On Your Doorstep



Community News from Lawrence Weston Summer 2016



The Lawrence Weston Youth Centre has a face-lift



"On Tuesday 14th June a team of 8 Finance Partners from TSB's Keypoint office took time away from our day jobs to support Ambition Lawrence Weston and helping to repaint the front of the Youth Centre building.

Everyone working for TSB is given 8 hours a year to get involved in their local area, to help their local community. Partners from Keypoint, Bradley Stoke dedicated their 60 hours to the local Youth Centre

in Lawrence

Weston. The youth centre is central to local community support work being carried out its important that this building looks and feels welcoming, approachable and safe. We managed to paint the entire front of the building including frames in a vibrant blue. This really lifted the look of the centre and will help in making all members of the community feel welcomed. It is brilliant to know that the time we've spent with Ambition Lawrence Weston



has been useful and supported the charity in making improvements.

Growing up in Shirehampton I am no stranger to the different community issues both areas face. I am just glad to of been able to help a charity that is trying so hard to support all members of the community and make a difference. I would recommend anyone to get in touch with Mark at Ambition Lawrence Weston and volunteer to help the charity in any way you can. "

Levi Jenkins – TSB Bank, Bristol Keypoint.



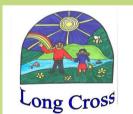
There were 372 telephone calls to the Force from

		the KingsWeston / Sea Mills area during May 2016. This is 24 less than the same period last year. Of these 27 calls related to Anti Social Behaviour, which is 16 less than the same period last year.		
<u>HOW TO CONTACT US:</u>				
Kings Weston	<i>E–MAIL:</i> bristolnpt-	Year by year recorded crime comparison <u>MAIN</u> <u>categories only</u> listed below.		
Neighbourhood Policing	north@avonandsomer			
Team	set.pnn.police.uk <i>WE'RE ON THE</i>	Overall there has been an increase of 11 in reported crimes in the KingsWeston / Sea Mills Beat area covering <u>ALL</u> crime categories, from		
PC 2190 Paul COUSINS	WERE ON THE WEB! www.avonandsomers et.police.uk/your- area/kingsweston/			
PCSO 8046 Tom Murray		87 in May 2015 to 98 in May 2016.		
PC 585 Gareth PIKE				
PCSO 7896 Paula Perry			May 2015	May 2016
Southmead Police Station Southmead Road	PHONE:	Criminal Damage	21	12
Westbury-on-Trym BS10 5DW	NON EMERGENCY 101	Dwelling Burglary	5	2
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BEAT MANAGERS REPORT		Theft of Motor Vehicle	6	3
In May we seized cannabis factories in Stradling		Violence Agst. the person	37	54
Road and Campbells Farm Drive.				

We continue to target the main ASB offenders and are working with the Council to take tenancy action where appropriate.

Motorbikes- We are starting to see an increase again in off road bikes. Please phone 101 to report all occurrences so that additional resources can be utilised to target the problem.

Paul



Specialist Children's Centre Funded 2 year old spaces available at Long Cross Children's Centre

We offer two and three year olds nursery provision (subject to funding criteria). The children get 12 hours a week all year around.

> Morning Session: 8.45am-11.45pm Afternoon Session: 12.30-3.30pm

Contact us for more information and to see if your

child is eligible. Tel: 0117 903 0740





<u>Jacki's Top</u> <u>Tips</u>

 Grow potatoes in a bucket, still have that

home grown flavour.

 Dip a cloth in warm vinegar to remove bird dropping from windows.

- Pot pourri lost its scent? Microwave for 30 seconds and scent is back.

