

Twerton and Whiteway Community Network (TWCN) updates

Notes of the updates at Southdown Whiteway Church Centre on 25th January 2025

Bath City FC Foundation update (Chris)

www.bathcityfoundation.org

The Foundation is a registered charity and receives no funding from the Football Club. The Foundation currently works with people aged from 3-97 through groups and 'turn up and play for free' sessions. When the weather's good, sessions can be run at Pennyquick Park. Run Walking Football sessions, and now starting Ladies Walking Football - football at a slower pace with no physical contact, good social way to improve fitness. Social inclusion projects such as Reconnecting Twerton for older and socially isolated people, youngest participant is in their early 70s, run at Rose Cottage every Wednesday. Take the group out on visits; last year they went to Swindon Town FC, Cardiff City FC, Forest Green FC, and the new Bristol Zoo project. Worked with Sunflower Plus to develop a film, which can be seen on: www.bathcityfoundation.org/reconnecting-twerton. The Foundation also works in schools and run wellbeing sessions. Starting a walking/jogging session every other Thursday at Odd Down Sports Ground. They work with people to deliver activities that they want to get involved with. The Foundation is holding sessions to help people build digital skills - there's no stupid questions, no age barrier, free to attend, all welcome.

New Football Club Manager is really positive about community involvement, and invited the Foundation to training, which has never happened before. Contact Chris with any questions or suggestions: chris@bathcityfoundation.org

Whiteway Community Association (David)

If you recycle empty drink cans, please bag up crushed cans and the Whiteway Community Association will come and collect them, or you can drop them off (details in the TWCN newsletter below). The cans are converted into cash to benefit the community, such as buying goal post nets and a bench. Curo has also agreed to help put money towards something for the community. Plan to get litter picking started again, hoping to do in February and April half-terms. Contact David if you're interested in getting involved: whitewaycommunityassociation@gmail.com

Bath Digital Divide Collective (Alastair)

www.bathbridge.co.uk/bath-digital-divide-collective

Alastair is a local videographer and founder of SunflowerPlus.com, who is also the Digital Inclusion Coordinator for the Bath Digital Divide Collective, helping to build digital skills across the area. His role is to understand what the needs are and connect with people who want to learn basic digital skills, get support, learn how to get online etc. Contact Alastair on: alastair@bathbridge.co.uk

Healthwatch Bath and North East Somerset (Sue)

www.healthwatchbathnes.co.uk

Healthwatch gathers people's feedback on health and social care services, and can help you if you get stuck in the system or with challenges such as issues around mental health or everything now online to access health services. They make individual stories powerful, put into reports and advocate to make a difference. Healthwatch has 'Enter and View' power to look at services with trained volunteers, so they can feed back to the services. Contact: info@healthwatchbathnes.co.uk

Bath West Children's Centre (Lynette)

www.facebook.com/BathWestChildrensCentre

The Children's Centre has been run by Action for Children for seven years (First Steps before that), and is being taken into Bright Start / B&NES Council from April.

Bath City Farm (Brendan)

www.bathcityfarm.org.uk

Range of groups provided and funded groups are free. For all ages: toddlers under 5, primary age, secondary age, and after school clubs. Also work experience training in the café, gardening and animal care. www.bathcityfarm.org.uk/projects. They are building the 'Bath Shed' on the farm site, as a workshop and space where people can come together to make and mend things.

Bath Crochet (Clare)

Turn up if you want to learn or just for the social aspect. Every Monday alternately at (Velo Lounge?) and Southside Community Centre, 10.30am-12.30pm.

Bath Funeral Directors, Twerton (Filippa)

'Let's Talk' at Rach's Café on 12th February from 10am-2pm and at Hillier Garden Centre on 13th March from 10am-2pm. 'Let's Talk' is an open informal conversation with Filippa. A safe space to ask questions and share thoughts. Also an opportunity to come and chat about loved ones you miss.

Knives Take Lives (Bleed Boxes)

Emma has been raising funds to place Bleed Boxes around Bath for the community, and already raised over £8,000. You can support the appeal and find out more at:

www.gofundme.com/f/save-a-life-bleed-boxes-to-be-placed-around-bath-x

Southside Family Project (Isobel)

www.south-side.org.uk

Southside supports individuals and families dealing with challenges in Twerton and Whiteway, and across Bath and North East Somerset, through domestic abuse crisis support, advocacy and whole family support. We're at the base of Meade House flats, off Wedgewood Road, and you can call 01225 331243 if you would like to find out more about the support available. Southside also runs an after-school Community Hub Group for families at Bath City Farm every Tuesday from 3.15-5.15pm with play activities, opportunities to meet other local families to connect and support each other, finishing with freshly prepared food for tea: www.south-side.org.uk/hub-groups

Time Bank Plus (Viv)

www.timebankplus.co.uk

Community Project, Admin, Co-ordination and Development work:

Time Bank Plus is currently offering flexible opportunities for a range of community-based project work in Twerton for one, two three or four days per week at a salary of £28,000 to £30,000 pa (pro rata). You can find full details and download an application pack on www.timebankplus.co.uk/wp/jobs or email timebankplus@gmail.com. Deadline for applications is 16th February 2025.

