

Kingsmeadow

For all area residents - Knightstone, Merlin, Guinness, private tenants, owners!

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Newsletter

February 2013

Community Safety Group gets funding to tackle speeding motorcycles

Ben, Ellie and Katie from Knightstone made a successful bid to KHA's Environmental Improvement Fund. So, the Community Safety Group's plans for the Gilpin Close end of the green can happen. Please see page two for the plans. If you have any comments on them, please let us know now! (continued on page 2)

The next Community Safety meeting will be at the Kingsmeadow Community Flat Friday 22 Feb 10:30 - 11:30

See you there!

Little ones are welcome at meetings too! There will be supervised play for them while the adults drink tea and make plans.



Kingsmeadow Social Club Community Fish 'n' Chips Night!

A small but friendly group met for the first social club night. We shared excellent fish, chips, and sausages from Soundwell Chippy.

The next club nights will be:

Thurs 14 March from 6:30
Thurs 25 April from 6:30
Thurs 6 June from 6:30

We're planning another community meal for the March club night, and then maybe a trip for the next one – come along and help us decide!

Everyone Welcome!

(continued from page 1) New barriers will help speeding on the green and footpaths. They will slow down motorcyclists and cyclists and maybe give police a chance to nab those who are going too fast and worrying other footpath users.

Other improvements on the way

Knightstone has permission from the council for other road improvements. Two planters near the top of Gilpin Close will provide a small ‘pinch point’. This will encourage car drivers to slow down.

The council has agreed to install advisory road markings in Gilpin, though we don’t have a date for that work yet.

Residents convince police to keep up the pressure

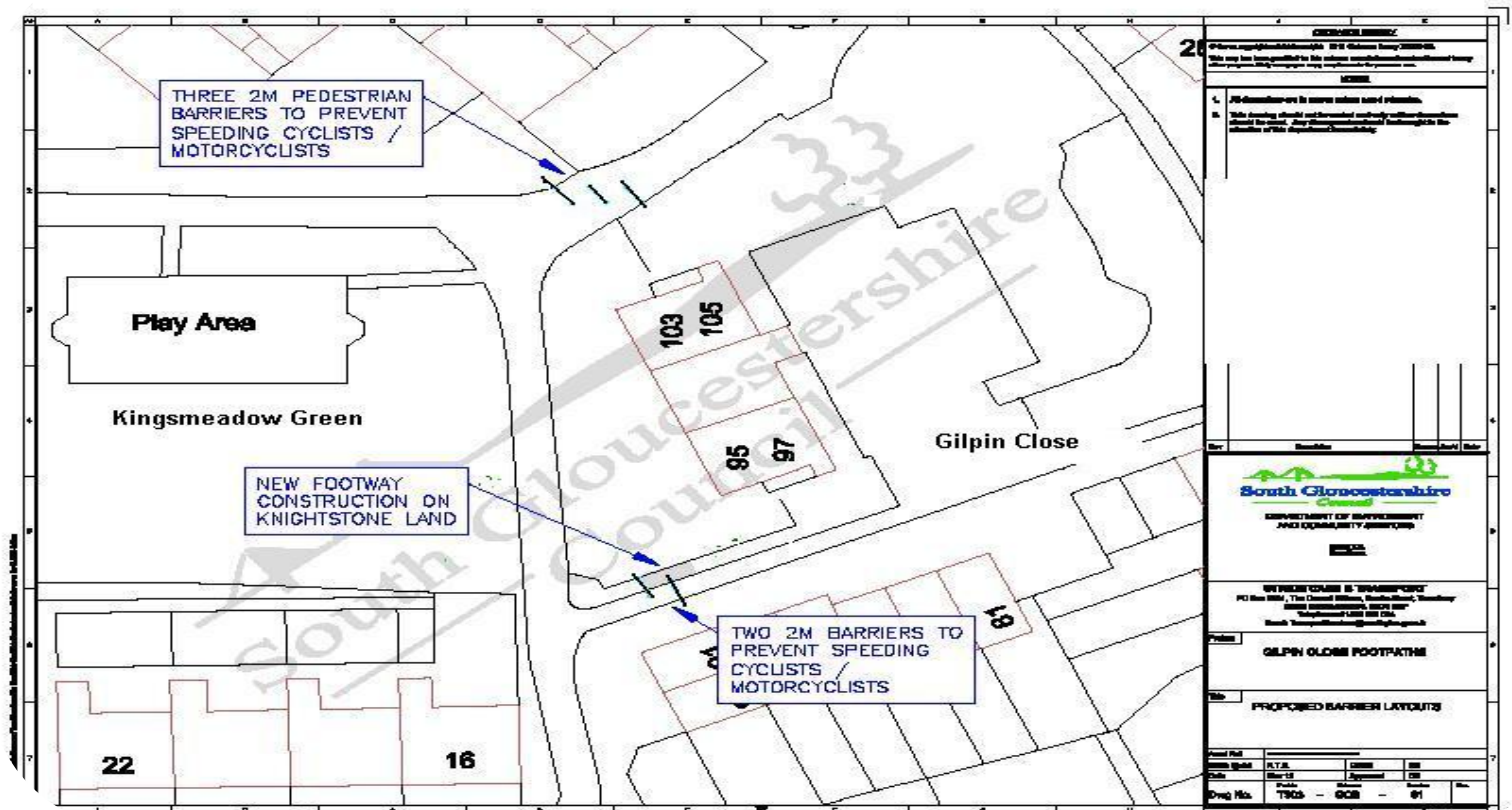
Thanks to your efforts, tackling speeding motorbikes on pavements around Gilpin

is staying a policing public priority. Keep reporting bikes and other problems when you see them by calling the police on 101, their non-emergency number. Or you can contact PCSO Chris Abbot on 07717 815 155. If we don’t call them, the police don’t know it’s happening.