Bristol Forest Nursery





Build dens, mud pies, bug hunt, climb trees Outdoor learning raises self-esteem, the ability to assess risk & make own decisions Exploring nature with fully qualified level 3 Forest School Leaders **Reggio-inspired early childhood education** We offer an innovative & inspiring approach Based on children's own interests drawing, sculpting, dance, movement, pretend play A small setting can ensure each individual child is valued, nurtured and listened to with respect Our beautiful baby room & garden offer naturally lit well equipped spaces to care for a maxium of nine babies with close care & attention Heuristic child centred approach Natural environment & resources **Beautiful timber outdoor play – Creative spaces** Highly qualified nursery educators Continuity of care same key person Happy, passionate, talented children Nurtured, loved & content babies Day Share – Every magical moment- photographs & daily diary securely e-mailed every session

Footsteps – Early years' foundation stage curriculum termly report monitor how your child is progressing at nursery

Fully funded places 3-5yr olds & eligible 2yr olds



Lawrence Weston, Bristol 0117 9829609 enquiries@sanswayhouse.com <u>www.sanswayhousenursery.co.uk</u> Find Sansway house day nursery & Bristol forest nursery on FB



280 Bakes, Lawrence Weston's home bakery, prides itself on being a 'social enterprise'; this means it adds value to the community and benefits the area as a whole through business. I'm the owner of 280 Bakes,

and with my husband, we're very community orientated - my childhood and teenage years were full of community project work and activities in Swindon - and it's nice to be able to give back, albeit in a new town.



Just last week I had a phone call from an elderly lady, an EL Dub resident, who, with her friend, couldn't get out the house. They'd seen

us featured in the previous issue of OYD, and wanted to have cakes delivered. The two ladies were both



disabled and couldn't bake or head to the shop themselves. Delivering the cakes (a low-sugar lemon poppy seed cake and a low-fat banana loaf) not only gave them something nice for tea, but also created a small link to the community and their neighbours. We had a short chat, and I was conscious that might be the only contact with anyone they may have all day.

Another example of how 280 Bakes reaches the community is through our visits to local community groups. From toddler groups to parent craft groups, from laughter classes to book clubs, we've popped in to many in

the last month with samples of our delicious cakes. Needless to say,

free cake goes down well, but it's lovely to be able to meet more of Lawrence Weston and the surrounding areas. We're able to build links and have since seen a few of these people around, who are always happy to say 'good morning'.



Through my baking, I am lucky enough to meet a lot of the community, a part of my job I really enjoy. My husband and I moved to

Lawrence Weston in August last year, and it's been lovely getting to know our neighbours.

280 Bakes runs a daily deal of cake deliveries (#CakeOD) and also bakes to order on other cakes. Birthdays, weddings, tea time... we can help! Call us on 07835 882817 or find us on Facebook.



Louise Vargas 280 Bakes

CITY AND PORT OF BRISTOL BOWLING CLUB



With half the season still to enjoy there is plenty to look forward to between now and early October.

Reduced price membership for new members is now available and there is still the opportunity to come and try bowling free of charge on Tuesday evenings. All equipment is supplied and experienced bowlers are on hand to offer help and advice.

A highlight of the season so far was the visit of Milford Haven on May 24th. Almost thirty bowlers and their families made the long journey from West Wales to enjoy and afternoons bowling in the Shirehampton sunshine.

COMMUNITY

FREE Courses

Lawrence Weston, Shirehampton, Avonmouth, Sea Mills, Henbury & Brentry

LEARNING

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The game came about when City and Port were on tour last summer and played at Milford Haven one day. As is the custom an invitation was extended to the hosts to play a return game next summer. The invitation was accepted and resulted in a very successful afternoon with the chance to renew acquaintances and exchange stories about bowling. The result of the game ---- an overall win for City and Port was much less important than the pleasure that was taken from being on the green.

For more competitive bowlers there has been plenty of action with both Ladies and Gentlemen's teams playing in the Bristol and District Leagues and taking part in County Competitions.

Club Competitions are also underway and will culminate in Finals Day, another highlight of the clubs year on September 10th.

This year's Summer Tour will be based at Eastbourne early in September, bowling at a number of venues not previously visited by the club.

Since the start of this season the club has welcomed three new members --- Shirley Callaghan, Nick and Lyn Burand, as well as seeing the return of Matthew Price. On Thursday June 9th Shirley and Lyn made their club debuts in a Ladies Friendly against Henleaze.

