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Welcome to South Gloucestershire News

We have produced this newsletter to highlight some of the council's priorities for the next four years and show how we're working to deliver on these priorities, be responsive to your needs and focus on the issues that you tell us are important.



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y name is Cllr Toby Savage and I am privileged to serve as Leader of South Gloucestershire Council. Having been born and brought up here, I care deeply about the same issues as you and I am pleased that you continue to support our efforts to drive up educational standards and deliver cleaner, safer, greener streets.

Equally, I am clear as Leader of the Council that every penny we spend is your money, not ours, and delivering high quality value for money services will remain a cornerstone of all that we do.

What can you expect from us over the next four years?

We're determined to do all that we can to ensure that every child and young person in South Gloucestershire achieves their full potential. We have set out plans for how we will invest almost £78 million in local schools and I look forward to bringing these plans to fruition with the delivery of new schools, new facilities and better support for our teachers.

I know you share my ambitions for South Gloucestershire and I would like to thank you for continuing to work with us to improve our towns, villages and communities. Through the 'Love our High Streets' initiative, we're investing in the future of our town centres. We continue our zero tolerance approach to fly-tipping and will continue to work with you and partner agencies to step up

our efforts on litter and other anti-social behaviour. We're extremely grateful and impressed with how you've supported our weekly recycling collections and soon we will be announcing further plans to ensure that together, we do even more to reduce our impact on the environment.

Ahead of the district elections in May, we said goodbye to many respected councillors who have made huge contributions to South Gloucestershire over many years. I thank them for their service and wish them a long and happy retirement.

Of course, these retirements have created opportunities for others and I'm delighted to welcome a number of new councillors eager to make a difference for you. With an increasingly diverse set of backgrounds and some younger faces joining an experienced team, I'm excited at the opportunity to bring forward new ideas to contribute to the work of the council. Within this newsletter you will find details of all 61 councillors, see who stands for you in your area and how you can contact them.

I'd like to finish by thanking you, our residents for your support. I am confident that together we can achieve even more and ensure that South Gloucestershire continues to be a great place to live and work.

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Toby Savage

Councillor Toby Savage
Leader of South Gloucestershire Council

Investing in schools is the council's



Cllrs Toby Savage and Erica Williams with children from Watermore Primary School

South Gloucestershire schools are improving and while we have more to do to drive up standards and attainment, we have plans in place and strong partnerships with all our schools and council staff to meet these challenges.

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ey to achieving our goals are improvements to the fabric and capacity of all the schools in South

Gloucestershire. Investment in school buildings will enable us to continue to educate and nurture the current and future generations of young people so they can reach their full potential, in enhanced teaching and learning environments that provide for a full range of curriculum opportunities.

We have announced a four-year programme to invest almost £78 million in our schools. A key element of this spending is directed towards improving our offer to children with Special

This is the largest ever investment in our schools and it underlines our commitment to raising standards and aspirations for all our young people.

Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) in 'mainstream' schools, as well as building capacity to deliver specialist provision closer to home. This will help provide local provision for local families instead of spending significant amounts of money to send young people out of the area or into independent provision.

The funding is the largest ever investment made by the council in schools and reflects the highest priority we attach to improving school outcomes – not just in terms of results, but in terms of the learning experience and environment, for both pupils and staff.

Key elements of the investment programme include:

- **£10.6 million** will help to deliver an all-through (ages 4-18) school at Lyde Green
- **£5.6 million** to build a new 2-form entry primary school at Charlton Hayes run by Endeavour Academy Trust
- **£4.9 million** will be spent on rebuilding Elm Park Primary School
- **£6.9 million** will be spent on enlarging the Frenchay CE Primary School
- **£6.6 million** will be spent on bringing the Watermore Primary School on to a single site
- **£14.4 million** will be spent on the development and remodelling of the Castle Schools Education Trust secondary school sites in Thornbury and Alveston
- **£7.5 million** in maintenance funding for schools across South Gloucestershire
- **£7.2 million** available for a range of projects to upgrade existing school buildings and facilities.

