

# Area Committee Executive Summary



# 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, Turnyes 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 Radbourne 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. With the steady increase in the number of children of primary school age, Nottingham City Council has consulted with parents/carers, staff, governors and the wider community for expanding Riverside Primary School's capacity. The planned expansion of Riverside Primary School has been approved by Nottingham City Council and building work

started early January. The expansion will double the school's capacity from 210 places to 420 places and will be complete by September 2014.

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 and the industrial estate off Queens Drive and Castle Marina.

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. Improvement works continue at Victoria Embankment and are listed below:

- Works have taken place on the pond in the Memorial Gardens to restore all the pumps and fountains, the final pieces of work will be completed in early 2014.
- The road from the Toll Bridge to War Memorial has been completely resurfaced in 2013 and there have been some improvements to access with more planned for the future.
- The cricket pavilion has been fenced and has recently been cleaned out of pigeons (and waste) and surveys are being carried out on the building. A reputable Nottingham architectural practice have offered time (free of charge) to create a plan for restoration and improvements and so the Parks Service are currently discussing the brief with them. The actual restoration of the building will need external funding.
- Options with regards to toilet provision near the paddling pool/play area are being investigated.
- The Parks Service is involved in discussions with the Football Association regarding improvements to the sports facilities inline with the Master Plan.

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.

Traffic will soon be switched on Meadows Way to travel on the side of the road where the track has been laid which will enable the out bound track to be built. This will happen towards the end of January weather permitting.

Queens Walk is progressing well with work to build the tram stop outside Pilgrims Church taking shape. Hand over to the track laying crew is programmed for the end of Jan at Wilford Toll Bridge. Installation of the OLE Poles (overhead line equipment) will be commencing soon.

Phase 1 of the Q Blocks is almost complete with all tenants being either moved or waiting for their new properties to be made ready to occupy.

Phase 2 is ongoing with 16 tenants already rehoused with the remaining 15 being assisted in finding alternative properties by the Relocation Support Officer.

Phase 3 is due to start in March 2014 and visits to all tenants will take place in February to discuss the support they will receive and to complete a homeLink application form.

SSE has now managed to obtain the Wayleave (legal Agreement) to attach the 2 additional wall lights to the frontage of the 'Poets Corner'.

The works are due to be completed by the end of January 2013 for the installation of the lights, additionally we are also intending to adjust the angle of all the other new wall lights in order to try and improve the light levels. Once this work has been completed we will be attending site the following week to carry out light level readings after dark, depending on the results of these tests will determine what further action is required.

This report will also highlight a range of projects/activities that have been delivered and planned to be delivered between December 2013 and February 2014.

The Bridge Ward priorities were determined (for 2014) at the Your Choice Your Voice event which was held on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 over the next several months. Dragons Den segment of the event was hugely successful with citizens voting in favour of 22 local projects that are aiming to contribute towards the neighbourhood transformation agenda. This year's event was attended by over 50 residents and officers from partner services, in total around 80m people attended the event which was held at Queens Walk Community Centre.

# Ward priorities – Progress update

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

Theme	Priority	Key Actions	Outcome	Lead
SAFER	<p><b>ASB:</b>  <b>Vehicle Crime:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hotspots: Wilford Grove, Holgate Road, Wilford Stores – Old Meadows</li> </ul> <p><b>Fires:</b>            Reduce the number of Accidental Dwelling Fires, Deliberate Secondary fires and Deliberate Primary Fires</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Operation plan put in place by the Police</li> <li>Meetings and joint work with key services</li> <li>Gather intelligence on hotspots</li> <li>Community &amp; Youth engagement</li> <li>Young people identified and issue taken to Young Persons Panel</li> <li>Patrols carried out daily around Wilford Stores</li> <li>Patrols done regularly around Holgate Road</li> <li>Patrols done periodically around Woodward Street</li> </ul> <p>Education and raising awareness of fire safety in the Home and deliberate fire setting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify those in the community vulnerable from fire and deliver appropriate interventions</li> <li>Work closely with Youth teams, Police and partners in the area to target deliberate Fire Setting</li> </ul>	<p>High Visibility Policing</p> <p>Offender management</p> <p>Youth Offending Team working with known individuals involved in ASB hotspots</p> <p>Problems at Wilford Grove stores have ceased</p> <p>Statutory Notice issued for waste in yard – works in default sent to City Services</p> <p>Reduction in vehicle crime</p>	Neighbourhood Policing Team

