



Southern Brooks Community Partnership

Annual Report

"Making a Difference"



**Southern Brooks
Community Partnership**

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Southern Brooks Community Partnership is a registered charity. The organisation was originally set up in 1988 as Patchway and Bradley Stoke Community Development Project. We became a registered charity in May 2001 and the constitution was last amended in November 2009 when we reviewed the membership categories of the organisation. The changes were approved by the Charity Commission. Our Board of trustees is now made up of individual members of the organisation, who are nominated at the Annual General Meeting. People who use our services make up our affiliated membership. Our AGM is widely publicised throughout the community and an open invitation is made to people who can sign up to our values who would like to be nominated to the Board from our membership.

New members of the Board are provided with an induction pack and training for trustees is offered through CVS South Gloucestershire as well as in-house. A training policy for trustees is being developed and the Board has undertaken a review this year based on the National Occupational Standards for trustees. Trustees receive quarterly written reports from the staff management team, issued one week prior to quarterly Board meetings, along with quarterly financial reports. The day to day running of the organisation is the responsibility of the Director, Julie Snelling and the Leadership Team which during the financial year comprised of Steve Robertson, Ann Symonds, Mark Seed, Jackie Lewis and Corrina Wood. The board has set up an Employment sub group which reports directly back to the Board. The Board holds two away days each year

at which the priorities and progress of the organisation are reviewed. The Board makes decisions on the strategic direction of the organisation and adoption of new policies and is responsible for compliance with Health & Safety legislation, charitable law and employment law. A review of major risk factors is undertaken by the Board at the spring away day each year. During the past year the Board has undertaken a review of its performance against the NOS for Governance and this will form part of the work plan for the Board for the next financial year.

Our strapline is 'Making a Difference' and our mission is "Working in partnership to empower and support people to develop safe, healthy and vibrant communities". Our priorities are:

- Supporting families
- Working with people who are socially isolated
- Supporting children and young people, particularly through transitions
- Supporting the development of voluntary and community groups across the area.

The Leadership Team at its annual residential recognised this year the need to promote more effectively our mission and ethos statement. While each area of work is important, our added value is in working together across the organisation. Fundamentally our core values determine the way that we work. Our mission is to work in partnership, and this includes working together within the organisation. Southern Brooks seeks to ensure that as an organisation we continue to

reflect, learn and develop as one team.

We have in place a strong leadership team with an emphasis on leading and working together as a team; cross management and inter-team working is becoming stronger. There is a shared willingness to embrace change and keep momentum going and an understanding of the need for increased accountability of actions throughout the organisation. We are now in our 22nd year and are one of very few voluntary sector organisations in South Gloucestershire to have been around this long. In the last few years we have significantly changed both in the services delivered and the organisational structure. We have a good reputation with service users, funders and other key partners. We are able to respond quickly to emerging needs at both the local and strategic level.

It's increasingly important that our Board and governance arrangements reflect the diverse range of services that we deliver, and the communities in which we work. We need to retain our identity as a community development organisation. This is what makes us special and different from the major national charities moving into South Gloucestershire

In practice this means working with those in the community that are vulnerable, isolated, excluded and lacking in confidence, skills and experience. This organisation has been and remains committed to the principles and practices of community development rather than community work. This means building social capital, developing networks and relationships and working with each other for mutual benefit.

The values of community development drive the work.

These are:

- Social justice – working towards a fairer society
- Self-determination – valuing the concerns and issues in communities, providing opportunities for discussion and working with differences
- Working and learning together – recognizing that everyone has skills and knowledge, valuing diversity and learning from mistakes as well as successes

- Sustainable communities – supporting communities to develop their skills while using resources with respect to the environment
- Participation – helping individuals get involved so that they can influence decisions that affect their lives and finding ways to include those who are normally left out.
- Reflective practice – promoting and supporting individual and group learning and changing and adapting plans

We have continued to contribute to Integrated Working and to deliver a Parent Support Adviser (PSA) programme. The team is managed as part of our Family Support Service Project, alongside the Junior Youth Inclusion Support Project (JYISP), the family support team, Toy Library and Domestic Abuse support group. During the financial year we supported over 200 families, providing Christmas hampers to the most disadvantaged families and working with Willow Brook Shopping Centre, John Lewis and local residents to provide gifts for Christmas. Our family support continues to go from strength to strength under the able management of Corrina Wood. We have just finished the first year of three year funding from the Community Fund for our Family Support Service which has met and exceeded all targets. We've continued to support young people aged 13 + with a grant from the Tudor Trust and have been inundated with referrals. We have been grateful this year for the continued support of Parish and Town Councils.

Our Children's Fund project working with 8 – 13 year olds at Patchway Youth Centre and Coniston Primary school continues to meet the needs of this age group, managed by Mark Seed. Mark has been keen to develop the involvement of the children in the community. Thanks to generous funding from Patchway Town Council we have also continued with the detached youth work, focusing on areas where young people gather such as Scott Park and Coniston Parade. We've worked closely with Patchway Youth Centre to develop a number of successful projects.

Steve Robertston has continued to manage youth work provision in Bradley Stoke. This has been a

challenging year, with changes to the staff team and the need to work with issues in the community. Good work has taken place both within the centre and through the detached youth work team. Now that Bradley Stoke Community School has a post 16 centre, we have worked increasingly closely with them and also run projects with younger pupils of the school. We've been able to train a team of over 50 young people as peer mentors this year.

