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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.

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Welcome to the Winter 2025 issue of Up Our Street

We are delighted to bring you the Winter edition of Up Our Street magazine. Thank you for reading.

On page 4, we're excited to introduce you to our brilliant new Chair and six talented Trustees who will help lead our charity in setting our strategic direction and achieving our purpose. They were sworn in at our recent AGM and annual Thank You Awards, where we celebrated people living and working in Easton or Lawrence Hill who go the extra mile.

On page 7, we have an interview with former Avon

and Somerset police officer and author, Beverly Douglas, about her new memoir, PC Bev. And on page 15, City Academy Bristol pupils interview Lord Rees of Easton, in what was his head-teacher's office at his former school.

Read on to see some of the events that have taken place at our venues this year, find out what we have coming up, and how you can get involved!

If you'd like more regular updates on what's on in the area, please subscribe to our fortnightly ebulletin at eastsidecommunitytrust.org.uk

Please note that **Easton Community Centre** is closed to the public from **Monday 22 December**, reopening **Monday 5 January**.

Felix Road Adventure Playground will be closed to the public from **Tuesday 23 December**, reopening **Monday 5 January**. We look forward to welcoming you back in the New Year.

From all of us at Eastside Community Trust, we wish you a peaceful festive season and a happy and healthy 2026.



Thank you and farewell to the wonderful **Vic Wakefield-Jarret** who left Eastside in October after joining in summer of 2023 as maternity cover on the Community Climate Action Project. We were lucky to keep Vic on the team for an additional year to lead Eastside's work on the Transforming Energy Together project, part of Bristol's Mission Net Zero project which finished at the end of October.

Have you seen our new short film yet? '**A Celebration of Community**' highlights the importance of community in a divided world. Find it on our YouTube, Linked In, Instagram and Facebook pages.



Our front cover image is of some the volunteers from the Welcome Team at **Bristol Refugee Rights**. The Welcome Team were nominated for, and received an award at Eastside's annual Thank You Awards, held at the Trinity Centre in October. Read on to see more photos from the night.



Introducing our new Trustees



At our Annual General Meeting (AGM) our new Chair of the Board and Trustees were voted in. We're so pleased and excited to welcome such an experienced and passionate group of Trustees to help direct the work of Eastside Community Trust.



Paul Hassan (Chair) has lived in Easton for over 30 years and works in community development and partnership building. He currently supports integration of refugee and migrant communities and brings deep local leadership experience.

Megan Belcher is a long-time advocate for Disability Equality and is Director of the Bristol Disability Equality Forum (BDEF). She recently moved to BS5 and is passionate about supporting inclusive, accessible community spaces.



Lakhraj Minhas is a sustainability leader with experience across sectors, focusing on inclusive and responsible community development. She is committed to supporting wellbeing and belonging in Easton.

Henri Owen works locally and has led community-focused climate justice and organising work. They now support non-profits to develop strong internal systems and effective governance.



Kate Monkhouse has lived in Easton for five years and is experienced in facilitation and social change work across the voluntary sector. She brings a commitment to learning, reflection and community care.

Maca Gomez-Gutierrez lives in Redfield and volunteers with Eastside. Originally from Colombia, she brings lived experience of migration and is passionate about belonging and collective community power.



Alan Russell has experience supporting children, young people and Disabled people. He values community connection and is inspired by Eastside's commitment to inclusion across all ages.



Reflections from our outgoing Chair, Manu Maunganidze



This year's Thank You Awards marked a turning point for Eastside Community Trust. It hasn't just been the end of my time as chair, but a moment to reflect on how far we've come together. Five years ago, our community took a brave step. We brought together three much-loved local organisations: Up Our Street, Easton Community Centre, and Felix Road Adventure Playground. Each had its own character, but all have shared the same heartbeat, serving the people of Easton and Lawrence Hill.

Since then, we've seen what's possible when people come together with determination and care. We've celebrated Felix Road's 50th anniversary, proving that outdoor play still matters even in a world of screens. We've opened our doors as a Warm Hub during the fuel price crisis of 2022 and 2023, making sure neighbours had somewhere to go for heat, food and company.

