

UP OUR STREET

Summer 2026





EASTSIDE COMMUNITY TRUST

We are an award winning community organisation working in Easton and Lawrence Hill. We run Easton Community Centre and Felix Road Adventure Playground. We are passionate about our community and putting local people in control so together we can build healthy and happy neighbourhoods.

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Up Our Street



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GOT A STORY TO SHARE?

Up Our Street is a community magazine that speaks from many perspectives, sharing community life through positive stories from East Bristol. It aims to build a sense of pride and belonging, inspiring residents to get involved with activities in their neighbourhood.

We print 14,000 copies, four times a year, and hand-deliver to community hubs and households in Easton and Lawrence Hill.

Contact comms@upourstreet.org.uk if you have story ideas, interesting local news, would like us to cover an event or community project you're part of, or to advertise.

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Up Our Street is the FREE community magazine produced by Eastside Community Trust. We support local people to organise projects, events and get things done in the neighbourhood.

Over the next four years, alongside our community spaces, our work will be around four main themes:

Connecting: bringing people together

Greening: increasing nature in the neighbourhood

Thriving: improving people's wellbeing

Activating: growing community power through our membership

Read on for ways to get involved in any of these.

We have published our new **Eastside Strategy 2026-2030** which includes more on our priorities for the future. Find it on our website or contact us for a copy.

Did you know...?

Last year Eastside worked with **1,672 children** and **1,670 adults** with over **12,000 attendances** at an Eastside activity.

- 93% of people rated their experience 4 or 5 out of 5
- 92% of people said their wellbeing had improved
- 92% of people said Eastside gave them a sense of belonging

Want to get more involved?

Join as an Activating Eastside member contact us at contact@upourstreet.org.uk

We love receiving submissions from our readers, whether it's news, poetry, a story or artwork.

This image is from Ivy, aged 11, from Easton. Ivy says:

"I took this photo in front of my favourite mural on Bruce Road in Greenbank, called Concrete Meadow. It's about global warming and deforestation and how animals have nowhere to live anymore. I made the mask myself inspired by the foxes of our neighbourhood. My twin brother wore it for the photo.

I like Up Our Street magazine and how it tells you basically everything about the community and events in it, my mum absolutely loves the magazine too and we are always excited to get it! I love Easton and Lawrence Hill because of their communities and art"

Send your submissions to comms@upourstreet.org.uk



Our front cover image is of a fantastic drumming workshop held in Owen Square Park as part of our Spring Fun Palace. The workshop, run by local percussionist and drummer, Mike Clarke, was a big hit! He'll be back so watch this space for your chance to get stuck in.



Who will you nominate for an Eastside Thank You Award?



Do you know someone in Easton or Lawrence Hill who always goes the extra mile? Someone who quietly makes a difference, offers a helping hand, or inspires others through their kindness and dedication? Now's your chance to shine a spotlight on them!

You can nominate anyone who is living, or working in Easton or Lawrence Hill and making a positive impact through generosity, helpfulness or inspiration. Both nominee and nominator must be willing and able to attend the awards on Thursday 22 October.



**Nominate by
Monday 21
September**

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Meet Eastside Trustee: Al Russell

“ I'm Al, or Alan, and I've recently become a trustee at Eastside Community Trust. My path started in the park as a volunteer, noticing areas that needed more regular care. I felt that if we all use a space, we all share responsibility for it. With support and training from the group, I found real joy in uncovering the beautiful old stonework hidden beneath years of growth

It was through this work that I first heard about the trustee role. Although I'd worked in the voluntary sector before, I never imagined myself on a board. I expressed interest anyway—along with my doubts. Volunteering let me contribute physically; becoming a trustee

felt like a chance to contribute mentally, even if calling myself “intellectual” still makes me laugh.

Integrity matters to me, and this role carries real responsibility. I'm learning constantly about the projects, services and people who make our community thrive. I've come to see the board as something that helps everything run smoothly, connecting different groups and supporting their work.

What I didn't expect was how much I'd gain. I get to work with people I admire; trustees, staff at the community centre, and the team at Felix Road Adventure Playground. Their



energy and commitment are inspiring, especially in a world where negativity often dominates the headlines.

As for future projects, I'm still finding my feet. I've been considering starting a men's group, a space for men to explore who they are without judgement. It's just an idea for now, but one I think could benefit the community. I'll leave it there before I go on too long. Take care of yourselves and each other.

COMMUNITY EVENTS FUND – WHAT'S ON?

We were so pleased to have received 31 applications for our annual community event fund this year. These applications totalled £16,000 for projects ranging from street parties, family fun days, picnics and cultural celebrations.

The aim of the fund is to give a little bit of money to help members organise their own community get-togethers and it is really inspiring to see it grow from year to year. Thanks to everyone who took the time to apply and good luck organising those events! The fund will open again in May 2027 – join our mailing list at comms@upourstreet.org.uk to be the first to hear about future deadlines.

