

VPAG Newsletter February 2026

Planning application for 23 storey student accommodation at Princes St/ Whitehouse St. Representatives from VPAG were joined by TRESA and Bristol Civic Society who all spoke at the recent council planning meeting to raise their concerns about the proposed development. The meeting concluded with a deferral of granting planning permission pending further reports.

The next planning meeting will be on 11th March with the deadline for further objections being the week beforehand. Look out for details on application 25/11778/F on the planning portal and we will alert people once we know where to write to.

<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/residents/planning-and-building-regulations/planning-applications/search-and-track-planning-applications/look-at-and-track-planning-applications>

 **Water maze update.** Thanks to those who have contacted VPAG via hello@vpag.com to help us solve the mystery of the maze's water source. Investigations are ongoing but we have rediscovered an original poster celebrating the installation of the maze which we plan to reprint and sell to raise funds for VPAG.

 **Wildlife and gardening news.** The dead hedge around the swampy area is progressing well. Thanks to volunteers who help every Thursday morning between 10 and 12 to help. There are more wildlife activities being scheduled including creating more wildflower beds close to the existing triangular bed. Keep up to date via the VPAG Wildlife Group WhatsApp noticeboard at <https://chat.whatsapp.com/C5ZrnYGq6YKHqDCqVPepii?mode=hqrt3>

VPAG are pleased to support the growing of vegetables on the oval bed by the Lodge which is being organised by volunteers. Food produced will go towards local food banks.

Graffiti in the park We have recently seen an increase in tagging and using stickers on noticeboards. If you notice any antisocial behaviour in the park, there are a number of ways to report your concerns via the links below.

- Report a problem in the park: <https://fixmystreet.bristol.gov.uk>
- Report illegal activity in the park to the police:
- <https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/your-area/contact-your-neighbourhood-police/ng-team-form/#/?NPT=BS143>
- We always welcome donations <https://vpag.org.uk/general/donations/>

Dates for your diary

2nd March 7.30pm VPAG meeting and AGM at the VP Bowls Club -
18th April 10am VPAG Spring Clean event. All welcome - meet at The Lodge
15th March Community Funds application deadline (CIL)
1-31 May Bristol WalkFest month. VP walks tbc