There have been men's league debuts for a number of bowlers this season including Peter Cornish, Frank Jordan, David Garrod and Malcolm Towler.

On Monday July 25th the club will play host to a game between Gloucestershire and Somerset starting at 2pm. Why not come along and watch what promises to be a good afternoons bowling.



Advice Sessions



North Bristol Advice Centre provides free and independent advice and support at weekly drop-in sessions across North Bristol.

Shirehampton*

Welfare benefits & general queries

Tuesdays, 10am-12noon Shirehampton Health Centre, Pembroke Road, BS11 9SB

We can help with:

- \Rightarrow appealing benefits decisions
- \Rightarrow benefits checks
- \Rightarrow overpayments or tax credits
- ⇒ completing claim forms

*in partnership with

SHIRE advice service

Lawrence Weston

Debt advice only

Tuesdays, 10am- 12.30pm Ridingleaze Customer Service Point, Ridingleaze House, BS11 0QE

We can help with:

- \Rightarrow dealing with debt
- \Rightarrow contacting creditors
- ⇒ enforcement actions
- ⇒ debt relief orders

No appointment needed!

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We also provide advice online or by telephone. Please contact us or for details.

0117 951 5751

www.northbristoladvice.org.uk

Ambition Lawrence Weston Celebrated our Solar Success with Free Pieminster Pies at the Lawrence Weston Carnival



Bristol's Pieminster Pies kindly sponsored our celebration of the solar farm and we surveyed many resident who supported the idea of ALW working to develop future community owned renewable energy schemes. One of our project ideas is to develop one or more wind turbines in Avonmouth, sited away from the residential areas. This would be owned, or part-owned, by the community and would see profits returned to the community for community projects similar to the Lawrence Weston Community Solar Farm. We're keen to hear your view on all energy matters and will be surveying residents to get your views.

Ambition Lawrence Weston has setup Avonmouth, Lawrence Weston, Shirehampton Energy to:

Generate decentralised renewable / low carbon energy in Avonmouth and Lawrence Weston ward Facilitate co-operative community investment Increase energy resilience in the ward Educate residents about energy efficiency Provide training and employment for local people

This year the energy project will be continuing to undertake projects to help residents save money on their energy bills. If you want to save money and don't know where to start contact <u>als.energy@gmail.com</u> or call David Tudgey on 07846057470



Other news....

Ambition Lawrence Weston has recently been awarded funding from, Bristol City Council's Community Energy Benefit Fund, managed by Quartet Community Foundation, and Transition Portishead Community benefit fund to support the energy project run a pilot training and employment scheme.

The Avonmouth, Lawrence Weston, Shirehampton (ALS) Energy Group is looking to recruit volunteers and interns this autumn, to help with surveying our community, helping residents switch to cheaper energy provider, undertaking energy audits of homes and community buildings, and draught proofing. Volunteers will be given training in all aspects of community energy.

The programme starts later this autumn from September. Volunteers can access training and support in delivering activities. The internship programme is aimed at those who are currently unemployed and would like to learn new skills that would support future employment and is 15 hours per week paid position, for 8 weeks.

If you would be interested in getting involved please contact us for an application form. For more details please contact <u>als.energy@gmail.com</u> or call **David Tudgey** on **07846057470 Current Projects:**

- Developing new renewable energy projects such as wind or solar projects
- Energy switching workshops
- Cold Homes Energy Efficiency Survey Experts (CHEESE) Home energy audits
- Draught proofing

Mayor of Bristol celebrates as Bristol Energy Coop's new solar farm takes shape

Have you noticed a new solar farm being built on your doorstep in Lawrence Weston? Last month, Bristol Energy Cooperative (BEC) celebrated the start of construction of their new solar farm with the newly elected Mayor of Bristol, Marvin Rees, and regeneration project Ambition Lawrence Weston. The 4.2 MWp solar farm will bring significant, long-term benefits to the city and Lawrence Weston, where the new Mayor grew up.