top priority

- for now, for the future, for everyone



We are also backing the growth of specialist provision for our young people who need the most support. A new special free school is due to open on the site of the Marlwood School, in Alveston, in September 2021. We know that as our population grows, so do the numbers of young people who need specialist support and this new school will help provide additional local places for families closer to home. We have already supported the expansion of existing special schools at New Siblands in Thornbury and Warmley Park, but they are reaching their maximum capacity. Working alongside The Castle School Education Trust (CSET) at Marlwood means that we will increase the availability of high-support school places in brand new, purpose-built facilities.

A new special school is planned on the former Soundwell College site. The new school will provide 136 places for young people with Education Health Care Plans, which highlight needs in social emotional and mental health and speech, language and communication needs. The new school 'Learn@ Specialist Academy' is sponsored by Learn@ Multi-Academy Trust and joint working between three local authorities, Bristol, South Gloucestershire and Bath and North East Somerset will provide specialist provision for local children across the region.

Recently, we have also been pleased to welcome the result of a £540,000 investment in The Chase, in Stroud, which offers places for SEND students from South Gloucestershire, up to the age of 25-years-old, the opportunity to develop and study independent living, employment and enterprise skills across different industries, including catering and hospitality. While this is outside South Gloucestershire, we are keen to work collaboratively to develop

SEND Local Offer – your source of information on help and support

To provide ongoing support to our young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and their families, our SEND Local Offer provides information in one place, describing what help and support is available in the local area for them.

We wanted to take this opportunity to let families know that we're working in partnership with South Glos Parents and Carers to develop a new-look and improved SEND Local Offer website.

Whether you need practical advice on what to do if you have worries about your child, or you want to know what activities are out there to meet your child's identified SEND needs, the aim is to provide what families tell us they want – 'a user friendly and accessible SEND Local Offer that brings together all the useful information out there'.

The website will include information on services and support from the council, its partners and community and voluntary groups across health, education and social care. You can find out more about our current SEND Local Offer and how it's changing for the better by visiting www.southglos.gov.uk/localoffer

centres of excellence to help our young people who need the most support to grow and explore their futures as they become more independent.

Cabinet Member for Schools, Skills and Employment, Erica Williams, said:

"We share the hopes and aspirations of our young people and their families, which is that every child should be able to grow, learn and thrive to achieve their fullest potential. Our duty and our highest priority is that we meet their needs and provide schools and services so that staff, pupils and their families can set and reach their goals."

Cllr Toby Savage and our strategic lead for 0-25 (education), at the opening of The Chase in Stroud



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Cribbs Patchway metrobus extension



The Cribbs Patchway metrobus extension (CPME) will extend the existing metrobus network in the West of England, linking Bristol Parkway Station with The Mall via Hatchet Road, Gypsy Patch Lane and through the new Horizon 38 site and Cribbs Patchway New Neighbourhood on the former Filton Airfield.

Metrobus is part of the West of England's vision for improved public transport and this extension is part of a package of improvements to support the new housing and employment developments in the area as well as existing communities.

Construction work

There will be significant changes to the area including a new wider railway bridge at

Gypsy Patch Lane with dedicated space for metrobuses, wider road space for all highway users, and shared use paths for cyclists and pedestrians. In addition, Gypsy Patch Lane will be widened for bus lanes and metrobus stops and improvements made to the network near The Mall at Cribbs Causeway for metrobuses.

We are liaising with the local community and businesses to minimise the impact of the work but we do understand this scheme will cause considerable disruption. We apologise for this and thank you for your patience.

Contact us

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SUMMER 2019

CPME construction starts



2020

Construction continues, including an approximate eight month closure of Gypsy Patch Lane for railway bridge replacement



2021

Construction and traffic management continues



EARLY 2022

Construction complete and metrobus services operating on the CPME route

Proud to Care
SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A CAREER CHANGE, RETURNING TO WORK, OR STARTING YOUR WORKING LIFE?

