



Prospect Place Conservation Area Trust

Prospect Place Conservation Area Trust has been set up and the initial trustees are:

Michael Gray – Chair
Kate Brailsford – Secretary
Rob Brailsford – Treasurer
Suzanne Martin – Membership

We held our first meeting on 23 January in The Assembly of the First Born Church on Prospect Place. We were very pleased that about 30 people attended.

Michael opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and giving a brief history of the area. It was designated a Conservation Area in 1995.

This newsletter contains the many ideas that were shared at our first meeting. If any of these ideas appeal to you and you would like to get involved, please contact us. In the meantime, there seemed to be a consensus for some early quick fixes, so here we go.

What can you do now?

Join us!

We would like to encourage everyone who lives or owns a property in the Prospect Place Conservation Area to join. You need to opt in to be a member and we have produced an application form. Please read our newsletter, and if you would like to opt-in to the membership send an e-mail to request an application form. If you have an interest in getting involved in a particular idea or have any helpful suggestions we would love to hear from you.

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Date for your Diary

Street Party:

Saturday 8th June 2019

This year's street party will be on **Saturday 8th June 2019** so keep the date free. It will follow the usual format this time and Bob Bowles has been booked to play for us. We will be extending an invitation to all the residents in the Prospect Place Conservation Area. This will include North Street, Union Street and King William Street.

Litter Pick and Social Event at the Castle:

Wednesday 3rd April at 6.30pm

Following the suggestion at the meeting we are going to hold our first event on **Wednesday 3rd April at 6.30 pm**. We plan to hold a one hour litter pick and weeding session then retire to The Castle for a drink and a chat. We will meet at 6.30 pm at the junction between South Street and Prospect Place. The Litter Pick will become a regular event on the first Wednesday of every month.

We will provide black or blue bags but please bring along a pair of gloves and a fluorescent waistcoat.

In The Castle we could start with a few shared stories about why we are living in Prospect Place Conservation Area, or maybe a story about your house?

This would be a nice way to start our collection of contemporary stories. If telling a story fills you with anxiety, come along anyway and listen to others for whom sharing a story comes easy. We know who you are!



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Other ideas for us to consider:

Welcome new neighbours and share information about recycling and rubbish collection days.

Bring one new person to the next event.

Look at the “Tidy Town Model” for Clonakilty in Ireland.
<http://www.clonakiltytidytowns.com/>.

Have a competition for the best floral display pots or baskets.

Add a new raised flower bed to North Street. Perhaps the corner of Prospect Hill and North Street would be a good place?

Enhance the large and spacious intersection between Prospect Place and South Street.

Re-instate the original name for part of South Street to “New” Providence Row.

Share our own stories about why we are living in Prospect Place /South Street, North Street/Union Street, King William Street. (Cre8 Studios are currently running a “Seeme2” project.)

Discover the stories that add to the richness of the Heritage of this area.

Provide an educational resource about the Heritage aspects of our public realm and the properties within our Conservation Area.

Create a Guided Heritage Walk for our Conservation Area in time for Heritage Open Days (13-22 September 2019) or the Old Town Festival in June 2020.

Traffic Concerns:

Cars use Prospect Place as a short cut, and despite the speed ramps, drive at great speed. They seem to resent

waiting while residents who need to park for unloading of shopping.

Could we make Prospect Place Access Only? Or 20 mile per hour speed limit, like Lansdown Road?

King William Street School drop off is very unruly and potentially unsafe.

Pub deliveries can mean that residents have to drive down Prospect Place the wrong way. Liaise with the pub to find out delivery times and avoid 8.45 am?

Grants and Fundraising:

Organise fund raising initiatives to help some of these ideas get off the ground and to forge a better community.

Some physical improvements will require planning and funding. These projects and others will need members of the community to get involved.

The classification of Conservation Area could be removed if the area becomes too unkempt.

The Heritage Lottery Fund has undergone a change of policy, and is now giving funds to poorer areas.

HLF funds are available for initiatives called Townscapes. These might be a way of helping to obtain grants to help individuals with restoration of original windows and chimneys.

Help from the Parish Council:

The Parish Council have awarded us a grant of £250 towards a website.

The Parish Council are responsible for removal of Graffiti. We can all work with the Parish Council in a constructive way to make sure that Graffiti is removed effectively and promptly.