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Celebrating 10 years since the redevelopment of Symes Avenue and the opening of the hive!

Symes Redevelopment 10 year anniversary

We threw an event to celebrate Symes past, present and future. Thanks to Hartcliffe and Withywood Choir for a fantastic performance! Take a look inside to view some of the content included in the 10 year anniversary exhibition and find out about our local history project.



Opening of the Hive

The Hive drop in at the Gatehouse was opened by Karin Smyth on the 10th of November. Come along to say hello, find out about what is going on locally, buy healthy food and locally grown vegetables and get involved in activities.



Look inside to find out more about:

- What's on this Christmas in Hartcliffe and Withywood
- Symes 10 Year Anniversary
- Bristol Housing Developments
- New Courses at Symes
- Views from your Councillor
- Jobs and Volunteer opportunities

Would you like to write for Wham or volunteer to help with the next issue? We'd love to hear from you! Call and speak to Sam or Amy on 0117 903 8044

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Symes Redevelopment - 10 Year Anniversary

Symes Avenue was first built in the 1950s and had everything you could possibly need, from supermarkets to an opticians. After many years of use, Symes Avenue became derelict. Business in the area had declined, forcing many local businesses to close their doors.

Below is Symes Avenue, pictured in the 1960's and 2006, before the redevelopment began.



Developments were soon under way and buildings were demolished to make way for the new Symes Avenue. Below is Symes Avenue during its development and once completed in 2007.



Symes Avenue now includes the @symes Community Building, Morrisons, the petrol station, Iceland, Greggs, Boots, a post office and other small outlets .



We have been exploring local history with the fantastic Year 5s from Hareclive school and members of the community. A selection of photos of Symes over the years and the work from Hareclive pupils is up in the Community Building - please pop in and have a look!



What's on this Christmas in Hartcliffe and Withywood?



2nd Dec Christmas Fayre at Hartcliffe Community Farm, 11am

3rd Dec Red Riding Hood Christmas Panto at the Zion Centre

9th Dec HHEAG Christmas Wreath making Walk on Dundry Slopes, starting at the Scout Hut on Bishport Avenue at 10:30am.

9th Dec Windmill Hill City Farm Christmas fair, 12 noon to 4pm

4th and 11th Dec Christmas themed creative arts and crafts workshops at the Hive, Gatehouse Centre 10-12pm.

13th Dec Pop into the @symes Community building to hear some carols and have a mince pie 10-11am

16th Dec Hartcliffe Children's Centre Christmas Fair 10am - 12pm

16th Dec Hartcliffe Roundhouse/Allotments Santa's Grotto 12 - 3pm

Broadmead Christmas Market is open daily up until Christmas Eve; visitors can expect to find a host of chalets where they can buy authentic arts, crafts, gifts, and food and drinks.

Bristol Harbourside Market and winter playground: market is on every Saturday and Sunday in December, 11am to 5pm, with a craft market, mulled wine, festive decorations and music throughout. Ice rink 18th Nov to 16th January, Free outdoor film screenings 3 Dec, 11 Dec, 18th Dec and 7th January in Millennium square.

Want to get involved in your local Community?

If you are interested in parks, green spaces and planning issues then we'd love to see you at Pride of Place meetings. The next meeting is on the 4th of December at 10am to 12am in Mowcroft Church.

Community forums are an opportunity to discuss local issues, have a say, find out what's going on locally and meet others. Email us reception@hwcp.org.uk or call 0117 903 8044 and we'll give the dates for the new year.

Did you know one of the Biggest Housing Developments in Bristol is being planned for Hengrove and Hartcliffe Campus?

Find out more and have your say at: www.bristol.gov.uk/plans-for-hengrove

From the 7th to 14th December you can view the emerging masterplan and give feedback, the dates are:

- Thursday 7th December from 3pm to 7pm at Hengrove Leisure Centre
- Saturday 9th December 10am to 2pm at Hengrove Leisure Centre

The latest plans will also be available at the @symes Community Building

Would you like to enjoy some gentle seated exercise or learn Calligraphy?

New Classes starting in the New Year at Symes community building. Come along to the free taster (just turn up, no need to book) or call 0117 903 8044 for more information.

