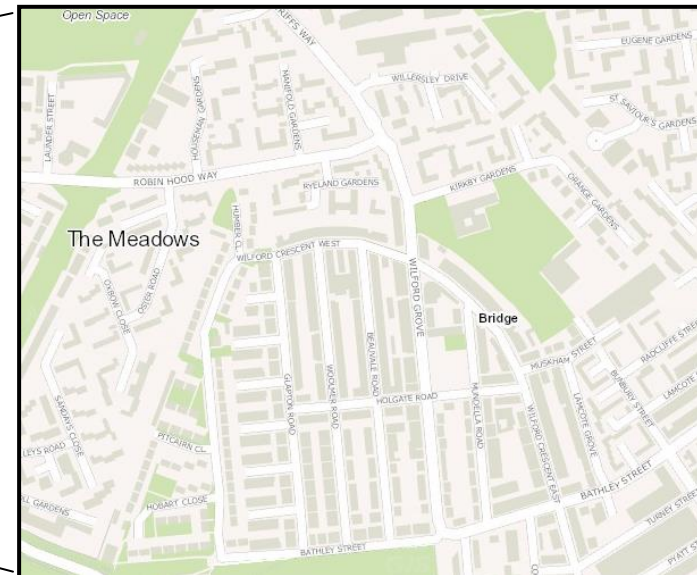


# Bridge

## Area Committee Report



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June 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 Maid Marian Way, Castle Marina, London Road, Meadow Lane, 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 can 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. Riverside school has now become an academy.

The Meadows has two Police Beat Areas which are covered by the Neighbourhood Policing Teams and they are Meadows and Riverside. The Riverside Beat covers part of 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 2014, and the Victoria Embankment which is used by people from across the city and beyond.

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 and progress update reported at February 2015 meeting. Confirmations of the grant funding has been received to enable the pavilion project to go ahead and are just waiting for final design and materials samples before giving the green light to commence the project on site.

The pavilion for cricket and football will be built this year echoing the style of the original building.

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, along Queens Walk and Meadows Way, are now mostly complete, with remaining works including remedial or 'snagging' works. These works are expected and planned for as a normal part of the build process on all construction projects.

Tram testing and driver training is now well advanced, with trams having travelled along the full length of both routes.

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

### **Decommissioning – NCH**

Phase 1 – All tenants moved out. One leaseholder still to move. Tarbert Close and Bosworth Walk now demolished

Phase 2 - now empty, awaiting demolition

Phase 3 - now empty, awaiting demolition

Phase 4 - 74 properties now void. 17 tenants still to be found alternative accommodation. Negotiations still ongoing with the remaining 9 Leaseholders

### **Hobart & Pitcairn**

Construction works continue in the Hobart Close/Pitcairn Close area while William Davis Ltd deliver a 73 mixed tenure homes as part of a consortium development with Asra Housing group and Blueprint. The Pitcairn Close site, consisting of Asra affordable rent and shared ownership housing, will be complete first with the first seven rented units becoming occupied in March 2015. The remaining Asra homes, including four on the Hobart Close site are expected to complete in summer 2015. Market sale homes on the Hobart Close site have all been sold off-plan and are expected to be complete by the end of the year.

## **Bosworth Walk area**

Keepmoat have been selected to build 54 new council houses and bungalows in the Bosworth Walk area. Most of the new properties will have 2 bedrooms to address the high demand for this property type, with a small number of 3 bedroom properties available. Physical works are expected to commence in late July, completing at the end of 2016. In preparation for this the Tarbert Close and Bosworth Walk blocks have been demolished, to be followed by blocks on Saffron Gardens, Beardsley Gardens and Middle Furlong Gardens.

Nottingham City Homes will follow a local lettings policy when allocating the new homes to ensure those displaced through decommissioning in the area receive the highest priority.

## **Arkwright Walk area**

The Council are currently seeking a developer partner to deliver a high quality private sector residential scheme in the Arkwright Walk and Blackstone Walk areas from late 2016. Decommissioning at Blackstone Walk is complete with Arkwright Walk expected to be fully decommissioned by October 2015 and demolished by April 2016.

