

St George – You Said we Did September 2025

Transport

Below is a list of some of the issues raised at the last community meeting on 11th May 2025 and an update on progress for each one.

You said	We did
“Repair wall on Crews Hole Rd”	Done by landowner Aug 2025
“Enforce bus lanes! It takes buses so long to get to Old Market, it's quicker to walk”	Work is ongoing to improve this
“Slow traffic on Conham Rd by the river park - so FAST!”	There are long term plans to improve the crossing point here and Cllr Fabian Breckels has been working with officers on this.
“Safe crossing required top Troopers Hill Rd”	Funding needed. Included in papers for next Area Committee 6 meeting for councillors to consider in prioritisation conversation.
“Pedestrian crossing at light, both ends of Chalks Rd - takes too long to change and pedestrians 'run' across instead of waiting”	The Church Road/Blackswarth Road/Chalks Road junction will be improved substantially in the coming months and years. There are plans in train for this.
“Speed bumps Lyndale Rd”	Speed bumps may not be the best option here. Funding will be needed for any intervention tackling speeding. Included in papers for next Area Committee 6 meeting for councillors to consider in prioritisation conversation.
“Affordable/means tested parking permit system”	Already a number of areas earmarked for future residents parking schemes (including parts of St George West). Cllrs Cara and Abi are investigating whether there is enough support to make a case for it in St George Central too.
“A series of signposts showing walking routes to green spaces eg. To Troopers Hill, To Conham Valley etc”	Cllr Rob Bryher making enquiries. A Public Rights of Way officer has agreed to consider adding Green Spaces as destinations to public footpath signage in the area. Still ongoing.
“Lower bus fares”	The main way we can lower bus fares is through greater public control of buses through national legislation to allow municipal bus companies (forthcoming) or the current franchising option (which allows private operators but gives combined authorities greater powers to control routes and fares). You can join the Reclaim Our Buses campaign to show your support.
“Orbital bus routes”	Cllrs aware of need and continually push for these where possible. New 16 bus route helps to provide this

<p>“Please can we have a traffic mirror at Foxcroft Rd/Park Crescent/ Lake View as it would help greatly”</p>	<p>Bristol City Council does not permit mirrors on roads. It’s been suggested that the best option for this junction would be to remove the vehicles parking close to the junction through additional parking restrictions and/or to redesign the junction to improve visibility.</p>
<p>“Can we make Chalks Rd one-way in response to EBLN?”</p>	<p>Cllr Rob Bryher responded - potentially, but it is difficult to see how this won't remain as a "main" road as the other routes to Whitehall Road are much more circuitous.</p>
<p>“Regular visits needed by parking wardens to discourage bad parking on our streets leading off Church Rd”</p>	<p>Cllr Rob Bryher responded - Another solution could be to have better parking management overall through a Residents' Parking Scheme. This would mean marked bays and fewer vehicles from out of area taking up parking spaces.</p>
<p>“Speed bumps on Meadow vale”</p>	<p>Cllrs Cara and Abi asked police to monitor speeds on Meadow Vale. Speeds were found to be high enough that mobile enforcement cameras will now be placed there. Traffic calming measures would require extra funding so suggestion is included in papers for next Area Committee 6 meeting for councillors to consider in prioritisation conversation.</p>
<p>“End of Conham Rd by the river park - You take your life in your hands when crossing the road. Speeding cars - speed bumps and chicanes?”</p>	<p>Cllr Fabian Breckels is working with officers on this. Funding for speeding reducing interventions needed. Included in papers for next Area Committee 6 meeting for councillors to consider in prioritisation conversation.</p>
<p>“Speed bumps along Foxcroft Rd, Park Crescent and Lake View Rd – Thanks”</p>	<p>Speed bumps may not be the best option here. In any case funding will be needed for any intervention tackling speeding. Included in papers for next Area Committee 6 meeting for councillors to consider in prioritisation conversation.</p>

