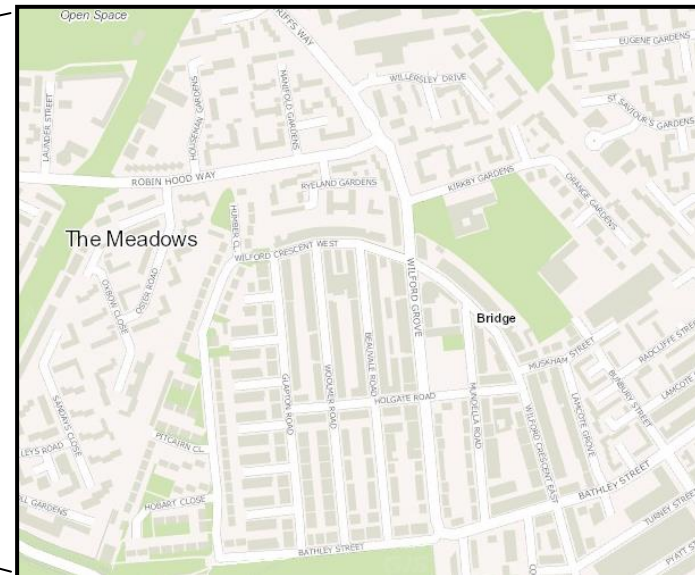
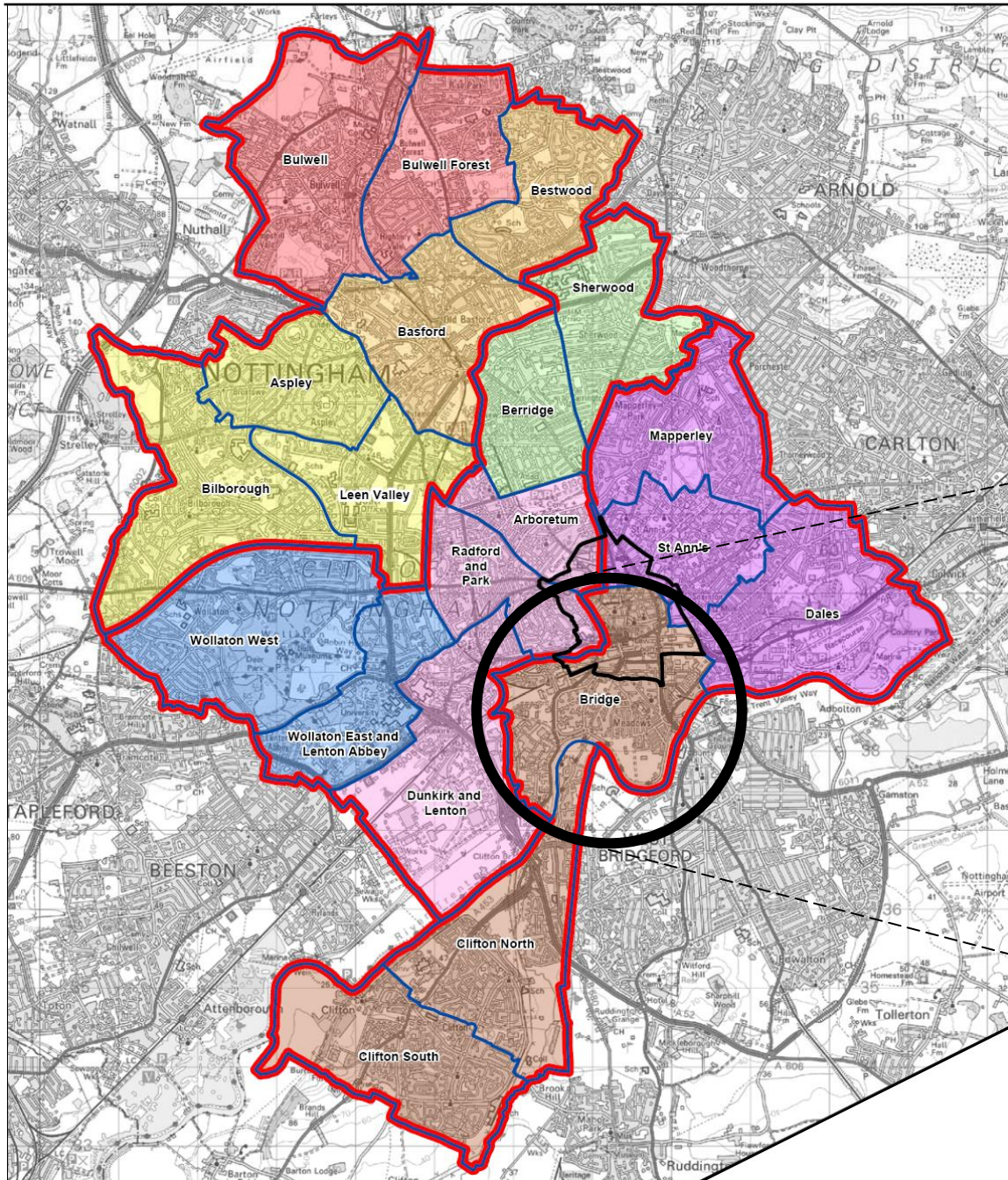


Bridge

Area Committee Report



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February 2015

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 expansion of Riverside Primary School has doubled the school's capacity from 210 places to 420 places. Ofsted has 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.