As part of plans to re-open Arkwright Walk as a through route to pedestrians and cyclists a planning application to relocate the walled garden, play and parking area belonging to Crocus Fields children's centre is currently under consideration. A decision is expected in late May and if permission is granted the route could be opened as early as November 2015.

This report will also highlight a range of projects/activities that have been delivered and planned to be delivered between February 2015 and June 2015. Furthermore, Summer of Action (which replaces previous years Week of Action) will be delivered from the 1<sup>st</sup> June till the end of August 2015. Partner services will be delivering a range of activities and project that will address issues under the ward priorities for the Bridge Ward.

The Bridge Ward priorities have been revised at the Your Choice Your Voice event which was held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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	<p>Operation to be put in place to address drug and ASB issues</p> <p>Appeal for information for citizens to report incidences</p> <p>Multi-service approach to deal with range of issues and share intel</p> <p>Regular Hi visibility patrols carried out</p> <p>Placed on briefing tasking for Response teams</p>	<p>Reduction in offences/ complaints offenders brought to justice</p> <p>FPNs issued to individuals</p>	Police /NPT CP/ASB team
	Off road Motorbikes	<p>Officers gathering Intelligence</p> <p>Development of Communication Strategy</p> <p>Appeal for information by residents to provide intel on people riding bikes, addresses where bikes are kept</p> <p>NPT to ride tram route (during testing) to assess any points that make it easier for the movement of off road bikes,</p>	<p>Off road motorbikes-number seized from owners.</p>	

<h1>NEIGHBOURHOODS</h1>	<h2>Fly Tipping:</h2>	<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/tenants 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>• Ward Walks around hotspots / alleyways</li> <li>• To roll out anti-fly tipping stickers</li> <li>• Increased work on securing prosecutions for fly tipping</li> <li>• Targeted work on problem properties on Beauvale Road</li> <li>• Work closely with Street Cleansing to identify person/s responsible for fly tipping and taking necessary action for investigation and enforcement</li> </ul>	<p>Increased Community Protection patrols</p> <p>Leaflet drop and property visits carried out – Removal of bins &amp; clear up of rubbish &amp; litter</p> <p>Improvement seen on reduced bins on street</p> <p>Notice/s issued to landlords for clearing rubbish in property garden</p> <p>Issues identified and action taken</p> <p>Highlighting environmental crime incidences</p> <p>Gather intel for action/ joint work with HMO team, recommendation for refusal of HMO license</p> <p><b>Feb 2015</b>  <b>5</b> – Graffiti  <b>53</b> – Fly tips  <b>14</b> – LBA's  <b>44</b> – Advice letters</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 / Neighbourhood Services</p> <p>Community Protection Neighbourhood Services</p> <p>Neighbourhood Services</p>
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify owners of waste in alleyways</li> <li>Investigate and take enforcement when possible on each fly tip/waste case</li> <li>Distribute information to residents</li> <li>CPO's to issue FPNs if waste out and no collection booked</li> <li>CPO's taking enforcement action and issuing FPN's for non compliance</li> <li>Further CCTV signage added in hot spots along with extra Hi Visibility patrols and intelligence gathering. CP now takes enforcement action on alleyway fly tips. Promote bulky waste service.</li> </ul>	<p><b>4 – FPN's</b></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><b>March 2015</b>  <b>16 – Graffiti</b>  <b>51 – Fly tips</b>  <b>22 – LBA's</b>  <b>14 – FPN's</b></p> <p><b>April 2015</b>  <b>5 – Graffiti</b>  <b>34– Fly tips</b>  <b>12– LBA's</b>  <b>2– FPN's (Litter)</b></p> <p>On average 2 FPNs month are issued as a result of small scale fly tips. Level of fly tips on public land, reduced.</p>	<p>Neighbourhood Services / CP</p> <p>Community Protection</p> <p>Community Protection</p> <p>Community Protection-CPOs/Neighbourhood Services.</p>
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	<b>Dog Fouling:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hotspots: Queens Walk, Rec, Bathley Street, Felton Road, Woodward Street, Bunbury Street, Green Street, Collygate Road</li> </ul>	Approx. two dog operations carried out monthly, conduct regular patrols in known dog fouling hot spots, promote see it report it campaign, work planned with FIDO and Dogs Trust 'Big Scoop' campaign	Dog Operations have not resulted in many dog fouling FPNs – one issued this year in Meadows. All observed have picked up, which can be viewed as positive. Lacking specific intel on who/when offences witnessed.	CP-CPOs/FIDO
<b>FAMILIES</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Deliver 4 Family events each year</li> <li>2. Increase female attendance at Meadows Youth Club</li> <li>3. Increase the registration level of under 5's to the children's Centre, to 80%</li> </ol>	<p>One family session delivered- Frozen themed party.</p> <p>Attendance figures have currently not increased due to disrupted deliver. An engagement action plan has been established and an update of this will be available in the next quarter</p> <p>Meadows reach to the 933 under'5 was at 95.7%in QTR 4 compared the 89.6% in QTR 3.</p>	<p>33 Young people engaged. Attracted 2 new, families and reached 7 families. Families took part in family learning activities which support the school readiness agenda.</p> <p>This allows more families to access advice and guidance this then centres communication and maintains the OFSTED expectation that Good centre achieve an 80%</p>	NCC Early Help