We've welcomed Raised in Bristol nursery into the fold, bringing parents and tiny ones into the life of the community centre and Felix Road. And when our city has faced hard moments, like the anti-

immigration marches of last summer, Eastside has been a space where people can come together to talk, grieve, and plan for better.

All of this has happened against a backdrop of growing inequality, unaffordable housing and a loss of youth services. The gap between those doing well and those struggling to get by has widened. But our community has kept showing up for one another. That, more than anything, gives me hope.

Behind the scenes, our staff team has consistently outperformed expectations. They've led with heart, creativity and skill. Our leadership team has put staff wellbeing at the centre of delivery. They listen and learn to understand the real needs of this place and its people, from how we tackle environmental issues at a local level to how we support families under pressure. And when we do miss the mark, our door has and will continue to be open to criticism and input.

Serving as chair has been one of the great privileges of my life. It has taught me to be a better listener and observer, to facilitate rather than direct. I've learned that community leadership isn't about telling people what to do, but creating the space for people to do what they do best. The new board and staff team are packed with experience, talent, and local DNA. They understand

Easton and Lawrence Hill's history, its challenges and its potential. I have complete confidence in their ability to take Eastside forward. But we cannot do it alone.

We need funders, partners and policymakers to recognise that community organisations like Eastside are not short-term projects, but long-term anchors in places that need stability and hope. I wish funders would invest for the long term and put people's dreams and needs at the centre of decision making, so every community can thrive.

To our staff, volunteers and board, thank you for your heart and courage. To our community, thank you for your trust and involvement. And to the new trustees, may you continue this work with wisdom, care and hope. Eastside Community Trust has remained, above all, your organisation: built by you, for you, and for the generations to come.



Manu at the Thank You Awards with Bristol Somali Youth Voice



Thank You Awards 2025

This year's Thank You Awards was full of warmth, laughter, and stories of kindness and connection. Hosted by Pat Hart and Sherrie Eugene-Hart, with a guest appearance from BBC Radio Bristol host and actor, Joe Sims, the night shone a light on the amazing people who give their time and energy to support others, and make Easton and Lawrence Hill such special places to live.

Huge thanks to Cakesmiths for donating a selection of delicious cakes and to Counter Culture Drinks for the generous donation of kombucha. Visit our website to see a full list of all this year's winners!





Interview: Author + Former PC Beverly Douglas

When former Avon and Somerset police officer Beverly Douglas looks back on her life, so much leads her home to Easton and to the community that shaped her. This winter she releases her second memoir, *PC Bev*, a powerful reflection on her 30 year policing career and her experiences as one of Bristol's first Black female police officers.

The new book follows her debut, *Cutie*, which captured her childhood in Easton during the 1960s and 1970s, a time of tight knit streets, youth clubs and social change. That story resonated widely across Bristol for its honest portrayal of local life.



In *PC Bev*, Beverly picks up where she left off, at 19, stepping into a police uniform for the first time. *"I joined the police because I believed you could not change the dialogue about equality unless you were part of it,"* she says.

"It was not the most popular choice back then, especially after the tensions of the St Paul's riots, but I wanted to make a difference."

Joining as a special constable in 1983 at Trinity Road Police Station, Beverly went on to serve across the city for more than three decades. Her book recounts both the challenges and rewards of those years, confronting racism, sexism and mistrust, but also finding purpose and friendship.



"It could be heartbreaking," she reflects. *"You would be ostracised by people you thought were your tribe. But the book is not about bitterness, it is about truth, resilience and pride."*

Throughout her story, Beverly's commitment to community connection shines. *"Easton and Lawrence Hill have always been vibrant, complex and full of heart,"* she says. *"What is special about this area is its sense of belonging, and that never went away."*

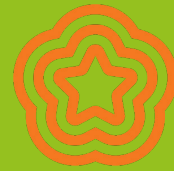
Born the youngest of six to Jamaican parents who came to Bristol in the 1950s, Beverly grew up in Easton surrounded by family, faith and hard work. *"My parents taught us to respect the law, but also to stand up for ourselves when we were treated unfairly."*

PC Bev also speaks to the present moment, exploring how far policing has come and how far it still has to go. *"When I joined, there were very few women, and even fewer Black officers,"* Beverly notes. *"Things are better now, but we still need to plant the seed early and show young people of colour that they belong in these roles."*

As for what is next, she smiles. *"I said I would stop after PC Bev, but I have already started scribbling notes for a novel. Maybe something fictional this time, though I cannot get away from real life."*

***PC Bev* by Beverly Douglas is available at local community spaces, Amazon and Waterstones.**

FELIX ROAD ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND



Ventures and Vibes

On Sunday 19 October, Felix Road Adventure Playground was filled with energy, music, and smiles for Ventures and Vibes, a Black History Month celebration hosted by Eastside Community Trust.

