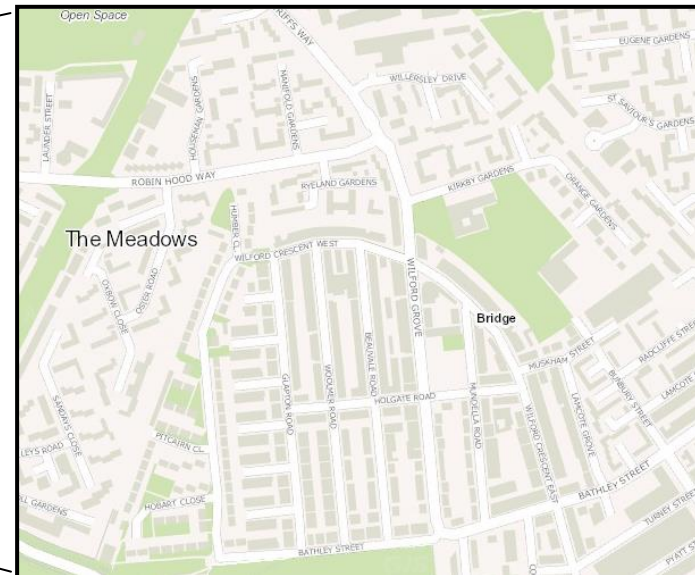
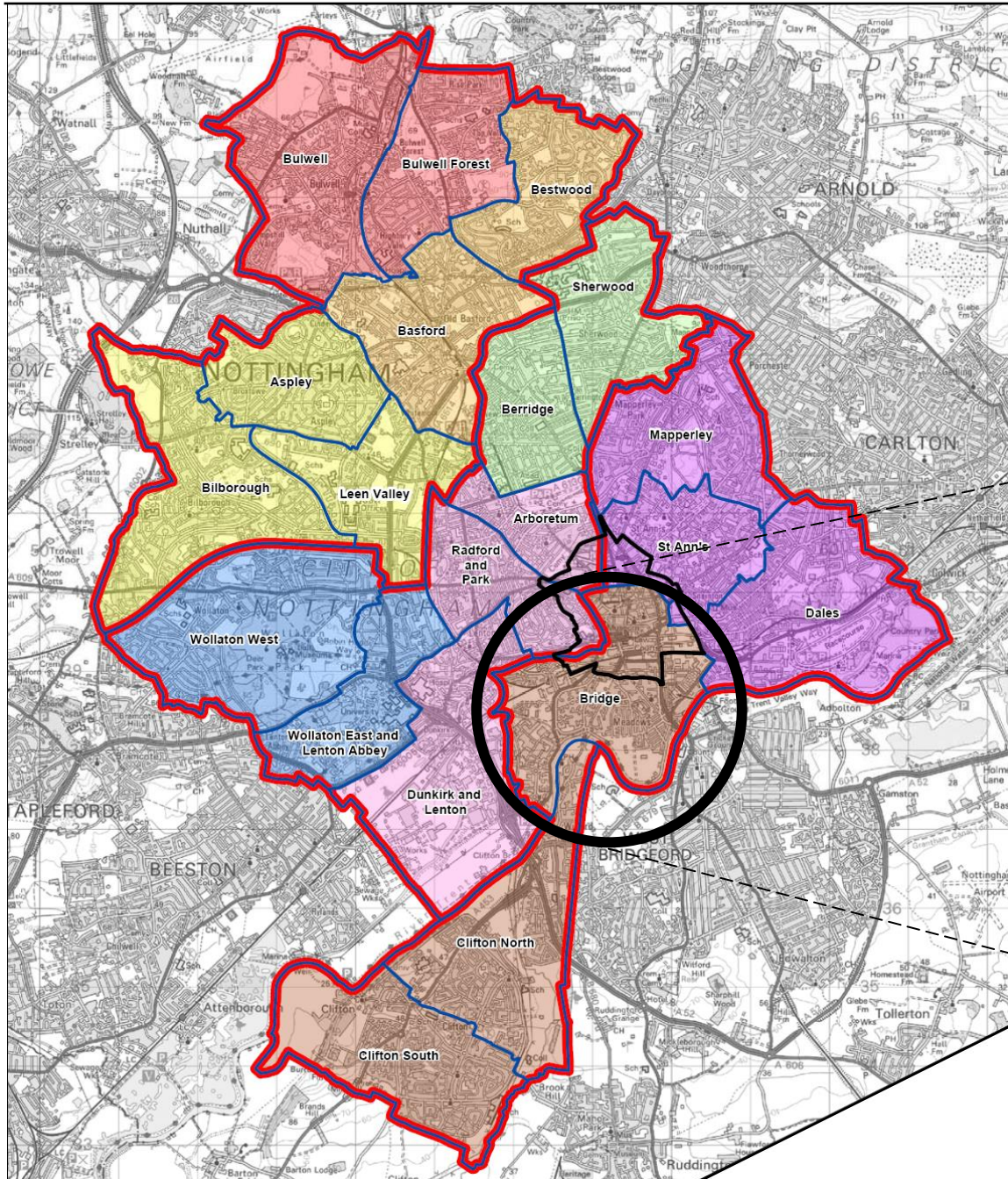