	<p>4. Deliver two volunteering course to support community involvement in services</p>	<p>This has not been achieved; an action plan is being produced to fit the citywide delivery model. The first course is due to be delivered in September.</p>	<p>registration rate.</p>	
HEALTH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health Services improvements</li> <li>• Activities that improve mental health and physical health</li> <li>• Healthy food</li> </ul>	<p>No updated information received from Health.</p>		

<p><b>WORKING</b></p>	<p>1/ More Training opportunities with a key focus on support for young people and people over the age of 40.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Consortium Partnership to be set up to look at employment and skills across area 8.</li> <li>• To look and developing a local area employment and skills strategy by march 2016</li> <li>• Gaps in current Training provision to be identified by the partnership</li> <li>• New Training opportunities to be delivered locally by F/E Collages and local training providers.</li> <li>• Pre-employment and skills academies to be delivered locally to meet the needs of local employers</li> <li>• More local computer access to be made available for local people.</li> <li>• Support for local people with Travel costs to be able to attend training.</li> </ul> <p>More Volunteering placements and work experience placements to be created local</p>	<p>First meeting was held 21<sup>st</sup> April 2015</p> <p>Draft Jobs and Skills Plan in Place.</p> <p>Partners to complete training information stencil by July 2015</p> <p>SBWA have been delivered locally at QWCC</p> <p>7 computers now available at the One Stop Shop for Free Community Access.</p> <p>Sustrans Travel Grants secured until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016</p> <p>18 Local Volunteering</p>	<p>MPT</p> <p><b>Working in Partnership with</b></p> <p>Nottingham City Councils Employment and Skills Team</p> <p>Library service</p> <p>Futures</p> <p>F/E Collages</p> <p>DWP</p> <p>Nottingham City Councils Neighbourhood development officers</p> <p>Nottingham city Councils Children's services</p> <p>Nottingham City Councils Young Persons Panel</p> <p>Area 8 Consortium Partners</p> <p>Sustrans Travel support scheme</p>
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	<p>2/ More Employment opportunities locally with a key focus on support for young people and people over the age of 40.</p> <p>3/ local support for people wanting to set up their own businesses including more opportunities for existing self-employed people.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More Jobs being created through the City Councils section 106 and NJF</li> <li>• More apprenticeships are being created through the employment and skills apprentice Hub based Within City Council.</li> <li>• Local Jobs Fairs delivered locally</li> <li>• 1-1 Employment support</li> <li>• Support people gaining employment with Travel Costs to access employment</li> </ul>	<p>opportunities have been created</p> <p>MPT Promote all current 106 vacancy's</p> <p>Year 2 funding secured to support 18-24 year olds unemployed between 13-39 weeks (pre work programme to access Training and employment support</p> <p>Currently planning with the E&amp;S Team</p> <p>Support available Monday – Friday 9pm – 1pm and 2pm – 4'30</p> <p>Sustrans Travel Grants secured until March 2016.</p>	<p>MPT</p> <p><b>Working in Partnership with</b></p> <p>Nottingham City Councils Employment and Skills Team</p> <p>Futures</p> <p>DWP</p> <p>Nottingham City Councils Neighbourhood development officers</p> <p>Nottingham city Councils Children's services</p> <p>Nottingham City Councils Young Persons Panel</p> <p>Area 8 Consortium 3<sup>rd</sup> sector Partners</p> <p>Sustrans Travel support scheme</p>
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Identity support organisations to support self-employment opportunities</li></ul> <p>Co- ordinate local Jobs fairs linking local jobs to local people including promoting any self-employment opportunities.</p>	Discussed at Emp and Skills Partnership meeting on 21st April	Princess Trust DWP Futures  E&Skills Team DWP Futures MPT
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# Community Engagement