Gentle Exercise

This gentle exercise session has been designed to stretch out stress and tension in the body by using traditional yoga poses in a seated position. Suitable for everyone who has an interest in gentle exercise, no level of fitness is required.

Free taster Monday 4th December

10.00 to 11.00am



Calligraphy

This session will introduce you to the fascinating art of Calligraphy with practical exercises to get you started. Suitable for both left and right handed learners. All materials provided.

Free taster Monday 4th December

11.30 to 13.30



WEA Adult Learning
Within Reach

Both of these sessions are taking place in the @symes Community Building, Hartcliffe, BS13 0BE

Views from your Councillor Mark Brain - Massive House Building Plan for Bristol



“One of the things I hear about most as a Councillor is that there just isn’t enough for housing for people on modern means. For years, Bristol City Council has been hamstrung by rules that prevent it from building new homes. The only people who can now get a council home are those with serious issues. Ordinary young families have had almost no chance of getting a council house.

In 2016 Bristol elected a Labour Mayor and Council that are doing something about it. Cllr Paul Smith, Cabinet Member for Housing has come up with imaginative ideas to get around government restrictions.

Bristol will use private housing developments to pay for affordable housing. In Ashton there is a development where the developer is building houses for sale on council land and the payment for that land is it will consist of 30% or more of affordable housing. Affordable housing does not mean cheap houses for sale. It means housing either for social rent or shared ownership. This model will be repeated across Bristol with a big development planned for Whitchurch.

Bristol is starting its own housing company which can borrow money to get houses built which the council is banned from doing. As a company, it can build houses anywhere including places outside Bristol such as North Somerset. Personally, I would like it to build retirement homes for Bristol pensioners at seaside resorts in Somerset, Devon and Cornwall. Then our pensioners could retire to the seaside whilst freeing up larger homes in Bristol for young families. Bristol has also reached an agreement with South Gloucestershire and B&NES for them to build housing that would be available for Bristolians.

Decent housing isn’t just about houses. Having a decent home improves health and in particular mental health. Children do better at school when they have the space to do their homework. It’s not much use if everyone you know lives in Hartcliffe and you get offered a home miles away across the city, so local people will be favoured when houses are allocated. If children are settled in local schools it can be very disruptive if they have to move elsewhere in the city where they don’t know anyone. Housing is being built right now in Bristol and over the next few years there will be a lot more of it. There is at long last light at the end of the tunnel”.

Would you like to speak to your local councillor or MP?

Councillors surgeries are the second and third Saturday in the month, 11am to 12.30pm at Hartcliffe Library in the @symes Community Building - no appointment needed.

Karin Smyth also has regular advice surgeries. If you would like to make an appointment please call 01179 533 575

Free Support to Find Employment Whatever Your Situation

The **Park Community Centre** and **Carers Support Centre** have free services available to local people in Hartcliffe and Withywood. Both are for people aged 16-65 who have been out of work for a year and have faced a variety of problems getting employment. That might be because you are a carer for someone, you don't feel that you have the skills or training that you need, or the confidence and support, or because you are also struggling with another life situation that you need help with.

Both organisations will be at Morrison's Hartcliffe on the 9th of January and at the @symes Community Building on 16th January - come and talk to us!

Support to get into volunteering or work

The service is available to anyone in South Bristol who has been unemployed for more than a year and has a legal right to work in this country. If you are not in education or training and would like full support to get into voluntary or paid employment, the team can help you. Experienced staff will help with your individual situation by identifying any training to build your confidence and skills, support you as you write a CV and then help with job applications and interview preparation. The Park provides vocational education too. Support is also available with anyone who needs advice about additional life problems from debt and housing to substance misuse. The team is very friendly and any help you get is confidential. For example, 22 year old Ryan wanted a job that reflected his interests and that he would enjoy. The Park's team found a games design course for him and once he had completed it, they found him a mix of paid, project and volunteer work doing what he loved. Ryan valued the support he received from "welcoming and relaxed" staff and he keeps in touch with the team. Lots of people like Ryan have already been helped into work this year so please get in touch. For more information, please contact 0117 3533349 or email westofenglandworks@theparkcentre.org.uk

Carers Support Centre

Carers Support Centre is an independent charity providing a range of services for carers. We offer free one-to-one tailored support from experienced mentors that understand and can identify your particular needs, creating a supportive action plan that fits around your caring responsibilities. We have links with flexible employers, who can help you identify suitable job opportunities and apply for jobs and help you to access flexible work placements, training courses and workshops. We can meet you at a location that suits you in your area such as a community centre or library. We have already helped a number of carers such as Alex who has recently been ordered a part-time job that fits alongside his caring role for his mum. Alex said: "Personally, I feel this experience has been invaluable and it's gone above and beyond my expectations. Real progress has been made and I am looking forward to what is to come."