Tram Works

The tram works in the Meadows area are progressing well. The works along Queens Walk and Meadows Way are mostly complete, with only landscaping and finishing work, particularly at the tram stops, still to be completed. Daytime tram testing has now started along Queens Walk, and overnight testing began along Meadows Way in early December.

The new junction at the Queens Drive entrance to the NG2 business park came into operation in December and this allowed the previous restrictions on traffic turning right out of NG2 to be lifted.

Tram services are expected to be open to the public in the middle 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 - now empty, awaiting asbestos work

Phase 3 - now empty, awaiting asbestos work

Phase 4 - 63 properties now void. 28 tenants still to be found alternative accommodation. Negotiations still ongoing with the remaining 14 Leaseholders

Hobart & Pitcairn

Work continues on a new development of 73 mixed tenure homes in this area, constructed by William Davis Ltd in partnership with Blueprint and Asra Housing Group. The first of the Asra rented homes on the Pitcairn Close site will be ready to let in late January 2015 with all 34 homes on this site expected to complete by April 2015. An initial tour of the first homes will take place on 21st Jan attended by local councillors, council officers and community representatives. The remaining 37 homes on the Hobart Close and Wilford Crescent West sites are expected to complete in late 2015, consisting mainly of market sale properties advertised through the estate agents Royston & Lund.

Bosworth Walk

A total of 68 homes in and around the Bosworth Walk area are being decommissioned and demolished, with the cleared sites being developed with 54 new NCH council houses and bungalows. Planning consent for the new homes was granted in October 2014.

Tender returns are due back on 30th January and a developer will be selected by mid-February. Demolition has started, and construction is due to commence at the end of May 2015 and the scheme is due for completion September 2016.

Blackstone Walk

Decommissioning of affected homes at Blackstone Walk and Manifold Gardens is nearing completion, and it is hoped that all tenants and homeowners will have secured alternative accommodation by the end of February 2015, after which the demolition process will begin. The cleared land will be developed as part of a wider private residential scheme with the Arkwright Walk decommissioning sites – see update below.

Arkwright Walk

The process of decommissioning affected homes is due to run until October 2015, with demolition expected by April 2016. Nottingham City Homes have made excellent progress with over half of the affected properties already being vacant. The council is preparing to tender for a developer partner to construct new private residential properties on the cleared sites here and on Blackstone Walk/Manifold Gardens, with the tender process expected to commence in early 2015. Construction on these sites and on those in the Blackstone Walk area is estimated to last 3 years following the demolition of existing properties. The exact number and type of homes and any consideration of retail provision will not be known until proposals are received through the tender process, but in excess of 120 new homes are expected to be provided across the sites. Ahead of new development the council also plans to relocate a garden & play area belonging to Crocus Fields children's centre to create through access along Arkwright Walk for pedestrians and cyclists.

This report will also highlight a range of projects/activities that have been delivered and planned to be delivered between November 2014 and February 2015.

The Bridge Ward priorities have been revised at the Your Choice Your Voice event which was held on the 2nd December 2014. 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.

Ward priorities – Progress update

Priorities reviewed at the Your Choice Your Voice event in December 2014

Theme	Priority	Key Actions	Outcome	Lead
SAFER	ASB – Arkwright Walk Off road Motorbikes	Warrant with Trading Standards at off licence Proactive patrols Dispersal order Voluntary interviews- people charged with public order offences/ weapon possession and drug offences Licensing visits Fixed Penalty Notices Future- on going Licensing visits. Proactive patrols by Police/ CP Off road motorbikes- number seized from owners. Intelligence gathering on going. Regular patrols conducted along with Beat team colleagues, intelligence gathering on both.	Reduction in offences/ complaints Offenders brought to justice Regards to Arkwright – FPNs and CPN Warnings been issued to individuals.	Neighbourhood Policing Team Neighbourhood policing team. CP ASB team

NEIGHBOURHOODS

Fly Tipping:

- 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

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

October 2014

34-Graffiti (0 offensive)

72 – Fly tips (mainly NCH void properties)

12 FPN's –(10 for litter, 2 for bin on street)

12 – LBA's (letters before action)

