

THE NORTHERN SLOPES WEDMORE VALE (THE BOMMIE)-

ACTION PLAN NOVEMBER 2004

Current use – dog walking, informal play, allotments, wildlife, grazing, views of city, events, sports, cycle riding, motor biking, fly tipping. Surrounded by council and private housing.

The Key issues can be summarised as follows: -

1. Getting more people involved in the site
2. Dangerous and poor quality footpaths and access points
3. Fly tipping, vandalism and motor biking.
4. Improving the recreation value of the site
5. Maintaining and enhancing the wildlife interest
6. Making the area safer for users, without losing its' intrinsic qualities
7. Making better use of the allotment sites.

The key opportunities can be summarised as follows: -

1. Developing a whole site 'master plan'.
2. Making entrances secure and attractive.
3. Improving the quality of the footpath network.

4. Running a pilot training programme linked to the other sites to explore potential for longer- term training and employment initiatives.
5. Developing St Barnabas Church as a Gateway and education centre.
6. Continuing and extending good quality grazing to help site management and increase interest and diversity.
7. Improving the demand and use of the allotment sites and make secure. Exploring the potential to establish new social enterprises on the sites.
8. Creating better links with the other sites and agencies.
9. Running exciting and attractive site events for residents and wider audiences.
- 10.Reducing and stopping fly tipping and vandalism by getting more people involved and responsible.
- 11.Protecting the wildlife habitat and species through management and education programme
- 12.Interpreting the site history – water pipe, farm, golf course, allotments, bombsite etc
- 13.Setting up an attractive volunteer programme and running local walks, wildlife events etc.

ISSUE/OPPRUNITY	COMMENT	RECOMMENDED ACTIONS	LEAD /OTHER PARTNER	PRIORITY ACHIEVABILITY	TIMETABLE
<i>Creating a 'master plan' for the Bommie</i>	<p>The site is large and comprises many different elements.</p> <p>A site plan is required to help manage and prioritise activities and spend.</p> <p>This must tie in with bigger Northern Slopes plan.</p>	<p>Investigate appropriate structures for the NSI including potential for a 'Bommie' sub group.</p> <p>Do further consultation where necessary. Commission/draw up plans. Agree priorities and actions and seek funding.</p>	<p>NSI</p> <p>BCC</p> <p>St B Church</p> <p>The Park Schools</p> <p>Others</p>	<p>P1</p> <p>A 3-4</p>	<p>Needs to be started ASAP over the next 12 months, but subject to progress on larger NS plans.</p> <p>More Bommie supporters need to be recruited ASAP to keep momentum.</p>
<i>Establishing St Barnabas as a GATEWAY</i>	<p>The Church is in an important geographic position and has good access to road and nearby estate and to the Park.</p> <p>It is also an important community based faith organisation, has resources and is</p>	<p>Develop more detailed plans to improve the environs around the church and make it a showcase and a Gateway for entering onto the Bommie.</p> <p>Plans could link to Connaught School education programmes</p>	<p>NSG and St B Church.</p> <p>BCC</p> <p>The Park</p> <p>Locals</p>	<p>P2</p> <p>A 4-5</p>	<p>Linked to above. Plans also need to fit with the Park and Church development proposals.</p> <p>Detailed plans could be drawn up over the next 12 –</p>

	committed to regeneration through education and faith programmes.	and include outdoor classrooms and cross curricula study areas, as well as landscaped and planted play space.			18 months and consulted on and prioritised /phased.