Even the rain could not dampen spirits as the community came together, proving that nothing can stop a good vibe at Ventures!



Girls Group at Felix Road Adventure Playground meets Fridays 3:30pm to 5:30pm for free play, games, arts, and crafts with a light meal included. Digilocal Girls Coding Club follows 5:30pm to 6:30pm. For details, email Gemma@upourstreet.org.uk.

Stay & Play for preschoolers (pregnant mums welcome). Join us for sessions are at Easton Community Centre on Mondays and Felix Road Adventure Playground on Wednesdays 9:30am to 11:30am. Suggested donation of £2 per session, which includes snacks and drinks. No booking necessary.

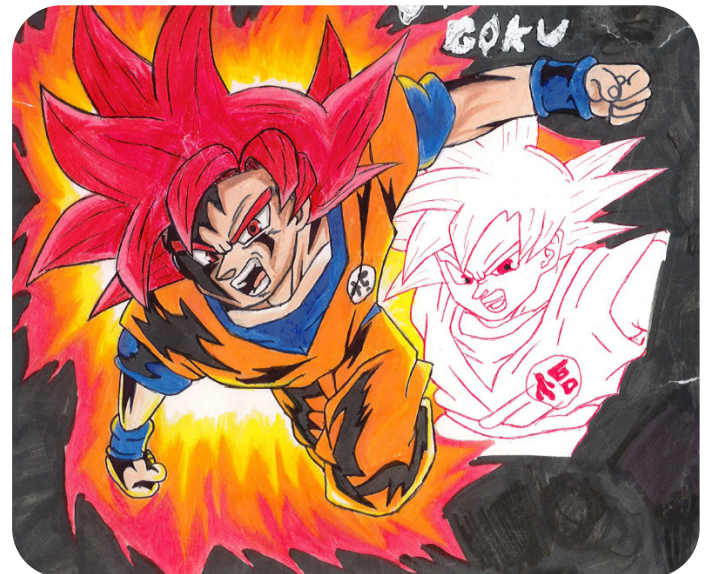


The day opened with an inspiring performance from Elarbe of Ace CIC, followed by the amazing Hype Dance Juniors, who lit up the hall with their energy. DJ Mzino kept everyone moving with feel-good tunes that had parents dancing and singing along under the gazebos.

Outside, families gathered around the firepit to roast s'mores, while Monster Bash ran fun games in the football cage. Jen Reid (photo) joined with her statue and book *A Hero Like Me*, sharing her story and inspiring both children and adults.

Mandy Watson served up a delicious feast of rice and peas, chicken, plantain, macaroni and cheese, and desserts.

Keep an eye on Eastside Community Trust's website, Instagram and Facebook for more fun at Felix in the New Year!



This excellent artwork is from Faris, age 14, A regular at Felix Road and budding illustrator.





A visit from the High Sheriff of Bristol



Kalpna Woolf, the city's new High Sheriff visited the playground during a recent half term. The role of High Sheriff is an ancient, unpaid, and independent Royal appointment, for matters of law and order. They serve a one-year term.



<http://bit.ly/47koKLb>

All children must have a new registration form to come to Felix Road Adventure Playground

Speak to a member of staff if you need help completing the form

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THANK YOU!

Easton's Raised In Nursery praised by Ofsted



Raised In, the nursery based at Easton Community Centre, has received a glowing Ofsted report for providing "exceptional support" to children, especially those with special educational needs or disabilities.

Rated 'Good' across all areas following a September inspection, Ofsted praised the warm, welcoming environment where children thrive. Parents said staff *"take time to know their children well,"* with clear progress seen among children with additional needs. Inspectors also highlighted the nursery's use of sign language alongside speech, helping children communicate with confidence.

