

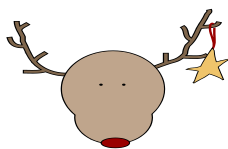
# Kingsmeadow News

For all residents—Knightstone, Merlin, Guinness, private renters and owners



December 2014

## KINGSMEADOW CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT



Come and join us on

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> of December 5.30pm onwards.

At Kingsmeadow Community Flat.

To sing some carols around the Christmas tree. Song sheets will be provided.

Refreshments will be available.

Also a special guest appearance from Father Christmas.

Everyone Welcome!!

Wishing everyone a merry Christmas and a happy  
new year

# Kingsmeadow Action Day

A 'Big Thank You' to all residents who came together to make it a very successful day.



Watch out for our crocus in early February

What we achieved on the day:

We filled seven skips with waste

We planted 2000 crocus bulbs at the entrance into Barrington Green

We had hours of fun learning circus skills, getting our faces painted, playing Halloween games and eating delicious food.





# Kingsmeadow Community Flat



Held on the last  
Saturday of  
every month.  
10 am onwards

Refreshments  
available, for a small  
donation.



Come and bring your items (& tables), to sell, £1 charge per table, or come just pop along to grab a bargain and find out more about the Community Flat. Tables available inside and out. You can find us at 19 Barrington Close Kingswood BS154QD. Outside on the green. Contact Ceri or Jane on [01173292422](tel:01173292422) for further details.



thedreamscheme.

HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT

We are a free, fun out of school activities group which actively involves the children with their local community. Dreamscheme runs in all the school holidays and is for children aged 8-16 years unaccompanied or under 8 with a parent.

Our aim is to build children's confidence and skills, offering the chance to try new experiences, meet new people and visit new places together.

We are based at KINGSMEADOW COMMUNITY FLAT. 19 Barrington Close Kingswood BS154QD

Our next programme of children's free activities begins on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> of April 10-3pm. With activities such as gardening, baking, arts and crafts, bike rides, sports, farm trip, off road biking and face painting to name just a few.

If you are interested and want to know more please feel free to contact me for more information.

Contact Jane Curtis 01179048425/07584258707



# Kingsmeadow Action Group

## News:

After weeks of preparation we set off on our community trip to Bath Christmas markets. Even though it was a bitterly cold day we still had a lovely festive time wandering



around the many stalls full of Christmas goodies—crafts, foods and drinks. Christmas music and mince pies got us in the festive mood on the way back.

**A big 'Thank You' to Rob, Jane and Nikki who made this trip happen.**

## What's Next:

We want to explore what we can do within our own community to make it a better and more fun place to live. To do this we are having a get together on the Wednesday 14th January 2015 to plan our activities for 2015. To help with all the planning we will have a free fish and chip supper together.

**Planning meeting with a Fish and Chip Supper**

**14th January, 7 –9pm at Kingsmeadow Community Flat**



## Kingsmeadow Community Flat After School Club

A free fun after school club for local children in primary school. Aged 8-11 Mondays from 3.30 - 5pm at Kingsmeadow Community flat- 19 Barrington Close Kingswood Bristol BS154QD. TEL. Jane on 01173292422 For Enquiries. Parents are most welcome to stay for a cuppa and join in the fun with your child!



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Tel. 0117 3292422 Mob. 07584258707 [www.kingsmeadowflat.org.uk](http://www.kingsmeadowflat.org.uk)  
Chief Officers Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9.00am – 5.00pm  
Charity No: 1148905 A registered company limited by guarantee No: 8126468



# The Krafty Crafters

Calling all Knitters, sewers, makers, talkers, crafters, and anyone one who would like to meet up and socialise while learning a new or perfecting an old skill.

Just bring along some knitting or sewing or we can provide you with some wool and needles .

Tea, coffee and cakes provided

We will meet up Wednesday 21st January 2015—7-9pm

at the Kingsmeadow Community Flat.

Dear Santa  
Please can you  
keep us safe this  
Christmas  
Love Jack  
and Lily



You are likely to know a child suffering from  
**domestic violence**  
or **abuse**

750,000 children in the UK witness domestic violence and abuse each year



Help someone this  
Christmas by speaking out



Call **SURVIVE** in confidence on 0117 961 2999

If you are concerned someone is in danger call the police on 999

[www.southglos.gov.uk/helpsomeone](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/helpsomeone)

## Wanted

Any old wool, Knitting needles, fabric, sewing bits and bobs, pattern, or any other items which may be useful for our new craft group.