<p><i>Accessibility and path improvements</i></p>	<p>Many of the access points are unwelcoming or physically challenging.</p> <p>The paths are in poor condition and not defined.</p>	<p>Agree improvements as part of master plan.</p> <p>Improve signage.</p> <p>Improve entrance adjacent St B church and create link to the Park.</p> <p>Construct steps off Wedmore Vale Rd up onto site.</p> <p>Improve the W V allotment site access point as part of new development.</p> <p>Improve path from W V to St Barnabas.</p> <p>Improve the access points at Beckinton Rd, Wingfield Rd and Stockwood Crescent.</p> <p>Improve path from Beckinton Rd onto</p>	<p>NSI</p> <p>BCC</p> <p>St Barnabas Church</p> <p>The Park</p> <p>Others</p>	<p>P 2</p> <p>A 3-4</p>	<p>Linked to master plan. Some short term works could be carried out over the next 12 months using volunteers or as part of a training programme</p> <p>Longer term 2-10 year programme.</p>
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		<p>North of site.</p> <p>Deter unwanted access by design barriers and education programme.</p>			
<i>Other Site Improvements</i>	<p>There is scope for low- key improvement on the parts of the site, but the majority should be maintained for its wildlife, recreation and landscape value.</p>	<p>A conservation plan should be drawn up as part of the master plan.</p> <p>Mowing regimes should be changed to create different meadow and encourage diversification of plants.</p> <p>Scrub clearance and tree thinning in valley following stream should be planned/phased.</p> <p>More seats and dog bins provided</p>	<p>NSI</p> <p>BCC</p> <p>AWT</p> <p>Allotment holders</p> <p>Others</p>	<p>P 3-4</p> <p>A 2 -4</p>	<p>Some practical works could be carried out immediately given agreement by BCC and consideration to wildlife.</p> <p>Contract mowing status could be amended over the next 12 months.</p> <p>Other longer term works subject to master and conservation plans and integrated employment initiative.</p>

<p>Local interest and involvement</p>	<p>There is a small but committed band of local Bommie supporters. Given time and publicity and incentives this can be increased considerably to ensure there is substantive and sustained resources to look after the site.</p>	<p>Plan and run more activities including considering larger events perhaps linked to the church, local schools and /or a KW carnival. Get good publicity.</p> <p>Encourage and involve more volunteers.</p> <p>Carry out more consultation particularly on the plans.</p> <p>Acquire funding to carry out works that local people clearly see as benefit.</p>	<p>NSI</p> <p>The Park</p> <p>BCC</p> <p>The Health Park</p> <p>Other</p>	<p>P2</p> <p>A 3</p>	<p>Recruitment needs to ongoing as from 2004.</p> <p>Events can be planned from spring /summer 05.</p>
<p>Management, Training and Employment</p>	<p>A high proportion of the Bommie is designated as allotments.</p>	<p>Carry out a feasibility study on the allotment site options and market research on local food markets and</p>	<p>NSG</p> <p>A wide range of partners inc</p>	<p>P2</p> <p>A5-6</p>	<p>Feasibility work needs to be carried ASAP.</p> <p>Further timetable</p>

	<p>This site probably offers the most potential for allotment related job creation and employment.</p> <p>There is also scope for other improvement works and then ongoing careful management and training.</p> <p>Contract values are not high but could be taken over by a local enterprise, training and employing local people as part of integrated employment and enterprise initiative.</p>	<p>outlets. (Ref Glyn vale)</p> <p>Work with partners to establish integrated employment initiative.</p> <p>Employ a Co-coordinator/Ranger.</p> <p>Set up New Company if appropriate.</p>	<p>NR.</p> <p>BCC</p>		<p>subject to progress and agreed NS priorities.</p>

<p>Site Interpretation</p>	<p>There is wildlife conservation, and historical interest that is not documented or currently used to promote the site.</p>	<p>Interpretation is a generic theme and issue.</p> <p>The Bommie has particular points of interest including the natural spring in Springfield allotment that historically supplied water to Redcliffe through the celebrated water pipe.</p> <p>Research at records centre.</p> <p>Talk to older local people and gather information.</p> <p>Consider artistic interpretation or information boards</p>	<p>NSI</p> <p>BCC</p> <p>The Park</p> <p>AWT</p> <p>Others</p>	<p>P 5</p> <p>A 5</p>	<p>Commence ASAP according to resources.</p>