

# Our Lockleaze

LOCKLEAZE COMMUNITY PLAN 2019-2024





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# Introduction

**Lockleaze** is a great place to live. When asked what people love about the Lockleaze the number one thing is the **people** who make our great **community**, the second most loved is the **green space**, which is not surprising as Lockleaze has more green space than any other ward including large gardens, housing greens, Gainsborough Square and the beautiful Stoke Park Estate.





Right from its start after the second world-war Lockleaze has had a strong sense of community, with residents building a youth centre and community buildings from scavenged material from the Purdown army base.



Today there is a rich network of committed individuals and organisations from those running community orchards, litter picking in Stoke Park, the volunteer run Old Library, the community cafe, shop and employment support Buzz, resident-led Hub run by Lockleaze Neighbourhood Trust – with lots of groups from Wellbeing arts, indoor bowls and craft groups; debt and welfare advice from North Bristol Advice Centre and youth and play services from GroundworkSouth, LPW and Creative Youth Network, and Lockleaze Family Community social club run by local residents.

This plan is the cumulative work of all of these organisations and local residents plus schools and children's centres looking to articulate the needs of Lockleaze and ensure as it undergoes significant development that residents' views are at the heart of the changes, and that residents are given the skills and opportunity to achieve the changes they want to see for themselves.

# What is a Community Plan?

At the heart of our community plan is our community survey, where we door knocked every street in Lockleaze, attended school fairs, held fun days, begged, badgered and bribed people to fill in surveys, getting just under 700 responses. Using the data we've held workshops, worked with existing groups and then tested the plan back with the community.

This plan is about residents setting out what we want.

## We hope our community plan will:

- Include the views of everyone who takes part in community life in Lockleaze
- Think and plan for an inclusive community
- Say what is great and what should change
- Be ambitious
- Identify practical steps to achieving change
- Get investment into Lockleaze and money spent here re-invested into the community
- Train and support residents as community leaders
- Be discussed twice yearly at Our Lockleaze and guide major investment and decisions
- Be a living document which residents own, update and change at least every 4-5 years.



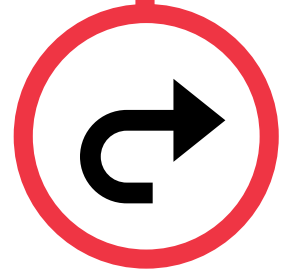
**SURVEY**



**COMMUNITY  
CONVERSATIONS**



**COMMUNITY  
PLAN**



**ACTION**

# Headlines



## LOCKLEAZE WANTS

1. Affordable housing
2. Things for young people
3. Places to socialise
4. Jobs and skills
5. Community events

# Housing Current Situation



HOUSING IS  
THE NUMBER  
PRIORITY

1

2.5x higher priority than  
anything else

**4837**

HOUSEHOLDS IN  
LOCKLEAZE

51% private ownership  
29% social housing  
(mostly Bristol City Council)  
and 19% privately rented

**44%** ARE SEMI-DETACHED  
Compared with 26% Bristol average

**71%** HAVE 3+ BEDROOMS  
Compared with 55% Bristol average

**548** RESIDENTS ON THE  
HOUSING REGISTER  
But only 39 properties re-let

**53%** NEED 1 BED HOMES  
On the housing register

**25%** NEED 2 BED HOMES  
On the housing register

**800** BIDS ON A 1 BEDROOM  
PROPERTY  
Let by United Communities in 2017

- There is a marked difference between social rent and private rent, and families report lack of security of tenure as a major issue as private landlords convert family homes into HMOs for students
- Residents show a strong preference for affordable homes, council homes and small 1 and 2 bed homes
- Bristol City Council has begun a tenant participation group for residents in Council homes to increase their influence



# Other Development Current Situation



After Housing development priorities were:  
**SHOPS, SUPERMARKET BUSINESSES, BETTER TRANSPORT, YOUTH SERVICES & FACILITIES**

## Those not in employment identified top reasons as:

1. Lack of appropriate jobs
2. Poor transport
3. Lack of childcare

**55%** Residents say their energy bills sometimes cause them financial strain

**47%**

Residents are dissatisfied with shopping facilities locally

**38%**

Residents are dissatisfied with places to socialise

- Derelict Gainsborough pub on the Square is an eyesore bringing down the area
- Need for family-friendly places for socialising
- Those who own a former Council house say they cannot afford to maintain it, and their neighbours' properties have benefited from Council refurbishment to improve energy efficiency while theirs is inefficient and costly
- Most residents access the internet on their phone but not all have broadband at home and data poverty can limit their ability to get online

**88%** Support renewable energy  
74% support renewable energy generation that invests back into the community

# Developments on the Horizon



**1500**

**NEW HOMES COULD  
BE DEVELOPED OVER  
THE NEXT 10 YEARS**

On the 30+ Bristol City  
Council owned sites

- The Council has set up a joint delivery housing company to develop land at the top of Romney Avenue to deliver 250 homes
- Lockleaze Neighbourhood Trust are supporting a resident-led community led housing group, to design local homes
- Bristol Community Land Trust are developing self-finish homes with United Communities on Morris Road
- Community led housing is becoming a reality for many communities due to national and local government support, Community right to buy act and grant and loan funding available

- Bristol Cathedral Academy Trust is planning a secondary school on Romney Avenue next to Stoke Park Primary school, with the first intake in 2019/20 in temporary accommodation and £25m investment for new school facilities to be built on the site, including a 400 seat performance venue, sports prioritising performing arts in the school

**£6.6M**

**AWARDED BY BRISTOL  
CITY COUNCIL TOWARD**

**INFRASTRUCTURE**  
Including walking, cycling  
and bus routes

# Developments on the Horizon



## LIDL & ALDI

### HAVE OPENED ON MULLER ROAD

Bringing low cost  
supermarkets to the area - a  
key resident need

- Retail is suffering nationally and Eastgate retailers are not exempt, plans to redesign the site have been denied in favour of Cabot Circus and local residents have concerns with the volume of traffic
- Fibre to the premise (FTTP) is increasingly becoming the standard for modern building internet access to meet demand, but we know from recent local developments some are still built without broadband
- Community venues are of varied quality and often on short leases making it difficult to sustain high quality community services, additionally they are shifting from grant funded delivery models to requiring sustainable income sources
- Lockleaze is now the fifth most diverse ward in the City and demographics continue to change but this is not always reflected in the businesses, services and places of worship available