Trustee Lakhraj Minhas, a member of the panel, said: **“It was really interesting and such a nice thing to be able to do. It was also great to see applications from new groups Eastside has been working with as part of the Connecting Eastside programme”.**



Eastside Community Trust is a membership organisation. Residents can become members for free. We are exploring how membership can mean more and be useful to residents throughout the year.

Our trustee, Maca Gomez-Gutierrez, is finding out what residents and existing members might want:

“How would you use Eastside Community Trust's spaces, expertise, comms and networks if you had access to them? We have a vision to Activate Eastside, empowering resident-led action by supporting a peer network of residents interested in social action, connecting and sharing. To make our vision a reality we need to understand the needs of our local community- what should be in place for our vision to work?”

Ideas for activating Eastside include:

- Residents organising a community meal
- Hosting a film night at Easton Community Centre
- Priority for our community event fund
- Free space hire
- Your ideas?

Get in touch with maca@upourstreet.org.uk



This summer, why not bring your neighbours together for a street party?

From summer BBQs to cultural celebrations like Eid or Diwali, street parties are a way to celebrate diversity, enjoy fresh air, and strengthen connections right on your doorstep. Eastside can offer support to make your event happen, including guidance on road closures, safety, permissions, and even loaning bunting and road closure signs. Whatever your theme, we can help you plan an event that everyone in your street can enjoy.

**Find out more: eastsidecommunitytrust.org.uk | 0117 954 1409
contact@upourstreet.org.uk.**



BOLLYWOOD NIGHT

At Easton Community Centre

Women Only **£10 Entry**

Saturday 4 July
6:30pm to 9:30pm

Get ready to dance, laugh, and feast!
Enjoy lively dance workshops, fun quiz games, and delicious Thalis

Bring your smiles, your moves, and your appetite
let's dance, dine, and celebrate together!

Dress to Impress

email abiir@upourstreet.org.uk

EASTSIDE COMMUNITY TRUST

Abiir's Corner



As a Community Connector, I love hearing from residents about their ideas for improving the area and the kinds of activities they'd like to see in the community.

It's important that local people are shaping what happens where they live, and that our activities reflect what matters most to them.

We've got some exciting activities coming up, including female only cycling classes, women's walking groups and hikes, community meals and women's nights.

These sessions are a great opportunity for residents to meet new people, stay active, and build stronger connections within the community.

By listening to residents and creating spaces for people to come together, we hope to continue building a more connected, welcoming, and thriving neighbourhood have a voice in

Want to get involved?
abiir@upourstreet.org.uk

AUTUMN

fun palace

FREE

SATURDAY 2 OCTOBER
11AM TO 3PM
EASTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

Do you have a hobby, skill or passion you could share with your community?

art + craft
woodwork
Henna
Drumming
broadcasting
music + dance
Sewing + making

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If you'd like to be part of Eastside's fab Fun Palace this October, we'd love to hear from you! Contact: comms@upourstreet.org.uk

Get Cycling, feel amazing!

Join us this summer, and enjoy our lovely local green spaces while on wheels! No bike? No problem! Borrow a bike from us and set off with our qualified instructors enjoy connecting with others and with nature.



For dates + details, contact
abiir@upourstreet.org.uk

connecting
EASTSIDE



thriving EASTSIDE

As part of our Thriving Eastside programme, we run a wide mix of free and low-cost health and well-being activities for residents. We're thrilled to introduce some new classes and activities at Easton Community Centre:

Tai Chi for All - a new class for everyone, with Geof Newman. £2 Mondays at 3:30pm to 4:30pm.

Self Defence - a class for women and girls with Imogen Thomas, £2 Mondays at 4:45pm to 5:45pm

Board Games - an open session for all. U16s to be accompanied by an adult. £2. Tuesdays at 5pm to 7pm

We have many more fitness classes including circuits and yoga, and well-being sessions like Mindful Colouring and Sporting Memories. Truly something for everyone! If you have an idea for a session or class, email: contact@upourstreet.org.uk



MINDFUL MONDAYS

at Easton Community Centre

3rd Monday of each month

Drop in for free, friendly, and professional health and well-being advice, services, and sessions. Stay for a cuppa and a chance to chat with neighbours.

- Free taster sessions
- Local providers
- Support groups
- Disability + SEN
- Health + well-being
- Men's Health
- Women's health
- Vaccines + health checks
- Work + money advice
- Free refreshments
- Games and activities

11am - 2pm

FREE

For a full list of classes visit eastsidecommunitytrust.org.uk or scan >>>



Easton Community Centre loos are getting a glow up!

Eastside Community Trust has been awarded £50,000 from the Bristol City Council's Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and £40,000 from Suez to help transform the toilet facilities at Easton Community Centre.

This investment will help make our building more accessible, more inclusive, and better suited to the needs of the community. The building work will take place this summer. Keep an eye on our website for closure dates.