Crime

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"Beat surgeries - can we have them again?"	Cllr Rob Bryher chased this and got confirmation that these have been happening just not widely advertised. Check the Avon and Somerset police website for details.
"Around the park/library drug deal hotspot"	Cllr Rob Bryher raised with PCSO. No reports of drug dealing in this area to the police since the beginning of the year. It's important that residents do report each occurrence to the police so they have data on the scale of the issue.
"Church Rd by the co-op has so much anti-social behaviour/drug taking/alcohol abuse"	Cllr Rob Bryher raised with PCSO. Very few reports to the police. Police do have a direct contact with a Co-op manager who keeps them in the loop but no issues have been raised for months.
"Have a regular police presence in St George park to disperse groups of alcohol drinkers and those showing aggressive behaviour." "St George park (and access areas around park) can feel lawless at times - at dusk drug deals and people stealing from Co-op and running in."	PCSO does regularly visit the park. However, police are currently unable to have a daily presence due to capacity constraints.

Green Spaces

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“Play area given a surface that will last and is suitable for children and the environment”	Play in St George Park are looking for a fundraiser and are currently in the CIL funding process for swings.
“Replace old park benches in St George Park” “Benches falling apart in park - can we repair them?” “Add picnic benches to St George Park”	Cllr Rob Bryher met on site with a parks officer and found a location for a new picnic bench. Parks officer also said that park benches are replaced when not useable. Waiting to see whether the Friends of St George Park can fund a new picnic bench in the area directly above the play park, near to the path for greater wheelchair accessibility.
“A sign at the duck feeding platform in St George Park explaining why bread is unsuitable for birds and advertising that the park café sells duck food.”	Friends of St George Park are looking into it. Also included in papers for next Area Committee 6 meeting for councillors to consider in prioritisation conversation.
“Lake marginal planting - done properly - not a cheap option - please see 2011 consultation plan from wetlands trust” “Lake marginal planting please”	Friends of St George Park looking into it. Also included in papers for next Area Committee 6 meeting for councillors to consider in prioritisation conversation.
“New toilets in St George Park please” “Public toilets need fixing, I visit every day for years and they are rarely open. This needs fixing urgently” (+1)	There are a range of measures the council is taking to improve the cleanliness of the toilets in their current location. Cllr Rob Bryher asked officers to ensure that the toilets were bolted shut at dusk rather than left on a timer. There are a number of other measures being explored such as roller shutters, improved signage and upgrading the toilets themselves.

Waste, Litter, etc

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“Can't get recycling bag - tried putting it out in other containers”	BCC and Bristol Waste are aware of supply issue and working to resolve as quickly as possible. In the meantime residents can get in touch with their Cllr with specific cases if they have no luck through standard Bristol Waste channels
“Littering on Beaconsfield Rd outside Labour Club - litter bin? Signage?”	Cllr Rob Bryher raised this months ago and is still chasing a response.
“Signage like on city centre bins to deter littering”	Included in papers for next Area Committee 6 meeting for councillors to consider in prioritisation conversation.
“Education and telling the story of what happens to recycling” “FAQS/online resource to signpost people to where to recycle things”	Cross party Task and Finish group currently looking at education campaigns to improve recycling rate.
“Bins being thrown around and sometimes not completely emptied”	Cross party Task and Finish group currently looking at introducing different recycling containers which would be more robust and easier for crews to empty.
“Church Road can feel/look very dirty and 'neglected' flytipping and littering especially around Aldi” “Help stop flytipping end of Richmond Rd/Church Rd”	Please report flytipping incidents on Fix My Street. Included in papers for next Area Committee 6 meeting for councillors to consider in prioritisation conversation.

Other

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"More trees - along Crews Hole Rd - at the shopping precinct by Nags Head Hill and Kingsway - along main roads: Blackswarth Road and Avonview Cemetery"	St George Central has been highlighted as one of three wards in Bristol most in need of more tree cover in the Bristol Tree Strategy. Cllrs Cara and Abi are looking into where funding for additional tree planting could come from.
"Public toilets Church Rd please" "Public toilets on Church rd please - pay as you go! - to pay for cleaning and maintenance" (4 other people added + 1 to this to indicate their support)	Unfortunately the council does not have funding for this or indeed any new public toilets at the present time.
"The businesses on Church Rd could potentially pay for a public toilet (especially supermarkets) as this would increase footfall and therefore profit. This would be more accessible than pay as you go"	This is worth exploring, but requires a team to work on it. Cllr Rob Bryher would be happy to facilitate such a group if that's agreed at the meeting to be a good idea.