# What Do Residents Want?



## New homes to benefit existing residents

- A local lettings policy so that the housing built locally can benefit local residents and that re-let local homes go to local families
- Spend on housing to invest back into the area
- More places to socialise, cafes and restaurants
- Better shopping locally focused on a buzzing Gainsborough Square
- Encourage development that invests back into the community and limits family homes turned into houses of multiple occupation
- Construction to bring opportunities for local training and employment
- Local business opportunities supporting employment locally
- Diversity of housing including community and self build, social, council and private
- Support for foster carers to increase their housing size
- Housing providers to provide awareness raising and training on low cost ownership for first-time buyers to support local residents accessing through HomeBuy
- Inclusive housing and services that meet the needs of those with disabilities, older people, young people and those from BAME groups (including health, community and recreation services)
- Explore potential for inter-generational housing that addresses social isolation and supports ageing care needs, and housing needs

## Support for vulnerable tenants

# What Do Residents Want?



## Sustainable houses for different needs

- A high proportion of affordable homes in the area including Council Housing
- New developments not to sell to buy-to-let by limiting multiple purchases, and HMO license restrictions
- Social and council housing providers to provide pre-tenancy training and advice for new residents (including advice, generate a set of values for a supportive community, recycling and volunteering opportunities)
- Empty properties to pay higher council tax after 1 year
- More diverse housing stock (some dislike identical houses on some new estates) with high quality design and materials (low running costs)
- Resilient to the impact of climate change (energy efficient, renewable energy generation, sustainable transport)
- Sustainable transport improved around the school including walking bus
- High speed broadband in their home (and all new homes) with a choice of providers
- Protection of green spaces and encouraging wildlife
- Sustainable community organisations and community spaces (including pubs and cafes) that provide a range of services to meet growing and changing local need
- Transport infrastructure needs to be improved including access to employment, and walking and cycling routes
- Growing support for community led housing and an interest in new models of development such as self and custom build



# Children & Young People

## Current Situation



**84%**

WANT TO SEE  
YOUTH SERVICES  
DEVELOPED  
LOCALLY

**669**

**SECONDARY PUPILS ON  
FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

456 in primary school, both above  
average for the city

**44%**

**10/11 YEAR OLDS  
OVERWEIGHT**

With childhood obesity a major issue

**30%**

**INCREASE IN  
CHILDREN FED FROM  
FOOD PARCELS**

In Summer 2018 at North Bristol  
Foodbank

**140**

**CHILDREN FED THROUGH  
LOCKLEAZE LOVES LUNCH**

During the school holidays in 2018

- Lockleaze has a very successful breastfeeding group, run by volunteer peer supporters.
- Below average rates of young people staying in school beyond 16yrs (89% compared to 94% nationally)
- All local schools have above average levels of persistent absence
- Domestic violence is having an impact on young people's lives in the area, and local police report it as the major crime in Lockleaze
- Data from 2015/16 indicates 277 reported incidents of domestic abuse in the area. 61 of these cases resulted in social care involvement for children.
- A Freedom group runs weekly in the local area to support victims of domestic abuse alongside a creche for the children. This is run and funded by North Bristol Children's centre.
- 30% of residents are concerned about people using drugs in the area and rising concern about knife crime

# Children & Young People

## Current Situation



**2x**

THE NUMBER OF  
RESPONDENTS WANTED TO  
FIND OUT MORE ABOUT A  
SERVICE THAN HAD  
ACCESSED IT

- Playing Out has started in a few streets in Lockleaze, and volunteers support Scouts, Youth Club, Robotics, Football and Rugby activity and more volunteers needed
- Young people love the Vench for the staff, skills and confidence, parties and bonfire night, that it builds skills and confidence
- Lockleaze has one of the highest rates of Not in Employment Education and Training (7-10% JSNA)
- It is hard to find these NEETs – unclear where some young people go after they leave school. Some concerns about gang culture, underage drinking and drug taking
- Careers information is limited as is parental knowledge
- Youth services are a major concern for residents
- There are concerns about activities during the holiday, hours of operation or needing a parent accompanying children under 8 means they aren't options for working parents
- Major issues around communication with parents not knowing about many existing activities
- Young people in secondary school are concerned about the impact of school funding cuts on their education and extra-curricular activities
- Current local authority youth funding is focused on targeted youth work for age 13 and above, leaving a gap in provision for those aged 6-12
- As funding is reduced targeted youth provision for the North Bristol is often delivered out of central locations (not Lockleaze) with poor or no transport links
- Young people want places to meet new people, make friends
- Holiday hunger is a major issue which organisations locally are collaborating to tackle it

# Developments on the Horizon



**1220**

NEW SCHOOL PLACES WILL  
BE CREATED BY BRISTOL  
CATHEDRAL ACADEMY'S  
SECONDARY SCHOOL &  
UP TO 100 JOBS

- Lockleaze Sports Centre (LSC) has opened (2018) and is looking to develop a new Sports Hall to expand sport provision in the area, already working with Bristol Rovers Trust and Bristol Bears to deliver activity that supports the community including turn up and play football and holiday football clubs as well as training for NEETs
- A new resident led group is supporting the sustainability of the Vench, parents are getting trained as volunteers to support Vench opening
- New housing development (1500 homes) will increase the requirement for childcare in the area, particularly childcare that meets the needs of working parents.
- Following a restructure of children's centre services in Bristol; Stoke Park Children's centre remains open as part of North Bristol Children's Centre NBCC.
- Acta have supported 5 weekly free drama groups to build skills and confidence, and drama skills and are looking to build on this work to extend the creative offer in Lockleaze