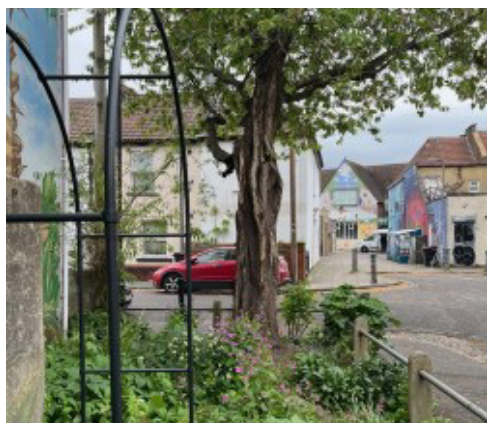


greening EASTSIDE

How Church Avenue Residents are bringing nature to their doorsteps by Church Ave Community Garden

Tucked just behind Easton Jamia Masjid, the Church Avenue Community Garden is one of those small but mighty green spaces that make Easton such a special place to live. The garden has recently welcomed two beautiful new rose arches, perfect additions to a spot already loved by humans, bees and the occasional cat perched in the cherry tree.

Created in 2007, the garden has long been a sunny lunchtime retreat and a peaceful pause point for anyone wandering the neighbourhood. But with some of its structures now over a



decade old, local residents felt it was time for a refresh. This year they teamed up with Eastside Community Trust for some quick improvements, while also working with Bristol City Council to explore training opportunities and future funding for new seating and raised beds.

For such a compact space, the garden is impressively rich in plant life. Sun-lovers like poppies, echinops and hollyhocks sit alongside shade-friendly hellebores and ferns, with plenty of in-betweeners such as geum and honesty. This diversity means more insects, more colour, and more reasons to stop and take a breath.

If you're walking along St Mark's High Street, take a short detour and wander through. Then loop back via Chapel Street and St Mark's Avenue "The Alley" where more Greening Eastside plans are taking shape.

Even five minutes in nature can help ease stress. So next time you need a moment of calm, step into the Church Avenue Community Garden and enjoy one of Easton's quietest treasures"

St Marks Avenue Community Revitalisation Project



Get involved

Scan to join the Whatsapp group



The St Marks Avenue Community Revitalisation Project is a resident-led initiative transforming the alleyway between St Marks Road and Bellevue Avenue into a greener and more welcoming space for everyone. What has mostly been a cut-through is being reimagined as a thriving community space, with pollinator-friendly planting, colourful street art and a long-term community maintenance plan.

The project aims to create an alley that feels safe and enjoyable to use, while supporting local biodiversity and bringing neighbours together through shared action. Over time, the vision is to build a sustainable, community-managed space that local people can take pride in and enjoy.



If you would like to get involved with or find out more about Greening Eastside, contact: jose@upourstreet.org.uk or scan >>



Rawnsley residents take action to improve park

A small group of determined local residents has helped bring Rawnsley Park back to life, proving just how much change is possible when a community comes together.

The Friends of Rawnsley Park formed in 2023 with a simple aim: improve the park for local children and families. “We started to make some change around the area,” resident, Hamdi, explained, describing how the group began by sharing ideas and gathering support. With help from staff at the Eastside Community Trust the group applied for council funding and worked closely with Cllr Yassin to build a stronger case to approve the money.

The refurbishment began in February and was completed by April. Old, cracked concrete has been replaced with safer, softer surfacing, and new equipment has transformed the space. The climbing frame and slide have quickly become favourites, alongside the ever-popular swings. “That was our main dream,” Hamdi said, “to see that our area and our park is really looking better, and children can enjoy the summer”.

The improvements have already made a huge difference. In previous years, more than 100 children would gather in the park during summer, often with little to do. Now, families say the space feels safer, brighter and more welcoming. The repaired lighting and CCTV have also helped residents feel more secure when walking through the park in the evening.



To celebrate the reopening, the Friends group hosted a community party in May, bringing together neighbours from across Easton to enjoy food, cake and the new play area.

The group hopes this is just the beginning. Their next ambition is to improve the large football area so older children and teenagers have somewhere of their own to play, perhaps with basketball hoops or multi-use sports space.

Although the work has taken time and dedication, Hamdi says it has been worth every moment. “Even if you’re not getting paid, you have to put some time in for your community,” one resident said. They hope their story will inspire others to take action in their own neighbourhoods. As they put it:

“It doesn’t matter if it’s small, what you do now can be bigger tomorrow.”

**Do you have a local park or somewhere in your local area that could do with a little bit of love but don't know where to start?
Contact our Community Connector abiir@upourstreet.org.uk**



Buraanbur with Ayan: Dance, Culture and Community Joy

If you've ever walked past Easton Community Centre on a Friday evening and heard the thump of drums and bursts of laughter, you might already have had a glimpse of the Buraanbur dance class: a much-loved, high-energy women's session led by local teacher and drummer, Ayan.



Buraanbur is a traditional Somali women's dance, performed at weddings, celebrations and community gatherings. **"It's exercise, it's culture, it's stress relief, everything together,"** Ayan explains. **"You move your whole body from head to toe. It makes you happy. It's like therapy."**

For many of the women who attend, especially those born in Bristol, the class is also a way to connect with their heritage. **"The young girls weren't born in Somalia, so they want to know what Buraanbur means. They have so much fun learning it."**

Ayan learned Buraanbur as a child: drumming, singing and dancing with friends after madrasa or at neighbourhood

parties.