Lying on the eastern edge of Avonmouth (at the junction of the M5 and M49 motorways), the site will be transformed into a solar farm generating enough electricity to power 1,000 average homes each year.

Community-owned power

Profits from BEC's energy generation will be used to fund £4 million of social projects across Greater Bristol and Somerset over the 25 years of the projects, for example fighting energy poverty or increasing households' energy efficiency.

BEC has raised over £9 million since last November to make their ambitious solar projects happen. And now the countdown in on to reach their fund-raising target

to help bring more community solar to Bristol and beyond. Mayor of Bristol, Marvin Rees said:

"This is a proud moment for Bristol as BEC continues to help put our city on the map as a leader in the renewable energy revolution. When construction is finished in June, BEC becomes the largest community energy company in the UK by generating capacity - an amazing achievement. We are lucky to have such active and successful community partners in the city that will play an invaluable role in our journey to becoming carbon neutral by 2050.

"At the local level, this new solar farm will offer long-term benefits to the local economy and residents of Lawrence Weston, and I hope Bristolians will continue to get involved with BEC's fund-raise to bring even more clean energy to the city. I grew up here, so I'm really pleased to see a disused site like this get a new lease of life and create opportunities for local people in the community."

Andy O'Brien, co-director, said:

"We'd like to thank everyone who has invested in our solar projects so far. These investments have allowed us to reach this exciting moment in the development of our solar portfolio. This is another significant step in our mission to generate clean energy locally and make the benefits available to all.

"As momentum grows in our crowdfunding campaign, we encourage Bristolians to back our fund-raise and help us install solar panels on community roofs across Greater Bristol. Investment will bring financial returns with higher projected rates than the average bank or building society, as well as further long-term benefits to the city, community and the environment."

Mark Pepper, Development Manager, Ambition Lawrence Weston said:

"The new solar farm is an inspiring symbol of Ambition Lawrence Weston's plans to regenerate the local area and improve the lives of the residents through our ten year plan. It is exciting that this is happening right on our door-

step and that under-used ground is being transformed and put to good use for the benefit of the community."

Get involved

BEC's solar farm is on track to being completed this month, and the countdown is on to reach their crowdfunding target. Find out more about how to get involved on BEC's website – http://www.bristolenergy.coop



Our Carnival showcases the Arts and Creativity of Lawrence Weston

Here are some photos showing the work that went into the amazing Carnival at Long Cross and

Bankleaze Primary Schools and at Blaise Weston Court with pupils from Our Lady of the Rosary. A BIG THANK YOU must go to Aisling from Oasis Long Cross and her arts parents Hayley, Heather, Gemma, Louise, Shay-Marie and artists Dee Moxom and Ruth Ramsey form Arts Enlarge.

The Giant Flowers will be on display again at the Goram Fair at Blaise Castle Estate on July 30^{th} .

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Update from Mark Pepper, Development Manager for Ambition Lawrence Weston Lawrence Weston College site

New Homes

Persimmon Homes have now started their public Consultation with residents for their plan to develop 75 Passive House Homes. They intend to build 53 open market homes and 23 Affordable homes including a mixture of 1, 2, 3, and 4 bedded properties. Draft plans are available to view from Lawrence Weston Youth Centre, Long Cross.

New Community Building / Hub.

Following the successful planning application approval, negotiations are ongoing to deliver a multi-use community building. We have negotiated (in principle) land and money from the land owners, Bristol City Council, and have submitted a funding application to help pay for the build out costs from the lottery's "Reaching Communities" fund. As you may imagine, with the cuts to national and regional budgets, it's not a done deal and we still have a long way to go to realise these plans, but please be assured we are working extremely hard to ensure a community hub is delivered on the site.

Supermarket

Negotiations are still ongoing with a national Supermarket chain, and we are told an announcement will be made very soon. The supermarket intend to build a "flagship store" with improved employee welfare space and provision, increased floor space from their usual size stores, and built with increased energy efficiency in mind. Ambition Lawrence Weston's employment project intends to work closely with the supermarket to ensure as many jobs as possible go to local people.