# What do Residents want?



## More for our young people

- High quality inclusive varied youth services that build confidence of young people, give them opportunities to socialise, learn new skills and avoid anti-social and self-harming behaviour
- Sustainable youth services
- Sustainable adventure playground
- Facilities to meet the needs of children with disabilities and complex care needs
- A range of provision through the summer holidays including cheap/free options addressing holiday hunger and paid for options that meet the needs of working parents
- Diverse schools with good integration reflecting the diversity of our community
- Parents and schools working together to support school attendance and achievement, and career development
- Understand and address substance abuse, and encourage healthy young people who can achieve positive change for themselves
- Kit, confidence and capability around healthy eating and cooking on a budget for children and young people
- Young people would like support mental wellbeing, particularly taking advantage of Stoke Park
- A BMX track in Purdown/ Lockleaze Open Space

## Community and schools working in partnership

## Better lives for our kids

# Jobs & Skills

## Current Situation



**74%**

RESIDENTS WANT  
MORE COMMUNITY  
BUSINESSES

85% want more shops  
in the area

**£20,000**

INTO THE LOCAL ECONOMY  
THROUGH £750 BUSINESS  
SUPPORT GRANTS

Funded by Bristol City Council and  
administered by Buzz Lockleaze in  
partnership with United Communities to  
start-up enterprises based in Lockleaze

- Opportunities for more local jobs being high on development priorities after Housing and more local food options
- Buzz Lockleaze run weekly drop-in sessions at the Langley Centre to access CV support, interview training and tailed one-to-one support
- North Bristol Advice Centre run twice weekly drop-ins at the Langley Centre, helping residents Get Online
- Buzz provides support with grant applications, access enterprise training and local business networking events
- Residents were also interested in learning DIY, Money management, First Aid and Being healthy
- The Children Centre have supported NVQs in Childcare and seek funding to continue

**1in3** DEPENDENT ON WORKING  
AGE POPULATION

**69%** ARE ECONOMICALLY  
ACTIVE  
Compared to UK Average 74%

**13%** RESIDENTS RECEIVING  
OUT OF WORK BENEFITS

**45%** HAVE NO QUALIFICATIONS  
Compared to 36% in England

**23%** INCREASE IN POPULATION  
From 2006-2016



# Financial Resilience

## Current Situation



**4,149**

**3- DAY EMERGENCY  
FOOD SUPPLIES**

Supplied to people in  
crisis by North Bristol  
Foodbank In 2018

- North Bristol Foodbank has supported Eat Well Spend Less and CAP money advice courses
- Bristol has a strong creative, digital and technology sector but there are not clear pathways into this especially from deprived neighbourhoods

**60%**

NBAC CLIENTS  
PRESENT WITH A  
PHYSICAL AND/OR  
MENTAL HEALTH  
ISSUE

ALSO AN INCREASE IN NUMBER OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CASES

**4,670**

**ENQUIRES TO BY NORTH  
BRISTOL ADVICE CENTRE**

Despite funding cuts and reduced opening hours, they continue providing free and independent advice to Lockleaze residents and have been for over 30 years

**1,981**

**PEOPLE HELPED  
NAVIGATE COMPLEX  
DEBT & BENEFIT ISSUES**

**1,160**

**WELFARE BENEFIT  
ENQUIRIES**

64% ESA and PIP, 705 debt enquiries and 143 appeals

**£1,487,336.61**

**MONEY RAISED FOR CLIENTS**  
by NBAC in benefits awards, backdating, compensatory payments etc

**66%**

**CLIENTS SELF-REPORT  
AS FEELING "EXTREMELY  
STRESSED"**

**73%**

**WERE UNEMPLOYED OR  
UNFIT FOR WORK**

# Developments on the Horizon



## UNIVERSAL CREDIT

INTRODUCED IN JULY 2018  
NBAC have provided training  
to local organisations



- Over 1500 homes built in the area brings opportunity for employment in construction and potentially apprenticeships and skills development locally
- Ecomotive have secured the lease to community space, the Wordsworth Centre, to support DIY skills for self-builders at Morris Road and local residents
- Retail is struggling nationally and local Eastgate centre is looking to become a district centre and reorganise planning layout to create more units and meet changed consumer demand, to sustain existing shops and increase the number of jobs, if planning permission can be granted
- Buzz Lockleaze are exploring community run recruitment services
- Buzz will also offer the brokerage of tailored skills and technical training through city wide funded providers
- GroundworkSouth are supporting adult learning courses from the Vench

# What do Residents want?



- Access to jobs locally
- Good transport links to employment centres across the City
- Access to training locally to develop skills, include support for speakers of other languages to have 'employment-ready' English speaking and writing
- Free impartial debt and welfare advice
- Local jobs
- Support for budgeting
- Free local courses
- Good communication of local learning offers
- Improved access and awareness of post-16 offer
- Clear pathways to education and employment
- Support for physical and mental health wellbeing
- Childcare to meet the needs of those wanting to work or access learning
- Opportunities for skill development in Bristol's booming industries

**Good local jobs**

**Training and advice**

**Future proof job skills**



# Traffic & Transport

## Current Situation



# 2

### NEW BUS ROUTES

72 and 77 treble the number of buses that serve Lockleaze

- The 72 bus reduces time from the centre of Bristol to UWE's Frenchay campus by 20 minutes, through the recently opened Bus Only route to Cheswick Village
- Concern about opening up Cheswick bus gate to traffic is that it would become a rat run to MOD, UWE, M4 and surrounding businesses adding additional traffic
- Residents are concerned about traffic at Muller Road/ Shaldon Road with new school, new houses and new supermarkets where residents already struggle to enter and exit the ward as the traffic is often slow moving or stationary and would be exacerbated by new development
- Lockleaze has several long steep streets (Bonnington, Lockleaze/ Constable, Romney Ave/Shaldon Road) with little in the way of tree cover or benches making it difficult and not enjoyable for walking
- Stoke Park entrances are very muddy for at least four months of the year and there are few paths making it difficult for those with mobility issues to access
- School crossing was cancelled at Stoke Park Primary due to budget cuts and zebra crossing on Romney Avenue consulted on but not implemented
- Concrete roads throughout Lockleaze (eg Romney, Brangwyn, Lockleaze Road, Bonnington Walk) are noisy for residents, and difficult to cycle on
- There are some great cycle routes, though the network is incomplete and shared use paths can create tension in competition for space with pedestrians, especially on narrow paths
- Lifecycle support weekly bike repairs at the Vench for young people, and offer free and low cost-training training for adults, as well as organising group cycle rides in the area.