Raised In Easton welcomes up to 67 children aged six months to five years and offers bright rooms, caring staff, and plenty of outdoor play. As a social enterprise, it reinvests profits locally, pays rent to Easton' Community Centre, and employs local people, and supports Bristol suppliers, keeping money in the area.



With four nurseries across the city, Raised In is proving that quality early years care can go hand in hand with community values. When the nursery succeeds, so does Easton, and that's something worth celebrating! Find out more about the nursery at raisedin.org.uk/easton



Community Climate Action: Eastside People Power

In 2021 Eastside Community Trust created a community climate action plan with residents of Easton and Lawrence Hill as part of Bristol's citywide Community Climate Action Project. In 2022 we received additional funding from the National Lottery to work with residents and local groups on some of the priorities laid out in this plan. With energy costs rising and people struggling to keep their homes warm and dry, our Eastside People Power project set out to build the local skills, knowledge and spaces we need in our community to stay safe, healthy, and resilient to climate change.

Here are some highlights from the project and the inspiring stories of two residents, Rani and Ruth, who took part and made it their own. Visit our website to see our full impact report.

As the Eastside People Power project comes to an end, the Community Climate Action Project is entering a new stage. Eastside is now one of six community advocates who will be championing community-led climate action and working toward more joined-up action across Bristol.



15 Warm home champions trained

These residents then spread the word to other residents about how to improve energy efficiency and comfort at home

24 Participants in Eastside's Climate Leadership Programme

The programme included a series of creative workshops facilitated by Dr Zakiya Mckenzie and visits to other projects in Bristol to connect, share ideas and shift the narrative of who leads on climate.

50 Tonnes of CO2 emissions reduced in our buildings



From actions we've taken to improve energy efficiency and comfort, like loft insulation, double-glazed windows and draught-proofing

10 Languages used by champions



To share information further into our community (Arabic, Bengali, Somali, Hindi, Gujarati, Punjabi, Czech, BSL, Polish, Urdu)

35 Drop-ins, energy help desks and workshops

Held to share resources and teach skills to lower energy bills and keep heat in at home



Local community climate champion: Rani Kaur



Rani joined the Warm Home Champions programme to learn how to make her home more comfortable and affordable to heat, and to share what she learned with others in our community. With support from Eastside and Bristol Energy Network, Rani set up an energy help desk at her local Gurdwara where she used her Punjabi, Hindi and

Urdu language skills to share information with people who had never accessed energy support before. She went on to help develop resources like the 'How to save money' pocket guides to make them feel accessible and relevant to more people. Rani now sees a role for herself in climate action, to improve the planet and local people's lives.

"I didn't think of myself as a climate activist, but the idea of helping people who are struggling with energy bills and making sure they can get the information they need – that felt like something I could do." - Rani



Resources to help you take action:



- "How to save money" pocket guides with simple energy-saving tips and easy-to-follow instructions. Print copies available.
- Short films with energy-saving tips in English, Somali, and Punjabi
- Climate Leadership Bay Leaf Review zine (right)
- How to Develop a Resilience Hub guide and Community Buildings toolkit for organisations and groups looking to improve their buildings



Pop into Easton Community Centre or visit eastsidecommunitytrust.org.uk

Telling stories of change: Ruth Nortey



Podcast creators, and local residents Ruth Nortey (left) and Dr Natalie Hyacinth.

Inspired in part by her experiences on Eastside's climate leadership programme and the stories shared there, resident Ruth Nortey joined fellow participant Dr Natalie Hyacinth and BS5 resident Ellie Shipman to create a new 'Climate justice in action' podcast and zine which celebrate climate action work being carried out across Bristol.

As a Disabled woman of African heritage Ruth was particularly interested in the work, priorities and experiences of people from the community of Disabled people and

people from global majority backgrounds and how they are represented in climate action work.

The four-episode series features local voices including Eastside's Emily Fifield, Abiir Shirdoon and former chair Manu Maunganidze all sharing their experiences of working on local climate action.

To listen, visit bristolclimatenature.org and search 'podcast'.

Read more about the project at: eastsidecommunitytrust.org.uk

The Community Climate Action Project is a citywide project funded by the National Lottery and coordinated by Bristol Climate & Nature Partnership.