We have continued to develop our role as a training provider, providing accredited training opportunities as well as delivering training as an intermediary for South Gloucestershire Community Learning Service. This is an area of work we want to develop over the coming year.

We were successful in an application to Community Development Foundation Faiths in Action and appointed a dynamic community worker. She has worked with a group of women of faith and none, who have organized community events and undertaken a community development course. The group are now keen to work together to promote community cohesion.

In October we held our second Celebration of Community, at the Willow Brook centre in Bradley Stoke, with the support of many local businesses. This was in response to feedback from community groups last year following our event at the Aztec Hotel, when groups told us that they would welcome the opportunity to showcase their work to local people.

In December we held an event at Baileys Court Activity Centre, working in partnership with CVS South Gloucestershire. We were pleased to welcome our MPs Jack Lopresti and Steve Webb, and many community representatives, for a lively debate on the Big Society.

We have welcomed the continued support of Patchway and Bradley Stoke Town Councils and Stoke Gifford Parish Council for our community development work. Over the past year we've taken on the role of the Community Lead Organisation for Priority Neighbourhood work in Filton and Patchway. This will mean that we bring together the many active agencies and organisations in the town, to improve

outcomes for those families that need additional support.

We have continued to sit on the Safer and Stronger Community Group Partnership and have become a voluntary sector rep on the Compact Implementation group. We've been commissioned this year by the CVS to run network events and set up a database to ensure that local community groups are informed about issues that affect them. We have contributed to many voluntary sector initiatives working closely with CVS South Gloucestershire and this work will continue and expand next year. We've had some small new contracts to pilot work with Carers and to roll out the Common Assessment Framework process throughout the sector.

We've continued to put in place quality measures, working towards achieving PQASSO – a practical quality assurance standard for small organisations. With our successful application to the Transition Fund, we will be able to seek external accreditation this year.

We were grateful last year to both Stoke Lodge Primary School and Patchway Community Centre for providing office accommodation, but really look forward to co-locating our teams at the new Coniston Community Centre from April this year.

We were faced with very bleak prospects from April 2011, with great insecurity around many funding streams. We were fortunate to find out late in March that our application to the Transition Fund was successful. This will provide us with the opportunity over the coming year to improve the way we cost and market our services, to be clearer about the financial costs of the organisation, to review the way we deliver services and to invest in new services. As part of this we will set up a social enterprise, a community café, at Coniston Community Centre. Training is an area that we want to develop, both providing accredited training courses and "first step" learning that builds confidence and self esteem in our families.

We know that the next year is going to be difficult. Funding from charitable organisations is becoming harder to secure, with more applications and reduced funding available. We have yet to see the impact in South Gloucestershire of cuts to statutory services.

From April 2011 we will have a new staff structure in place within our family services team, which will help us to continue to provide services for families with a much reduced budget.

Our service commissioned funding for community development runs until October 2011; funding for our early intervention and preventative work is on an annual basis at present, while the full impact of cuts to statutory funding is becoming clear. Our Transition Fund grant will enable us to develop our social enterprise work, and to introduce charges for services. The future will present more opportunities

for the voluntary and community sector to become increasingly involved in service delivery. Improved partnership working is going to be key to the future growth and sustainability of our organisation, and ultimately protecting and developing the services we are able to provide for our users. We will explore new contracts such as those from the DWP and the Community Organisers programme, but payment by results and the impact on budgets will need to be closely considered. The Localism Bill and other government initiatives such as the Big Society are areas that we will be watching closely.

Chair's Report

It is with great pleasure that I write about another successful year for Southern Brooks Community Partnership as we celebrate 22 years and still going strong. The trustees, management and staff teams continue to hold away days looking at how we can take the Partnership forward within budget restrictions. The year has had its low's and a few high's but through it all Julie and her team have remained calm and focused, a big thanks to you all, especially as at one stage we weren't sure where funding was coming from and if we would still manage to survive during the recession. The most enjoyable part of being chair is turning up at events such as International Women's Day. The downside is not being able to attend as much as I would have liked too.



I wish everyone another successful year as we head in to our next year as a Partnership.

Elaine Martin - Chair

Treasurers Report

Our finances have continued to be complex, and the introduction of SAGE this year has given us greater control and understanding of our financial situation. This has been a challenging year, with reductions in funding meaning we've had to streamline core costs and restructure our administrative team. We were sorry to say goodbye to Mo Bell as Office Manager, and have welcomed Wayne Harris as an experienced book-keeper who has been able to fully implement SAGE. Over the coming 12 months, developing social enterprises, reducing core costs and generating income are going to remain important. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the leadership team for the way in which they manage their budgets, making the role of treasurer much easier.

Steve Woods



Children's Fund Project

Mark Seed - Childrens Services Manager

Aims

The Children's Fund provision aimed to enable children and young people between the ages of 8 and 13 in Patchway to:

- Develop team working & social skills
- Build self esteem
- Address social issues
- Challenge discrimination
- Have a voice in the community

Achievements

This was the final year of this project which was closed at the end of March 2011 because of funding cuts.

- ✓ However over the year we continued to achieve our aims by running Saturday clubs (Your Space and Speak Out), after school clubs and also through community activities as part of the Dreamscheme initiative.
- ✓ All of the children and young people we have supported have come with various needs, some diagnosed with ADHD and many presenting signs of vulnerability.
- ✓ During 2010-11, we supported more than 250 children and young people and their families.