<b>NEIGHBOURHOODS</b>	<b>Fly Tipping:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keeping alleyways clean</li> <li>• Gating of alleyways on Lamcote Grove</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussions with relevant partners on legal measures available for rubbish in alleyways</li> <li>• Discussions with relevant landlords to address issues in relation to their property</li> <li>• Continue with close work with TRA's in highlighting hotspots and raising awareness / educations amongst local residents</li> <li>• Continue with Bulky Waste Collection awareness across the Ward</li> <li>• Deliver individual bins on Terraces</li> <li>• Partner Services walk around hotspot alleyways</li> <li>• To meet with resident/s on Lamcote Grove for possible TRA set up</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased work on securing prosecutions for fly tipping</li> </ul>	<p>Increased Community Protection patrols</p> <p>Leaflet drop and property visits carried out</p> <p>Improvement seen on reduced bins on street</p> <p>Notice/s issued to landlords for clearing rubbish in property garden</p> <p><b>FPN's Oct 2013</b>  <b>33</b>-Graffiti (12 offensive)  <b>79</b> – Fly tips  <b>14</b> –(13 for litter, 1 for bin on street)  <b>108</b> – LBA's (letters before action) delivered</p>	<p>Neighbourhood Services Community Protection</p> <p>Community Protection Neighbourhood Services</p> <p>Community Protection</p> <p>Community Protection</p> <p>Community Protection</p> <p>Community Protection</p> <p>Community Protection Neighbourhood Services</p>
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	<p><b>Dog Fouling:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hotspots: Queens Walk, Queens Walk Recreation Ground</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operations done along Queens Walk and recreation ground periodically</li> <li>• Early morning Dog Operations carried out regularly to gather intel</li> </ul>		

<b>FAMILIES</b>	<p><b>0-5 Service Delivery Area Priorities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Improve promotion of services to include social media</li><li>• Increase number of families registered with children's centre and regularly attending sessions</li><li>• To develop "community champions" from partner organisations to promote FCT activities to a wider audience</li><li>• Develop our "family learning" trips and events</li></ul> <p><b>5 -19 Service Delivery Area Priorities (play and youth activities)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Improve promotion of services to include social media</li><li>• To increase number of children and young people accessing services</li><li>• Further improve quality of provision in line with Play and Youth Quality Assurance document</li></ul>			Children & Families Team
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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>			
WORKING	<p><b>Training</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More training opportunities for young people and those over the age of 40</li> </ul> <p><b>Jobs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More job opportunities locally for young people and those over the age of 40</li> </ul>	<p>1/ To set up an area 8 training and employment partnership.</p> <p>2/ To promote all local training opportunities as well as City Wide opportunities.</p> <p>3/ promote and refer local people who meet the criteria into training academies coming on line with NCC Employment and skills team (Jill Smith)</p> <p>4/ to set up an academy open day at the One Stop Shop. (pos Feb 14)</p> <p>1/ Promote Section 106 vacancies and NJF vacancies through the one stop shop and outreach locations.</p>	<p>1<sup>st</sup> meeting held 10/12/13 to discuss a way forward for this to be developed.</p>	<p>Employment Team – One Stop Shop</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support for people wanting to start up their own business</li> <li>• Local jobs for existing self-employed people</li> </ul>	<p>2/ continue the work clubs within the area to support local people into employment opportunities.</p> <p>1/ need to find out what support and current funding is available to support people who are interested in becoming self employment.</p> <p>1/ speak to the city council employment hub team around self-employed people accessing vacancies created through section 106.</p>	<p>Thursdays and Fridays 2-5 at the OSS. Tuesdays 12-4 at Clifton Library</p>	
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# Community Engagement