Warmth, Dignity and Hope at Turnaround Bristol

On a cold weekday morning in East Bristol, the doors of Turnaround Bristol open at 10am. The smell of coffee and toast fills the air as guests, some regulars and some first timers, filter into the day centre. For many, this space is far more than a refuge, it is a lifeline.

Based in Lawrence Hill, Turnaround Bristol supports people facing homelessness, financial hardship and isolation. But as Manager Ross Jeffrey explains, it is about more than immediate needs: *“We sow seeds, help establish roots, and support our guests to break negative cycles for good.”*

The centre operates Monday to Thursday, 10am to 3pm, offering breakfast, a hot two course lunch and a place to stay warm and rest. Up to 80 people visit each day. Showers, laundry facilities, Wi Fi, phone charging and computers provide small but vital comforts. *“Personal hygiene and feeling clean makes a difference to self esteem,”* says Assistant Manager Chris Keegan.

“Warm water and clean clothes help people feel human again.”

In winter, Turnaround’s work becomes even more critical. When temperatures drop to freezing for three consecutive nights, the centre transforms into an emergency shelter under the Severe Weather Emergency Protocol, offering 18 beds for those without a safe place to sleep. *“For some, this can mean the difference between life and death,”* Ross says.



Volunteers are at the heart of the charity. They cook meals, chat with guests and provide support with warmth and humour. Many bring lived experience of homelessness or vulnerability, helping to build trust. Volunteer Elaine Reilly calls it *“the best place to volunteer, every day is different and full of laughter.”*

The centre’s impact is seen in stories of change. One guest, left without income due to a benefits sanction, found advocacy and persistence from staff who helped overturn the decision, restoring not just money but dignity. Another, discharged from hospital without medication, received immediate support from a retired nurse volunteering at the centre.

As the cold weather sets in, Turnaround Bristol’s **Christmas Appeal** helps provide hot meals, warm clothing, and vital support for people facing homelessness this winter. Every donation makes a real difference.



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Easton Leisure Centre Unveils £3.8m Transformation



Easton Leisure Centre has received a £3.8 million upgrade, marking a major investment in the wellbeing of the Bristol community.

The refurbishment, delivered through a partnership between Everyone Active and Bristol City Council, aims to create inclusive and accessible facilities that cater to all ages, genders, and abilities.

Among the exciting new features is the centre's first-ever women-only gym, providing a dedicated space for female members to feel comfortable and confident while exercising. The project also includes a larger main gym, improved pool changing rooms, a refreshed sports hall, a new soft play area, and an upgraded reception with seating and café facilities.

Cameron Bate, contract manager for Everyone Active, said *"We're proud to reveal our new state-of-the-art gym facilities to the local community, and are looking forward to welcoming members through the doors."*

The refurbishment, part of Bristol City Council's wider Facilities Investment Strategy, is due for completion in early December, and there will be a grand **Open Day on Saturday 10 January 2026.**

Empowering Migrant Women Through Food

At Easton Community Centre, Somali Kitchen brings women together through food, friendship and shared experience.

Co-founded in 2016 by Suad H Yusuf, this community interest company supports Somali and other migrant women in Bristol to build confidence, learn new skills and lead healthy, connected lives.

Somali Kitchen offers a safe and welcoming space where participants can cook together, share culture and support one another. *"I created Somali Kitchen because there was a need for a safe space for Somali women,"* says Suad. *"Now we include other migrant women, including refugees and asylum seekers."*

The group runs practical workshops and cultural cooking sessions that promote healthy eating and strong families. It also helps women access support, training and opportunities for personal development.



Running a social enterprise comes with many challenges. *"It is a huge learning curve,"* Suad explains. *"Funding is always uncertain, and the paperwork can be difficult, but I feel empowered as a Somali woman in my role. I would not want to do anything else."*

To find out more or book a session, visit: **www.somalikitchen.org.uk**



The Wardrobe Theatre celebrates 10 years

When The Wardrobe Theatre opened its doors in Old Market during Christmas 2015, it did so with wet paint, tired hands and unstoppable enthusiasm.