Jobs are
available now
across South
Gloucestershire



Working in a caring role is about so much more than helping people with their daily routines. It's about supporting and encouraging people to be as independent as possible and to get the most out of their home and community life.

Flexible working hours, part time and holiday work is on offer, fitting around your childcare, studies, family or other commitments. Doing well in care and support work isn't about qualifications – what's really important is your values and attitude towards the people you support.

To find out more about what it takes to be Proud to Care and to see local jobs available across our local care providers, visit: www.proudtocaresouthglos.org.uk or email: proudtocare@southglos.gov.uk

South Gloucestershire Council is supporting the Proud to Care campaign, to raise the profile and value of working in care.



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Fly-tip prosecution success continues



Cllr Rachael Hunt in
front of a fly-tip

Our campaign against fly-tipping in South Gloucestershire continues with five successful prosecutions for waste offences since the beginning of 2019.



Our award winning envirocrime team has a 100 per cent record of securing successful prosecutions for this type of offence and anyone who fly-tips in South Gloucestershire is five times more likely to be prosecuted than anywhere else in the country.

South Gloucestershire Council adopts a different approach to some other authorities in tackling the problem of fly-tipping. We prioritise pursuing prosecutions through the courts, rather than directly issuing Fixed Penalty Notices.

Our award winning envirocrime team has a 100 per cent record of securing successful prosecutions.

This is because we believe prosecutions attract more public interest, serving as a more powerful deterrent as well as improving education and understanding in the community about how everyone can do their part to ensure waste is disposed of appropriately, safely and legally.

Our envirocrime team includes former police officers who are trained investigators. The team co-ordinates education and enforcement action, gathering evidence to pursue offenders through the courts.



Cabinet Member for Communities Cllr Rachael Hunt said: *“Fly-tipping is an issue that has a negative impact on our communities and local environment and we all have a responsibility to make sure that our waste is disposed of in the appropriate manner.”*

“If you allow rubbish to be fly-tipped in South Gloucestershire, you can expect to be caught and prosecuted.”

When we are alerted to a case of fly-tipping, our StreetCare team will clear the waste away and dispose of materials appropriately, recycling wherever possible. At the same time, our envirocrime team will examine the waste to find clues as to where it may have come from. We often find household waste with bills or names and addresses on, or other identifiable material that allows us to trace the owner of the waste and we can then take action.

It is an offence to allow your waste to be disposed of by an unauthorised contractor and so, even if you don't fly-tip yourself, you can be liable if you get someone to take your rubbish away and they then dump it illegally.

This isn't necessarily well known, so part of our work is about increasing that awareness, as well as clamping

down on the illegal operators who sometimes advertise locally to get rid of your rubbish for a knock-down price. The old adage applies – if it looks too good to be true, it probably is.

What can the public do?

Residents and businesses are advised to only give their rubbish to an Environment Agency registered waste carrier. Contractors should ensure that they hold a Registered Waste Carriers Licence and they comply with the Waste Transfer Note requirements.

You can carry out these simple steps to make sure your waste is disposed of legally:

Ask for a copy of the company's waste carrier registration certificate and ask where the waste is being taken. Legitimate firms will be happy to provide this information.

Our recycling rate continues to improve and remains ahead of the national average

There have been some big changes to our waste and recycling collections over the last two years including better recycling at our Sort It recycling centres, weekly recycling collections and the introduction of new 140 litre black bins, all of which means that we now recycle **58.3 per cent** of our waste in South Gloucestershire.

Since weekly recycling collections started, we have picked up an extra **6,000 tonnes of recycling**; that's equivalent to **50 blue whales!** We've also seen a reduction of waste in the black bins with **10,890 tonnes** less being collected.

This fantastic achievement would not have been possible without the positive attitude of the people who live in South Gloucestershire. So we would like to say thank you for your continued efforts to recycle more and reduce household waste. Your efforts have helped put us well ahead of the national recycling rate of **44 per cent**.