# Traffic & Transport

## Current Situation



- Residents are concerned about speeding vehicles particularly near Stoke Park school (Brangwyn and Romney Avenue) and on Bonington Walk and Landseer Avenue - this combined with few crossings and otherwise quieter streets make it very dangerous for pedestrians, especially children walking to school
- There are no car club or electric vehicle charging points, or public bike pumps to encourage sustainable travel
- Parking is increasingly an issue on around housing greens where dropped kerbs have reduced the number of on-street spaces for residents
- Parking around the top of Romney Avenue and Hogarth Walk is an issue for residents as commuters are parking and walking on through Cheswick and to UWE and MOD
- There is a railway line through the ward limiting the crossing points east-west, the nearest station is Filton Abbey Wood but there is no bus service there from other points in the Ward
- There is below average car ownership in Lockleaze
- Residents say poor transport is a barrier to accessing jobs





# Developments on the Horizon



- With 1500 new homes and a new secondary school there will be a need for a better transport infrastructure including walking, cycling, road, and rail
- Bristol City Council will consult on various proposals for transport options
- Local Community Infrastructure Levy provides an opportunity to meet residents needs in terms of road surfacing, benches and tree planting, electric vehicle charging points in home and publicly, public bicycle pumps and potentially electric cycle hire
- New supermarkets may provide shuttle bus service (included in development brief)
- Housing Infrastructure Fund has been awarded to Bristol City Council to support sustainable transport infrastructure in Lockleaze including planned improvements to Muller Road

# What do Residents want?



## **STRONG RESIDENT VOICE**

That has the ear of the Council, the Police and the relevant organisations eg. First Bus

- Review of Housing greens to look at mix-use for play, food growing and parking to meet variety of local needs
- Safer walking and cycling routes particularly around schools
- Actions to address traffic congestion and poor air quality particularly around Muller Road
- Road safety in residential areas (Particularly speeding on Romney, Brangwyn and Bonnington, Landseer)
- Attractive and safe walking routes with trees and benches to allow those with limited mobility to rest on route
- Sustainable infrastructure to meet future needs (such as electric vehicle charging, car club, electric bikes, explore transport on demand, others we may not know about)
- Considerate parking, review housing green (parking etc)
- Support local businesses having cycling and changing facilities
- Education and awareness raising on air quality, better data for impact on Muller Road and Filton Avenue
- Review whether existing community transport is meeting local needs
- New developments take an approach to car parking that mitigates the risk of commuter parking on residential streets
- Local train station

## **Safer routes through the area**

# Health & Wellbeing Current Situation



**16%**

**RESIDENTS CONSIDER  
THEMSELVES DISABLED**

13% were living with or  
recovering from a mental  
health issue

**90%**

**HORFIELD HEALTH CENTRE  
PATIENTS RATED THEIR GP AS  
GOOD AT TREATING THEM  
WITH CARE AND CONCERN**

Compared to the CCG and national average  
of 85% and is rated as "good" overall by the  
Care Quality Commission

- There are high levels of child disability in Lockleaze
- North Bristol CCG has highest overall levels of disability and highest children living with a long-term disability
- Disability free life expectancy for women living in Lockleaze is lower than the Bristol average
- Women aged 16-24 are three times as likely as their male peers to experience mental health issues including self-harm, and stress
- Domestic violence is the major reported crime in the area
- Overall life expectancy in Lockleaze is similar to the Bristol Average however; there are a number of health indicators that are a cause for concern.

**29%** **RESPONDENTS HAD A  
PHYSICAL OR MENTAL  
HEALTH CONDITION THAT  
WAS PREVENTING THEM  
FROM WORKING**

**61%** **CHILDREN IN LOCKLEAZE  
WARD ARE BREASTFED  
TO 6-8 WEEK CHECK**  
Level with the Bristol average

**40%** **10/11 YEAR OLDS ARE  
REPORTED AS BEING  
OVERWEIGHT**  
With childhood obesity a major issue



# Health & Wellbeing

## Current Situation



- The premature mortality rate (death under 75) due to cardiovascular disease (CVD) in Lockleaze is significantly worse than the Bristol average, as is emergency hospital admissions due to conditions attributable to smoking, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) and CVD. The total years of life lost due to CVD is the highest in Bristol.
- LNT and NBAC have been addressing social isolation through their support for over 50s including the Community Support at Home project, and supporting a programme of activities locally
- NBAC is part of a North Bristol Community Navigators programme helping over 50s connect with services in their area, they can be referred by GPs and other health care professionals, social and advice workers (social prescribing)



# Developments on the Horizon



## **LOCKLEAZE SPORTS CENTRE** OPENED A NEW FACILITY IN 2018 WITH 4G RUGBY AND FOOTBALL PITCHES

All profits are invested back  
into the Centre



- Lockleaze Sports Centre has recently opened and is working in partnership with UWE and Bristol Rovers to provide a mixture of elite sport training and low cost access to sport provision in the community for all ages
- Lockleaze Sports Centre and partners are developing proposals for further development to include indoor sports facilities with the same mission of elite sport and meeting community need
- The development of approximately 1500 new homes in the area will see a substantial population increase; this will create additional demand on local primary health care services.
- Horfield Health Centre is the only GP Surgery within the Lockleaze ward boundary and so a rise in local population will result in a significant increase in the number of registered patients.
- A Lockleaze Sport and Physical Activity Partnership supported by Wesport has set up in Lockleaze to co-ordinate partners and increase sport and physical activity locally



# What do Residents want?



## **BETTER COMMUNICATION**

CLEAR SIGNPOSTING FOR RESIDENTS  
ABOUT WHAT IS AVAILABLE

- Address food poverty
- Community interests reflected in new facilities and accessibility requirements considered
- Accessible and low cost ways to stay fit and healthy
- Enhance our open spaces and play areas to make these activities more accessible
- Support for those who want to stop smoking
- Reduce harm from alcohol and drugs, helping people to discuss and seek help without judgement
- Support for parents in understanding risks for young people from drugs and online abuse
- Training in mental health, domestic abuse awareness and sign posting for all staff and volunteers in front facing roles
- Support for positive mental health and ways to build confidence and self-esteem
- Encourage more openness about discussing mental health issues
- Be aware when situations of domestic abuse can arise and offer support
- Create an environment that promotes respect, and support and can spot early signs of abuse and make Lockleaze violence free
- Every child has the best start and parents are supported with emotional wellbeing and family support, good child care and early years support
- Address social isolation by signposting to social and wellbeing activities
- Support arts and creative opportunities for expression and community cohesion
- Be an area of the city where everyone has access to conditions for wellbeing, extra attention to those with disabilities including hidden or learning disabilities, those who are housebound, carers or anyone who struggles to access community life