Built from the remnants of an old bank turned gay cabaret club, this DIY venue quickly became a cornerstone of Bristol's theatre and comedy scene, proving what can happen when creativity and community collide.

The Wardrobe Theatre began life as a pop-up above The White Bear pub on St Michaels Hill but when audiences refused to let it end, the team sought a permanent home and worked to open a new arts space in Old Market. "We were working from dawn to midnight," recalls co-founder Chris Collier.

"Everyone chipped in - family, friends, theatre-makers. The theatre was built by the community."



Since then, the 100-seat venue has hosted thousands of shows, everything from Closer Each Day: The Improvised Soap Opera to riotous Christmas mash-ups like Drac & Jill and Muppets Die Hard. Through laughter, risk and reinvention - even a pandemic - the theatre has stayed true to its ethos: accessible, experimental and fiercely Bristol.

Now celebrating 10 years in Old Market, The Wardrobe Theatre looks ahead to an even bolder future, and above all, more unforgettable nights of shared joy. Find out more at and book tickets at: thewardrobetheatre.com



New lift to make Lawrence Hill Station fully accessible



Accessibility at Lawrence Hill train station is set to improve after plans for a new lift were approved by Bristol City Council. The upgrade, part of the West of England Mayoral Combined Authority's £400m rail investment programme, will make platform 2 accessible for the first time, with work starting in 2027.

Around 350,000 passengers use the station each year, many of whom currently face barriers due to the lack of step free access.

Megan Belcher, CEO of Bristol Disability Equality Forum (BDEF) and new Eastside trustee, welcomed the news, saying:

"We celebrate the new lift at Lawrence Hill train station as even the most basic accessibility changes can significantly change whether a person is able to access a space and take part in an activity."

She added that accessibility improvements benefit not only Disabled people but also older residents, people with injuries, and families with pushchairs.

The lift installation will bring Lawrence Hill in line with modern accessibility standards and marks an important milestone in creating a more inclusive transport network across Bristol.

Talking Community *with* Lord Rees of Easton

Three pupils from City Academy Bristol sat down with House of Lords representative and former Mayor, Marvin Rees, in the same school he attended as a teen, for Up Our Street Marvin reflected on what shaped him, the challenges the city still faces, and why young people's voices matter now more than ever.

Khadia: What does community mean to you?

Marvin: Community's a network of relationships between people who care about one another. It's not just about where we live. It stretches across the world. In Bristol, many families have ties to the Caribbean, Pakistan, East Africa and beyond. When something happens there, it matters here too. As Mayor, I tried to make decisions that respected these connections.

Tigerlily: What helps a community thrive?

Marvin: Trust and shared purpose. That might look like keeping a local park safe and welcoming, or putting on a street party. It doesn't have to be big what matters is working together to make life better.

Saffiyah: What are some of the challenges Bristol still faces?

Marvin: Bristol is successful in many ways, but too many children are still growing up in poverty. We also live with racial and class divides that I remember from my childhood. And housing can be tricky. Many people are struggling to afford to



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stay in the city. We need an economy and a housing system that works for everyone, not just a few.

Khadia: How can young people make a difference locally?

Marvin: Speak up! You can write a statement and deliver it at a full council meeting. Write to local leaders and ask how they are supporting your community. And invest in yourself. I only left school with five GCSEs, but with support and resilience I became Mayor and now sit in the House of Lords. Your future is wide open.

Saffiyah: Is there a project you're proud of from your time as Mayor?

Marvin: Feeding Bristol. We brought together groups across the city to tackle food insecurity and holiday hunger. It helped make sure children and families could access healthy, dignified meals.

Tigerlily: What message would you share with young people today?

Marvin: You're not on your own. No one is "self-made." We all grow because someone sees our potential and encourages us. Be ambitious for yourself, even when it feels scary, and be resilient when things get tough.



Councillor Update – Shona Jemphrey



The recent racist attacks, both locally and nationwide, have left many local residents scared to spend time out in their own community.

It is a sad sign of the current state of affairs and how the right-wing press has managed to turn some working people against each other.

Rather than turn on our neighbours, we need to target our discontent where it belongs - at the highest levels and at the super-rich who profit from exploiting us for all they can get.

