5PY.

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Neighbourhood Renewal Health Theme Group Meetings: change of dates to

Tuesday 30th October 2007 and Tuesday 4th December 2007, both 1pm to 3pm at the United Reformed Church.



Relatives, former neighbours and friends can now keep in touch with Southmead, wherever they live

THE Mead can now be mailed to anyone interested in keeping in touch with all the news and gossip. If you have friends or relatives who have moved away but would like to keep in touch – then we can help.

For an annual subscription of just £6.00, we will mail 4 editions of The Mead.

Complete the form below and send it with your cheque or postal order to: 13 Staveley Crescent, Southmead, Bristol BS10 6HX.

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Cheque or Postal Orders should be made payable to *The Mead*.

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PARENTLINE PLUS

Understanding and dealing with your children

FREE Groups for parents in Southmead, all held on Fridays, 10am to 12 noon at Southmead Children's Centre, Doncaster Road. Tel: 0117 377 2343.

21st September.

Understanding Children's Behaviour (1 session)

Do you sometimes think your children do things just to wind you up? Find out what's really going on and what will help.

28th September, 5th, 12th, 19th October, 2nd November.

Less Shouting, more co-operation (5 sessions)

Do you spend your life nagging? Ideas on how you and your child can get what you need without falling out.

If you require any further information or would like an Individual Support session at Southmead Children's Centre, please contact us: Parentline Plus, The Park, Daventry Road, Knowle, Bristol BS4 1DQ.

Tel: 0117 953 5525 or call our free 24-hour helpline on 0808 800 2222.

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News from your councillors

Peter Hammond and Jenny Smith

Shetland Road

At last the old Scout hut site on Shetland Road is to be redeveloped. It's proposed that seven homes for rent are built there – the site has been treated as a rubbish dump over the years so this is a welcome development.

Wigton Crescent

The old farm cottage at Wigton Crescent development has had planning permission refused – it was felt the number of homes proposed was too many for the small site. Now it's likely the site will be sold at auction.

Southmead Road and Pen Park Road

When developments have an impact on a neighbourhood, planning laws can demand that developers contribute to local improvements. Just lately work at Airbus in Filton and on the Lidl store on Southmead Road have generated funds which will be spent on improving the junction layout at Pen Park Road and Southmead Road some time in the future.

The old Pen Park Scooters site on Pen Park Road is to be developed as housing for nurses and other essential health workers – development money generated from this is ear-marked for investment in open spaces, libraries and public transport – we will be making sure it is spent locally.

If you've got any news for us just let us know.


Jenny Smith and Peter Hammond

Advertise in the Mead!

ATTENTION all local businesses and other organisations! Advertising in The Mead is not only good for you – it's also a vital support for your local community newspaper.


The Mead is distributed quarterly to 4,750 households in Southmead and advertising rates are guaranteed to be competitive. Get in touch with Tracy Edwards-Brown on (0117) 903 8721.

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your Southmead Labour Councillors hold a drop-in advice surgery every third Saturday each month
No Appointment Necessary

Southmead Library
Greystoke Avenue
10am - 12 NOON





Why Neighbourhood Watch?

PERHAPS you have thought about Neighbourhood Watch as you or a family member have been affected by a recent crime and are worried, frightened, or may even be angry.

Perhaps you and your neighbours are concerned about the overall rise in criminal activity in your area.

Perhaps you all feel that the police are under funded and undermanned, and you would all like to do your bit to help, but because of commitments, health issues or age, you are unable to join the Special Constabulary.

Building friendships and community spirit is an important offshoot of Neighbourhood Watch, good community spirit in a street often means less crime is committed.

A number of insurance companies now give varying discounts to Registered members of Police recognised Neighbourhood Watch groups, and discounts are available at a number of local retail outlets on production of Neighbourhood Watch membership cards.

Neighbourhood Watch members are the eyes and ears out there in the community. We have 336 Neighbourhood Watch Schemes on North Bristol District covering approximately 30,000 households. Some schemes are small and covert, they do not display window stickers or street signs, others are large and display all sorts of Neighbourhood Watch material. Both are equally valuable to their communities and to the police.

They can, if they wish, actively take part in Crime Prevention initiatives and be used to spread Crime Prevention advice within their community, be it a large or small number of houses.

Neighbourhood Watch Groups are given 'the correct tools' advice and information, which enable them to become more aware of how to protect themselves and their property. This means fewer distressed victims and less crime for the police to deal with, leaving them free to deal with other local issues which blight communities.

There are three Neighbourhood Watch Administrators covering the Bristol Police District. Wendy Hull covers North Bristol. She is based at Newfoundland Road Police Station, 83 Newfoundland Rd, Bristol, BS2 9LU.

Please contact her should you wish to know more about what would be involved in setting up and running a Neighbourhood Watch group in your area. North Bristol: Wendy Hull, Tel: (0117) 952 9738. E-mail: wendy.hull@avonandsomerset.police.uk



Let's do something about abandoned trolleys

If you see an abandoned trolley you can now report it to Bristol City Council's line on 0117 922 3838.

Southmead local directory

- Bristol City Council**
Southmead House, Greystoke Ave
General Enquiries . . . 0117 903 8700
Neighbourhood Renewal 0117 903 8721
- Chemist**
Lloyds Pharmacy,
6 Arnside Road 0117 950 8008
- Chiropodist**
Footlogic,
371 Southmead Rd . . 0117 969 7600
- Community Contacts**
Southmead Community Centre,
Greystoke Avenue . . . 0117 950 1187
Southmead Development Trust
The Greenway Centre,
Doncaster Road 0117 950 3335
St Stephen's Community Work Project
The White Hall,
Glencoyne Square . . . 0117 959 3290
Grounds4Change 0117 969 3815
SCART, Arnside Rd . . .0117 950 5200
- Doctors**
The Lake Surgery,
19 Southmead Road. 0117 962 3474
Southmead Health Centre
Ullswater Road. 0117 950 7150/7100
- Hospital**
Southmead Hospital,
Southmead Road . . . 0117 950 5050
- Library**
Southmead Library,
Greystoke Avenue . . .0117 903 8583
- Police**
Southmead Police Station,
151 Southmead Rd. . .0845 456 7000
- Post Office**
Greystoke Avenue Post Office,
12-14 Arnside Road . 0117 959 3973
- Southmead Project**
165 Greystoke Ave . . 0117 950 6022

Look out for the next issue of The Mead containing loads more local news, features, readers' letters and competitions.
The deadline for contributions is Thursday 1 November 2007 and the next issue will be out early December 2007.