Contact Marie: 07921 386873 who will arrange to collect them



# Lets say “NO” to Dog Fouling!

Help us make Kingsmeadow a Zero Dog Poo Zone in 2015. Let’s do this through supporting responsible dog ownership and by encouraging other people to pick up their dog poo.

## **South Gloucestershire Council states:**

([www.southglos.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/street-care-and-cleaning/dog-foulin-and-bins/](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/street-care-and-cleaning/dog-foulin-and-bins/))

Under the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act of 1996, anybody who lets their dog foul land open to public access and does not clear up afterwards can be given a fixed penalty notice. If you get such a notice, you have to pay a £50 fine within 14 days. Otherwise, you could be prosecuted and might be fined up to £1000.

Dog faeces can cause problems to users of parks and sports grounds and nobody likes it left outside their front gate. It can also carry diseases including Toxocariasis, which can lead to serious illness, including blindness. This can be a particular risk for children.

## **Dog waste bins**

In recent years national guidance on the disposal of dog waste has changed and it is no longer necessary to separate dog waste from other types of household waste.

For this reason, dedicated dogs waste bins are no longer required and waste can be disposed of in any available litter bin or your black household bin.

Please remember that the absence of a dog waste bin or litter bin is not an excuse to leave your dog’s waste behind

## **How to report dog fouling:**

Contact South Gloucestershire Council—Street Care—tel: 01454 868000

Or

[www.southglos.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/street-care-and-cleaning/dog-foulin-and-bins/](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/street-care-and-cleaning/dog-foulin-and-bins/)

## We support The Green Dog Walkers Pledge

For more information or to sign up please contact Marie 07921 386873 or ask at Kingsmeadow Community flat

### What's the Green Armband for?

If you see someone wearing the Green Dog Walkers® armband, it means they have "Taken the Pledge"

- to always clean up after their dog
- to carry extra doggie bags
- to gladly give you a bag for your dog - just ask!

### A friendly Reminder...

Green Dog Walkers® is a non-confrontational, friendly way to change attitudes about dog fouling.

### Would you like to take part in the project?

Just read The Pledge and return the signed Acceptance Form. We will send you your durable, waterproof Green Dog Walkers® armband.

### The Facts...

- the Scotland Dog Fouling Act 2003 fines from £40 - 500!
- 52% of UK households have a pet
- there are 7 million UK dog owners!

Did you know that primary school children and footballers are most at risk from diseases from dog fouling? After it has lain on the ground for two weeks, worms develop and these diseases and others can cause: toxacara canis, roundworm, salmonella, E-coli, resulting in pneumonia, asthma and blindness.

However, it IS SAFE to clean it up "on the spot"!

Take The Pledge Today - You And Your Pal!

## The Green Dog Walkers® Pledge



I hereby volunteer to accept a Green Dog Walkers® Armband and pledge to take part in the campaign as follows:

1. I will wear the armband as often as possible when walking my dog(s).
2. I will at all times clean up after my dog and dispose of the bag in a bin.
3. When others walk my dog I will encourage them to clean up after my dog.
4. I understand that wearing the armband indicates that I will carry extra doggie bags to distribute to other dog walkers if requested.
5. At no time when wearing the armband will I aggressively confront other dog walkers about dog fouling. I fully understand that Green Dog Walkers® is intended to be a non-confrontational and friendly campaign to change attitudes about dog fouling.
6. I agree that Green Dog Walkers® may contact me to take part in questionnaires or surveys regarding my Green Dog Walker® experience, to help judge the success of the project.





# What's On

## Winter at the Community Flat

### **Buggy walks**

Returning in Spring

### **After school homework club**

Mondays 3.30—5. pm

A fun learning group for children aged 8—11 and their parents. Help with homework, fun learning games and quizzes to get your child confident and up to speed. Volunteer teacher to help with phonics, reading and writing.

**FREE** including a healthy snack.

### **Street Games**

Thursdays

Meet at the basket ball courts on Barrington Green at 4.30pm. A volunteer will be available to walk with the group to Made4Ever, to use the fully lit sports court and indoor hall, if the weather is poor. All ages welcome.

### **Toddlers and Parents Stay and Play—next session 7th January 2015**

Wednesdays from 10—11.15 am ***Term Time Only***

Families with tots aged 0—5 years can enjoy messy play, story and rhyme time, crafts and games. Spaces available.

### **IT support, job search help & emotional support**

Thursdays and Fridays

Friendly help and support with computers. No experience necessary. Can help with job search, CV writing and filling in on-line applications.

If things are getting you down and you could do with a friendly listener we also offer emotional support.

To make an appointment call 0117 9048425 or Catherine on 07757 056 687

**For all enquiries please contact Kingsmeadow Community Flat**

**on 0117 904 8425**