# Green Spaces

## Current Situation



**270**

**ACRE GRADE II LISTED  
STOKE PARK ESTATE &  
PARKLAND**

- Stoke Park does not have disabled access on the Lockleaze side, with just one tarmac path from the South Gloucestershire entrance down to under M32 which can get flooded
- Unlike Bristol's other major parks (Ashton Court, Blaise) there are no public toilets, parking facilities or café making it less inviting for visitors
- Some families feel uncomfortable using it due to lack of signage and pathways and have concerns about safety with the number of dogs off a lead
- The historic park is cut in two by the M32 that provides unwelcome visual and noise pollution
- Created by Thomas Wright, apprentice to Capability Brown between 1749 and 1768, it has historic importance
- The park has suffered from lack of management, historical monuments have been destroyed, covered by scrub, parts become inaccessible
- Natural England and Historic England have funded Bristol City Council to undertake some scrub removal and works to introduce cattle grazing to manage the landscape and provide an income to help sustain the park
- The Park has a Dowry Fund attached which can be used for improvements
- Many residents love the wildness of the landscape and views and want restoration efforts to focus on maintaining wildness over historical significance
- Contains significant wildlife, such as Great Crested Newts, Barn Owls, Glow worms and species rich grassland
- Steve England, local resident, historian, conservationist and outdoor educationist runs a series of walks and talks and actively promotes the park across the city.

# Green Spaces

## Current Situation



**91%**

**SATISFIED WITH  
QUALITY OF PARKS AND  
GREEN SPACES**

**Compared to 83% Bristol  
average**

- Gainsborough square and Emerson square provide local play areas for children and there are a number of small urban green areas in Lockleaze.
- The Old Library community space on Muller Road have a pretty green space adjacent which has been enhanced with outdoor play kitchen and have funding for more play equipment
- Muller road has a shared use sports and recreation area for schools and the community
- Gainsborough Square would benefit from action on the derelict Pub to complete its' regenerated image. The square has provided a great venue for Christmas and summer community events –including Carols around the Tree and Love Lockleaze festival
- Lockleaze Community Orchard has transformed some wasteland by the Concord way cycle path between Constable rd and Bonnington Walk with a community orchard with an array of native fruit trees, vegetables and wildflowers and hosts community engagement events around growing and wildlife



# Developments on the Horizon



## SECTION 106

### FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE

To provide sympathetic  
dual use play/exercise  
equipment in  
Stoke Park

- Creating a new Stoke Park Partnership to manage park developments
  - Consultation process for a new all-weather shared use Pathway linking different parts of Stoke Park and providing accessible access
  - Steve England is working with UWE on conservation in Stoke Park
  - New tree planting
  - Second stage of the conservation management plan
  - Section 106 proposal for play equipment and adult gym trail
- Lockleaze Community Orchard to focus on improved access to the orchard, more raised beds and wildflower patches for pollinators and working with residents and schools to support this space





# What do Residents want?



## Accessible for more people

- Green space is the best thing about Lockleaze for a third of residents
- There is not clear consensus on what residents want for the future of Stoke Park
- The most common issue raised is about lack of toilet facilities and somewhere for a hot drink
- Fear of dogs puts some people off using the park
- There needs to be compromises between restoration of the historic landscape, need for financial sustainability and management of the estate and a range of resident views
- Residents with limited mobility and those in wheelchairs expressed strong dismay at not being able to access the site





# Arts, Culture & Leisure Current Situation



**38%**

DISSATISFIED WITH  
PLACES TO SOCIALISE  
LOCALLY  
With only 23% satisfied

**42%**

HAPPY WITH LIBRARY  
PROVISION BUT CONCERNED  
ABOUT PROPOSED CHANGES

Horfield and Lockleaze Libraries provide, in addition to books, much needed opportunities for socialising (toddler, singing, reading, chess groups) and access to the internet and digital sources

- Despite having many streets named after famous artists there is not much in the way of arts and cultural provision permanently in Lockleaze, though local residents have participated in many one-off events
- Many residents identified art and craft activities amongst skills they have to share
- Stoke Park has inspired and continues to inspire many artists using different mediums, from a painting by JMW Turner housed in the city's museum and gallery to work by local residents, including prints, photographs and paintings of the estate
- 2018 saw the first Stoke Park inspired resident organised art exhibition at the Hub
- When the Council closed Eastville Library local residents got together to open the space as the Old Library for community activity, cafe, computer access and hall hire
- The areas around Wordsworth Road and Filton Avenue in particular, especially with the closure of the Wordsworth centre and the Golden Bottle pub have little social space
- The Hub and the Old Library regularly screen films for the community, and provide other community events

# Arts, Culture & Leisure Current Situation



- Lockleaze Neighbourhood Trust and Jody Drama have been awarded arts council funding and Bristol City Council funding to support a story project, collecting and sharing stories to celebrate the diversity of Lockleaze
- Acta provide free drama for adults and young people in the area across 5 groups
- This has resulted in several plays that have built confidence and skills in local people and provided much needed youth activity. Unfortunately performances have taken place outside the area as there isn't suitable performance space
- Bristol Old Vic have been working with young people following their debut performance of *Junkyard* a play written about the history of Lockleaze's famous Adventure Playground, The Vench
- St James's church has a proud history as the inspiration for the musical Jesus Christ Superstar with their performance of *A Man Dies*, which following the Lockleaze performance was performed at the Colston Hall, Albert Hall and later televised
- In 1963 *Some People* was filmed in Lockleaze featuring many local residents, considered a classic film depiction of the early sixties



