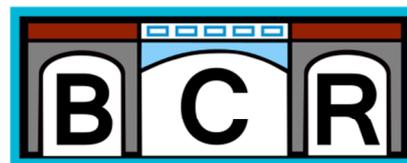


# Bishopston, Cotham & Redland Community Partnership



## Annual Report 2021-2022

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Bishopston, Cotham and Redland Community Partnership (BCR CP) was formed in February 2018. This is the Annual Report for its fourth year of operation, up to 31 March 2022.

### Introduction

BCR Community Partnership was formed to fill part of the gap left by the former BCR Neighbourhood Partnership, which, along with all other Neighbourhood Partnerships in the Bristol City area, was dissolved in 2017.

We set out to continue the Neighbourhood Partnership practice of holding public forum meetings at which local residents and community groups could gather to discuss local issues. Our aims (see [bcrcp.org.uk/aims/](http://bcrcp.org.uk/aims/)) and constitution (see [bcrcp.org.uk/constitution/](http://bcrcp.org.uk/constitution/)) remain as approved at the inaugural AGM on 18 February 2018.

### 2021/22 Meetings continued online

Due to the successive waves of the pandemic, we have still not felt it advisable to hold in-person meetings during the past year. Attendance at our online forums has been maintained with most people now familiar with the Zoom online meeting technology.

The BCR CP Committee met (see [bcrcp.org.uk/committee/](http://bcrcp.org.uk/committee/)) online in April, October and November 2021 and in March 2022. During the year, Peter Browne stepped down as Treasurer and Kevin Chidgey kindly took over that role, as well as being our minutes secretary. We have now scheduled our first in-person public forum for over 2 years to be held in May 2022. This will also be our next AGM, the previous one having being held online in March 2021.

### June and November Online Public Forums

Full reports of all public forum meetings are available on our website (see [bcrcp.org.uk/reports/](http://bcrcp.org.uk/reports/)).

The online Public Forum in June was the first after the local elections, postponed for a year due to the pandemic, at which all three of our wards had returned Green Party councillors.

Emma Edwards and Lily Fitzgibbon now represent Bishopston and Ashley Down, while Mohamed Makawi and Guy Poultney now represent Cotham. They join the two re-elected Redland councillors, Martin Fodor and Fi Hance.

At the November online Public Forum, as well as the usual updates, we took a look at local road and travel issues. A new page on our website ([bcrcp.org.uk/roads/](http://bcrcp.org.uk/roads/)) now provides links to a number of road and travel initiatives including transport corridor improvements and liveable neighbourhoods.

## Communications

During the year, we took over responsibility for the community notice board near the Prom on Gloucester Road from the Bishopston Society. This board is used to advertise community meetings for others as well as the Community Partnership. It required the Perspex panels to be replaced and the title text repairing.

Our Facebook page ([@bcr.community](https://www.facebook.com/bcr.community)) and website ([bcrcp.org.uk](http://bcrcp.org.uk)) continued to be used to publicise issues such as public consultations of local interest during the year.

We continued to send out email newsletters to a circulation list of approximately 750 subscribers, with further email newsletters for individual and group partners.

## Partners

Some of the local community groups from which the Partnership was formed are no longer active. We are particularly disappointed that The Bishopston Society, the Gloucester Road BID and GREAT (Gloucester Road Enterprise and Trade) are no longer with us as it leaves the Gloucester Road/Bishopston part of our area under-represented.

The partners in our Community Partnership consist of representatives of local community groups (18 at the time of writing) and individual partners (32). There is currently no fee required in order to join – only to agree with our aims.

Roger Gimson (Chair)  
BCR Community Partnership

**Finance** [The figures are round numbers – full accounts available on request]

The financial report presented at the last AGM in May 2021 covered the period up to February 28th 2021. This report covers the period from 1st March 2021 until 30th April 2022.

At 1st March 2021 we had a balance of £1,303 of which £928 was unspent money from Bristol City Council grants received in 2018-19 and 2019-20 for running community meetings in our three wards.

Since then we have not held any in-person community meetings. Our only expenses have been annual renewal of our public liability insurance (£64), our website and email subscriptions (£50), the cost of hosting zoom meetings (£41) and repairs to the notice board in Gloucester Road formerly managed by The Bishopston Society (£174).

At 30th April 2022 we had a balance of £975.

The unspent money provided by the Council in previous years now stands at £600. This was considered sufficient to meet the cost of the three planned meetings in 2022-23 and we therefore decided not to bid for further Council funds for 2022-23.

Kevin Chidgey (Treasurer)  
BCR Community Partnership

30 April 2022