Saturday Club highlights:

Conservation projects

- ✓ Working in partnership with Patchway Conservation Group our Saturday groups continued to join in a local conservation activity just about every season. These have included developing an allotment, clearing scrub and tree and bulb planting in local parks and green spaces.
- ✓ The children have told us they feel better about themselves and their communities through these activities.

Healthy Munch Club – Nutrition Project

- ✓ We addressed the social issue of poor diet, childhood obesity and related self esteem issues through a healthy eating project which the young people called Healthy Munch Club.
- ✓ Over five months a group of needy young people in the Speak Out club practised healthy cooking, learned about nutrition and made their own film with a professional film producer. The film shows how the participants enjoyed healthy food and have started to think more about their own diet and nutrition.

- ✓ One of the many positive evaluation statements was “We made healthy food and ate it. We’ve also been making a film about it to show other young people. It was good to learn how to use the film equipment”

Transition project:

A very important part of our provision has been the support we have given to Year 6 children in their transition to secondary school.

- ✓ The children have expressed and addressed their hopes and fears about moving up to ‘big school’. They have also found out about the realities and responsibilities of life during secondary school, and have gained skills to do with independence, self organisation, relationships, behaviour and resolving conflicts.
- ✓ We have provided special group work activities at both Saturday clubs and after school club, as well as another summer camps, this time venturing to Lake Salagou in Clermont L’Herault, France – Patchway’s twin town. We were the first youth group from Patchway to visit there.
- ✓ Parents have also commented on how our work has supported family as well as school life during this challenging period.

Diversity projects:

- ✓ Through cooking, music, art and dance, young people got to know about different cultures in other parts of the world such as India, Cambodia, Japan, Latin America and Africa.
- ✓ Speak Out young people produced a DVD of their drama piece on anti bullying. This is being shown to other young people in the youth centre in order to question and challenge such behaviour.

Award Schemes

Several of the children and young people attending the Saturday clubs planned and evaluated their projects using Junior Achievement Award or Youth Challenge Award. It is great news that for the first time, two young people have achieved their ASDAN Youth Challenge Awards

Coniston after school club

- ✓ The focus of the club was on being fair and raising self esteem, while having fun.
- ✓ This was achieved through a variety of activities organised according to the wishes and needs of the children themselves.
- ✓ The structure of the activities was especially beneficial to children with social and behavioural needs, with a positive difference being noted in school as well as in family life.
- ✓ Working with a consistent core group also meant that it was possible to complete portfolios for accreditation. We were very proud that the first national Junior Achievement Award in South Gloucestershire was awarded to a child in this after school club.

Patchway Dreamscheme

From August 2010 the Children’s Fund provision moved into partnership with the Dreamscheme project in Patchway.

- ✓ Young people have increased their self esteem, gained team skills and had a voice in the community by carrying out several community tasks, such as a graffiti art project to brighten up an underpass, washing a community minibus, conservation work and tidying up gardens at older people’s council houses. In return they have been rewarded with fun activities and trips, for example bowling, which further develops their social skills.



Patchway Detached Youth Work

Mark Seed - Childrens Services Manager

This provision aims to:

- Engage with young people in Patchway aged 11 +, who are not taking part in positive activities
- Enable young people to take part in projects which are led by their needs and aspirations
- Provide young people with appropriate information and advice
- Encourage their participation in local projects, youth centre and fora e.g. Youth Forum and Safer and Stronger Communities

Over the year we have achieved these aims by:

- ✓ Doubling the number of sessions provided since the previous year to 94 total,
- ✓ Almost doubling the number of contacts with young people to 1016.
- ✓ Doubling the number of females worked with.
- ✓ Providing the following projects with participation from the young people:
 - On The Ball health and fitness
 - Freespace summer programme
 - Skate park
 - Street Dance

On The Ball project:

- Despite funding challenges the On The Ball project at Scott Park continued well with great attendance in the summer (up to 35), and better numbers than expected going into winter (up to 25).
- Most of the young people we worked don't attend any other provision – this achieves a key aim of the detached provision.
- The peer mentor scheme has worked well with South Gloucestershire awards being worked towards for personal and social skills. One mentor has now started her work experience placement with us, also as part of her national sports leader award.
- We have also continued to support young people's personal needs alongside the sport and fitness training.
- Evaluations of this project were carried out with young people in September 2010 and March 2011 have been overwhelmingly positive, including comments such as:

The project helped me by ...

"Giving me someone to mentor so they feel supported and the training to help us"

"Meeting new people" "Having fun" "Keeping fit" "Learning new skills" "Helping out others in the community" "Helping others commit"..

Most of all **we were there for the young people** over the spring & summer and through the autumn & winter.

Freespace summer holiday programme

The main highlight of the programme was the Free Space Summer Challenge. For the first time Patchway detached youth team worked in partnership with Patchway Youth Centre, Little Stoke Youth Centre and Brookway youth project, to organise a fantastic day of activities at Brook Way youth club on in July. More than 30 young people aged 11 to 16 from Patchway, Little Stoke and Bradley Stoke teamed up in mixed groups. They enjoyed a variety of timed team challenges. Young people said it was really fun, they enjoyed being in teams and wanted to have more days like this. It also helped to break down the barriers between the different communities.

