

 **Funding award** - we are delighted to announce that VPAG has been awarded £2000 from the Wessex Water Environment Fund and Quartet Community Foundation. This will be used to support the voluntary gardening and wildlife work in the park. See the attached press release for details.

 **No barbecues, thanks** - Please don't light barbecues in the park. Following the recent heat wave, we've had some near misses. Disposing of hot barbecues into the bins can also cause fires and is highly dangerous. Thanks for your understanding and support with this.

 **Lodge news** - Thank you to those of you who contributed to the consultation. Submissions are now closed.

 **Wildlife News** - VPAG wildlife leads and Cllr Ed Plowden met with Nature Conservations officers and the South Bristol Parks Coordinator from the City Council to discuss mowing schedules for the wildflower beds. We presented the case for the large bed to be left unmown to protect overwintering insects, which the council has agreed to.

It may not be possible to keep the smaller beds this year, however, it is hoped that going forward, we may be able to arrange a rotation of beds to be kept intact over winter. Mowing is scheduled for the second half of August this year.

If you would like to join the Wildlife Volunteer WhatsApp group, follow this [link](#).

You may have heard about an increase in ticks in green spaces this year. The council has advised us that the risk is low in urban parks such as Victoria Park. More information about ticks and how you and your dog can stay safe, can be found via this [link](#).

 **Bristol Parks Forum** - is an umbrella organisation for community park groups. They recently won an award from BCC for their continued contributions and expertise when supporting city parks. They are currently campaigning for a larger park in the St Philips development. To take part in the St Philips Masterplan consultation, click the link below. Consultations end on 28th July.
<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/StPhilipsMasterplan/>

Planning matters - Bristol City Council are inviting members of the public to a meeting to help design improvements to Windmill Close. The event will involve an augmented reality workshops and will take place on Wednesday 22nd July at 9.30 and 2.15. See the attached flyer for details.

 **VPAG summer festival, September 19th** - VPAG is a voluntary organisation and it takes a lot of work to run events such as the summer festival and bonfire. We rely on donations, so if you would like to support us, you can make a contribution [here](#). Contact hello@vpag.org.uk if you are interested in volunteering, taking part or running a stall at the festival.

Dates for your diary

- **7-9th August** - Bristol Balloon Fiesta - watch the balloons from our wonderful park!
- **Saturday 12th September** - Windmill Hill City Farm Golden Anniversary Fayre
- **Saturday 19th September** - VPAG Victoria Park Festival including Dog Show
- **Thursday 5th November** - VPAG Bonfire Night event

The next VPAG meeting will take place on Monday 3rd August at 7.30 at a venue TBC. All welcome.

As a community connector, VPAG will occasionally share community events. Please see the attached flyers.



Press Release 08/07/2026

Victoria Park Action Group are delighted to announce that the Community Garden Team and Wildlife Team have been awarded a grant of £2,000 from the Wessex Water Environment Fund. This grant will support our work to enhance our volunteer Community Garden Team's work in the park including the establishment of the Community Food Garden for the Food Bank. And also, the volunteer Wildlife Team who are bringing about rewilding to areas of the park including the wild flower meadow. The Environment Fund supports charitable and community activities across the region that have a positive impact on the local environment. The fund is part of the YTL Wessex Foundation which provides dedicated funding for projects across the Wessex Water region every year.

VPAG would like to thank Wessex Water Foundation and the Quartet Community Foundation who administer the grant. A spokesperson said " We are delighted and grateful to receive this generous award. It will make a big difference to our volunteers' dedicated work to improve Victoria Park for all its users. The Community Garden is admired by all and the team's work to grow vegetables in what has been a challenging summer will be appreciated by local food banks when we harvest the crops. The Wildlife Team have brought about amazing results in different areas of the park and, through citizen science reporting, have recorded some very rare bee species living in the wildflower slopes."

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Wessex Water
YTL GROUP

Help us improve Windmill Close



WEDNESDAY 22 JULY

9:30AM AND 2:15PM



As part of the Whitehouse Street area transformation, Bristol City Council is inviting local people to help design improvements to Windmill Close.

New developments in the area will make this an increasingly important route between the park, the school and thousands of new homes. Join us for a free workshop using Augmented Reality technology to bring participants' ideas to life.

Sign up:



<https://tinyurl.com/452d2sa9>

- Meeting point: Junction of Whitehouse Street and Windmill Close (BS3 4DR)
- Duration: 45 minutes - 1 hour
- Sign up using the QR code. Alternatively email transport.engagement@bristol.gov.uk or call our voicemail service on 0117 903 64 49 and we'll get back to you.