For further information on any of the above or any other issues concerning LAWRENCE Weston please contact Mark on 07825959617 or email <u>Mark@ambition-lw.org.uk</u> Alternatively pop into the Lawrence Weston Youth Centre on Long Cross_BS11.0BX

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Outstanding Ofsted report for Long Cross Specialist Children's Centre

Staff, children and parents at Long Cross Specialist Children's Centre are celebrating after achieving an outstanding Ofsted report.

Inspector Rachael Williams said the nursery in Lawrence Weston had made excellent progress since its last Ofsted visit three years ago, when it was rated satisfactory.

She paid tribute to the extremely dedicated management team and staff, in particular manager Karen

Sheppard, who she described as "truly inspirational ... highly motivated, ambitious and enthusiastic".

Ms Sheppard, Deputy Principal at Oasis Academy Long Cross, who leads on all services for children from birth to five years old, is one of three qualified teachers on the staff at the centre, which has 76 children aged two, three and four on roll.



All children were said by Ofsted to be making rapid progress, thriving and flourishing in a safe, secure and well-resourced learning environment.

"Staff provide an extremely welcoming and nurturing learning environment where children thrive," the report said.

"Staff know their children incredibly well. Staff are extremely respectful and genuinely care about the children. They are excellent role models."

For further information, call 0117 9030333 or visit www.oasisacademylongcross.org

What has your Neighbourhood Officer been up to?



Since we last spoke I've been:



Organising a walkabout from the park on Henacre with the police, parks and housing. The aim was for you, the residents of Henacre, to have the chance and time to talk to your housing officer and local PCSO about outstanding issues and concerns that you had, reporting things like the broken fence and gate panels, motorbikes using the green etc. It was to also encourage you to report issues yourself via BCC website or by going to the housing office on Ridingleaze. So our next walkabout is planned for Tuesday 26th July walking Beverston Gardens, Orlebar, Chapel Lane and Maunsell from 10am.

In early March, Bristol Evening Post advertised the fact that Henacre Green was going to be put up for sale. Bristol City Council then supported 2 meetings for residents to come along and ask questions but also to say whether they liked the idea or not. 13 people took part.

The latest Lawrence Weston Neighbourhood Forum was held at the Social Club and 20 residents came along. We talked about the state of Lawrence Weston, the amount of litter on the streets, green areas, parks etc, Ambition Lawrence Weston and your local police team gave an update on the things they both have been working on in the area. Our next forum is taking place on Thursday 21st July at Blaise Weston Court, Broadlands Drive. Come along.

In early May, Sarah Tyler of BCC Parks, arranged a litter pick and training session for Lawrence Weston residents interested in keeping their parks and green spaces tidy. With some apologies and no one else coming along on the day, Sarah and myself cleaned the park on Ridingleaze of litter. If you are interested in getting involved in other litter picks in parks and green spaces or the training on offer then please get in touch with Sarah on 07736640955 or email <u>sarah.tyler@bristol.gov.uk</u>



Are you 18 -24 Come and find out what fantastic opportunities there are. Employment, training and prize available for best business idea.

Free food and travel

For the minute, that's it. If you have any questions about anything I've said then please contact me, Tracy Edwards-Brown either by phone 0117 9036412 or email <u>tra-</u> <u>cy.edwards-brown@bristol.gov.uk</u>

Employment, Enterprise & Apprenticeships Event for Young People

Tuesday 26th of July, 12 - 4 @ Avonmouth Community Centre

Meet employers recruiting Speak to training providers Guest Speakers Employer Speed Networking

Community Dragons Den Workshops; Social Media, CVs Motivation, Branding Funding available subject to circumstance

For more information on the event and free transport & travel reimbursement please contact lucy@avonmouthcca.org.uk



ACORN; the Association of Community Organisations for Reform Now is a community union formed in Bristol in 2014. We are the first wave of a new model of grassroots organisation; building community unionism across the UK with offices in Bristol, London, Newcastle and Edinburgh.