## Events Delivered

Event	Lead Partners	Date/Time	Venue
Workshops in Composting	Arkwright Meadows Community Gardens (AMCG)	9 <sup>th</sup> / 16 <sup>th</sup> / 23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2013 – 9.00am – 4.00pm	AMCG
Tandoor Workshops	Arkwright Meadows Community Gardens	19 <sup>th</sup> / 20 <sup>th</sup> November 2013 – 5.30pm – 7.30pm & 11.00am – 1.00pm	AMCG
YCYV –Dragons Den	Nottingham City Council	4 <sup>th</sup> December 2013 – 6.00pm – 8.30pm	Queens Walk Community Centre
Bridgeway Centre Christmas Event	Meadows Partnership Trust	7 <sup>th</sup> December 2013 – 11am – 3.00pm	Bridgeway Centre
Lights Festival	Arkwright Meadows Community Gardens (AMCG)	7 <sup>th</sup> December 2013 – 4.00pm – 7.00pm	AMCG
Volunteers Day	AMCG	6 <sup>th</sup> December 2013 – 10.00am – 3.00pm	AMCG
NMTRA Christmas Party	NMTRA	12 <sup>th</sup> December 2013 – 4.00pm	Queens Walk Recreation Pavilion
South Locality Volunteers Event	Renewal Trust	12 <sup>th</sup> December 2013 – 7.00pm – 9.00pm	The Council House
Volunteers Christmas Dinner	AMCG	13 <sup>th</sup> December 2013 – 6.30pm – 9.30pm	AMCG
Santa's Grotto	Meadows Library	14 <sup>th</sup> December 2013 – 11.00am – 1.00pm	Meadows Library
Phase 2 Budget Consultation	Nottingham City Council	29 <sup>th</sup> January 2014 – 6.00pm – 7.30pm	Meadows Library

## Future Events and Activities Planned

Event	Lead Partners	Date/Time	Venue

# Community Engagement

## Ward Walks

Area/Estate	Date/Time	Meeting Point
Old Meadows – Glapton, Bathley, Woolmer, Beauvale, WCE,	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November, 2013 – 11.00am	Corner of Glapton Road and Bathley Street
Meadows – Collygate, Turney, Felton, Green, Woodward, Pyatt	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January, 2013 – 11.00am	Corner of Collygate Road and Bathley Street
New Meadows – Soudan, Colliery, Osman, Bosworth, Ainsworth	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> February, 2013 – 11.00am	Corner of Soudan and Robin Hood Way
Meadows – Lamcote Street, Radcliff, Muskham, Bunbury, WCE	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> March, 2013 – 11.00am	Portland Leisure Centre

## Community Meetings

Group	Date	Venue
Area 8 Committee Meeting	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2013 – 7.00pm	Loxley House
Joint TRA's Meeting	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November 2013 – 10.00am	Meadows Children's Centre
NMTRA Meeting	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November 2013 – 6.30pm	Lothmore Court
OMTRA Public Meeting	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November 2013 – 7.00pm	Meadows Library
Meadows Advice Group – AGM	Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November 2013 – 6.30pm	The Embankment Club
Community Meeting	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December 2013 – 6.00pm – 8.00pm	Queens Walk Community Centre
FOVE Open Meeting	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2013 – 7.00pm	Portland Leisure Centre
Queens Walk Community Association Meetings	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> January 2014 – 7.30pm Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2014 – 7.30pm Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2014 – 7.30pm Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2014 – 7.30pm Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> May 2014 – 7.30pm	All meetings take place at Queens Walk Community Centre



# Finance

- **Ward Councillor Budgets** (as at 9/01/2014)

Budget carried forward -	£ 2,493 (inc. of 2012-2013 allocation):
Ward Councillors allocation for 2013/14 -	£10,000
Total amount allocated this period -	£ 1, 931.10 (Dec 2013 – Feb 2014)
Total amount allocated as of 15/12/2013	£ 8, 202.60
Balance remaining -	£ 4, 290.40 (inc. carryover from 2012-2013)

- **Area Capital Fund**

Total amount allocated this period – £131,852

- Area Capital Fund – Local Transport Plan (LTP) allocation for 2013 – 2015 - £105,275
- Area Capital Fund – Public Realm element - allocation for 2013 – 2014 - £ 26,577
- Total amount available at present - £ 24,148
- **Others – Section 106, NCH Environmentals, Other Funding**