"We had girls' groups, and we'd challenge each other. I loved it. Now I want to teach my kids, my friends, my community, to share the fun".

Beginners are encouraged to join and are taught the basics and supported, **"Some people come and say, 'I've never seen this before.' I tell them, now you've seen it, come and join us! All women are welcome."**

The class has become a lifeline for many women, Ayan included. **"Life can be stressful, when I leave the house and come to the class, I feel relief".** Her students feel the same. One woman in her 50s told her she sleeps better on class nights because the movement helps her release stress. **"People say, please don't ever stop, we love this class. For some, it's like therapy."**

"Every time I see people forgetting their stress and, enjoying themselves, I smile, that's why I do it."

The class is thriving, with girls aged 8 to 18 making up most of the current group. There are plans to start a separate adults' session soon. She's also training two young women to start teaching.

"I want to teach my students to become teachers. One day they can replace me, that's my



dream for the community." Ayan is an active part of the community, attending Breakfast Club at Easton Community Centre, and bringing her children to Felix Road Adventure Playground. **"I like what they're doing for the kids and teenagers. Community is so important."** Ayan also received a Thank You Award last autumn for her voluntary work.

There are still spaces in the class, and new people join every week. Her message to anyone thinking about trying Buraanbur: **"You don't need experience. Come, see, hear, and join us. We'll teach you."**

The logo for Thriving Eastside features a stylized heart icon to the left of the word "thriving" in a lowercase, sans-serif font. Below "thriving" is the word "EASTSIDE" in a larger, bold, uppercase, sans-serif font. The "E" in "EASTSIDE" is stylized with a grid pattern.

Find out more about Buraanbur class and our other wellbeing classes:



SUMMER at FELIX ROAD ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND



If you've been to Felix Road recently, you might have noticed a few new additions in the playground! Our thanks to Cuppa to Connect who donated these fantastic new, accessible benches (pictured left).

The children have also been enjoying the new, professional pool table that was donated.

And finally, we were thrilled to be chosen as recipients for not one, but two World Reimagined globes (pictured right). The second globe is at Easton Community Centre, come and see them!



Date for your diary! Saturday 8 August: Jamaican Independence Day
Join us for a Family Fun Day at Felix Road Adventure Playground!

EASTSIDE STAY + PLAY

At Felix Road Adventure Playground
WEDNESDAYS, 9.45AM TO 11.45AM



A group for babies, toddlers, parents and carers to play and relax with a cuppa
Mums-to-be are also welcome to join us

£2 PER SESSION *includes hot drinks + snacks*

Contact jaiya@upourstreet.org.uk

eastsidecommunitytrust.org.uk



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AT FELIX ROAD ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

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Session dates: 28 July - 1 September

For children aged 4-16 and their families.
Max 20 children per session.

At least 1 adult per booking required.
Children must be supervised by their
parent or carer at all times.

FREE KIDS MEAL INCLUDED

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***B Please book ahead:**

email: gemma@upourstreet.org.uk



FREE



Get geared up + ride with us!

Thanks to friends of Eastside, Life Cycle, we're pleased to be able offer group rides and sessions to sort your bike out on alternate Mondays during the school summer holidays. Any questions: youth@lifecycle.org.uk or playworker@upourstreet.org.uk



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**EASTON
COMMUNITY
CENTRE**

Wednesdays
Company 1 at 4-5pm
Company 2 at 5-6.30pm

Fridays
Company 3 at 5-7pm

Threefold is a group made by and for young people aged 8-19 across three age groups. We use drama, games, acting, making and moving to co-create performance.

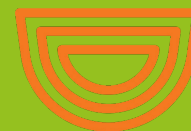
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Feeding Futures: BIANCHIS x WAVEY NIGHTS



At Felix Road Adventure Playground, a new partnership is bringing fresh food to local young people. Bianchi's Food Group is working with Eastside Community Trust to support Wavey Nights, the youth sessions held at the playground.

We caught up with Ben and Meg from Bianchi's to hear more. "We are a restaurant group first," says Ben. "But community has always been part of what we do." With their kitchen just behind Felix Road, the idea was simple. "They told us food was a challenge. For us it was an easy win."

Staff will volunteer to cook meals for the sessions, shaped by what young people want to eat. Meg, says this reflects their long standing approach. "Bianchis have always done lots for the local community. We are very embedded in it and you can feel that in everything we do."

Bianchi's story is rooted in East Bristol. "We are Bristol boys, but with Italian and Indian heritage," Ben says. "Food from all over the world shaped us, but Italian is our first love."

"Our parents brought us up to look out for our neighbours"

That sense of care runs deep. "Our parents brought us up to look out for our neighbours. That has always been at the core of it."

There are also plans to build on this, from cookery sessions to creating pathways into work for local young people.

**WAVEY NIGHTS takes place at Felix Road Adventure Playground
Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 5.30pm to 7.30pm for Boys and Girls, aged 11 to 16**



Shaniem (Wavey Nights), Ben and Meg (Bianchis)

To help fund the meals, customers at their Montpelier restaurant can choose to add £1 to their bill, supporting food at Felix Road.