## Events Delivered

Event	Lead Partners	Date/Time	Venue
"The Old Days – the New Days" Photo exhibition	NMTRA	16 <sup>th</sup> April 2015 – 2 – 4pm	Queens Walk Pavilion

## Future Events and Activities Planned

Event	Lead Partners	Date/Time	Venue
NMTRA Barbeque	NMTRA	27 <sup>th</sup> July 2015 – 6.00pm	Queens Walk Recreation Ground
Summer of Action – projects ranging from environmental, engagement, enforcement	NCC, Vol & Com sector, Police, CP	1 <sup>st</sup> June – 31 <sup>st</sup> August	Across the Meadows
Partner Services Event (part of Summer of Action)	MPT	13 <sup>th</sup> August 2015 – 10.00am – 3.00pm	Bridgeway Centre



# Community Engagement

## Ward Walks

Area/Estate	Date/Time	Meeting Point
Radcliffe, Lamcote Street, Bunbury, Lamcote Grove, Muskham etc.	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2015 – 11.00am	Portland Leisure Centre
Glapton Road, WCW, Holgate, Woolmer, Beauvale	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June 2015 – 11.00am	Corner of Glapton/Bathley Road
Osier, Oxbow, Sandays, Sudan, Thrumpton, Lybster	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2015 – 11.00am	Queens Walk Community Centre
Cromarty, Hope, Middle Furlong, Bosworth etc.	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2015 – 11.00am	Outside Meadows Police Station

## Community Meetings

Group	Date	Venue
Queens Walk Community Association Meeting	Last Monday of every month (except for December) starting at 7.30pm	Queens Walk Community Centre
NMTRA AGM	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2015 – 6.30pm	Lothmore Court
Cricket Pavilion Public Meeting	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2015 – 6.30pm	Embankment Club
OMTRA Public Meeting	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2015 – 7.00pm	Meadows Library
NMTRA Public Meeting	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June 2015 – 6.30pm	Queens Walk Pavilion

# 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 -	£ 02,927
Total amount allocated as of 01/06/2015	£ 10,310
Total unallocated at 01/06/2015	£-00,020 (£20 overspend from 2013/2014)
Ward Councillors allocation for 2015/2016	£ 10,000
Total amount available 2015/2016	£ 09,980 (Inc. £20 overspend from 2013/2014)

- **Area Capital Fund**

Total amount allocated 2015/2016 £5,000

- ACF LTP Allocation 2015/2016-----£ 66,000
- ACF LTP carryover from 2013/2015-----£ 04,725
- ACF Public Realm Allocation 2015/2016-----£ 39,450
- ACF Public Realm carryover from 2013/2015-----£ 15,012
- Less Public Realm scheme this period ----- £ 5,000
- Total ACF Available 2015/2016-----£120,187

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