Bridge

Area Committee Report



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November 2014

INTRODUCTION

The Bridge Ward is situated on the south side of the city and covers the area of Meadows and part of the City Centre including London Road, Canal Street, The Broadmarsh, Market Square, Hockley and goes as far as Parliament Street.

The total population of the Bridge Ward is 14,669 (Census 2011), total population for Bridge Ward in 2001 was 9,084; this shows an increase by population of 61.5%.

Total number of dwellings in the Bridge Ward is 7,679 and has some of the following categories:

- Owned; Owned outright – 10.1% (718)
- Owned: Mortgage or loan – 17.1% (1,214)
- Social Rented: – Rented from the Council (LA) – 19.7% (1,402)
- Social Rented: Other – 11.3% (800)
- Private Rented: - 37.4% (2,657)

Source: ONS, Census 2011

Population by Ethnic Group – 51.8% (7,597) being White British, the largest minority group is Pakistani with 6.6 % (971), followed by Black African 5.1% (745), Indian 4.9% (713), Black Caribbean 3.2% (470), Mixed/White & Black Caribbean 4.45% (650)

Population by Religion – 37.8% (5,541) Christians – 12.2% (1,787) Muslim - 1.6% (234) Sikh - 2.4% (350) Hindu - 36.3% (5,326) no Religion

Source: ONS, Census 2011

Qualifications:

- No formal qualifications – 19.6% (2,477)
- Level 1: (4 GCSE's or equivalent) 10.3% (1,296)
- Level 2: (5 GCSE's or equivalent) 11.3% (1,427)
- Level 3: (2 or more A levels or equivalent) 17.3% (2,185)
- Level 4: (Bachelors Degree, Higher Education) 32.0% (4,041)
- Apprenticeships – 1.6% (204)

Source: ONS, Census 2011

Economically Active:

- Employee: Part-Time 9.7% (1,187)

- Employee: Full-Time 37.2% (4,540)
- Self Employed: 4.55% (545)
- Unemployed: 6.0% (735)
- Full-Time Student: 7.0% (855)

Source: ONS, Census 2011

The Bridge Ward has a mixed population and communities get on well with each another. Recently the area has seen an increase of new and emerging communities mainly from Eastern European countries as well as from Africa.

There are a number of residential areas across the ward including Cliff Road, private estate off Castle Marina, Turneys Quays, flats in the city centre and the Meadows. The largest community residential area is in the Meadows.

There are two distinct areas within the Meadows, The old Meadows and The new Meadows. Old Meadows has the traditional open street layout with terraced housing in the main, where as the new Meadows was built with the Radburn layout where a frontage of a property will face the rear of another property. This area also has walkways that run under and to the side of properties with many cut through ways and options.

The Meadows has three primary schools Greenfields, Riverside and Welbeck. The planned expansion of Riverside Primary School has been approved by Nottingham City Council and building work started early January. The expansion has doubled the school's capacity from 210 places to 420 places and building works have now been completed. Ofsted has recently put Riverside school under "Special Measures" and an action plan by the other two schools is in place to address this.

The Meadows has two Police Beat Areas which are covered by the Neighbourhood Policing Teams and they are The Meadows and Riverside. The Riverside Beat covers the new Meadows, the industrial estate off Queens Drive and the retail area at Castle Marina. A decision has been made to close Meadows Police Station, and once a neighbourhood policing base has been established within the Meadows, staff will move across to Riverside.

The area is home to some of the best parks and open spaces across the city with Queens Walk Recreation Ground once again being honoured with the Green Flag status in 2012, and the Victoria Embankment which is used by people from across the city and wider.

A Master Plan has also been put in place for additional recreational/resources to be introduced on Victoria Embankment, with a series of consultation meetings/events taken place to obtain the views and desires of local people. The Master Plan was presented to the Area Committee in February 2013 where it was approved. Community consultation continues with regards to the cricket pavilion.