The Freespace programme also included:

- Five football and fitness sessions in Scott Park.
- Fun activities in Gorse Covert.
- A graffiti art session in Coniston, in collaboration with the Dreamscheme project.

Skate park project

This project aimed to involve Patchway young people in designing, funding and building new skate-boarding facilities for Scott Park.

Following a consultation event our team and some young people put in a lot of work on the skate park project and application to the Big Stash. Unfortunately we could not follow our bid through because of funding cuts.

Street dance project

This project ran on Friday evenings from September. The project grew steadily with up to 16 young people attending (mainly girls, some boys). Boys taking part in dance led to gender stereotypes being challenged by both males and females. Further issues (school, relationships etc) were addressed through discussion. This helped young people participate in the youth forum which was being held at the youth centre just after the dance. Most young people taking part did not normally attend the youth centre. All the feedback from the young people was positive including : What I enjoyed was “learning dance moves and routines” and “meeting new people and getting some exercise”.

The project has now been successfully set up and passed over to Patchway Youth Centre, having attracted funding and new tutors.

Priorities for 2011 – 12

- Further develop co-operation with Patchway Youth Centre and other agencies (e.g. police, health workers)
- Continue to promote and support Patchway Youth Forum
- Make On the Ball project self-sustaining
- Further health-related projects
- Promote healthy activities in Gorse Covert
- Improve delivery of information and advice; prioritise opportunities for learning, training and employment
- Ensure equality of opportunity of activities for diverse youth groups, including different ethnicities and abilities, looked after young people etc



Community Development

The Community Development Team has successfully worked to support community groups in Patchway, Bradley Stoke, Filton and Stoke Gifford helping them identify local development needs and solve local issues.

In addition to the presence of Community Development Workers in each of the above communities we have also delivered support:

- To 245 community voluntary groups across Severnvale Locality who now receive monthly ebulletins featuring Voluntary Community Sector developments, local news, events, training and funding opportunities
- Through 4 Severnvale Locality Network Meetings supporting 18 groups on Fundraising, Equalities Act 2010, the Big Society Agenda

- At the South Gloucestershire Voluntary Community sector 'Big Society Debate', where MP Jack Lopresti and MP Steve Webb met with South Gloucestershire Community Voluntary Sector to discuss the impact of the Big Society Agenda
- At the SBCP Community Showcase where 30 Voluntary Community Sector groups showcased their work in Bradley Stoke Town Centre, to increase awareness of the extent of volunteer action carried out in the community

Unity Woman's Network

Poppy Villiers-Stuart

Successes

Unity Woman's Network started in November 2010 as a project funded by Faiths in Action, with a plan to mobilise a multi faith group of women from Patchway, Filton and the Stokes to meet regularly, share their faiths and plan & run family activity days. The group have meet weekly since January 2011, have run three family days and an inter-cultural activities at 3 local festivals.

The spirit and social cohesion of the

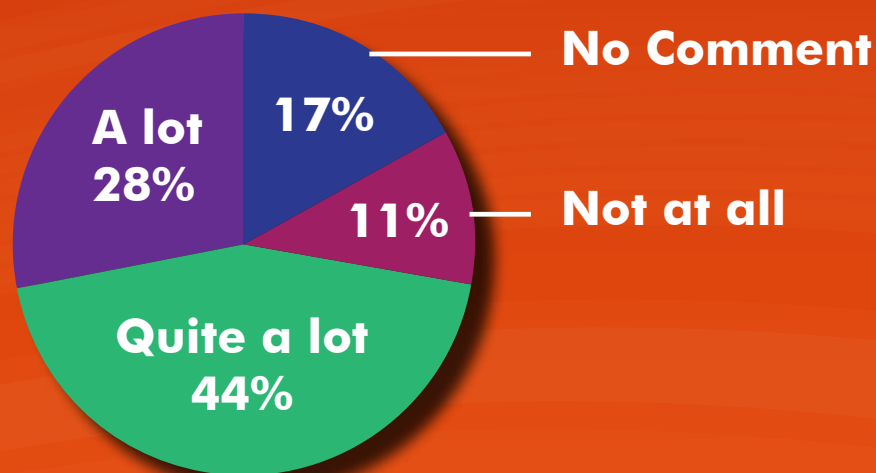
group has grown and are now constituting themselves with aim to tackle racism in South Gloucestershire by promoting interaction and understanding between different cultures and are actively drawing in a wider pool of women from different faiths and cultures to join the Network

Were Family days successful in increasing respect and appreciation of other Faiths?

28% a lot, 44% quite a lot, 11% not at all, 17% no comment



Were Family days successful in increasing respect and appreciation of other Faiths?