# Developments on the Horizon



## District of Culture

- Acta and LNT are looking to build on their work to date with a programme of activity to develop Lockleaze cultural and creative talent
- Bristol City Council is investing in 2 projects in Lockleaze, including a light project and a story project
- We the Curious are working with residents on a new display and Bristol Museums and Art Gallery plan to work with local people in curating aspects of collection and displays which reflect their interests, aspirations and experiences, as part of their 'Districts of Culture' city strategy
- CST Academy are proposing a 400 seat performance space as part of their new secondary school development and a focus on performing arts and a commitment to make the facilities available to the community outside of school hours

## Libraries and Connectivity

- A number of libraries across the city were threatened with closure but have now been saved for a further two years, but a new sustainable vision for them is needed
- Residents value access to computers, WiFi and a free, warm space to go to. It also provides useful study space for young people
- A number of different models for future-proofing and developing library use and the facilities/services they offer are being explored. These include: co-location of library services with a range of other council and non-council community services and provision, such as Housing advice, Children's Centre services, and Police services; expanding and developing the range of library and information services offered to include better digital access, quality advice, and virtual library sources; sharing staff with cafes or community centres (the post office model); and redefining services (share shop/ library of things). To be effective, this may involve uncoupling library and information services from particular buildings, especially if provision expands

# Developments on the Horizon



## Housing

- New housing will bring increased demand for leisure spaces, and greater footfall increasing likelihood of their being sustainable

## Night Time Economy and Social Spaces

- Residents want more social spaces, family restaurant, cafe and bar
- The Golden Bottle application to be converted was denied as it was recognised that Lockleaze needed this social space especially as 1000 new homes are being built
- Following the closure of the Community Association, a group of residents have successfully opened a social club on the site - Lockleaze Family club - and are hosting weekly entertainment there, with plans to grow opening hours and services (e.g. cafe) as they become sustainable

## Sports

- Lockleaze Sports Centre will be raising funds for phase 2 development to include a sports hall with additional facilities
- Phase 2 will include elite sports training but also wants to meet needs of local residents encourage activity across all ages and stages of ability
- Wesport, a charity in the West of England has chosen Lockleaze to support the take up of sport and physical activity in the area
- They are working with schools, Lockleaze Sports Centre, Bristol Rovers Community Trust, Lockleaze Neighbourhood Trust, Linkage, residents and local Councillors on the Lockleaze Sports and Physical Activity partnership







# What do Residents want?



- Access to books, computers, wifi and information and things available through a library service
- Opportunities to learn a musical instrument
- More street based arts (arts trail, window wonderland, street parties and cultural events)
- Developing and sustaining links with Bristol Old Vic and ACTA
- 'Twinning' with other parts of the city to share and learn from them
- A cultural offer that meets the needs of the whole community - across different demographics, accessible and affordable
- Share some of the great history and develop new stories about Lockleaze's strength today
- A night time economy for evening socialising
- A family-friendly affordable place to eat out

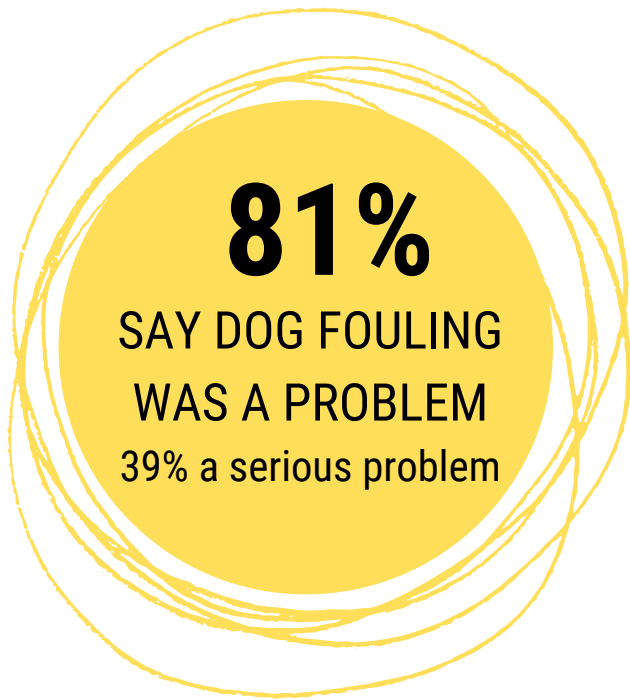
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**Access and  
opportunities**

**Explore the  
history**

# Pride of Place & Safety

## Current Situation



- Residents report significant concerns regarding road safety, in particular, speeding cars, non-enforcement of 20mph limits and fears for children travelling to school
- Speed limits are currently enforced by a mobile speed enforcement van situated at different locations
- Concern of dangerous parking and obstruction of pavements

**44%** IDENTIFIED STREET LITTER AS A PROBLEM  
35% as a serious problem

- A number of residents said properties near them weren't cared for with dumping in front gardens or on empty land owned by the Council
- Comments show that for some people this is seriously affecting their enjoyment of Lockleaze as a place to live
- We asked people about reporting street issues, whilst most people knew how to report a street issue few ever did
- Cost of bulky item waste removal identified as a barrier for getting large items removed
- There has been a regular monthly litter pick in Stoke Park and Morris Road run by volunteers and a number of one-off litter picks organised with young people in partnership with LPW and United Communities.
- Bristol Noise annually supports rubbish clearing in communal areas and supports people identified by local services as in need

# Developments on the Horizon



- New developments may increase construction traffic but also bring the opportunity for community building, community infrastructure levy to support street cleaning activities and infrastructure (such as bins)
- New school, an opportunity to work with young people on pride of place and social action
- Playing Out in several streets encouraging pride of place
- Some local residents getting together to litter pick their streets and get to know their neighbours

## What do Residents want?

- Less rubbish and dog mess
- No speeding motorbikes
- Pride of place - to Love Lockleaze
- End drug abuse and domestic violence
- Support those who are struggling not label them as a problem
- Not just pick up litter but work together to stop rubbish building up in the first place
- Reduce, reuse, recycle - find ways to share goods, repair broken things rather than dumping them and help removing them - particularly for those without cars who can't get things to the household recycling centre and need to pay additional charge