The Meadows is going through some major developments at the moment including the Net Phase Two line with works taking place at various locations, and the Decommissioning works by NCH.

The tram works in the Meadows area are progressing well. The works along Queens Walk are mostly complete, with only landscaping and finishing work, particularly at the tram stops, still to be completed. This has enabled most of Queens Walk to be reopened for public use. Overnight tram testing is underway along this section, with daytime testing expected later in October.

The tram tracks have now been installed along Meadows Way, and road and footpath reconstruction is nearing completion. Tram stop paving, landscaping and the installation of overhead line poles is due to be completed in the next few weeks. Overnight tram testing on this section is expected to start at the end of October.

The new junction at the Queens Drive entrance to the NG2 business park has taken longer to complete than was expected, and traffic restrictions are expected to be removed from this junction in early October.

Tram services are expected to be open to the public in the first part of 2015.

Decommissioning - NCH

Phase 1 – All tenants moved out. Two leaseholders still to move. Work has commenced on stripping out asbestos from properties on Middle Furlong Gardens, Tarbert Close and Bosworth Walk ready for demolition.

Phase 2 – One tenant still to move. One leaseholder still to complete sale.

Phase 3 – Two tenants still to move. Two leaseholders still to complete sale.

Phase 4 – Forty one properties now void. All remaining tenants have been or are in the process of being revisited to discuss housing options. Negotiations with the ten remaining leaseholders ongoing.

This report will also highlight a range of projects/activities that have been delivered and planned to be delivered between September 2014 and November 2014.

The Bridge Ward priorities were determined (for 2014) at the Your Choice Your Voice event which was held on the 4th December 2013. Lead services consulted with citizens on the five core themes of Nottingham Plan 2020, and the priorities highlighted are those that have been agreed by citizens with partners for targeted action/s. This year's event will take place on the 2nd December 2014 where the current priorities will be reviewed and new ones identified if needed.

Ward priorities – Progress update

Priorities reviewed at the Your Choice Your Voice event in December 2013

Theme	Priority	Key Actions	Outcome	Lead
SAFER	<p>ASB:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hotspots: Wilford Grove, Holgate Road – Old Meadows, Arkwright Stores <p>Vehicle Crime Drugs / ASB – Bridgeway Centre</p> <p>Fires: Reduce the number of Accidental Dwelling Fires, Deliberate Secondary fires and Deliberate Primary Fires</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operation plan put in place by the Police Meetings and joint work with key services Gather intelligence on hotspots Community & Youth engagement Young people identified and issue taken to Young Persons Panel Patrols carried out on Arkwright Walk <p>Education and raising awareness of fire safety in the Home and deliberate fire setting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify those in the community vulnerable from fire and deliver appropriate interventions Work closely with Youth teams, Police and partners in the area to target deliberate Fire Setting 	<p>High Visibility Policing</p> <p>Offender management</p> <p>Youth Offending Team working with known individuals involved in ASB hotspots</p> <p>Target offenders and place on ASB where appropriate</p> <p>Crime prevention advice provided to residents</p> <p>Arkwright Stores visited and warrant executed</p> <p>HMO and problem properties targeted</p>	Neighbourhood Policing Team

NEIGHBOURHOODS

Fly Tipping:

- Keeping alleyways clean
- Gating of alleyways on Lamcote Grove

- Discussions with relevant partners on legal measures available for rubbish in alleyways
- Discussions with relevant landlords to address issues in relation to their property
- Continue with close work with TRA's in highlighting hotspots and raising awareness / educations amongst local residents
- Continue with Bulky Waste Collection awareness across the Ward
- Ward Walks around hotspots / alleyways
- To roll out anti-fly tipping stickers
- Increased work on securing prosecutions for fly tipping
- Deliver targeted partner services walk for properties on Wilford Grove
- Work closely with Street Cleansing to identify person/s responsible for fly tipping and taking necessary action for investigation and enforcement
- Identify owners of waste in alleyways
- Investigate and take enforcement when possible

Increased Community Protection patrols

Leaflet drop and property visits carried out

Improvement seen on reduced bins on street

Notice/s issued to landlords for clearing rubbish in property garden

Issues identified and action taken

Highlighting environmental crime incidences

Gather intel for action on poor state of properties

August 2014
6-Graffiti (1 offensive)
59 – Fly tips
10 FPN's –(7 for litter, 2 for bin on street, 1 dog fouling)
179 – LBA's (letters before action) delivered

