

KINGSWOOD CONNECT

Quarterly Newsletter for our community



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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>

Fisher Road, Kingswood, Bristol, BS15 4RQ - Phone: 0117 3018739
www.kingsmeadowmade4ever.org.uk



Local MP Visits Kingsmeadow @ MadeForever Community Hub

Kingswood MP, Chris Skidmore visits Kingsmeadow @ MadeForever Community Hub showing his support and encouragement for the work we do in the community.

The MP also welcomed the News about K@M4E's National Lottery Grant Award.

Follow the link below to see press release from the MP's office about the visit.

[HTTPS://WWW.CHRISSKIDMORE.COM/NEWS/LOCAL-MP-WELCOMES-GRANT-SUPPORTING-COMMUNITY-WELLBEING-HUB-KINGSWOOD](https://www.chrisskidmore.com/news/local-mp-welcomes-grant-supporting-community-wellbeing-hub-kingswood)

"I was delighted to visit Kingsmeadow's great local Community Hub and meet the dedicated team of staff and volunteers making a difference in the lives of many families and young people in the area."

Chris Skidmore, MP



COVID-19 Vaccination

Walk-in COVID-19 Pfizer Vaccination Clinics

Monday – Friday 28th June – 9th July

10am – 3pm

**Nisbets Car Park, Evans House, Third Way,
Avonmouth BS11 9YL**

Every Wednesday from 7 July 2021

12noon - 8pm* (*Subject to change)

**Easton Christian Family Centre,
Beaufort Street, Easton, BS5 0SQ**

**Saturday 3 July, Saturday 10 July, Saturday
17 July and Saturday 24 July 2021 - 9am–5pm**

East Trees Health Centre, Eastville, BS5 6SA

**Open to anyone over 18. First doses or second doses if
your first dose of Pfizer was over eight weeks ago.**

Join the millions, get #vaccinated

www.nhs.uk/coronavirus-vaccination #ProtectBristol

Healthier Together

Improving health and care in Bristol,
North Somerset and South Gloucestershire



VOLUNTEERS' DAY AT KINGSMEADOW @ MADEFOREVER

1st-7th June was Volunteers' Week. Volunteers' week is a time to say thanks for the contribution millions of people make across the UK through volunteering. We decided to celebrate our INCREDIBLE volunteers and thank them for their huge support, particularly throughout Covid-19. Their great contribution helps us continue to support and serve our community. We had a small celebration on Friday. We gave our volunteers medals and certificates - because they are all winners. One of our volunteers said "I absolutely enjoy volunteering here and I do it because I want to. I have never done a job in my life that I truly love like this one; the atmosphere, the people... it's just wonderful.

Thank you again everybody.



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COUNCILLORS' SURGERIES

As a result of the coronavirus restrictions, New Cheltenham Ward Councillors Sandie Davis and Kim Scudamore have not been able to hold their monthly Councillors' Surgeries since March 2020. Last year they started to take advantage of the 'rule of 6' that allowed small groups to meet in open spaces by holding a number of **Open Air Surgeries** in a number of easily accessible locations around the area. These surgeries have given residents an opportunity to meet at a safe distance and raise any local issues that the Councillors might be able to deal with.

Weather permitting, future surgeries are planned for:
Saturday July 10th 10.30 – 11.30
The Oval, Ridley Avenue

Saturday August 14th 10.30 – 11.30
Barrington Close, on the green

Please pop by and say hello.

Dear Kingswood,

Summer is upon us and the longer and lighter days are here, a return to some kind of new normal is happening and the Kingswood Beat team are out and about engaging with the public and dealing with local issues. We have expanded our team from 4 to 6, 2 PC's, Jack and Aaron and 4 PCSO's Lauren, Christian, Kay and Adam.

Electric Scooters have been coming to our attention of late and the Kingswood Beat Team have been out educating riders and issuing reminders that e-scooters remain illegal on roads, pavements and cycle lanes. Riders could be issued with fines or the scooter seized. Whilst it's not illegal to buy an e-scooter, people should be mindful of the law when considering a purchase. The new rental VOI scooters should be ridden on roads only, hirers must be over 16, hold a full provisional driving licence and only one person must use them at only one time.

Online Fraud continues to be a problem, please remember that your bank will never call you and ask you for your personal information, Fraudsters are very clever, and many people are sucked in by them. Terminate the call if you have any suspicion at all.

Remember. Your personal Information is valuable, Protect it.

Caution. Be Wary of anyone asking for your personal information

Think .Why am I being asked to give this information? Is it necessary?