Simple, local and led with heart, it is a partnership growing right on the doorstep.

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The East Bristol Charity Helping Women to Work



Up Our Street sat down with Tash, a new volunteer at Smart Works Bristol, a charity based in Easton Business Centre, which helps women back to work.

“My inspiration to volunteer came when Imy, the Head of Bristol Smart Works), visited 1625 Independent People, where I work.”Hearing about the service felt like a massive lightbulb moment. I was so happy to see that this service of combining coaching and presentation existed in Bristol, and I made it my priority to get involved.

Tash’s motivation is personal. During her time at university, she faced a series of difficult life challenges. Throughout that time, creativity and colour became grounding forces. Later, a colour analysis consultation brought order, and Tash learned about wardrobe management and organisation through her work. After moving to Bristol, she retrained as a TEFL teacher and then as a life coach, but realised she wanted to work within a community rather than alone.

“Volunteering with Smart Works feels like a natural alignment for me, both personally and professionally. It brings together my passions for confidence building, presentation, and supporting people through difficult transitions.

"I love supporting women on their journey into employment; through coaching sessions, focusing on confidence building and identifying their strengths"

Tash helps with CVs, cover letters and job searching, then when clients secure interviews, she also delivers interview preparation sessions, including technique practice and strategies for managing nerves. She’s also been helping behind the scenes

with clothing preparation while completing her training. “My favourite part is coming in on a Monday morning to such a warm and supportive environment.

A stand-out moment was working with a mother who wanted to get into children’s entertainment. She was acting out her ideas, and even though English wasn’t her first language, it was so animated and fun. We explored practical ways she could build experience and link it to her teaching background. It was a reminder of how confidence and creativity can open new paths.”

Tash lives in BS5 and loves how Easton and Lawrence Hill balances city life with nature “The parks, rivers and allotments, it’s all woven into a vibrant urban area with lots of different cultures shaping the space.” As a muralist, she’s inspired by the street art scene “There’s such a strong sense of energy and expression everywhere you go... even outside The Easton Business Centre, with the giant foxes!”

Do you need employment support or want to be part of Smart Works?

If you have been inspired by Tash's story, Smart Works are currently looking for volunteers in wardrobe, dressing, coaching, outreach and admin. They also accept clothing donations.

If you need help with getting back to work, you may be able to get referred. Find out more at:

bristol.smartworks.org.uk





Pride is coming to our neighbourhood

Bristol Pride 2026 runs from 27 June to 12 July, filling the city with performances, film, comedy, and community celebrations.

While events span Bristol, several highlights land right on the doorstep of Easton, Lawrence Hill, and Old Market

Old Market: The Wardrobe Theatre

Old Market's much-loved Wardrobe Theatre, which celebrated its 10-year anniversary last year, is marking Pride Month with the world premiere of *The BLANK Who BLANKED Me*, running Mon 6 – Wed 8 July.

Created by the team behind the international improv hit *Murder, She Didn't Write*,

The writers say: "This is not your childhood fairy tale. Expect messy, magnetic, life-ruining love stories, the kind where someone looks devastatingly good climbing out of a lake in a thin white shirt, and you know it's a terrible idea... but you're already in too deep. Tickets are available at thewardrobetheatre.com.

Queer Vision Film Festival

The Queer Vision Film Festival returns with screenings

across the city, including a special 30th anniversary showing of *The Birdcage* on 4 July at the Megascreen.

Pride Day & Parade

Pride Parade will take place on 11 July, with over 40,000 people expected to march in celebration and solidarity. The day ends with live music, cabaret, and an afterparty headlined by DJ Jodie Harsh.

Team Pride are still looking for volunteers to support the parade and the festival. If you are interested, visit bristolpride.co.uk/volunteer

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PRIDE IN OUR COMMUNITY

Bristol Pride continues to grow as both a celebration and a protest a reminder of the power of visibility, joy, and collective action.



World Cup Fever in East Bristol



Where to Watch the Action

The Plough Easton BS5 0EG
The Sugar Loaf Easton BS5 6HX
Queens Head Easton BS5 0ES
Kings Head Whitehall BS5 7BH
The Punchbowl Old Market BS2 0HB
Supreme Sports Lounge St Philips BS2 0SZ
The Prospect Building St Philips BS2 0SE
(pictured left)

East Bristol is set for a summer of late nights and big screens as the World Cup 2026 kicks off

Thirty two national teams from around the world will take part, with some appearing for the first time. Our community's rich mix of cultures and heritage will be reflected both on the pitch and in the crowds. Many residents will be cheering on teams that connect to their roots, alongside England fans soaking up the atmosphere.

For England's 10pm matches, pubs across England can stay open until 2am, a boost for local businesses as well as fans looking to enjoy the action together. Expect packed venues, big cheers and a strong sense of community throughout the tournament.

KEY FIXTURES

England vs Croatia
Wednesday 17th June

England vs Ghana
Tuesday 23rd June

England vs Panama
Saturday 27th June

World Cup Final
Sunday 19th July

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BRISTOL COMMUNITY STORY MEETUPS

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Calling all BS5 Artists and Makers: Register for BS5 Art Trail 2026!