Neighbourhood Services
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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>enforcement when possible 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 <p>Extra CCTV signage added to hot spot areas, leaflets drops carried out. Zero tolerance on any waste tracked down not linked to bin collections or booked bulky waste.</p> <p>See it Report it literature added to notice boards, CPOs conducting targeted Dog Operations, to use CCTV to greater effect and plan to work closer with FIDO.</p>	<p>delivered</p> <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>November 2014 21 – Graffiti (1 offensive) 70 – Fly tips 17 – LBA's 2 – FPN's</p> <p>December 2014 13 – Graffiti 72 – Fly tips 56 – LBA's 8 – FPN's</p> <p>3 Dog fouling operations carried out</p> <p>2 FPNs issued – related to small scale fly tips. NO FPNs issued in December for Dog fouling</p>	<p>Neighbourhood Services</p> <p>Neighbourhood Services / CP</p> <p>Community Protection</p> <p>Community Protection</p> <p>Community Protection, Neighbourhood Services.</p> <p>Community Protection, Neighbourhood Services.</p>
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FAMILIES

1. Deliver 4 Family events each year

Develop a plan which draws upon local need to deliver 4 themed events, plan to be in place by Feb 28th and be ratified by key local partners.

Families with 0-19's experience a positive environment whilst receiving local service information and family support

2. Increase female attendance at Meadows Youth Club

Develop an action plan to engage girls, to include activities to support this engagement. Plan devised by 20th March.

More girls will benefit from Universal Youth and Play Service

3. Increase the registration level of under 5's to the children's Centre, to 80%

Systematically use Meadows Matters to deliver information to all households.

More families will receive about services and the Children's Centre will be in a position to achieve a 'Good OFSTED' rating

4. Deliver two volunteering course to support community involvement in services

Recruit 5 volunteers for each training course.

10 volunteers to be placed in Early Help Services, supporting community involvement and positive learning experiences to the volunteer

Children & Families Team

<p>HEALTH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Services improvements • Activities that improve mental health and physical health • Healthy food 	<p>-GP practice appointments needed more quickly in some instances -An improvement in co-ordination of health services -More physiotherapy services -Better information about health services and health and housing services –eg. Winter warmth and the Healthy Housing Referral Service.</p> <p>-Walking routes and activities that support people to increase a) the number of times residents walk and cycle per week b) the number of miles walked and cycled. -Dancing sessions</p> <p>-More healthy food replacing fast food particularly for children</p>	<p>Swifter response times, leading to the identification of, and help with, health problems</p> <p>Prevention of cold damp related ill health</p> <p>Improvement in physical and mental well-being</p> <p>Reduction in obesity and improvement in well-being</p>	<p>GP practices, Clinical Commissioning Group and Public Health</p> <p>Public Health, Ridewise, Sustrans and Walking for Health Meadows Dance and Social Group</p> <p>Food for Life & Public Health</p>
<p>WORKING</p>	<p>1/ More Training opportunities with a key focus on support for young people and people over the age of 40.</p> <p>2/ More Employment opportunities locally with a key focus on support for young people and people over the age of 40.</p>	<p>1/Continue the delivery of the existing 18-24 youth contract.</p> <p>b/ promote and refer local people into appropriate training provision including NJF, SBWA, local existing provision including local collage provision.</p> <p>2/ To continue to work in partnership with the City councils Employment and Skills Hub and Apprenticeship hub to ensure local jobs created go the local people.</p>	<p>1/To improve skill levels of local people to increase their chances of gaining future employment</p> <p>2/Local people progressing into local jobs reducing the amount of people in receipt of benefits</p> <p>b/ More local people using the work club</p>	<p>1/MPT, City Council, DWP Futures , Training Providers and local collages.</p> <p>2/MPT, City Council, DWP Futures ,</p> <p>MPT</p>

	<p>3/ local support for people wanting to set up their own businesses including more opportunities for existing self-employed people.</p>	<p>b/ To continue the delivery of the local work clubs and support through the digital inclusion project.</p> <p>3/ continue to work in partnership with other providers to refer people into existing support around self-employment services.</p> <p>a/ Putting together a directory of local self-employed people and promoting their business across the community</p>	<p>on a weekly basis.</p> <p>C/ More local people registering and opening universal Job Match accounts to support their job search.</p> <p>3/ numbers of people referred into support and increased numbers of self-employed people setting up local businesses.</p> <p>a/ The community having access to local self-employed contractors and trades people FROM THE One Stop Shop such as plumbing, Gardner's, , general handyman services painters and decorators, childminders and home helps etc.</p>	<p>MPT</p> <p>DWP, Local banks ,Princes trust,</p> <p>MPT and other interested partners.</p>
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Community Engagement

Ward Walks

Area/Estate	Date/Time	Meeting Point
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
OMTRA Public Meeting	Tuesday 18 th November 2014 – 6.00pm (AGM)	Meadows Library
Meadows Advice Group – AGM	Tuesday 25 th November 2014 – 6.30pm	Queens Walk Community Centre
Queens Walk Community Association	Monday 24 th November 2014 – 7.30pm – 9.00pm Monday 15 th December 2014 – 7.30pm – 9.00pm	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 -	£ 3,211.58
Total amount allocated as of 13/10/2014	£ 7,383.22
Total unallocated at 13/10/2014	£ 2,906.78 (Inc. carryover from 2013-2014)
Remaining available balance as of 13/10/14	£ 2,906.78 (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**