

## North Somerset Partnership Update

March 2008

### 1. Work programme

- **Community Warden scheme** – the wardens have made a huge difference to the levels of cleanliness on South Ward. Working in partnership with NS Housing and Streets and Open Spaces we now have protocols in place to deal with fly tipping, refuse bags left out early and abandoned shopping trolleys. In addition we have ongoing campaigns to tackle levels of fly tipping, litter and dog fouling. The wardens have a key role in identifying and dealing with waste and litter as well as educating the public on how to dispose of waste responsibly. The wardens have recently been trained and received accreditation to hand out fixed penalty notices.
- **Parks improvement programme** – Jubilee and Millennium Green parks have both been refurbished and have now reopened to the public. Both areas have new and exciting play equipment; new planting and a range of hard landscaping including fences, lighting and benches. Work will commence on Byron recreation ground in June 2009
- **Shopping parades** – two of the three local shopping areas have now been refurbished. St Andrews Parade and Loxton Road have benefited from painting of shops, flats and shutters; a range of bespoke street furniture; regular paving; improved lighting and; planting of trees and shrubs. Work will commence on Aller parade in summer 2009.
- All the **street lights**, columns and heads have been replaced along the bus routes in South Ward. The new lighting can be controlled remotely and has a lower impact on the environment than the previous lights.
- The programme of **tree planting** has continued with the creation of tree lined avenues in each of the four neighbourhoods
- The **arts strategy** is being implemented with a range of artists being commissioned to develop pieces for South Ward. The theme of the arts strategy is rediscovering the hidden and will help to re connect people with the rich history and forgotten landscape of South Ward. Artists have been working with local residents young and old to record stories and anecdotes which will inform the development of landmark pieces and gateways.
- The **neighbourhood youth project** has been approved for a further two years based on the success of year one. A team of experienced youth workers funded by neighbourhood management work across the four neighbourhoods using a combination of street based detached

work, drop ins and activities to engage with local young people.

- In addition to the neighbourhood youth project which works with young people aged 13-19 the partnership has also funded **play rangers** to work with children aged 8 – 12 in the parks in South Ward.
- The partnership continues to fund the youth offending team to deliver **community based reparation** work on South Ward and recent projects have included gardening and an art based project at Weston Youth Centre.
- In partnership with NS Housing, neighbourhood management has agreed a further year's funding for the **domestic abuse worker** employed to work on South Ward by NADA.
- In addition the partnership has funded a **volunteer coordinator** for Somerset Wood recycling project. The coordinator's role is to increase the range of volunteering opportunities available to people from South Ward and to ensure that volunteers receive excellent supervision and skills development.

### **Community Engagement**

- The neighbourhood management team's community engagement worker continues to support the range of community meetings that take place across South Ward. There are two residents associations (Bournville and Oldmixon) a resident organised coffee morning (Coronation) and a parents group (Oldmixon) These groups meet regularly with local service providers to discuss issues of concern and to undertake joint problem solving.
- Through the work on Jubilee Park we have engaged with a group of local skate boarders and BMX riders. This group has now constituted as 'Concrete Community' and is helping to manage and maintain the new skate park at Jubilee Park.

### **Communication strategy**

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