The next trail will take place on 5 - 6 September, registration for artists and makers of all disciplines closes 30 June.

The 2025 trail brought streets and studios across BS5 to life, with visitors praising the welcoming atmosphere, wide range of talent, and strong sense of community, and accessibility as a key focus.

From hands-on activities to affordable artwork, the event gave people the chance to meet local creatives and discover new spaces right on their doorstep.

If you are interested in taking part, you can find out more and register at: www.bs5arttrail.co.uk.

ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING COMES TO EASTON STREETS

Residents in Easton may have spotted small black boxes appearing on lampposts, quietly marking a change in how Bristol supports greener travel.

These devices are electric vehicle charging points, designed to help those without driveways power up closer to home.

Around 150 chargers are being installed across the city, with many in areas like Easton where terraced

housing means on street parking is the norm. By tapping into existing lamppost electricity, they offer a simple solution for overnight charging.

Drivers can find nearby chargers using the **Fuuse app**, which also handles payment and access. Still, using them is not always straightforward.

Parking spaces next to the lampposts are not reserved, so availability can be a matter of timing and luck.

There are also questions about cost and speed. These chargers are slower than many alternatives, yet prices are similar to faster options elsewhere. For some drivers, that balance may be a sticking point.

Even so, the scheme is a clear step towards cleaner air and lower emissions. For Easton, these small black boxes signal progress, while highlighting the challenges of making sustainable travel work for everyone.

Congratulations to Cllr Yassin Mohamud!

Lawrence Hill Councillor Yassin Mohamud has become Bristol's first Lord Mayor of Somali heritage.

Yassin is a refugee from Somalia and has lived in the St Jude's area of Bristol for 15 years and was elected as the ward Councillor in 2021.

The role of Lord Mayor lasts for one year and is not political but instead the role is to act as Bristol's first citizen, attending up to 500 formal and community events in a year. As well as ribbon cuttings, awards and fun days, the Lord Mayor attends the weekly citizenship ceremonies where residents become citizens of the UK. They also attend international events

to represent Bristol, particularly with cities who are twinned with Bristol.

Yassin worked in public service in his homeland of Somali before fleeing due to the war. Yassin moved to Bristol 20 years ago from Somalia, to join his family who was already living in the city. He said he was made to feel welcome, working first as a volunteer then gaining a degree at the University of Plymouth before working in various public sector roles, including for Bristol City Council and Voscur.

"When you come as a refugee to this country and are starting a new life, it's not easy. There are housing issues, work opportunities -



all of it was challenging," he said. "One opportunity that helped me was immediately when I came here, I had someone who was guiding me. Community is important when you're settling. Everywhere I've worked, people have been welcoming to me. I am proud to be a Bristolian; my children were born in Bristol," he said. "We are a Bristol family."



Names in Stone, Stories in Common: Easton Road's New War Memorial

If you pass the Lawrence Hill bus depot on Easton Road today, you might notice something both new and quietly familiar. Set into the frontage of the depot's new headquarters building is a war memorial with a long list of names, carefully carved, now given space to be seen again.

For decades, this memorial sat on the wall of the old offices, half hidden, part of the everyday background. When that building was demolished, there was a risk the past might be lost in the process. Instead, it has been brought forward, quite literally, into the street.

As Operations Manager Steve Mattu (pictured), explains the move was deliberate. "This was part of the planning permission, because the council wanted an active frontage to invite the community in."

What makes this memorial especially powerful is who it remembers. These are not generals or politicians. They are drivers, conductors, mechanics – employees of the Bristol Tramways and Carriage Company Limited, the forerunner of today's bus services.

Across Bristol, more than 55,000 men enlisted during the First World War. Many came from neighbourhoods like Easton and Barton Hill, where industry and community were tightly bound together.



"My family hail from India. My grandfather and his four brothers were all in the British army"

Some served with local regiments such as the Glosters. Others, like 19 year old Fred Wood from Easton, were among the more than 20,000 British soldiers killed on the first day of the Battle of the Somme in 1916.



The Battle of the Somme, 1916

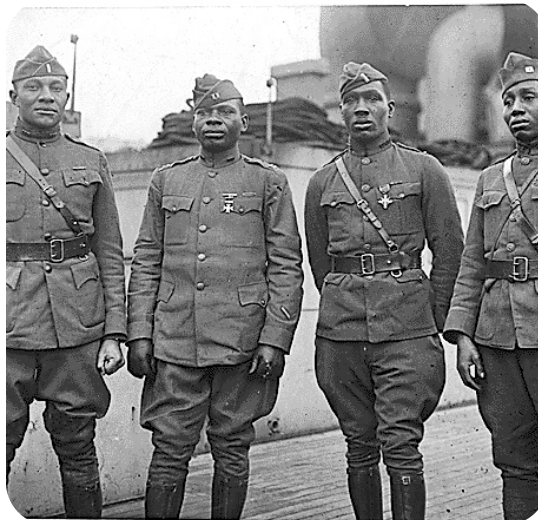
A global story, rooted locally

The world wars were exactly that – world wars – drawing in people from across continents, cultures, and backgrounds.