For more information and to report fraud please use the link [HTTPS://www.wactionfraud.police.uk/](https://www.wactionfraud.police.uk/)

There has been a spate of theft from motor vehicles in the area, please don't leave anything valuable on display in your vehicle, Remember your debit card might be contactless, this means it can be used by an offender to buy goods.

We hope you all have a good summer.
Best wishes from the Beat Team at Kingswood

King Regards
Lauren White (PCSO 7895) & Kay Rees (PCSO 7837)

Beat Surgeries are back up and running, so please come and visit your local beat team over the next few months. We will be located at Kingsmeadow @ MadeForever Community Hub - Fisher Road and at Kings Chase Shopping Centre at various times.

Please come along and see us the team will be delighted to meet you.

Kingsmeadow@MadeForever:
9th June, 7th July, 4th August,
1st September, 29th September,
27th October and 24th November
during the hours of 14:00 - 15:00 hrs.

Kings Chase Shopping Centre:
31st July, 25th September and
20th October during the hours of
11:00 - 13:00 hrs.

"Remember.
Your personal
Information is
valuable,
Protect it."



Community Engagement Forums



**Come to an open virtual meeting for residents
to discuss and address neighbourhood matters
and help build a stronger community**

Your community engagement forum (CEF)
meeting is your opportunity to engage with:

- Your local Police Beat team
- Avon Fire and Rescue service
- South Gloucestershire Councillors
- Town and Parish Councils

You can also find out
what is happening in
your local area and
receive Public Health
updates.



Tuesday 6th July 2021 7 PM
Kingswood

To get involved with your local CEF please email:
communityengagement@southglos.gov.uk

🌐 www.southglos.gov.uk/CEF ☎ 01454 868113
✉ communityengagement@southglos.gov.uk

Your voice counts in shaping your community

Are you Dementia Friendly?

Being a Dementia Friend is about being aware and helping to make our communities better places to live for those living with dementia and their carers, families and friends.

Join us for one of our FREE 45-minute online webinars to expand your knowledge on dementia and ask any questions you may have.

OR arrange for us to deliver a FREE online session to your group or staff team (minimum 6 people attending).

OR join with us in the **South Gloucestershire Dementia Action Alliance** and let's work together to make South Gloucestershire the most Dementia Friendly county in the South West - it's FREE to join!

We will provide ongoing support through networking, newsletters and meet-ups - virtually at first, and face-to-face when possible.

Get in touch to find out more: dementia@southernbrooks.org.uk



BS15 Community Kitchen



The BS15 Community Kitchen is now open for collections and deliveries every Thursday and Saturday from 5-8pm @ Holy Trinity Church in Kingswood.

They provide pay-as-you-can, hot and chilled meals to people living or working in BS15. Whether you're a key worker in between shifts with no time to cook a good meal, a single-person household who is fed up with cooking for one, or you're just struggling to get food on the table right now, their team of volunteers are there to help out!

Check out the menu for this Thursday and get your order in, suggested donation is £2.50pp:
wearebs15.co.uk/we-are-bs15-kitchen/



**North Bristol
Advice Centre**

Money or benefits problems?

**We are Debt and Welfare
Benefits specialists**

**Call 07731 842 763,
07595 047 278 or visit
www.northbristoladvice.org.uk**

**FREE expert advice in North
Bristol and South Gloucestershire**





Image shows South Gloucestershire Council Leader, Toby Savage (left), and MP for Kingswood, Chris Skidmore (right) at the Kings Chase Shopping Centre.



South Gloucestershire Council News Release

South Gloucestershire Council, Civic Centre, High Street,
Kingswood, BS15 9TR
Tel: 01454 863200
Email: strategiccommunications@southglos.gov.uk,
Web: www.southglos.gov.uk

South Gloucestershire Council Complete Purchase of Kings Chase Shopping Centre As Part of Plans to Regenerate Kingswood High Street

South Gloucestershire Council has completed a £10m acquisition of the Kings Chase Shopping Centre and car park in Kingswood in a major step towards its long-term regeneration vision for the Town Centre.

This is a critical investment in the Future High Streets Fund Business Case, which was awarded funding by the Government on 26 December 2020, and completion of the purchase enables the Council to develop plans for further investment into improvement, redevelopment and regeneration works in and around the High Street.

Options for redevelopment include the potential for leisure, housing and community services to complement the retail experience, as the Council explores innovative new ways to bring vitality to the high street.

The Government funding was established to support transformational investment in property and infrastructure as part of a reimagination of UK high streets, and the Kings Chase shopping centre was identified as a critical asset for the long-term viability of Kingswood as a hub for the local community for shopping and centre of local employment. A public consultation on the Masterplan will be undertaken this Summer.