Neighbourhood Services
Community Protection

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Community Protection / Partners

Community Protection
Neighbourhood Services

	<p>Dog Fouling:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hotspots: Queens Walk, Rec, Bathley Street, Felton Road, Woodward Street, Bunbury Street, Green Street, Collygate Road 	<p>on each fly tip/waste case</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distribute information to residents CPO's to issue FPNs if waste out and no collection booked CPO's taking enforcement action and issuing FPN's for non compliance Operations carried out at known hotspots dog operations carried out in June/July 	<p>Cllr ward walks delivered with partner agencies to action issues picked up</p> <p>Regular site visits carried out and Intel sourced</p> <p>September 2014 26 – Graffiti 104 – Fly tips 38 – PBA's</p>	<p>Neighbourhood Services</p> <p>Neighbourhood Services / CP</p> <p>Community Protection</p> <p>Community Protection</p>
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<p>FAMILIES</p>	<p>0-5 Service Delivery Area Priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve promotion of services to include social media • Increase number of families registered with children's centre and regularly attending sessions • To develop "community champions" from partner organisations to promote FCT activities to a wider audience • Develop our "family learning" trips and events <p>5 -19 Service Delivery Area Priorities (play and youth activities)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve promotion of services to include social 	<p>Families are encouraged to post their comments about sessions on FB, this has been successful – particularly with the little explorers group.</p> <p>A systemic approach has been developed to contact all families once registered within 3 months of registration. Staff now have personal targets around registration. Strategic discussion taking place to ensure data sharing with health supports registrations</p> <p>A adult learning action plan to be completed by the 22/10/14 A volunteer action plan to be completed by 22/10/14 Parent's forum being held 16/10/14</p> <p>Over the summer a number of family trips took place over Area 8 – Families were encouraged to use city parks via the theme of a travel Ted</p>		<p>Children & Families Team</p>
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	<p>media</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To increase number of children and young people accessing services Further improve quality of provision in line with Play and Youth Quality Assurance document 	<p>Greenlane Youth Centre in Clifton has closed for re-refurbishment and due to open Jan 15- Services continue to be delivered from alternate venues</p> <p>Youth and Play Specialist being holding fortnightly work force development meetings with team to support the embedded of the Youth & Play Assurance document.</p>		
HEALTH	<p>Set up cook and eat sessions</p> <p>Develop and circulate the health improvement service booklet/newsletter</p> <p>Raise awareness of the signs and symptoms of cancer (Bowel, Breast, Lung and Prostate) through delivering the Change Maker theatre performance and through work with community groups</p>			Public Health Nottingham City
WORKING	<p>Training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> More training opportunities for young people and those over the age of 40 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More local training opportunities have been created through the Employment Hub called sector Based work Academies (SBWA). Referral routes in place for the city SBWA NJF and Hub vacancies are promoted through the OSS 	<p>Selection and recruitment days have taken place for the:</p> <p>Aldi and Asda Magic</p> <p>Construction with Pitcairn and Hobart close developments</p> <p>Promotion of the Boltic</p>	Employment Team – One Stop Shop

	<p>Jobs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More job opportunities locally for young people and those over the age of 40 	<p>and outreach locations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More training opportunities for City homes tenants. • Jobs Promoted through the OSS and outreach locations. • Regular meeting taking place with MPT, Employment and skills team, DWP and Futures. • Promotion of the NJF and Hub Vacancies locally through the work clubs and the One Stop Shop. • We continue to work with the employment and skills Team and apprenticeship Hub in the creation of local vacancies for local people. <p>To promote and support local and city wide jobs fairs</p>	<p>Training opportunities linking in with local employers such as M&S, Pork Farms and Boots.</p> <p>42 new volunteering and work placement have been created through the area 8 consortium partners</p> <p>Direct referrals being made to MPT via DWP and Futures under the 18 – 24 projects. We also can support self-referrals who meet the criteria</p> <p>Additional Computer access (5 new client computers) and adviser support available at the OSS 5 days per week for Job search and support with universal Job Match accounts.</p> <p>Support through sustrans Travel Grants to support people to travel to interviews and month bus passes or a push bike for people to start a job or long term training.</p>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for people wanting to start up their own business • Local jobs for existing self-employed people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DWP run workshops around self-employment for unemployed people. • Princes Trust support young people with business start ups <p>We have 2 local self-employed people on our books who are self-employed who we have given lots of work to over the past 6 months, as well as promote their services to a number of other organisations</p>	<p>Promotion and referral of the Government start up loan scheme of between £5,000 and £25,000</p> <p>Local work created through other 3rd sector organisations to support local self-employed residents.</p>	
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Community Engagement