Plans for year ahead

To promote interaction and understanding between people of different faiths and cultures in South Gloucestershire through:

- Fun-days with activities from different cultures
- Community Action Days in which families work together for the betterment of the neighbourhood
- Myth-busting Workshops for bringing up concerns about race and immigration



Stoke Gifford

Kate O'Brien

Successes

- Launch of Lottery funded play space, the result of 2yrs work from Trust Ground Improvement Group, who started their park activities programme with willow weaving
- 'Friends of Forty Acres' completed their path improvement project to enable all members of the community to access the space at all times of the year
- Little Stoke Garden Society – supported the group to achieve their project goal of a new allotment shop building, to enable allotment holders and support further local gardeners in the community.
- Supported 5 local groups to strengthen governance, write equalities policies and plan projects
- Funding advice for Stoke Lane AFC to build a new clubhouse
- Supported Little Stoke Baptist Church to identify opportunities for the church to reach out to the wider community and offer additional opportunities for the community to engage with.
- Worked with the Stokes Womens' Group to run a confidence course to increase
- membership by 5 and are now involved in a SBCP Multifaith project
- 4 community network meetings where 16 Stoke Gifford groups collaborated and shared good practice
- 5 groups showcased their work at the Severnvalle Locality Community Showcase event
- 4 Severnvalle Locality community network meetings run attended by 8 Stoke Gifford community groups
- Dreamscheme – supported 18 young people, between 8-14yrs, to lead the planning and delivery of 21 community work activities in exchange for 9 rewards, during which an increase in confidence and understanding of the importance of volunteering in the community was noted. Some of the work achieved: painted youth centre and church hall; car wash; gardening at older peoples' houses; for the following rewards: picnic; swim; games in park; waterplay; canoeing, supported by 9 volunteers.
- A total of £71,038 was created and a total of 53 volunteers enabled as a result of this work

Plans for year ahead

- This work will not continue in 2011-12



Patchway

Karen Cheal

Successes

- Dreamscheme worked with 27 young people, between 8-14yrs, to lead planning and delivery of 9 communities project, which increased the awareness of looking after their community, breaking down barriers between generations. The work achieved: cleaning and weeding St Chad's church; car wash; planting bulbs in the park; conservation work; repainting the underpass. Work supported by 9 volunteers.
- Support 10 community groups to seek funding to a total of £40,622. Groups now have a better understanding of the funding process and are able to apply direct as a result of support given. Some of the groups have been a Watercolour group; Pretoria Road allotments; local women's group and Coniston Community Centre.
- Help implement Priority Neighbourhood action plans
- Promote and encourage active involvement of residents in Safer and Stronger Community meetings

- Worked with 19 Volunteers, some of which have used their new skills to seek further employment
- Worked with 10 Patchway community groups, 13 agencies and organisations to run 'Spring into Life: Celebration of Age' opening event. Local people gained greater awareness of the opportunities available to older people and gained new group members as a result.
- Supported Patchway festival committee to gain new members enabling it to continue to run the event.
- Planned and ran family fun day in Coniston, bringing together local people and agencies to better understand the services on offer in the area.
- Identified training required by local groups leading to 5 groups attending different courses, improving the over all running of their groups.
- Completed residents questionnaires gaining a better understanding of how people felt about where they live. The results of which lead to funding been gain to support more work with young people out on the streets.
- Organised awards to recognise the work older people do in their community supported by local business.

Plans for year ahead

- Support local groups to strengthen governance, write equalities policies and plan projects
- Support Patchway festival committee to gain more members
- Run a champions award linked with 'Patchway a better place to live'
- Work with Blakeney Road allotments to strengthen governance and funding
- Run Dreamscheme with the support of the local police and housing associations
- Identify the needs of older people and ensure that Coniston Community Centre meets these needs
- Produce a newsletter with the input of local community groups
- Help implement Priority Neighbourhood action plans
- Promote and encourage active involvement of residents in Safer and Stronger Community meetings



Filton

Katie Donovan

Successes

- Supported St Peters Church to fund resources for their expanding community cafe
- Supported Viewpoint Residents Group to re – establish and ensure the sustainability of after school sessions and secure funding to resurface their basketball court.
- Filton Supplementary School - SBCP has worked in partnership to secure funding and set up a summer pilot scheme, through identified need amongst a group of Somali mothers.
- Updated version of Filton's Over 60's Useful Information List produced, of which X copies are now being used to access local services
- Supported Filton Parent and Toddler Group to develop skill base around safeguarding children, management committee roles and responsibilities, health and safety, operational procedures. Work to develop sessional structure for activity provision
- Supported Hanover Court residents to run computer courses for beginners. Secured funding to purchase computers to be available to residents, which has increased residents confidence and wider community are now being supported as a result of this work. Work with 'Friends of Conygre House' committee to increase involvement in the Conygre House action group through social events and open meetings
- Work to draw together Filton groups, agencies and organisations to run 'Spring into Life: Celebration of Age' Festival as a closing event to the South Gloucestershire programme
- £19,095 funding supported and secured as a result of this work
- 10 volunteer hours created as a result of this work
- Help implement Priority Neighbourhood action plans
- Promote and encourage active involvement of residents in Safer and Stronger Community meetings
- Set up children and young people's network and develop the Dreamscheme
- Improve communication between groups, agencies, organisations and residents

Plans for year ahead

- Ensure Supplementary School is a successful and learning taken forward to provide partners with advice and support for additional need
- Save Conygre House BBQ
- Run the Filton 'Spring into Life: Celebration of Age' Festival closing event



Bradley Stoke

Winsome Barrett Muir

Successes

- Bradley Stoke Community Radio station (Bradley Stoke FM) have secured a base at the Willow Brook Centre, run radio training workshops, now provide an online radio presence, have increased to over 60 members
- 5 Toddler groups in Bradley Stoke support over 150 families in the town weekly and are run by volunteers. Work has been to recruit new leaders for 3 groups, support 2 successful funding bids, training, advice and information.
- Breastfeeding support group, a new group who formed in July. Work has supported the adoption of a constitution, work around roles and responsibilities of committee members; successful funding for equipment to support breastfeeding; training and project planning advice.
- Supported Bradley Stoke Twinning Association around governance and equalities, publicity of activities and with partnership working
- Work with Bradley Stoke Lawn Bowls Club has been to publicise and increase their membership, from 50 to 86, successfully fundraise for essential equipment and continue out of season activities.

