

FROM THE AMENITY AND TREES GROUP

Youthful Hartcliffe triumphs again!

You might have caught on the local news in early December, during the European Cities Regeneration Conference hosted by the City Council, a report from the Spacemaker community site on Hareclive Road. A few of my group were fortunate to visit the site on a brilliantly sunny crisp morning and to meet the teenagers, and the other team members, responsible for this stunning little project. It has proved so popular with the community that further money has been sought to upgrade and slightly modify features to cope with the extra demands on it. Proof indeed of success. One of the European delegates said that the teenagers had put so much effort into the scheme from the start, and had developed so positively from the project that such a formula HAD to be repeated elsewhere.

My Group members;

In each newsletter I aim to introduce you to individual members who, through their voluntary dedication and enthusiasm, have made it all worth while for me - over the 27 years I have been Convenor.

So we start with Elizabeth Watts Miller, who joined the group about 18 months ago. She took over from my late wife, Carol, as representative on the Council's highly productive and lively Clean and Green Board. She also has found the meetings so enjoyable, even if sometimes three hours long, that she penned the following poem in tribute:

Enjoyed the "Clean and Green Board"
Very much, if I be true.
Twenty mins on Dog Poo,
Half an hour on graffiti too.
Seems a good team at the "Clean and Green".

After "scoop the Poop"
We had Drugs and Sex!
With pictures, too,
Of a man and a van that cleans up the mess
After Drugs and Sex.
You'd never believe what trouble in spring
Trees in bloom can bring.
Of course we all know in
Autumn leaves fall,
That's a nightmare for one and all.



Fly posting-- rubbish that's not cleared away
For those using the Queen's Highway.
I even saw pictures of The Centre
All sparkling and bright,
Not a trace of a beer can
Or a fag in sight,
Mind you it was the middle of the night!
So while some sleep, work or
Just daydream,
With those that work for Clean and Green,
Without notoriety, meanwhile,
I'll do my best for the Civic Society!



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CONCERNING OUR GREEN BELT

Written Question to Cabinet by Bristol Civic Society, and Answer

- Q.** Can we be assured that the proposed "immediate and continuing priority proposals" for specified Area Action within this Bristol Urban Area (2:13) will be implemented and monitored against housing targets before green belt breaches are considered?
- A.** First detailed proposals emphasise the priority attached to securing development in urban areas especially on previously developed land. The extent of Development envisaged means that it cannot be contained within the urban area but it is intended to minimise the need for urban extensions. Given the proposed pace of development a mix of types of housing in a range of locations is envisaged. It would be impractical to exhaust urban capacity prior to some development in urban extensions.
- C**omment: Not all the opportunities for development within city boundaries have yet been taken into account in the sort of planning detail essential for the protection of the city.

Jerry Hicks