Our campaigns mobilise local people to come together in solidarity to tackle the problems facing our communities - from access to decent housing, public services and a political voice, to fighting back against unwanted developments and corporate malpractice. We engage in creative, direct action that not only solves individual problems but builds collective power, confidence and leadership.

Here in Bristol our campaigning for better standards in rented housing has seen the following victories:

Won Mayoral and Council endorsement of our Ethical Lettings Charter - making Bristol the first (but not the last) UK city to take a stand on tenants' rights

Gained Council commitments on standards in all their own housing

Forced unwilling landlords to make thousands of pounds worth of repairs to peoples' homes Won rent repayments and reductions for tenants due to disrepair and unethical landlord behaviour Mobilised community pressure to prevent illegal evictions

Won tens of thousands of pounds in housing repairs, rent repayments and returned deposits from unwilling landlords

The idea is simple: That when individuals join together in community groups and unions, we are more powerful. And when community groups and unions join together to influence cities, countries, industries and governments, we can build the power to change anything.

For more information on ACORN campaigns please visit www.acorncommunities.org.uk





LAWRENCE WESTON EMPLOYMENT HUB

Do you live in or near Lawrence Weston? Looking for work or a career change? Looking for local training courses? Come and see us at the **Youth Centre** (Long Cross, BS11 ORX)!

We are an independently-funded service ran by Ambition Lawrence Weston and can

help you achieve your dreams and aspirations!

Our new opening times are:

Monday 12-1pm: ESA Club (peer group support and coaching for residents on ESA or long-term unemployed Jobseekers)

Tuesday 10-3pm: Ambition Job Club (drop-in for anyone wanting job-search and CV support)

Friday: National Careers Service (make an appointment to see an experienced careers advisor)

We also have a range of courses and workshops running at the Youth Centre on a regular basis. Drop in to see us and find out more!





Community Cafe

Our Community Café is open every weekend throughout the year. It will also be open Wed - Sunday through the summer holidays. Please check our website for details.



Come and join us for Our Family Fun and Day on August 3rd 1 - 4pm.

We will be running Free Summer Kids Bike Workshops on Thursdays 2-4pm all though the summer holidays - over 8's can drop in with their bike and use tools to mend it and give it a service.

We have spaces in our Farm Hands sessions (8 -11yrs) to help on the farm - please contact Kerry 01179381128 Kerry@lwfarm.org.uk for more details



Please check our website for other free family activity sessions through the summer.

30 Years of memories of Lawrence Weston Community Farm

Lawrence Weston Community Farm will soon be celebrating its 30 birthday! How time flies.

Do you have childhood memories of the farm that you would like to share? Did you help to build it or improve it, or come along and visit as a child? We often hear stories from visitors

about naughty donkeys, noisy geese and possibly even some ponies?

We are hoping to gather together local people's memories of the farm over the past 30 years to make sure they are not lost and to keep them safe as part of the history of the farm.

If you would like to share your memories with us you can do this in several ways: Post your memories/old photos on to our Facebook Page

Come along to our Local Memories Cafe 2-4pm from Wed Sept 21st at the farm (running for 3 months). There will be the chance to find out more about the farm as it is today and also to share memories from the past. Free refreshments too!

Write your memories down and bring them into the farm – also any old photos! For any further information please contact Kerry **01179381128** <u>kerry@lwfarm.org.uk</u>

RIDINGLEAZE PARK

Ridingleaze Park is having a great impact in Lawrence Weston. During the May half-term holiday, residents witnessed about 60 people spending their time at Ridingleaze Park, making a very good use of it and creating a lively atmosphere. **Ambition Lawrence Weston** is very proud of having given this to the community and see how residents benefit from our achievements. Our aim is to continue improving our community.









Your local Neighbourhood Forum is a public meeting where you can put forward your views on your neighbourhoods, meet local councillors and officers, find out what's going on and get support.

The next meeting of the Lawrence Weston Forum is: Thursday 21st July 2016, 6.30pm to 8.30pm at Blaise Weston Court, Broadlands Drive. BS11 0AF www.myneighbourhoodbristol.com



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