We still have more to do to reduce our impact on the environment and recycling over **50 per cent** of our waste is a great start. Our new Waste and Resource Strategy: 2020 and beyond which will go out to public consultation later this year, will focus on what we can do to further reduce waste and litter, make better use of our resources and do more together to ensure that South Gloucestershire continues to be a great place to live and work.

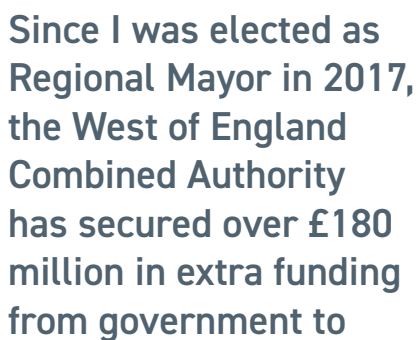
www.southglos.gov.uk/recycling

Do not be tempted to use people offering cheap waste clearance on sites such as Facebook and Gumtree unless you have confirmed that they are registered with the Environment Agency.

Check whether the waste carrier is registered by calling the Environment Agency on **08708 506506** or by checking on their website <https://environment.data.gov.uk/public-register/view/search-waste-carriers-brokers>

Ask for a registered trading address and contact telephone number for the trader and get a receipt. Unwanted goods and household or garden waste can all be disposed of at no cost via the council's Sort It centres.

Residents who see illegal fly-tipping in South Gloucestershire are encouraged to report it by using our web form at www.southglos.gov.uk/flytipping or emailing streetcare@southglos.gov.uk or contacting the StreetCare helpdesk on **01454 868000**.



We're making decisions here in our region about transport, homes, jobs and skills – decisions that were previously made in London. By working together as a region, we can plan for the future using the local knowledge, expertise and experience to seize the many opportunities and overcome the challenges across the West of England.

None of us live our lives according to council boundaries; our ambitious councils came together to fight for devolution because they could see the value in this new way of doing things, looking beyond council boundaries to benefit all of us who live and work in the region.

This map is a snapshot of current projects with many more pending subject to business cases.

Tim Bowles, Regional Mayor

£5m for Future Bright – helping people who are in work and on benefits to improve their skills and boost their career prospects.

Supporting businesses
and grow, and encoura
investment into the rec

£3m
Sustainable
to improve
walking and
safety around

£64m
Avonmouth Severnside
Enterprise Area

Portishead Line

£553k
Portway
Station

£40m
Temple Quarter
Enterprise Zone
Bristol Temple Meads

£6m
City of Bristol
College Constructi
Skills Centre

£1.5
Key
Cen

Somer Valley Enterprises



£10m to support high streets with pilot projects in:

Midsomer Norton
Bath
Twerton
Bedminster
Kingswood

BRISTOL + BATH

to succeed
ing business
gion.

le transport package
e community transport,
and cycling routes and
und schools

£6m
South Gloucestershire and
Stroud College WISE Campus

ton Enterprise
ea
£3.1m
ustainable
transport

University of the
West of England

CAREERS HUB & ENTERPRISE ADVISERS

Working with schools
and colleges across
the region to improve
careers advice and work
experience opportunities
for young people.

FUTURE BRIGHT

Regional project

£5.8m
Health and
Technology Hub
Robotics Lab

£75k
British Engineering
Manufacturers Association
(BEMA) training centre

£20m
Emersons Green Enterprise
Area
Bristol & Bath Science Park
National Composites Centre

£10m
Institute of Advanced
Automotive Propulsion
Systems

£15m
University of Bristol
Temple Quarter campus

£10m
University of Bath

Bath Enterprise Zone
£2m
Bath College Catering
and Hospitality Education
and Training Hub
£40m
Bath Quays

£5m
nsham Town
tre Improvements

West of England
**GROWTH
HUB**
Regional project

alley
se Zone
£2.7m
Bath College
Somer Construction Centre

TRANSPORT

We need a transport network
that works for everyone, every
day and for every journey and
we have already allocated
millions to improve rail,
walking, cycling, roads and
buses.