Steve reflects “I was born in this country. My family hail from India. My grandfather and his four brothers were all in the army,” he says. His grandfather served in Italy during the Second World War before settling in the UK in 1963.

His story echoes thousands of others. Over 15,000 men from the Caribbean served in the British West Indies Regiment during the First World War. Soldiers from India fought on the Western Front and in the Middle East. West African troops, African American regiments, and many more played crucial roles, often overlooked in traditional histories.

Here in East Bristol, communities shaped by migration and shared histories, that global dimension matters. The names on the wall may belong to one company, one city, but they sit within a much bigger human story.



366th Infantry Regiment, 1917-1919



Easton Councillor, Walter Ayles

Life continuing in the UK, 1917-19



Past and future on the same street

There is something fitting about this memorial now sitting alongside a newly electrified depot. The site is changing with cleaner buses, and new buildings, but the past has not been erased. It has been brought into view.

And that past, here in East Bristol, has never been just one story.

Florence Cottle, an Easton resident, wrote letters to her fiancé at the front during the First World War. Preserved in the Bristol Archives, they reveal the quieter side of war - the waiting, the worry, and the everyday life continuing at home.

Walter Ayles (pictured), a local councillor for Easton, represents another path. A conscientious objector, he refused to fight on political and religious grounds and was imprisoned for it. His story reflects a tradition of working class debate and dissent alongside service.

Set against the names on the memorial, these lives remind us that war was experienced in many different ways. Together, they form a fuller picture of a community shaped by global events but rooted in everyday people.

The Lawrence Hill Bus Depot is located on Easton Road, BS5 0DZ.



MAKING THE MOST OF SPARE ROOMS

When Easton resident Fiona first read about Refugee Welcome Homes in Up Our Street, it felt like it was meant to be. Within minutes of putting the magazine down, she had contacted the charity. A year on, Fiona and her tenants are really happy with their set up.

Refugee Welcome Homes matches landlords with people who have recently received leave to remain and suddenly find themselves needing to secure housing fast. When Fiona signed up, she was keen to find a couple who could benefit from the self-contained space she had available.

When the right match arrived, from the moment they met, Fiona was keen to move quickly. The three of them began their new relationship with a practical and joyful task: furnishing the space together. "We went to Sofa Project and they chose their own furniture, desks, sofas, a dining table. It meant they felt like the space was their own from day one."

Throughout the process, Fiona felt fully supported. "Refugee Welcome Homes provided the paperwork, facilitated conversations about expectations, and checked in with both sides. "they give as much or as little support as you need."

The couple settled in quickly; studying, working, making friends, and building a life in East Bristol. What was originally a one-year arrangement has now extended, simply because everyone is happy. "They love being here. And I love having them here," Fiona said. "I'm fortunate to have the space, and this felt like the ideal use for it."

She's also seen first-hand how being a landlord can counter the myths surrounding refugees. "Every asylum seeker or refugee I've met has been super keen to work, to contribute, to be part of the community.

There's so much misinformation out there, but my experience has been the total



opposite". For Fiona, the experience has been enriching in ways she didn't expect, from stimulating conversations to shared meals to the occasional dog-sitting. "It's been a huge plus. Exposure to different cultures, different perspectives... it's a benefit for any of us."

She believes the scheme strengthens Bristol's identity as a City of Sanctuary. "I think we're a very understanding city. Articles like this can help expand the scheme and encourage others to get involved, because it's very much needed."

As for Easton and Lawrence Hill, Fiona's love for the area is clear. "I love the diversity. When I visit more monocultural places, I miss Easton immediately. I enjoy that my friends speak different languages, come from different cultures,"

"To any readers considering signing up, I would say, go for it! You have total control over who you accept. You get to meet people, ask questions, take your time. Nothing is expected and nothing is required. You can be as involved or as hands-off as you want. For me, it's been a really great experience."

Do you have a spare room that you could rent out? Find out more at: refugeewelcomehomes.net



Local updates

As your local councillors, we've been working hard on individual cases and citywide policies. We're especially proud of a new initiative supporting vehicle dwellers, led by Green councillor Barry Parsons, who oversees housing.

Many people live in vehicles, sometimes for cultural reasons, sometimes for freedom, and often because traditional housing is unaffordable.

Our new policy offers more support to those who need it and only asks people to move if they're

causing a significant impact. Easton is welcoming to van dwellers, but we understand residents can feel strained at times.

We're also tackling unapproved building changes. The planning department now has more staff and can enforce more quickly.

For more information, visit the council website or contact us directly. We want our neighbourhoods to be safe and happy places for everyone.



From Easton Councillor: Jenny Bartle



Kerry McCarthy MP

When I am out talking to constituents, the single biggest issue which comes up is rising prices and the cost of living. I know that many people are struggling, and the impact of Trump's disastrous war in the Middle East is causing further concern as fuel prices spike and food supply chains are threatened. This is only made worse by some

unscrupulous operators trying to take advantage of the crisis.