Please get in touch by phoning 0117 3771015 or emailing employment@carerssupportcentre.org.uk

Muslims 4 Bristol Organise a Local Litter Pick and Football Match



On the 21st of October, 50 people from Muslims for Bristol and the local community carried out a street litter picking event in Hartcliffe. The event was followed up by a football match organised by Bristol Somali Youth Voice; which helps people from different parts of the city to establish good relations and friendships. Thanks to everyone for organising this and participating!

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Home Care Workers - Bristol

Are you looking for a rewarding role as a Home Care Worker in Bristol and surrounding areas? **Bishopsworth, Hartcliffe, Whitchurch, Hengrove, Stockwood, Knowle, & Brislington.**

If you are an experienced care Worker (and this can be experience gained within the family) looking for a new role we have the job for you!

Please call Cathy/Lubna on 0117 9506027

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Families Welcome / FREE ENTRY 8pm
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Raffle / Auction / Stalls / Face Painting / Food
Helping Yasmin who has Down Syndrome, Autism and is non verbal
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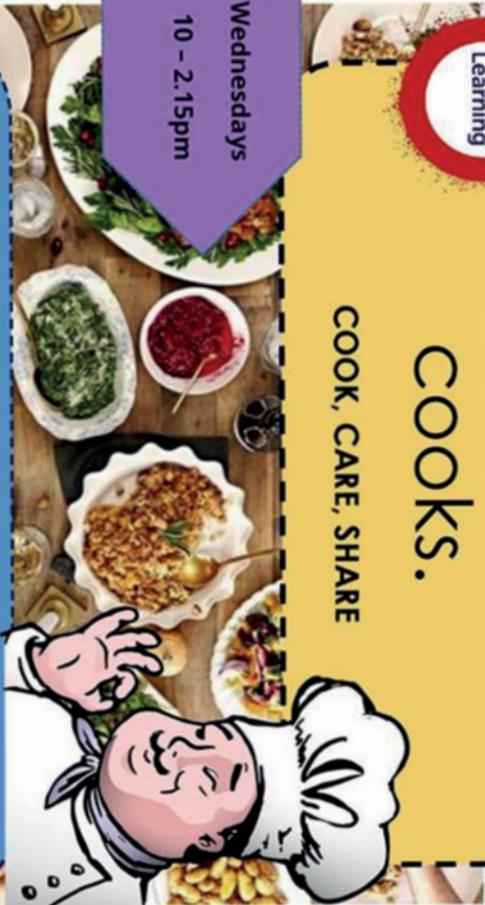


Love Learning

The Community cooks.

COOK, CARE, SHARE

Wednesdays
10 - 2.15pm



An opportunity for residents of BS13/ 14 to cook for the local community.

Get out and about, meet new people, cook together and share the feast!

- Each week we will spend time in No.10 The People's Kitchen cooking food to share with others.
- You don't need to be an experienced cook, as you will be supported by a cooking tutor.

Please get in touch to book a place @ The Gatehouse, Hartcliffe with Caroline or Alex on 0117 9465285

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- Do you live in Hartcliffe or Withywood?
- Are you aged 65 years+?
- Would you like to get out of the house and involved in fun local activities?

... Then the ACE Neighbours project could be just the thing!



ACE
Neighbours

"I don't have any anxiety about joining in... now that has made a difference!"

"As a volunteer I have had a positive impact in the community, made a difference to others... and had fun!"

We will match you with a volunteer of a similar age who will help you decide what you want to do and accompany you on the first few visits.

If you would like to take part or get involved as a volunteer please contact us for a full information pack:

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