To make this happen, we plan
to invest **£350m** in transport
over the next 20 years,
working with partners to
secure wider investment.

BUSINESS AND SKILLS

We are investing in business,
and working to ensure that
all residents have the right
skills to benefit from the
opportunities that growth
brings.

Over the next 20 years, WECA
plans to invest:

£80m in business

£50m in skills

HOMES

Over the next 20 years, WECA
plans to invest **£100m** in
homes

WECA working with partners
to secure more funding to
build homes, particularly
affordable homes, and
put in place the additional
infrastructure needed to help
people get around.

May 2019

p is indicative and not to scale.

for projects includes a mix of funds already awarded and proposed
allocations, the detail of which is yet to be confirmed.



AVON & SOMERSET POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER

With the ongoing national conversation about knife crime, I know local people continue to be very concerned about serious violence. Residential burglary, knife crime and the illegal supply of drugs have a devastating impact on our communities and you want to be assured that the police are doing everything they can do to tackle these issues.

With the council tax bill coming through all of our letterboxes recently, you will have noticed an increase for policing. By increasing policing by £2 a month for the average band D household, local people will help the police to intensify their fight against serious violence.

This investment means we can recruit an **additional 100** new officers and launch a focused operation that will tackle serious violence as part of an initiative **Operation Remedy**. We will be sending a loud and clear message to criminals that coming into our area to commit crime and exploit the vulnerable is not an option.

With your help, we will continue to make our communities safe and feel safe.

Sue Mountstevens

Sue Mountstevens
Police & Crime Commissioner



HELP FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS

Communities and voluntary organisations in South Gloucestershire can benefit from up to £3,000 to tackle issues in your local area.

Local community groups are invited to apply for grants to help initiatives which support the PCC's priorities.

Applications are welcome all year. Visit our website to find out more.



South Gloucestershire Youth Housing received £3,000 towards CCTV.

NOMINATE SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE'S UNSUNG HEROES

Did you know that your PCC recognises those who go above and beyond to keep their communities safe? It's a chance to say to say a big thank you to the truly extraordinary individuals who make a difference to their communities. The winners and their guests attend a ceremony at Police and Fire Headquarters before

enjoying lunch with the PCC and a tour of the police communications centre.

Scott Avery from Longwell Green was nominated when he intervened in a police chase. In assisting officers by detaining one of the fleeing offenders he tripped and fell, and sadly sustained some significant injuries to his face and ribs.



Scott was recognised for his bravery and support.

To nominate the silent stars in your community, visit our website.

WHAT'S OP REMEDY?

Suspected burglars, armed robbers and violent offenders were among those arrested during the first few days of Operation Remedy.

Operation Remedy involves an increase of 100 police officers and a £2million investment from local

taxpayers to crack down on the crimes that matter most to local people.

Since April officers have arrested 56 people and 71% have been charged so far including offenders wanted for burglary, possession of knives and drugs.

Officers have recovered nearly 700 cannabis bushes and 1kg of extremely pure cocaine.

And nearly 1,000 extra hours of visibility patrols have taken place.

More Operation Remedy news on our website.

TO IMPROVE
THE POLICE'S



RESPONSE TO
RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY
BETTER RESULTS =
JUSTICE

