

Community Services

POLICE EMERGENCY AND HIGH PRIORITY CALLS www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/report/

KINGSMADOW @ MADEFOREVER SUPPORT Call 07842 428043/ 0117 3018739 or email info@kingsmeadowmade4ever.org.uk

ONE YOU SOUTH GLOS Call 0145 865337 or <https://oneyou.southglos.gov.uk/>

DHI (Developing Health & Independence) www.webfam.co.uk

BEAT SURGERY Once a month at Kingsmeadow@MadeForever - Contact us for dates

SOUTHERN BROOKS <https://southernbrooks.org.uk/wellbeing>

CREATIVE YOUTH NETWORK Call 0117 947 7948 or WWW.CREATIVEYOUTHNETWORK.ORG.UK

NORTH BRISTOL ADVICE CENTRE call 07731 842763 or www.northbristoladvice.org.uk

FUTURE BRIGHT call 01454 866008 or www.westofengland-cagov.uk/futurebright

COMMUNITY LEARNING Contact Anthony Hill 01454 864613 or Anthony.hill@southglos.gov.uk

KINGSWOOD LIBRARY Call 01454 868006 (Monday to Thursday 8:45am - 5:00pm; Fridays 8:45am – 4:30pm) www.southglos.gov.uk/eresources

* If you would like to sign up to receive this quarterly Newsletter, please email us on info@kingsmeadowmade4ever.org.uk


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KINGSWOOD CONNECT



Spring news for your local area

Latest COVID-19 updates
in Kingswood

Wellbeing Activities,
services and courses

And other information

MORE NEWS, MORE EVENTS, MORE CARE.

KINGSMEADOW @ MADEFOREVER COMMUNITY HUB



FOR ALL YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS

Kingsmeadow @ MadeForever is the hub of the community. We are a registered charity aimed at preventing isolation, reaching out to those already in isolation and enhancing wellbeing. We work with individuals, families and young people facing multiple challenges. We provide a range of services and wellbeing activities for everyone in our community.



We would be really grateful if could answer this online survey and give suggestions about the Kingmeadow at MadeForever Wellbeing Activities.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/8JQXTV8>

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THE WORK OF THE FRIENDS OF SISTON COMMONS

The Group was formally constituted in the autumn of 2016 with the following aims

To provide a local community voice concerning all matters in the public sphere that involve or impinge upon the protection, preservation, maintenance, management, heritage, natural biodiversity, registration, use and promotion of ancient commons lands located at Siston, Bridgegate, Webbs Heath, Goose Green and Chesney Hill

To work in partnership with South Gloucestershire Council, Siston Parish Council, commoners, residents, neighbouring farms and businesses, relevant organisations, walkers or other users of the Commons within Siston Parish to maintain and protect the historic and natural integrity of the Commons in perpetuity.

To undertake physical, educational and promotional activities in pursuance of the protection, preservation, maintenance, management, heritage, natural biodiversity and use of the Commons, within the scope of the bylaws as they pertain to common lands within Siston Parish and with the relevant permission of land owners where required.

To consult on, and /or act as a consultees for all community matters relation to the Commons within Siston Parish.

To undertake any other relevant activities in support of and in pursuance of these objectives.

The Group has organised task groups for conservation work across all the Commons and raised over 10k in Grants to support this work. The Group has grown to over one thousand members due to the level of Community support for the Commons.

Our Group has a Facebook Page with lots of topical news around the Commons

James Hackett Chairman FoSC and Parish Councillor for the Rural Ward of Siston Parish Council



OUT OF WORK?

Whether you have been out of work for a while or have recently been made unemployed by Covid-19, we may be able to help.

CONTACT US TODAY TO FIND OUT IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR FREE SUPPORT WITH;

- CV WRITING
- ONLINE JOB SEARCH
- INTERVIEW SKILLS
- TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES
- ONE TO ONE PERSONAL SUPPORT TO FIND WORK OR TRAINING



Email: chelseabell@southernbrooks.org.uk
Contact: 07773048811
Visit: southernbrooks.org.uk/employment



West of England Works



South Gloucestershire
Dementia Friendly Communities



NHS
Bristol, North Somerset
and South Gloucestershire
Clinical Commissioning Group

83% of people with memory problems have switched their shopping habits to places that are more accessible.

Is YOUR business Dementia Friendly?

As our older generation begin to make a slow return to a more normal life, and with over 3400 people living with dementia in South Glos, it is vital that businesses are Dementia Friendly.

We can offer your business a bespoke dementia awareness presentation online (or in person once able to), an accessibility check for those opening now during lockdown, and the opportunity to be featured in our newsletter which is read by hundreds of residents and professionals across South Gloucestershire.

