

VPAG News – July 2023

Here is the news relating to Victoria Park from VPAG's last meeting and other sources. Please ask via the website contact link for email addresses of those named.

New accessible recreational area - your views are needed by 31st July! Please complete this survey to help find out what local people would like included in the new facility being planned for the park: <https://actionnetwork.org/forms/victoria-park-new-recreational-area-questionnaire>

There is a separate survey for children: <https://actionnetwork.org/forms/victoria-park-new-recreational-area-questionnaire-for-children>

VPAG Festival – Sat. 16th Sept – can you help? Shaun's previous email outlined the volunteers he needs to make the Festival a big success. Please contact him if you can help, either before or on the day.

Raffle donations: Another way to support the Festival is to donate an item, a voucher or an experience for the raffle, either as an individual, an organisation or a business. For more details about this or to make an offer, please contact Christine.

Refreshments in the park: The Council have informed us that the Stuffed van will not be returning to the park, but they are trying to find a temporary way for refreshments to be sold over the summer. Otherwise, it will be next Spring before a new licence holder for the pitch can start, following a tender process this Autumn.

Litter bins: To solve the problem of overflowing bins in hot weather, the Council will be installing temporary oil drum bins next to some of the permanent bins, but the best strategy is to take your own litter home when possible.

Dog-owners: The Council Parks Dept would be grateful if dog-owners can try and stop their dogs from urinating on bins as dog pee is acidic and burns holes in them, which is expensive to repair!

VPAG communications: Our new Comms team is now using this newsletter, the VPAG website, park noticeboards, local media, Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/VictoriaParkBristol> and Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/victoriaparkactiongroup/> to keep you informed.

Defibrillators: There is currently a defibrillator in the Bowling Club which can be accessed when the club is open or when people are playing on the tennis courts. We are looking at how we can get a public access defibrillator (or two) installed in the park.

Reporting e-scooter and motorbike misuse in the park: If you see any bad behaviour by people on e-scooters or electric motorbikes please do report it to the Police either by ringing **101** or reporting via <https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/report/crime-or-incident/#/> The more reports they get about such issues, the more action is taken.

Skatepark update: A separate group has been pursuing funding for skatepark improvements and we understand that the Council has now completed a tender process and chosen a contractor, so we hope to see some action on the ground before too long.

Next VPAG meeting: The next meeting is on Monday 7th August at 7.30pm in the Bowling Club. Everyone is welcome!