- Worked with multiagency partners to deliver International Women's Day, where approximately 200 people attended to celebrate women's achievements across the world and locally. The event now sits on the Town Council's calendar.
- Supported Young at Heart senior group to secure funding to supplement day trips
- Bradley Stoke Festival 2010 worked with groups to engage in the festival, celebrate and promote their work; worked with Bradley Stoke Matters to promote their healthy eating initiative by providing free fruit; worked with churches to host activities as part of the programme, over 5000 people attended the festival.
- £18767 funding has been secured as a result of this work
- 108 volunteer roles created as a result of this work

Dreamscheme: working with young people aged 8 -16 yr to take on work in the community in exchange for rewards

- 8 Dreamscheme lunch clubs at Meadowbrook Primary School to raise the profile of Dreamscheme and teach children about community engagement
- 9 activities engaging 5 – 12 young people including a large bulb planting activity, in partnership with the Aztec Hotel, SBCP youth work team and Unity women's group.
- Enabled intergeneration working by building relationship between young and older people.

Plans for year ahead

- Broker and enable training opportunities for groups to understand equalities, roles and responsibilities and fundraising
- Support the strengthening of governance of local groups to ensure independence
- Liaise with Sure Start Centre to ensure collective working around toddler group support
- Support the Breastfeeding Group to develop peer mentoring support with South Gloucestershire PCT
- Support the Bowls Club to understand the safeguarding children and young people to offer children's bowling sessions
- Support community groups to host a programme of activities during International Women's Day
- Recruit new Dreamscheme members and to enabled the young people to lead more in the planning process
- Support Bradley Stoke Radio through their live RSL delivery period in June 2011, working with presenters, guests and production of programmes to be broadcast live on FM radio
- Promote and encourage active involvement of residents in Safer and Stronger Community meetings



Family Services

Family Support

Team: Corrina Wood, Zasha Webb, Tendai Pawadyira, Margaret Morgan, Brenda Billingham

The Family Support Team have had an extremely busy year. In April, Tendai joined the team, bringing with her a wealth of experience of working with families. Sadly, our Domestic Abuse group closed and we said goodbye to our group facilitator Margaret Morgan in December.

Zasha has continued to co-facilitate the Freedom programme in partnership with Survive and has become our specialist DV worker.

Funding through the Targeted Mental Health in Schools (TaMHS) project meant we were able to develop our counselling work to include Family Therapy. This work has been carried out by Brenda Billingham and has been very well received. The work has highlighted the importance of strengthening and improving family relationships to support our other work. These relationships are very often at the root of the presenting issues and behaviours.

We have continued to build strong links with local churches and this year Amberley Road Baptist and Little Stoke Baptist Churches both supported the project by donating their Harvest goods to our most vulnerable families. This was in addition to the amazing support offered at Christmas through our annual Hamper Appeal.



Successes for the year

- Supporting around 80 families throughout the area, ensuring they have access to services, groups and the information they need to make informed choices
- Supporting with issues such as isolation, housing, parenting, disability and mental health
- Monthly coffee morning for service users
- Development of a family counselling service with 28 families referred to the service
- Continuing Co-Facilitation of the Freedom programme in partnership with Survive.



- Close working relationship with other agencies including Children and Young People Services, Health, Housing and other voluntary agencies
- On-going representation at the children Centre Advisory Board for Patchway
- Delivery of two parenting courses in the community
- A Christmas Hamper Appeal that enabled us to provide over 40 hampers to local families with extra food and gifts, supported by two local churches to enable us to reach more families.
- Social Work Student on placement with the team from Bristol University

Feedback

“Thank you so much for the Hamper, things have been really tight this year, and without the gifts in the hamper, the children wouldn’t have had any presents at all.” Parent, Patchway.

“It’s really good to know that there is someone I can just ring when things get tough.” Parent, Bradley Stoke

Plans for the future

- To continue to provide tailored support to meet the needs of individual families
- To develop the service to ensure it remains a model of good practice
- Further develop our role in local safeguarding



Parent Support Adviser Project

Team: Corrina Wood, Yvonne Robson, Kim Morton, Millie Hamblin, Giles Spear, Katie Donovan, Kirstie Ford, Hannah Panes

This was the final year of the PSA project, which sadly ended in March 2011. The team provided an invaluable service to 151 families throughout the area. This work has enabled us to understand the key issues affecting the modern family today. The main reasons for referral were:

- Behaviour
- Parent-Child Relationship
- Child Health and Well Being

In March 2011 we held a conference entitled 'The Time of Their Life' which offered a critical look at modern childhood. The event was supported by the schools we served and we were privileged to have Tim Gill as our guest speaker.