Contact Winsome for more information at:
dementia@southernbrooks.org.uk / 07969 189 333

Strong Communities Powered by People

01454 868 571 / 07969 189 333

www.southernbrook.org.uk

dementia@southernbrooks.org.uk



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FOREVER REFURBISHMENT & RECYCLING WORKSHOP

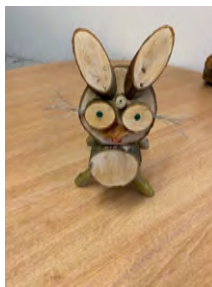
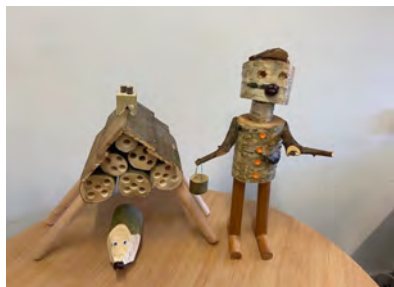
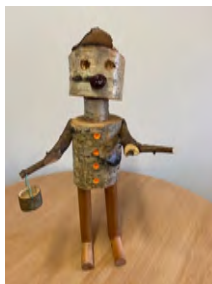
Do you enjoy DIY?

Do you enjoy sharing your skills in refurbishment or recycling?

Come in just for a few hours and create your own recycling projects. Learn new skills, make new friends. Tuesdays to Fridays, 10 am - 3pm.

For more information: info@kingsmeadowmade4ever.org.uk or Call us on 0117 30 18739

Find us: Fisher Road, Kingswood, Bristol—BS15 4RQ



supporting independent living

Our Check in and Chat Service is accepting new referrals

The service is for disabled adults or those with long term health conditions who are feeling isolated and would like someone to talk to. Covid-19 has affected disabled people in many ways including loneliness and isolation. We want to support people to make positive connections by linking them with a volunteer 'Telefriend' who will lend a supportive ear.



To receive a weekly call, for 6 or 12 weeks, you can refer yourself:

Online: <https://bit.ly/WECILCheckinandchat>

Or contact Charlotte on: 07973686389



Created by Developing Health & Independence (DHI), www.webfam.co.uk is an online tool for the families and carers of people with a drug or alcohol problem.

webFAM encourages you to think about your own needs, the stresses and strains that may be causing you difficulties with your mental health, housing, finance and more, and then points you in the direction of the right support for you. Research has shown that it takes on average 7 years for a family member or carer to seek help for themselves, and by that time problems have often spiralled. With webFAM, you can get the early support you need to make sure that you are always able to do the right thing for your loved one.

Facebook: [/DevelopingHealthIndependence](https://www.facebook.com/DevelopingHealthIndependence)

Twitter: [@dhi_online](https://twitter.com/dhi_online)



SOBER SOCIAL



Are you in recovery and abstinent from drugs and alcohol?

Would you like to meet people who feel similar to you?

You are invited to join us at Made Forever for a couple of hours of relaxed socialising; meeting others to have a chat, play POOL, board games or cards while enjoying quality coffee, teas, snacks and cakes.



Every Tuesday 12:30 - 14:30

Free Entry. Drop In.

@ Fisher Road, Kingswood, BS15 4RQ

WORRIED ABOUT BREXIT?

WE ARE HERE TO HELP!

Contact us if you are worried about how Brexit will affect you, or your family's rights in the UK

Deadline: 30th June 2021

**Southern
Brooks**
Registered Charity No: 1157061
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS


South Gloucestershire
Council


Home Office



South Gloucestershire Over Fifties Forum

Campaigning for older people

email: southgloover50s@gmail.com or call 07967 102141

Register charity number 1191820

The Voice for people over 50 in South Glos.

Hearing your issues

Providing information and getting answers

Speaking up on your behalf

Meeting on line and face to face

Ensuring we aren't the forgotten voice

**Why not join our next on-line meeting on
Monday 19th April 2021**

10.15am for 10.30am

**A speaker and time to share your issues
Email southgloover50s@gmail.com for the link**

Contact us to find out more

Web: southgloover50sforum.btck.co.uk

Tel: 07967102141

A registered charity no 1191820

Non party political

We are keen to hear the voice of people not on-line.

Connecting Kingswood

Hello, from Connecting Kingswood. We are a group of local charities, businesses and public services who work together in Kingswood.