**Pride in  
Lockleaze**

# Food

## Current Situation



**84%**

**WANT MORE SHOPS  
LOCALLY**

76% want a supermarket

- Since the community survey Aldi and Lidl have opened providing low cost fresh food
- Major household spend in the area goes on housing, utilities and food and most of this is spent outside of Lockleaze thereby not re-investing in the area
- Lockleaze Sports Centre has recently opened and is providing some low-cost meals expanding local options
- Recently local residents have begun pop-up food businesses out of the Vench and the Cameron Centre supporting a more diverse food offering and new enterprises

**12%**

**RISE IN NORTH  
BRISTOL FOODBANK  
USE 2016-17**

1777 people requesting emergency  
3 day food supplies between April-  
Sept 2018, 709 to children

- Local residents hosted a 'Cooking and Culture' evening to share their culture with the community through food and are keen to do this again
- Lockleaze Loves Lunch, is a community project to tackle holiday hunger by providing free food and crafts in the school holidays for children on free school meals who might otherwise go hungry
- The project is currently active at least one day per week in school holidays
- St Mary's church provide a regular monthly lunch club for older residents in Lockleaze, and Ebenezer church provide low cost food at their weekly Taste Cafe and regular senior citizen feasts
- For the last couple of years Orchard School have hosted the Big Community Lunch showcasing pupil talent and inviting the community to eat and enjoy.
- 25.7% of the adult population in Lockleaze suffer from obesity

# Food

## Current Situation



**69%**  
WANT MARKET  
STALLS IN THE AREA

- Lockleaze housing includes many 3 bed semi-detached homes with large gardens designed for post-war focus on food growing in the face of short supply; many residents find these difficult to maintain but they are a potential resource locally for good growing
- Buzz Lockleaze have hosted gardening activities in their garden to teach residents on food growing, and undertaken outreach in local schools to teach primary pupils about food growing
- Buzz Lockleaze and North Bristol Foodbank have supported local cookery courses including cooking on a budget and basic cooking
- Lockleaze Community Orchard established in 2015 and grows English variety apples and has transformed local scrub and wasteland into a community orchard. The community orchard runs skills development sessions and offers hands on practical experience for local residents





# Developments on the Horizon



- Buzz Lockleaze, North Bristol Foodbank and North Bristol Advice Centre all sit on a panel of community food organisations as part of the Feeding Bristol project, a member of the national Feeding Britain initiative
- Food Power Alliance: Buzz Lockleaze, North Bristol Advice Centre, Lockleaze Neighbourhood Trust, United Communities, & North Bristol Food Bank have collectively formed a Lockleaze Food Power. The aim of the Alliance is to positively impact food culture in Lockleaze through the joint provision of a local food power pathway; identifying those at risk and delivering education, advice, access and support to residents facing food poverty.
- Universal credit came to Lockleaze in July 2018 and Horfield in September 2018, in other areas UC has resulted in an increase in foodbank use
- GroundworkSouth are supporting holiday lunch clubs and will be getting an outdoor pizza oven at the Vench



# What do Residents want?



- Places to socialize, in a relaxed inexpensive family-friendly environment, more restaurants (could be pop-up – round-the-world)
- After-school cookery classes
- Regular community feasts
- Healthy eating at schools
- Community cookbook
- Wild food and foraging courses
- Access to cheap, healthy food including supermarket
- Raise awareness of food waste and campaign to minimise it
- Community farm that supports education around local food system, food skills
- Community kitchen for: those without a kitchen; early stage food businesses that need registered kitchen premises; community cooking and eating events
- Local food growing and making food and drink products – “Lockleaze brand”

**A closer  
supermarket**

**Cheaper  
healthy food**

**Use food to  
socialise**



# Community Current Situation



**THE NUMBER  
ONE THING PEOPLE  
LOVE ABOUT  
LOCKLEAZE IS THE  
PEOPLE**

**5th** MOST DIVERSE  
WARD IN THE CITY  
30% BAME population

**26%** SAID THEY HELPED  
OUT NEIGHBOURS  
Only 50% said they didn't  
volunteer or help at all in their  
community

**81%** FEEL THEY BELONG  
TO THEIR  
NEIGHBOURHOOD  
Only 10% said people from  
different groups did not get along  
well together

- Lockleaze has a strong community feel and this is a major strength of the area
- It is a diverse community but this is not always reflected in community services and activities which are not as diverse as the population
- Crime statistics are low for the area, but many BAME residents say that they experience racist comments but they don't report them to the authorities
- 20% of residents were born outside of the UK, with top 3 countries of birth being Poland, Jamaica and Somalia.
- Recent Facebook posts have indicated intolerance in the area and there was a right-extremist found with explosives locally
- There is a strong network of local organisations. Network Lockleaze, meets quarterly to consider how they work collectively to support Lockleaze, hold organisations to account, and avoid unnecessary duplication. The Network supported the community survey and the community economic development plan, and partner organisations will support delivery of the actions in this plan
- Our Lockleaze meets twice a year to support the action for the community (with this plan!)

# Community Current Situation



- Residents primary way of finding out about things is word of mouth followed by Horfield and Lockleaze Voice- monthly community newspaper, the Hub, then Love Lockleaze facebook group (over 2000 users)
- Residents planning forum meet monthly to discuss developments in the area and hold wider forums with Councillors and Police three times a year
- We have a number of voluntary run or supported activities in Lockleaze and many community services from debt, welfare and employment advice, local growing, local lunches, sports, scouts and activities could not happen without the commitment of time and energy from volunteers
- Residents often help each other but are not always involved in organised groups due to a variety of reasons including caring responsibilities, attitudes towards volunteering and community activity and own health
- Number of residents with reduced mobility have limited access for some community facilities (shops in Gainsborough Sq, Stoke Park etc.)