The Government is taking action on this, instructing regulators to clamp down on price gouging, publishing a new anti-profiteering framework and launching a new fuel finder app to help people find the lowest prices. A number of other steps have been taken to help people with the cost of living: freezing the energy price cap until July, cutting £150 from energy bills by removing levies, increasing both the minimum and living wage, expanding free school meals to all households receiving universal credit: new, free breakfast clubs for primary

school children, rolling out 30 hours of free nursery care, new laws to stop landlords hiking rents unfairly, freezing rail fares, a new 'Crisis and Resilience Fund' to enable Councils to provide support for the most vulnerable. All of these should help people with their bills and give them a bit more money to spend on the things they need. We live in very uncertain times, but I will continue to push the Government to ensure that people are shielded as far as possible from the impacts. If you have any issues, please feel free to get in touch by emailing me at kerry.mccarthy.mp@parliament.uk

Save the date

COMMUNITY MEETING

**Drug use on Stapleton Road
Thursday 1 October 2026
Easton Community Centre
6.30pm to 8.30pm**



Nursery places available

Easton Community Children's Centre has supported children & families locally for over 40 years - we are a charity putting the needs of our children and the community first. We make sure children to feel more than just "fitting in" - we help them feel they belong.

We have limited spaces available for children aged 2+ on 1st September 2026 to join our nursery this autumn.

We are currently offering tours to prospective families so you can see our special setting for yourself. Just get in touch to book, or scan below for more info:



or visit www.bit.ly/ECCCTours

A sense of belonging, not just fitting in

COMMUNITY EVENTS at The Trinity Centre

REGULAR CLASSES

Gentle dance - Dance class for over 50s
Every Monday, 12pm - 2pm

Bristol Samba - Samba drumming
Every Monday, 6pm - 10pm

Aidbox - Community women's group
Every Monday, 10am - 1pm

Black Creatives * - A place to build, listen, and create
Fourth Monday of every month, 6pm - 9pm

Ecstatic Prance - Fun sober dancing
Fortnightly Tuesdays, 7pm - 9pm

Ilu Axe - Samba drumming
Every Wednesday, 7pm - 10pm

Hype Dance - Urban dance group for young people
Every Wednesday, 6pm - 8pm

Gardening sessions * - Volunteering in Trinity's garden
Fortnightly 10am - 2pm

Next Gen * - Free music sessions for young people,
Every Thursday 4pm - 6pm

Rhythm of the Night - Accessible club night for adults with learning difficulties
Last Thursday of every month 7pm - 10pm

Gerry's Attic - Dance class for over 50s
Fridays 12pm - 2pm

Stay & Play - A drop in session for children & their families/carers
Fridays during term time 10am - 11:30am

ONE OFF EVENTS

Sat 30 May:
Echo: Free Day Party, 1pm - 9pm

Sun 7 June:
Equality Tea Dance, 1pm - 4pm

Thu 18 June:
Recovery Festival, 12pm - 7pm

Sun 28 June:
Zumba Masterclass, 12pm - 4pm

Mon 29 June:
NHS Blood Donations, 10am - 3pm

Sun 21 June:
Bristol Refugee Festival (at College Green), 12:30 - 6pm

Mon 20 July:
Bristol Drugs Project's Summer Concert, 3pm - 4:30pm

Sun 20 September:
Community Day Celebration, 12 - 4 pm

Tue 29 September:
Dovetail Orchestra, 7:30pm - 9:30pm

*FREE to attend
** FREE for Universal Credit & those with refugee status

For more information about any of these events, to sign up or book tickets, call 0117 935 1200 or head to our website.

The Trinity Centre, Bristol, BS5 0AA
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Registered Charity Number 142770

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FROM: 20:00 - 01:30

15:00 - 01:30

SAT 11TH JULY

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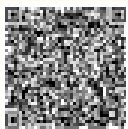
An early celebration of Disability Pride Month

Disability Pride Bristol 2026!

10.30AM - 4PM

20TH JUNE 2026 AT CITY HALL

Twining with Manchester's Disability Pride Event!



Sign up for updates



BSL Info

The theme is 'Nothing About Us, Without Access'

A day of...
Workshops,
Stalls,
Conversations,
Creative activities,
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A DAY FOR DISABLED ADULTS, YOUNG PEOPLE AND ALLIES TO COME TOGETHER!

Hosted by Bristol Disabled People Organisation Network:



You can also find out more here: Info@bristoldef.org.uk ☎ 0117 914 0528

St Anne's Church Eastville Centenary Celebrations

26th July 2026



Come to all or part of the day

**10am Celebration Eucharist
with Guest Preacher
Archbishop Rowan Williams**

12 noon Lunch

1.30pm Afternoon Garden Party

with a presentation on the History of the Church
activities and entertainment

4.30pm Festival Evening Service

www.stanneschurchbristol.org.uk

St Leonard's Road, BS5 6JN

Hey, East Bristol! **Renting** has changed.

New rules came into
effect on **1st May 2026**.
Know what it means for you.



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Helping renters and landlords
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