CareMark (Johnny)

www.caremark.co.uk/bath/meet-the-team

Johnny has set up a domiciliary care business as the CareMark franchise for B&NES. He's looking for care workers so would like to hear from anyone interested in this work: bath@caremark.co.uk

Twerton and Whiteway Community Network update (Sally and Kate)

The Community Network has built a pot of funding to distribute through 'small grants' of up to £250 to support people who are doing or have an idea for something to support and improve our community. We raised £740 at Whiteway Fun Day and £5,000 has also been donated by the Cobalt Trust to award. The funds will be for local people/groups, not for larger organisations and charities that have the opportunity to apply to other sources of funding. Looking at the best approach, which could be Dragons' Den style events as has been done in Radstock and Westfield for many years now, or could be micro grant application to be considered by a panel of residents, as done in Knowle West in Bristol. There would be clear criteria and a simple, transparent application process for both approaches. At the Dragons' Den style event, people would have the opportunity to pitch their idea, with local friendly 'Dragons' from the community. Feedback on these approaches welcome and suggestions invited of who could be the friendly 'Dragons' from the community, best name for the events etc. Please contact Sally or Kate on 07398 589680 or email hello@twertonandwhiteway.org.

Twerton and Whiteway Community Organising Training: People, Power and Collective Action, 6th-7th February, 9.30am-4.30pm, Roseberry Road Studios (BA2 3DX). Food and drink provided. Contact Kate or Sally for further details, or find out more and book your place [here](#).

TWERTON AND WHITEWAY

WINTER 2024/25

Community Network Newsletter



Well Happy New Year! After a busy and joyful festive season across Twerton and Whiteway, 2025 promises to get off to an exciting start with plenty of new things kicking off in January.

'**Blooming Whiteway**' are launching a group with a climate focus called '**Overgrown**' for gardeners to get together and help our area blossom. **Seated Dance** is coming to Southside Hub with the first two weeks free, and **Twerton Infants** and **Little Lost Robots** are searching for people to help transform a classroom into **The Roost** - a creative wellbeing space. Volunteers will learn design skills alongside professional artists - contact ruby@lostrombot.org to get involved.

It was wonderful to see locals being so generous in spreading Christmas joy, especially with the absence this year of the beloved Santa Float. **MoreTreesBANES** (based at the back of Redland Park) invited locals to a free wreath-making/crafts day, **Oldfield School** held community carols in the football club carpark, Santa handed out presents at **Bath City Farm's** Winter Fair, and the Christmas lights going up around our neighbourhoods were something to behold.

It would be great to see you at our **get together on Saturday 25th January**, when we'll be dishing up breakfast at **Southdown Methodist Centre** (details below). We're hoping to hear people's memories and thoughts about the weekly market that used to run at **Twerton Park**, as there seems to be a lot of interest in reviving it.

You can always message us (Kate and Sally, the Network Coordinators) on hello@twertonandwhiteway.org or **07398 589680 / 07961 869970**.

- Dates for your diary**
- 9 Jan** **Man Down (Male mental health talking meeting)** Fortnightly, Thursdays 7pm at Twerton Village Hall
 - 10 Jan** **Seated Dance** 11am-12pm at Southside Community Centre (& then weekly)
 - 15 Jan** **'Let's Talk About It (Funerals)' coffee morning** 10am - 2pm Southside Community Centre
 - 18 Jan** **'Overgrown' (Blooming Whiteway's gardening club) launch** 2-4pm at Bath City Farm
 - 25 Jan** **Twerton & Whiteway Big Breakfast** 10am - 12.30pm Southdown Methodist Church
 - 6/7 Feb** **Community Organising Training** [see other side for detail] Roseberry Road Studios BA2 3DX

TWERTON & WHITEWAY BIG BREAKFAST

10AM - 1PM
SATURDAY 25TH JANUARY

Hear and share local updates and ideas for our area while enjoying a free brekkie

SOUTHDOWN METHODIST CHURCH CENTRE

WWW.TWERTONANDWHITEWAY.ORG

www.twertonandwhiteway.org

You're needed for Community Organisers Training!

Calling all of you community people out there who help your neighbours, run after school clubs, pick up litter in your street or offer a listening ear to other, and those of you who would like to get involved more!

On Thursday and Friday **6th/7th February** we're running a Free 'Community Organising' training at Roseberry Road Studios (BA2 3DX - on the river just beyond the Unite student block) - see map below.

There's space for 30 people, and the training should help us feel confident uniting as a community to build on what's great about our area. We'll learn some useful tips and ideas for making positive change and standing up for what our community needs.

Lunch is provided on both days and support is available for transport/ childcare/access requirements.

Contact us (Kate and Sally) to register:
hello@twertonandwhiteway.org / **07398 589680**



Rach's Cafe

Big congratulations to local legend Rachel Wiles who is bringing more life to Mount Road by opening a new cafe!

Breakfasts start from £6.50 and you can eat in or takeaway.

Anyone who visited the community cafe at Southside will know and love Rach, so let's show our support and make sure this new local business is a big success.

Whiteway Cans

The good folks of the Whiteway Community Association (WCA) collect empty drink cans which are converted into cash to benefit the community (e.g. the goal post nets on Whiteway Green and the Memorial Garden bench).

The cans must be **aluminium only, bagged up** and crushed if possible.

You can drop them in the jumbo bag in the collection bay on Roseworn Close - opposite the skate ramp (take 2nd turning right in Roseworn Close and the bay is in the left corner), or drop off at 180 or 277 Haycombe Drive.

You can also request a collection via the WCA Facebook group or whitewaycommunityassociation@gmail.com

Thank you! So long Nathan!

A heartfelt thank you and goodbye-for-now to Nathan who is stepping down from running Rose Cottage after years of service to the community.

He is taking up a new role in Keynsham and Mike Smith will be filling his shoes. Make sure you pay Mike and the brilliant Rose Cottage team a visit and show your support with the changes!

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