# Developments on the Horizon



**NEW ACTIVITIES  
TO COMBAT SOCIAL  
ISOLATION IN 55+**  
SET UP BY BUZZ & LNT TO  
CONTINUE BEYOND THE  
PROGRAMME

- Residents identified skills they could share and things they would like to make happen in Lockleaze but need additional support to get this off the ground
- Several residents organised events for Christmas around Lockleaze and are interested in running a series of event such as quiz nights, open mic nights and murder mysteries and are exploring future events
- Residents would like to address racism in the area and welcome new comers to the area
- Up to 1500 new homes in the area will mean major population change and both opportunity to welcome new members of the community and requirement to engage newcomers communities to avoid problems
- There are a number of community buildings and organisations but some are in a poor condition and most Lockleaze based charitable organisations are concerned about long term financial sustainability
- University researchers have developed Bystander Training which they want to deliver with our community to address domestic violence and other anti-social behavior by articulating positive social norms
- The community plan can provide a starting point for resident priorities and action





# What do Residents want?



## Ways to explore other cultures

- Not to feel like the forgotten estate
- Opportunities to explore each others culture, history, different foods and traditions - ask questions without offending (BBQs, festivals, multicultural day, women empowerment day, interfaith open doors, fireworks, litter picks, Lockleaze has talent, Language day)
- A place where people get on well together, and difference is celebrated
- Support for making stuff happen (confidence, skills, a buddy/mentor system)
- A place where people know their neighbours and look out for one another, and there are street parties and other hyper local activities
- Opportunities to share food together, community kitchen, community larder, pop-up restaurant from around the world
- Intergenerational events that bring young and old people together to have fun together and tackle loneliness
- Encourage random acts of kindness and passing on smiles
- Community development focusing on under-represented communities in Lockleaze to understand better their community life and how Lockleaze can be more welcoming
- Explore new ways to connect with others in and beyond Lockleaze e.g Lockleaze youth youtube channel, instagram
- Encourage people to go on walks together

## New ways to connect

## Random acts of kindness

# In Numbers

**#1**

**PRIORITY IS  
HOUSING**

2.5x higher priority than  
anything else

**1220**

NEW SCHOOL PLACES  
CREATED BY BRISTOL  
CATHEDRAL ACADEMY'S  
SECONDARY SCHOOL

**85%**

RESIDENTS WANT  
MORE SHOPS  
IN THE AREA

**38%**

DISSATISFIED WITH  
PLACES TO SOCIALISE  
LOCALLY

**91%**

SATISFIED WITH  
QUALITY OF PARKS  
AND GREEN  
SPACES

**81%**

SAY DOG FOULING  
WAS A PROBLEM

**81%**

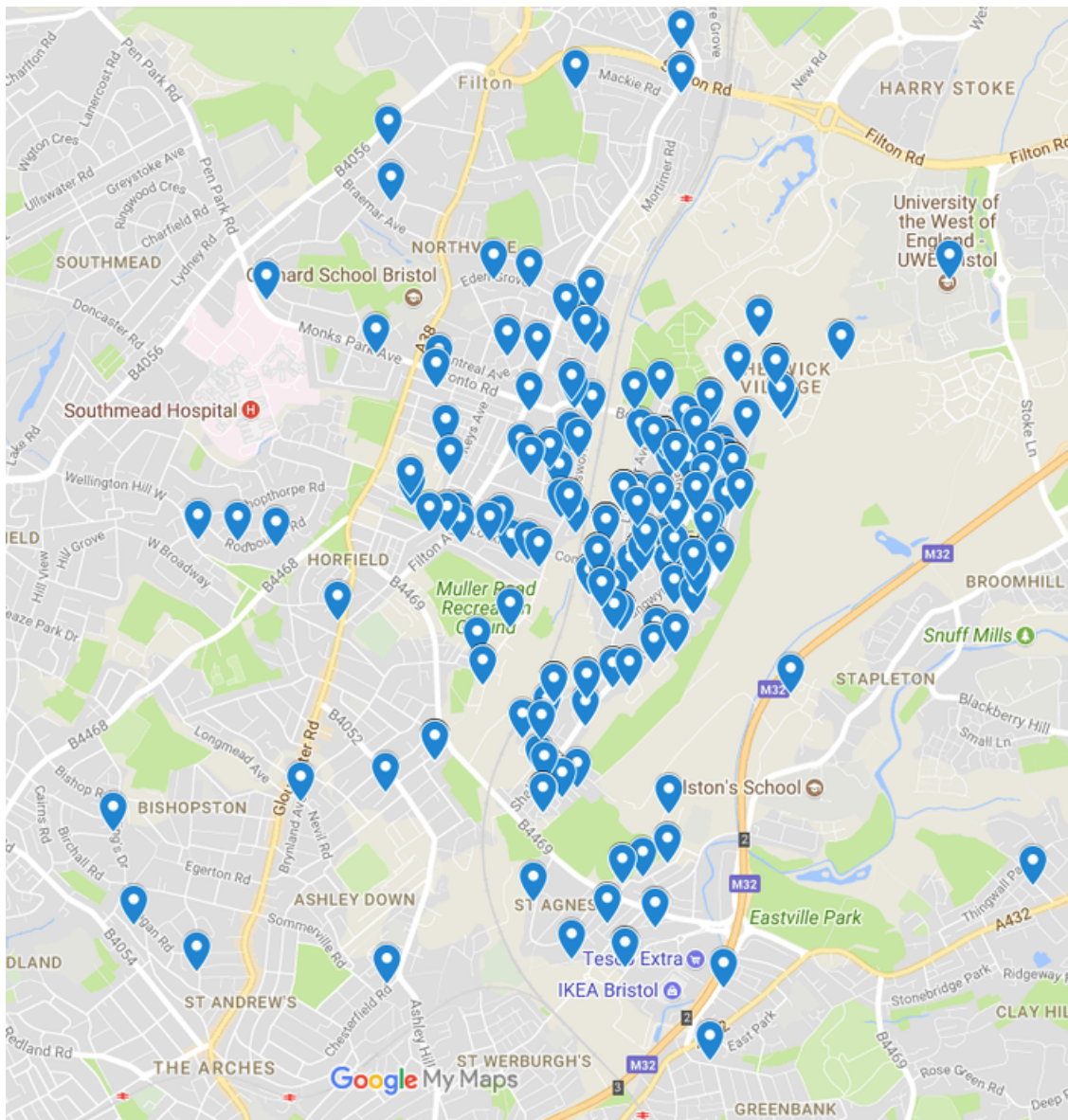
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# Map of Responses

The 2017 community survey asked questions of people that live, work and play in Lockleaze. Below is a map of respondents.



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