Events Delivered

Event	Lead Partners	Date/Time	Venue
Med-Fest	MPT	6 th September 2014 – 12 – 7.00pm	Embankment
Taste of Harvest	AMCG	20 th September 2014 – 12.00 – 3.00pm	Arkwright Meadows Community Gardens
Macmillan Coffee Morning	Portland Leisure Centre	Friday 26 th September 2014 – 10.00am – 1.00pm	Portland Leisure Centre
National Fitness Day – Free Power Hour		6.15pm – 7.00pm	
Celebration Event	Queens Walk Community Association	Monday 17 th November 2014 – 6.30pm – 8.45pm	Queens Walk Community Centre

Future Events and Activities Planned

Event	Lead Partners	Date/Time	Venue
Your Choice Your Voice Dragons Den	NCC	2 nd December 2014 – 6.00pm – 8.30pm	Queens Walk Community Centre
Bridgeway Centre Christmas Event	MPT	6 th December 2014 – 3.00pm – 8.00pm	Bridgeway Centre

Community Engagement

Ward Walks

Area/Estate	Date/Time	Meeting Point
New Meadows – Cromarty, Hope, Middle Furlong, Tarbert, Bosworth etc	Thursday 2 nd October 2014 – 10.30am	Meadows Police Station
Meadows – Lammas, Uppingham, Eugene, St Saviours etc	Thursday 20 th November 2014 – 11.00am	One Stop Shop
Collygate, Turney, Woodward, Pyatt, Green, Bunbury etc	Thursday 22 nd January 2015 – 11.00am	Corner of Bathley Street & Collygate Road
Ainsworth, Anmer, Royston, Castleton, Hatley, Saffron etc	Thursday 19 th February 2015 – 11.00am	Corner of Ainsworth & Royston
Radcliffe, Lamcote Street, Bunbury, Lamcote Grove, Muskham etc	Thursday 12 th March 2015 – 11.00am	Portland Leisure Centre

Community Meetings

Group	Date	Venue
Joint TRA's Meeting	27 th August 2014 – 11.00am	Children's Centre
Queens Walk Community Association - AGM	22 nd September 2014 – 7.00pm	Queens Walk Community Centre
NMTRA	Thursday 11 th September 2014 – 6.30pm – 8.00pm Thursday 27 th September 2014 – 6.30pm – 8.00pm Thursday 9 th October 2014 – 6.30pm – 8.00pm Thursday 13 th November 2014 – 6.30pm – 8.00pm	Queens Walk Community Centre Lothmore Court and Queens Walk Park Pavilion
St Saviours Church – Public Meeting	Wednesday 24 th September 2014 – 7.30pm	St Saviours Church / Eden Soft Play
OMTRA Public Meeting	Wednesday 15 th October 2014 – 6.00pm	Meadows Library

	Tuesday 18 th November 2014 – 6.00pm (AGM)	
MPT - AGM	Monday 20 th October 2014 – 6.30pm	The Embankment Club
QWCA- Public Meeting with Paddy Tipping	Thursday 23 rd October 2014 – 7.30pm –9.00pm	Queens Walk Community Centre
Meadows Advice Group – AGM	Tuesday 25 th November 2014 – 6.30pm	Queens Walk Community Centre

Finance

- **Ward Councillor Budgets** (as at 13/10/2014)

Budget carried forward -	£ 290 (inc. of 2013-2014 allocation):
Ward Councillors allocation for 2014/15 -	£10,000
Total amount allocated this period -	£ 3,029.00
Total amount allocated as of 13/10/2014	£ 7,200.64
Total unallocated at 13/10/2014	£ 3,089.36 (Inc. carryover from 2013-2014)
Remaining available balance as of 13/10/14	£ 3,089.36 (Inc. carryover from 2013- 2014)

- **Area Capital Fund**

Total amount allocated 2014/2015 – £

- Area Capital Fund – Local Transport Plan (LTP) allocation for 2013 – 2015 £120,000
- Area Capital Fund – Public Realm element - allocation for 2013/2014 - £ 36,000
- Area Capital Fund – Public Realm element – allocation for 2014/2015 - £ 36,000
- Total ACF allocation for 2013/2015 £192,000
- Total amount allocated 2013/2014 – £172,263
- Remaining available balance £ 19,737

- **Others – Section 106, NCH Environmentals, Other Funding**