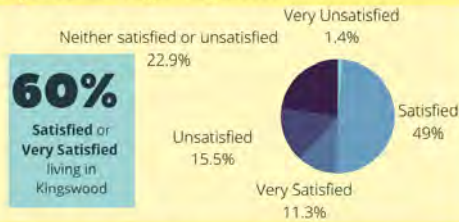
Last summer we created a survey to hear from people who live in Kingswood about their views on a wide range of topics.

The results of that survey are now in! Huge **Thank you** to everyone who filled it in. 460 people took part in total. In the following pages, we will take a look at some of the things which were said.

As well as the results shown here, you can find out more on our Facebook page: search Connecting Kingswood. If you would like to get in touch you can email us at: Connecting.Kingswood@gmail.com

Living in Kingswood

Our survey showed that people like Kingswood as a place to live, with the majority of people feeling **satisfied**, or **very satisfied** living in Kingswood.



PEOPLE LIKE KINGSWOOD BECAUSE

- Good Connections via Bus and Cycling
- Sports Facilities
- Park and Open Spaces
- Close to the Countryside
- Range of Shopping Facilities
- Community Groups and Activities
- Friendly People and Sense of Community Spirit

Most Important Issues Affecting Kingswood Today

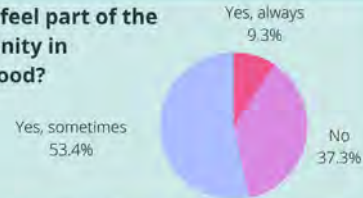


Community

63% of people felt that they always or sometimes felt part of the community in Kingswood.

Although **37%** did not feel part of the Kingswood community and **32%** commented later in the survey that they would like more social contact.

Do you feel part of the community in Kingswood?



"**Friendly people and a sense of community spirit**" were commented as things that people liked about living in Kingswood. However, others commented that a **'Loss of community spirit'** was something they disliked.

We Are BS15

Connecting Kingswood's newest member, 'We Are BS15' is looking to remedy this feeling of lost community spirit felt in Kingswood, by bringing people together around food.

The group are currently looking for people to get involved in the project and have a number of interesting roles to fill. These include:

Cooks - to help produce tasty and nutritious meals for a new Kingswood based Community Kitchen.

Community Fridge Coordinators - To support with the setting up and running of a new Community Fridge, where residents can collect free surplus food, left over from the supermarkets.

+lots more...! Get in touch by email hi@wearebs15.co.uk or through the Kingswood Volunteer Centre details below.

VOLUNTEERING

Volunteer Centre
Kingswood

Many expressed an interest through the survey in volunteering. If you would like to find out more about volunteering & feel connected in Kingswood contact:

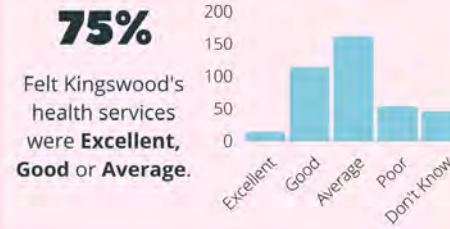
Volunteer Centre Kingswood

☎ 07970894763

✉ rosiesinfield@southernbrooks.org.uk

Health and Wellbeing

Good access to health services was seen as the most important factor for peoples physical and mental health.



Access to parks and open spaces

was also rated highly when considering positive physical and mental health, as well as featuring in the top three most important issues affecting Kingswood.



Did You Know...?

Kingswood has recently secured £25m worth of funding to revitalise central Kingswood. This includes plans for a new **public park** as part of the Whitfield Tabernacle restoration.

Money Worries

Concerns over money were seen in our survey as having the biggest negative affect on health and wellbeing.



If you are worried about money there are options available to support you.

Kingsmeadow@Madeforever can help with:

- Claiming benefits or filling in other official forms
- Advice around financial difficulties or debt
- Support to find work
- Food and hot meals
- Hygiene items
- Clothing
- Gas/electric top up
- Household items
- Baby food, baby care products and nappies

Come and see us!

Fisher Road, Kingswood
Off Tennis Court Road
BS15 4RQ
Bus number 7 ☎ info@kingsmeadowmade4ever.org.uk
☎ 0117 3018739



The survey has now closed but we are still listening. If you would like to get in touch you can email us at: Connecting.Kingswood@gmail.com

THANK YOU Once again, thank you to everyone who took time to fill in the survey and help to make Kingswood a better place to live and work.

The Voice of Young People

We didn't hear from many local young people in our survey, but we would like to change this...

We want to hear from you, if you'd like to help make Kingswood the best it can be.....

Are You Under 21?

Please Contact:

Zaya Morris Taylor
Mob: 07969189485
Email: zayamorris-taylor@southernbrooks.org.uk

Crime and Community Safety

Crime was considered an important issue for residents, with 90% of respondents feeling concerned about Anti-Social Behaviour.