Successes

- Continuing close working relationships with school staff throughout the lifetime of the project
- Providing essential support to 151 families
- Recognition from outside agencies of the importance of the work
- Inclusion on the TDA website
- Presenting regionally to PSA's from across the South West at a TDA conference
- Pilot of 'Stay Calm and Count to 10' parenting course
- Comprehensive staff training agenda
- Close working relationships with other agencies, including Children & Young People Services, Health, Educational Welfare and other voluntary agencies
- Access to other SBCP projects such as counselling
- Pyramid Parenting Course run in partnership with school

Feedback

"Meadowbrook Primary School has a distinctive parent profile in the Bradley Stoke area. We have a significant group of vulnerable families and the work of Millie as our PSA has been invaluable. We have had a significant impact on some very vulnerable families and a reduction in pressure on the Senior Leadership Team. We have also welcomed Millie to our pastoral team meetings where we discussed our caseload. This quality liaison along with other forms of contact have ensured effective impact."

- Head Teacher, Meadowbrook Primary School

"It has had a very positive effect to have the support of this charity. The adviser that has been supporting me and my family has helped me with many problems and obstacles and I feel that to have such support has helped my family a great deal in a time of uncertainty."

- Parent, St. Chad's Primary School

"We are grateful for the support and advice we have received from the Parent Support Adviser Service. The advice is from professionals who made us feel that we can help our situation ourselves with some guidance. It is a fantastic organisation which has made a big difference to our family. It was so important when a situation happened and I was able to phone and speak to my support worker for advice. I would recommend this service to any family that is struggling with tensions within the family/ with children."

- Parent, Coniston Primary School

Feedback from 'The Time of Their Life' event

"Thought Provoking"

"Thank you for a very inspiring conference. I feel very privileged to be in a room full of like minded people."

Plans for year ahead

- To utilise the knowledge and learning acquired from delivering this service



Headspace Counselling Service

Team: Sue Cater, Julia Trail

Building on the success of our family and counselling work, we were invited to tender for school counselling contracts through the Targeted Mental Health in Schools project. This enabled us to work with two Secondary schools; Patchway Community College and Hanham High and Headspace Counselling was set up.

The counsellors have identified anger, family relationships and bereavement as common themes affecting the emotional well-being of young people.

Successes

- 2 school counsellors in post
- 20 young people received counselling support
- New systems and processes were developed to support the work

Plans for year ahead

- To further develop the Headspace model of providing counselling support in schools
- To develop a model of work for Primary schools using alternative models such as drama, art and narrative therapy.





Bradley Stoke Detached Team

The team was consolidated in November 2010 and we have been working hard to provide a good service on the streets for the young people in the Bradley Stoke area. Initially we spent time forging strong and positive relationships with young people in the spaces that they hang out. We have successfully been accepted by most groups in the area. This means that we have an invaluable first hand perspective of the needs of young people, and the community's expectations of them.



Successes of Monday Evening Detached Team at Baileys Court

- Successful cinema trips
- Positive relationship workshops
- First public performance of local youth talent group at Bradley Stoke Festival
- Creation of links with Christ the King Church



Successes of Detached team at Bradley Stoke Skate Park Tuesday evening

The focus has been providing outdoor leisure activities, most notably skate park sessions each Tuesday at Bradley Stoke Leisure Centre. This is a fantastic example of partnership working with the management of the leisure centre and the Police and the PCSO team.Church

Agency Feedback

The team at Bradley Stoke Leisure Centre would like to thank you for the positive work you have done over the last ten months. Successful skate park event that is now an annual event

- Positive changes in behaviour
- Community cohesion with partnership working



The detached team feel that in the short time we have been in Bradley Stoke we have enabled young people to have a voice, and developed positive working relationships.



Brook Way Youth Club

Overview

This has been an exciting and successful year for Brook Way, with a staff team developing strong and positive relationships with young people to deliver a high standard of service. The informal education of young people is a key role of youth work and underpins all elements of the work that we deliver. We have been impressed by the level of commitment from young people in getting involved in making decisions about the centre, and their participation and engagement in workshops and discussions.

Community cohesion is fundamental in the work that takes place at Brook Way and with the detached youth work team. We challenge through discussion young peoples values and expectations, to enable them to understand their role in the community. We seek to ensure that young people are part of their community, not isolated or excluded within it.

Successes of Brook Way Seniors: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings.

- Increased numbers of young people attending Brook Way
- Successful partnership working with school to deliver babysitting, film making and Graffiti projects
- Positive changes in behaviour in core group of young people by creating opportunity for discussion and reflection on impact of behaviour
- Strong engagement from identified young people at Brook Way as potential peer mentors
- Focus on safeguarding with young people and completion of E Safety workshop and internet poster
- Effective issue based workshops to provide knowledge of drug and alcohol use

- Active involvement of young people identified as senior members of Brook Way in the planning and running of Bradley Stoke Festival

Brook Way Juniors: Tuesday evening and Saturday mornings.

The junior club have demonstrated their commitment to each other and the community. This has been evidenced through their involvement in making cakes and selling them for 'Footsteps for Abigail' and at the Bradley Stoke Festival. We are proud to be empowering young people to be positive role models in the community. We have received ongoing support from parents who have told us the benefits the youth club has provided for their children.