Recently the private sector has been unable to deliver much needed investment and a planned development did not come forward. The Council have secured funding from the Government and commitment to an additional capital investment budget to acquire the site and begin a first phase of improvement and redevelopment works.

Council Leader, Councillor Toby Savage said: "I am really excited to be able to confirm that we have completed the purchase of Kings Chase shopping centre and car park, which has been the subject of many months of hard work alongside the development of a Masterplan.

"We are extremely ambitious for the future of Kingswood and this acquisition is critical to our ability to deliver something truly transformational. Alongside the funding now in place to transform the public realm on Regent Street and with the building work to restore the Whitfield Tabernacle now underway, I look forward to the opportunities this will bring to the community.

"The support from local people and stakeholder groups in Kingswood through the public engagement we have conducted was critical in our success in accessing Government funding. This collaborative approach has allowed the public sector to intervene where the market is struggling."

Kingswood MP Chris Skidmore said: "I have been a proud advocate for the Council's Future High Streets Fund business case and was delighted to see the Government co-investing in this. Seeing the Whitfield Tabernacle alive with building work and now this vital acquisition being concluded presents the start of an exciting future for Kingswood town centre."



Are you an EU national who missed the deadline to apply for the EU Settlement Scheme?

**IF YOU DIDN'T KNOW YOU ARE
ELIGIBLE OR DIDN'T HAVE VALID ID**

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

PLEASE CONTACT US ON:

www.southernbrooks.org.uk/brexit

Email: euss@southernbrooks.org.uk

Tel: 07971797770



Essentials Support Services



We provide the following support:

- Gas & electric Top up
- Food parcels
- Hygiene kits
- Clothing
- Household Items
- Baby Care



To access help or for further information.

Contact us on 0117 3018739/ 0784 2428043

Email: info@kingsmeadowmade4ever.org.uk

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

Web: www.kingsmeadowmade4ever.org.uk



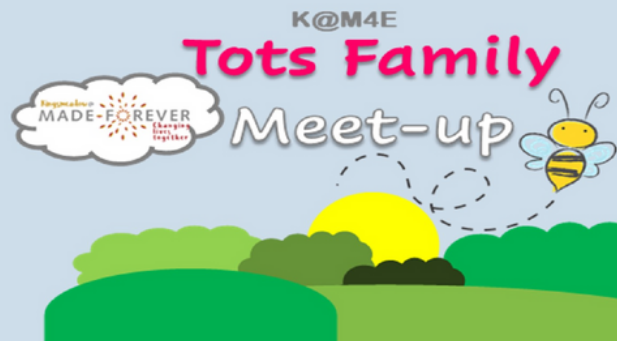
Kingsmeadow at made4ever



*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 & Thursday, 10.30 - 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

www.kingsmeadowmade4ever.org.uk

Great news from Kingswood Library

We are open for browsing!

Activities for Babies & Young Children

Kingswood Library

Rhymetime - Wednesday, 9:30 – 10am

Have fun and learn new rhymes to share with your little one aged 0 - 18 months. FREE.

LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE To book your place and for more details, email Kingswood.library@southglos.gov.uk with your name and contact phone number and we will get back to you.



We are following the Government roadmap out of lockdown and offering services according to current restrictions.



Use a computer or Wi-Fi for free for 1 hour each day

Testing kit collection points

Everyone in the UK aged over 16 without Covid symptoms is encouraged to have two rapid (lateral flow) tests each week.

Getting hold of a testing kit is easy, **if you don't have any Covid-19 symptoms** you can drop in and collect them from your nearest South Gloucestershire Library.

Summer Reading Challenge 2021

WILD WORLD Heroes

Presented by The Reading Agency.
Delivered in partnership with libraries.

Pack your bags,
we're headed to the
library to join *Wild
World Heroes*,
Summer Reading
Challenge 2021!

To get involved, children
read 6 books over the
summer holiday and

collect stickers to complete their special *Wild World Heroes* poster to get a medal and certificate. **It's FUN and FREE** to take part.

Join the *Wild World Heroes* for the Summer Reading Challenge at a
South Gloucestershire library from
Saturday 10 July to Saturday 11 September

NEW this year, there is also the Mini Challenge specially designed
for pre-school children.

Pick up your FREE craft bag of awesome animal activities to make
at home when you join *Wild world Heroes*. Find out more at
www.southglos.gov.uk/librarychanges.