Connecting Kingswoods Crime and Anti-Social behaviour group are listening to these concerns, and want to work long term to improve the situation.

Kingswoods neighbourhood Beat Manager said:

"We will always encourage Kingswood Residents to come forwards if they are a victim of crime or anti-social behaviour. You will be listened to, and that information will be taken into account when we put together our Beat Team Patrol plans. Our focus is always to look at long term problem solving. We have seen a real community spirit in terms of people giving their time and effort to focus on helping the vulnerable during this pandemic, and we are proud to serve you."

If you are experiencing or have witnessed crime or anti-social behaviour, there are a number of ways to report it:

Anti-Social Behaviour ☎ 01454 86 8582
✉ asbreporting@southglos.gov.uk

The Police In an emergency, call 999
Non-emergency call 101

Racial Abuse You can report incidents of racial abuse to the police. If you would rather not talk to the police you can contact:

SARI (Stand Against Racism and Inequality)
on 0800 171 2272. www.sariweb.org.uk.

Support with Domestic Abuse If you are aware of abuse, please report to the police; you can remain anonymous.

Next Link South Glos domestic abuse telephone help lines are open 10am - 4pm Mon - Fri
☎ 0800 4700 280

Dear Kingswood,

We have been asked to respond to a Community Survey which asked residents to choose which ASB and crime types affected them. A lot of hard work went into this, but sadly was done prior to Outbreak of COVID 19 which has changed the Landscape of what most people have reported to us.

Over the last 3 months we had responded to 128 COVID breaches compared to 69 calls relating to Anti-social behaviour. Compared to 16 vehicle crime offences. The demand and focus has had to change. Our resources have been affected by the pandemic but we have not lost our focus and are in touch with what is going on locally.

We are out and about seeing it for ourselves, but we cannot be everywhere at once and we still need your help to know where the problems are.

Going back to the survey, our responses and crime figures are from November 2020 – February 2021 providing a three month information gap.

You said - WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT VIOLENT CRIME

We have - Dealt with 120 Violence against the person offences. These include Malicious Communications and other low level offence in the scale of assaults. Only 17 assaults resulted in injury and 33 without.

No change in the number however locally we have seen a rise in domestic violence reporting in Kingswood.

To tackle this we have been using Domestic Violence Protection Orders. This can prevent the perpetrator from being at the home address for 31 days. As a beat team, we attend addresses like this on a regular basis, to safe guard victims and their families. Providing real support to victims.

If you live next door to a family where you suspect there is abuse, please call us. You can stay anonymous. We appreciate that living so close to someone who is possibly violent is risky. Especially if they know you were the one to call the police. All we would say is don't let that stop you from phoning us. Provide as much information on what you have heard and seen as you can. Next time you hear it, call 999.

If you have been affected by Domestic Violence, talk to someone. Get advice. Go to <https://www.nextlinkhousing.co.uk/southglos/> if you need to plan a safe exit from a violent or controlling partner.

Racism was also raised as an issue for residents. In the last 3 months we had 3 reported isolated offences that were investigated. If you do experience any form of racist behaviour from anyone, please report it. You will be listened to and any Hate crime will be investigated. We have good working relationships with S.A.R.I (Support Against Racial Incidents) <https://www.sariweb.org.uk/> If you would rather not talk with the police about an Racial incident or Hate Crime, you can call S.A.R.I on 0117 9420060 for general enquiries or report a Hate Crime on 0800 171 2272.

You said - “WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT DRUGS”

We have - In the last 3 months had 13 drugs offences. We had obtained a warrant under the misuse of drugs act where we seized over 300 cannabis plants. We have followed up on numerous reports made by you. There have been 11 stop and searches conducted for drugs offences. There have been 6 positive disposals ranging from arrest to voluntary attender for interview at a later time, and Drugs Education Program disposals. Prior to the Pandemic we have delivered Drug Education in our schools. Provided sign posting of essential recovery services to those affected by addiction driven crime.

You said - “WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR”

We have - Continued to patrol area's such as Regent Street. Our Parks and children's play areas. We continue to work with schools, although we try and keep our visits to a minimum due to the pandemic. We address ASB as we find it. We have provided regular patrols and support to vaccination sites. The community is working hard, together to remain a safe place to live. Most of our calls now aren't from parks or public places they are from individual addresses. You will find us out on our High Streets monitoring ASB. What we are finding from a personal level people are spending more time in the home, including some people who may have been previously engaged in ASB.

When should I call the police?