First steps for a better Kingsmeadow

The Community Safety Group work dovetails nicely with plans to change Kingsmeadow Green into a nicer space for residents.

Councillors Bill Bowrey and Pat Apps are holding on a consultation on the proposed changes to the green. The consultation sheet is inside this newsletter. Get your voice heard! Together, we can work to make Kingsmeadow a safe and pleasant place to live.



Plans drawn up by Stephen Essery of South Gloucestershire Council. KHA has got funding to do the work.

Spring at the Community Flat!



Toddlers and Parents Stay and Play!

At home with a little one? Come to the **Stay and Play** group **every Wednesday from 10 – 11:30**. Families with tots aged 0- 5 years can enjoy messy play, story and rhyme time, crafts and games. Spaces are still available! Supported by Sure Start.

FREE Volunteering training

For members of the community. Every Monday 4.30 - 6.30pm. Just turn up and meet new people and find out how to get involved in the community.

HENRY - Healthy Eating & Nutrition for the Really Young.

Cooking classes for parents with little ones from 0 - 5yrs. Spaces limited!

February Dreamscheme! For ages 8+

Tues 12 Feb	10-12 Mud pie explorers arts & crafts 1-3:30 Trip to Feed Bristol!
Wed 13 Feb	10 -12 Healthy cookery session 1-2 Kingsmeadow mixed team football match!
Thurs 14 Feb	10-12 Healthy cookery session 1-3 Planting seeds - grow something great!
Friday 15 Feb	10-11 Making bird feeders 11-2 Trip to Feed Bristol!

Plants started off during the Dreamscheme will be planted out in the community allotment later in the spring!

Yoga with Amber Rose

Starts **Wednesdays** from 20th February, 1:00 – 2:00. **FREE!**
Book a space to avoid disappointment. Come and get bendy!

WiFi Fridays

Learn how to use email, WWW, write documents, complete online forms etc. Just turn up between 11am and 3pm. **FREE.** Starts February 22nd. Contact Alan Johnson for details 07873649180.

Health Champions needed!

If you're interested in raising awareness about basic health issues within your community, the NHS/PCT are providing small courses on Health awareness. They help you to help others to become well. Training starts in March – **FREE.**

Level 2 NVQ Community Development Course

A 10 week course for anyone interested in developing their skills and understanding of community development within the voluntary sector. This course includes topics such as diversity, empowerment, monitoring & evaluation. Starts April; limited spaces.

**For more details on anything above, call Ceri or Jane at
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Kingswood Community Bus a success

We bid a sad farewell to the Kingswood Community Bus, which has moved on due to lack of funding.

Since October, the bus brought its equipment out to Gilpin Close on Monday nights. Parked in one of the laybys, young people could make music, play games, and enjoy other creative pursuits with their friends. Some nights saw over 35 people getting on the bus!

Despite concerns that the bus would cause problems, we received only one complaint – about where the bus was parked – in that whole period.

Many thanks to Pat Apps for helping to bring the bus out and give our young people so many great evenings.

Jobs!

The **Kingsmeadow Community Flat** is looking for people to fill two roles that offer great experience and will build your CV:

- **Volunteer Treasurer**
- **Volunteer Personal Assistant / Secretary to the Manager and Board of Trustee Directors**

For more information, drop by the flat at 19 Barrington Close, or ring 0117 904 8425 . To apply, you can download the volunteer application form from: www.kingsmeadowflat.org.uk/volunteers

Southern Brooks Community Partnership is advertising for 5 full-time paid trainee Community Organisers. These posts provide accredited training! For more information and to get an application visit: www.southernbrooks.org.uk or call 01454 868 570

Hurt by welfare cuts? Want to do something about it?

The charity Housing Justice has launched a campaign to draw attention to the human cost of the welfare cuts. They have set up a website where people affected by welfare reform can tell their own stories. The aim is to counter the negative myths about people on benefits.

Already there are a number of stories on the site. Check it out!

<http://www.tellmystory.org.uk/>

Should the Community Flat go to the Pub?

The Kingsmeadow Community Flat is looking for feedback from you about their proposal to expand into the Royal Archer building.

What would make a perfect community space? A soft play area? Computer skills training? Keep fit classes? Toddler groups? Darts facilities? A sound proof room for music? Rooms you can hire?

All this and more is on the table. Please give them your ideas, comments and any contacts for trades people you know who could help!

For more information on anything in this newsletter, or to submit something for the next one, please contact:

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