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Council**



...Try **webFAM.co.uk**

Need help and live in Bristol,
B&NEs or South Gloucestershire?

DHI's webFAM offers a 24/7 online information service

<https://webfam.dhi-online.org.uk>

Healthy Start



Get help to buy
healthy food



To check if you are eligible for Healthy Start vouchers, use the new free online tool (takes less than 5 minutes).

Health Care Professionals don't need to sign the application form anymore, so this makes applying easier!

HEALTHY START

If you or your partner receive benefits and are currently expecting or have a child under 4, you may be entitled to £4.25 per week to help buy healthy foods.

Healthy Start vouchers may be used to buy fresh, frozen or tinned fruit and vegetables, fresh, dried or tinned pulses, plain cow's milk and infant formula.

You can also get free Healthy Start vitamins. For more information about vitamins email:

healthylifestyles@southglos.gov.uk or
telephone: 01454 864005

For more information on the Healthy Start scheme and how to apply visit:

www.healthystart.nhs.uk or talk with your Midwife, Health Visitor or Children's Centre

**HEALTHY
START**

Give your kids the best start in life...





South Gloucestershire Over Fifties Forum

Campaigning for older people

email: southglosover50s@gmail.com or call 07967 102141

Register charity number 1191820.

The Voice of people over 50 in South Glos.

Are you struggling financially, having difficulty finding a job, suffering with your mental wellbeing? Do ask for support.

The One Stop shops can offer information regarding financial support and people who need employment please talk to the Job Centre and ask for a coach.

OneYou run lots of courses for support people's mental health.

Information is on our website too.

www.southglosover50s.org.uk

Contact us on 07967102141

Email: southglosover50s@gmail.com

Our meetings are monthly via Zoom currently.

A registered charity no 1191820

Non party political

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

South Gloucestershire Community Learning and Skills Service

Free courses for adults

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*



SHOP AT AMAZON SMILE AND SUPPORT US

SHOP AND SUPPORT US! We're delighted to let you know that K@M4E has partnered with Amazon Smile. This means that every time you shop on Amazon, using the smile.amazon.co.uk URL and choosing us as your chosen charity, the Amazon Smile Foundation makes a donation to us of 0.5% of the net purchase price of your products - at no extra cost to you!

Sign up to Amazon Smile and select Kingsmeadow at Made Forever as your charity of choice to get started now. Happy shopping!

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**SUPPORT US AS YOU
SHOP WITH AMAZON
SMILE**

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**



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

KINGSMADOW @ MADEFOREVER CENTRE, FISHER ROAD, BS15 4RQ

Telephone Connect Cafe



Are you missing social interaction but not able to join groups online?

We're running small group sessions by telephone! If you have dementia or are/have been a carer for someone living with dementia then you are welcome to join us!

Our DBS checked dementia volunteers will facilitate the sessions, but the content is up to you! Favourite songs, memories or quizzes - you choose!

Sessions will be held on Monday mornings. To find out how to join and to receive a personal invitation please call us free on 0333 577 46 66 and ask to speak to Winsome about the telephone cafe or email: dementia@southernbrooks.org.uk

Strong Communities Powered by People

☎ 01454 868 571 / 07969 189 333

🌐 www.southernbrook.org.uk

✉ dementia@southernbrooks.org.uk

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COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

**WORKING
TOGETHER**

Avon and Somerset Constabulary

Working together to make the communities of Avon and Somerset be safe and feel safe

Call 101 or visit www.avonandsomerset.police.uk



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POLICE & COMMUNITY

Kingsmeadow@

MADE - FOREVER

Changing
lives
together



BEAT SURGERY

**Local Police are happy to hear your concerns
on the following Wednesdays
at 2pm to 3pm at the
Kingsmeadow @ Madeforever Community Hub**

- 9th June
- 7th July
- 4th August
- 1st September
- 27th October
- 24th November

Anyone from the community is welcome to drop in during these sessions.

**For more information on these events please
email: info@kingsmeadowmade4ever.org.uk
or call: 0117 301 8739, or message us on
Facebook: www.facebook.com/kingsmeadowmade4ever**

www.kingsmeadowmade4ever.org.uk

COMMUNITY HUB, SHOP, GARDEN & CAFE

Fisher Road, Kingswood, Bristol BS15 4RQ

REGISTERED CHARITY NO: 1148905

COMMUNITY SERVICES

POLICE Emergency and high priority calls www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/report/

Kingsmeadow @ made4ever 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

COUNCILLOR'S SURGEY every 1st Tuesday of every month. 12–2pm at Kingsmeadow @ MadeForever,

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



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