TACKLE
SERIOUS
VIOLENCE



INCLUDING
KNIFE CRIME

OPERATIONS
TO DISRUPT
& DISMANTLE



DRUG SUPPLY
ON OUR STREET

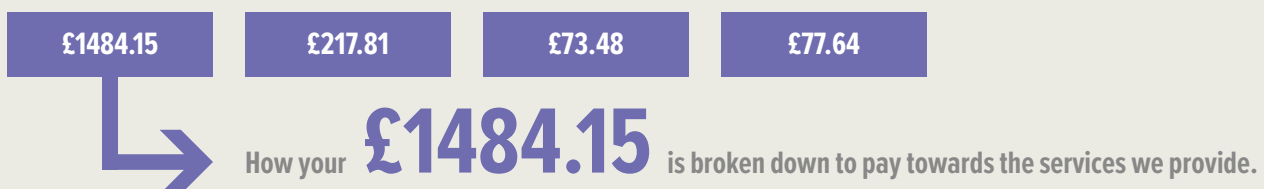
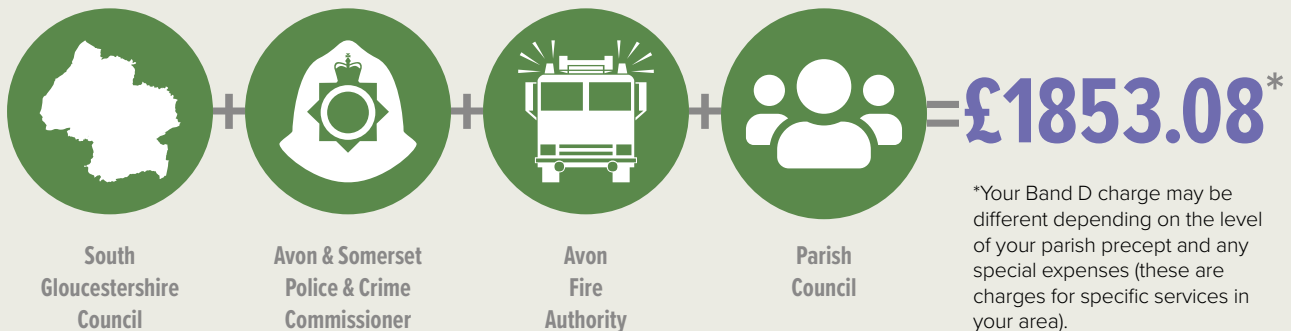


100
POLICE OFFICERS
RECRUITMENT
OF 100 NEW OFFICERS, INCREASING
PLANNED NUMBERS FOR THE
FIRST TIME SINCE 2004

You know we empty the bins, but did you know we do a whole lot more besides?



**Typical Band D
council tax
2019-20**



Council tax only funds **22%** of our costs. The rest of what we spend is funded by:



FUTURE BRIGHT

- Support
- ▲ Advice
- Skills

Develop your skills, increase your income
and advance in your job with
FUTURE BRIGHT

Sean from South Gloucestershire says:

I contacted Future Bright because I knew I needed help in funding a course, knowing what my skills and strengths were, how to communicate them and to build on them. I needed to find my courage.

SEAN'S STORY



Working as a security officer and with a family to support, Sean felt as though his 'distant dream' of becoming a paramedic was unachievable. With help from his Future Bright coach, Sean figured out the steps he wants to take. After gaining more confidence and working hard in his security job, his manager promoted him to a Public Safety Controller role.

Sean says: "Future Bright offers a top service including funding. If you're in paid work and receiving in-work benefits or tax credits, definitely sign up to the Future Bright programme because it will help you progress in life. I'm now preparing for my future, firstly as an Emergency Care Assistant (ECA) which will be another step towards me becoming a paramedic. I know that I will get there and so can others."

If, like Sean and Katie, you're already in paid work and claiming benefits or tax credits to top up your income, Future Bright can help you. The programme offers:

- **Support:** 3-6 month programme of support to increase confidence
- **Advice:** practical help to overcome barriers and take control of work and pay
- **Skills:** training and development tailored to your needs
- **Personal Budget:** funding for training or career development costs.

Future Bright is a free and confidential service, built around you. Our career progression coaches work with you to support you to reach your career goals. This can include funding if we agree it's what you need to reach your goal.



"The support I've received from Future Bright has been huge. It has boosted my confidence and helped me to take steps to improve my career. Best of all, my son is really proud of me and I can finally feel like a role model for him."

Katie from South Gloucestershire

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