In the face of such hostility and hate, it is more important than ever that we come together to get to know our community and stand in solidarity against all types of racism.

In Bristol, there are many, many good people who are working hard to do this. One example is Love Stapleton Road!

This is a community meeting regularly held at Easton Christian Family Centre where residents, business owners, the police, and council officers come together to share

information to tackle littering, fly tipping, and other antisocial behaviour.

This has helped the police to target their efforts, and the council have provided free skip days for some streets to help people dispose of their waste safely. It has pushed us all to talk to people we normally might not meet. If you want to join, get in touch and we can share all the details.

Shona is a Councillor for the Lawrence Hill Ward.

Councillors for Easton Ward are at Easton Community Centre every other Friday, 12pm to 2pm, for a chat or to help with any questions or local issues you might have.



Eastside Together Against Hate



Across the UK, hate crimes and community tensions are on the rise, leaving many people feeling anxious or unsafe. At Eastside Community Trust, we believe this makes our mission more important than ever – to build strong, inclusive, and resilient communities where everyone belongs.

Our recent new strategy sets out how we're doing this by:

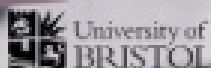
- Creating welcoming, safe spaces for all.
- Championing equality and inclusion, ensuring no one is left behind.
- Encouraging active citizenship, helping residents shape their neighbourhoods.
- Supporting wellbeing, recognising that resilience starts with good health and connection.
- Working with local partners to deliver lasting change.

These principles guide everything we do, from family activities and youth projects to environmental initiatives and events.

If you experience or witness hate crime or discrimination, support is available.

Contact **SARI (Stand Against Racism & Inequality)** for confidential help at sariweb.org.uk or call 0117 942 0060. You can also report incidents to the **Police** on 101, or 999 in an emergency.

Black History Revisited Short Course



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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

04 Jan
Equality Tea Dance

A LGBTQ+ dance social featuring Latin, Ballroom, Salsa, Tango, and line dancing.

11 Jan
Zero Gravity

A social swing event run by West Coast Swing-refreshments provided

23 Jan
Wilder Beats Ceilidh

A traditional folk music and dance event that raises funds for rewilding and conservation charities

22 Feb
Bristol Seed Swap

Exchange seeds, promote food growing and gardening and encourage resilience in our food system.

28 Feb
Kraft Tek

A sober daytime event showcasing up-and-coming underground dance DJs, local businesses, and an arts and crafts space

*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.



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When's your bin day over Christmas and New Year?

Collections pause on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day, so your waste and recycling will change for a few weeks.

Normal bin day	Festive bin day
Thur 25 Dec	Mon 29 Dec
Fri 26 Dec	Tue 30 Dec
Mon 29 Dec	Wed 31 Dec
Tue 30 Dec	Fri 2 Jan
Wed 31 Dec	Sat 3 Jan
Thur 1 Jan	Mon 5 Jan
Fri 2 Jan	Tue 6 Jan
Mon 5 Jan	Wed 7 Jan
Tues 6 Jan	Thur 8 Jan
Wed 7 Jan	Fri 9 Jan
Thur 8 Jan	Sat 10 Jan
Fri 9 Jan	Mon 12 Jan
Mon 12 Jan	Tue 13 Jan
Tue 13 Jan	Wed 14 Jan
Wed 14 Jan	Thur 15 Jan
Thur 15 Jan	Fri 16 Jan
Fri 16 Jan	Sat 17 Jan

Back to normal from Mon 19 Jan

Christmas tree collections

Put your tree out with your first wheelie bin collection from Tuesday 13 January.

You can also take trees to your nearest Household Reuse and Recycling Centre or search online for local charities offering collections in your area!

2026 collection dates

Download your 2026 collection calendar from bristolwastecompany.co.uk/festive

Don't forget...

Garden waste collections and paid bulky waste services pause Monday 22 December to Monday 26 January 2026.

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Youth sessions at Felix Road Adventure Playground

WAVEY NIGHTS

**FELIX ROAD
ADVENTURE
PLAYGROUND**

**TUESDAYS
+
WEDNESDAYS
5.30 TO 7.30PM**

This is a group for girls and boys aged 11 to 16 years old. Offering children and young people a relaxed, safe, and supported space to hang out.



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