Call [999](tel:999) if:

- a serious offence is in progress or has just been committed
- someone is in immediate danger or harm
- property is in danger of being damaged
- a serious disruption to the public is likely

If you're deaf or hard of hearing, use our textphone service [18000](tel:18000) or text us on 999 if you've pre-registered with the [emergencySMS service](#).

Non-emergency - 101

Call [101](tel:101) for non-emergency enquiries.

If you're deaf or hard of hearing, use our textphone service on [18001 101](tel:18001101).

Or report a crime online. It's easy

<https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/report/>

Essentials Support Services



We provide the following support:

- Gas & electric top up
- Clothing
- Food parcels
- Household items
- Hygiene kits



To access help or for further information.

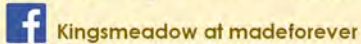
Contact us on 0117 3018739/ 0784 2428043

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We welcome you all to join us at
K@M4E Tots Family Meet-up.

Children from birth to school age.
It is fun, safe and welcoming place to
visit whilst making new friends. Come
and join us for play, arts & crafts,
refreshments, songs and story time.

- Available disabled toilets
- Baby changing facilities
- Friendly Café on site
- Free parking available



Every Tuesday From 10.30 am-12pm

Kingsmeadow @ MadeForever also
offers variety of wellbeing activities &
services for individual, children, family
and young people.
Come along and have a look around.

For more information

Contact: 0117 301 8739

Email: info@kingsmeadowmade4ever.org.uk

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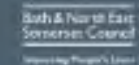
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Do you enjoy reading and sharing your thoughts about books with others?

Would you like some encouragement to start reading or do you just enjoy listening to others read and share their experience with a book?

Book & Reading CLUB

You are welcome to register your interest for our upcoming book & reading club.

Every 2nd Tuesday of the month
(1-3pm)

For more information contact us on: Phone: 0117 3018739

Email: info@kingsmeadowmade4ever.org.uk



Address: Fisher Road, Kingswood, Bristol, BS15 4RQ

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Grow Forever Garden

We would love for you to get involved!

Looking to meet new people, learn new gardening skills & enjoy some green space?

Everyone is welcome to join our FREE Grow Forever Garden activities.

Tues - Fri (10am - 3pm)

We also welcome donations: plants, fruit trees, compost, fencing wood, wood posts, garden canes and other garden tools/materials.

Friendly café on site!



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT 0117 3018739 or Email: info@kingsmeadowmade4ever.org.uk

KINGSMEADOW @ MADEFOREVER CENTRE, FISHER ROAD, BS15 4RQ



<https://www.facebook.com/sgloslearning>



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01454 864613



community.learning@southglos.gov.uk

South Gloucestershire Community Learning and Skills Service

***FREE course** **Level 1** **Health and Social Care** **Course**



For people looking at careers in the care industry.

Where:	Kingsmeadow @ MadeForever
When:	Tuesdays 12-2.30pm
Start date:	March 16 th 2021

For further details and to book your place, please contact Anthony Hill, Community Learning Development Worker on 07522218409 or email anthony.hill@southglos.gov.uk

* For adults aged 19+ with few or no qualifications; or experiencing other barriers to work



IF YOU NEED SUPPORT TO APPLY TO THE EU SETTLEMENT SCHEME HELP IS AVAILABLE IN YOUR LOCAL AREA



North Bristol Advice Centre

Contact: 07731 842 763 or 07595 047 278

Email: jenny@northbristoladvice.org.uk

www.northbristoladvice.org.uk

Get help to appeal disability benefits decisions

Have you had your PIP or ESA benefit claim turned down? If so, you're not alone. Many people who apply for Personal Independence Payments (PIP) and Employment Support Allowance (ESA) benefits are having their claims unjustly refused. Many find that their conditions are misunderstood and they are told that they are not entitled to any benefits despite suffering from serious health problems.

If this has happened to you, North Bristol Advice Centre can help. We provide free and independent advice and support to people living in North Bristol and South Gloucestershire, including Kingswood.

Our experienced advisers can provide one-to-one support through the appeals process. This includes gathering evidence and preparing the paperwork for your case. They can even be there with you at the tribunal hearing, which are currently being done by telephone, making it less stressful. North Bristol Advice Centre's overall success rate at appeal is around 90%.

For some, challenging the decisions of the DWP and gaining the benefits which they are entitled to can be the difference between living in poverty and having enough to support themselves and their family.

If you or anyone you know is struggling to challenge an unfair decision regarding a PIP or ESA claim, please contact North Bristol Advice Centre at team@northbristoladvice.org.uk call 07731 842 763 or 07595 047 278 or visit www.northbristoladvice.org.uk