Feedback from parents

"It's been great that the children have somewhere that they can come and learn to think independently and begin to problem solve for themselves"

Feedback from parents

"Coming to youth club has been so useful for X as it has meant that they have been able to make new friends"

Successes of Brook Way Juniors

- Smooth transition of identified young people to senior night
- Fun Street Dance workshop understand the importance of exercise on a healthy lifestyle
- Involvement in Footsteps for Abigail campaign demonstrating juniors social conscience
- Participation in planning and running of a stall at Bradley Stoke festival enabled children to feel part of their community
- Halloween Fancy Dress disco strongly supported by parents
- Successful breakfast club that enables young people to identify the importance of healthy eating



The PIP Project

Team: Ann Symonds, Gordon Rotherham, Sarah Naughton, Ternaya Cummings, Gloria Gordon

PIP continues to build on its strong model of working to enable positive professional relationships with children, young people and their families. The PIP Junior and PIP 13+ have successfully delivered a high quality service to young people from 8-19 in the Severnvalle area this year.

The 'Team around the Family' approach remains integral to the work that we deliver and it has been a real honour this year to have worked with a total of 73 young people across both projects. A key strength of the project is our commitment

to integrated working and the successful partnerships that we have built with other agencies that facilitate and support changes in behaviour in young people. The Common Assessment Framework (CAF) is embedded in the work that takes place and underpins the effectiveness of this project.

The successful impact of early intervention work has been evidenced with a targeted and focused approach to monitoring and evaluation and Parent Support Advisors. Of equal importance with the young people at the centre of the work that we deliver has been the softer outcomes. Families have spoken to us about the decisive changes they have made with holistic support from a Family support worker, Parent Support Advisor and PIP.

PIP Junior Successes

- 30 young people involved in project April 2010 – March 2011
- Effective 1-2-1 support in a classroom environment to influence and facilitate positive changes in behaviour
- Positive small group work to influence how young people express themselves
- Successful puppet making workshops involving peers to promote positive role modelling and conflict resolution
- Outward bound activities that provide challenging experiences that promote team building and increased self-esteem

PIP 13+

- Successfully worked with 43 Young People since inception of project in September 2009 with funding awarded from Tudor Trust.
- Exceed project target of working with 16 YP by working with an additional 27 young people
- Proactive approach to influencing positive changes in behaviour
- Strong partnership with PCSO's in area to provide innovative approach to anger management using Rugby Training techniques

Feedback from Parent of a YP involved in both the PIP junior and 13 + project

'I have had many agencies working with me over the years, I am a single parent with a child that has ADHD (Attention Deficit Disorder) ODD (Oppositional Defiant Disorder) and more, I feel let down by everyone except for the pip worker who has been there for my son and also great support for me. Pip completely understood my son and we could also speak to them at any time of day or evening. I have not come across such a dedicated support worker and without it we would have been so alone and isolated'

Art Group

A therapeutic and safe environment where young people can express their thoughts and emotions through the use of Art and colour has been an exciting success. We have enabled x number of young people this year to reflect and accomplish changes in their lives.

A powerful illustration of this was when a young person from this group attended the Big Society conference and expressed the difference that being part of this group had made.

Feedback from YP

I started coming here as my family were not sure if I could carry on living at home because of my behaviour. This has made a real difference and makes me think about things in the week, and how not to behave, so I can talk them through at Art group.

How We Are Doing Event

A successful celebration cross team event was held in February 2011 and was attended by families and agencies that are involved with Southern Brooks. The event was designed to evaluate the experiences of children, young people and families that receive support as funding for some of the projects was coming to an end. The completion

of 35 questionnaires provided essential information for the future delivery on the service. We were really pleased that the response from families, children and young people was so positive, demonstrating the high standard of service that has been delivered.

Feedback from Parent on the How We are Doing Event

'It was great to be able to mix with other parents and X to be able to mix with other children as he is excluded from so many other things because of his behaviour'

The PIP project ended in March 2011. New but reduced funding has been secured to provide early intervention work with children and young people. There has been a variation in the aims, objectives and areas of working. Our vision is to empower and enable children and young people to lead

aspirational lives. We aim is to identify a trusted adult in their lives, to support and sustain changes that they make.

Financial Statement

Southern Brooks Community Partnership

Abbreviated Accounts for the Year Ended 31st March 2011

Abbreviated Income & Expenditure Account For year ended 31 March 2010

	2011		2010	
	£	£	£	£
<u>Incoming Resources</u>				
Grants	740,146		639,693	
Donations	34,022		1,439	
Resources from Charitable Activities	64,864		202,537	
Investment Income	<u>11</u>		<u>12</u>	
Total Incoming Resources	<u>839,043</u>		<u>843,681</u>	
<u>Resources Expended</u>				
Direct Charitable Expenses	682,740		826,094	
Administration & Other Costs	<u>9,370</u>		<u>6,672</u>	
Total Resources Expended	<u>692,110</u>		<u>832,766</u>	
Net Movement in Funds for the Year	146,933		10,915	
Total Funds at 1 April 2010	141,785		130,870	
Total Funds at 31 March 2011	<u>288,718</u>		<u>141,785</u>	

Balance Sheet At 31 March 2011

	2011	2010
	£	£
<u>Fixed Assets</u>		
Tangible assets	21,458	23,752
<u>Current Assets</u>		
Debtors	59,665	58,330
Cash at bank	260,671	85,382
	<u>320,336</u>	<u>143,712</u>
<u>Creditors</u>		
Creditors & accruals	53,076	25,679
Net Current Assets	267,260	118,033
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities	<u>288,718</u>	<u>141,785</u>
Charity Funds		
Unrestricted Funds	45,753	15,977
Designated Funds	28,496	-
Restricted Funds	214,469	125,808
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>288,718</u>	<u>141,785</u>

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