

# Foxhill & Mulberry Park Newsletter

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Team ready to welcome visitors to The Hub

The countdown to the launch of the new community building at Mulberry Park has begun. The Hub opens its doors on Saturday 8 December with a fun day of activities for kids and adults.

The Hub is a brand new contemporary building for the whole local community. It has flexible spaces for activities from yoga and fitness classes to children's stay & play groups,

meetings and corporate events. There's also a family-friendly café on the ground floor.

The new team at The Hub are in place and headed by Centre Manager Lizzie Irvine with Dominique Bartels as Events Manager and a reception and events team.

The Hub is located between the brand new 210-place Educate Together primary school and the 70-place Happy Days nursery at Mulberry Park which both opened in September.

## What's next at The Hub?

A range of events are planned for the opening and the following months. They include Christmas carols, art exhibitions and a series of informative talks on local interest subjects.

**Want to find out more?**  
We'd love to hear from you - contact our Events Team at [enquiries@mphub.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@mphub.co.uk)

**Photo left to right:** Lizzie Irvine (Centre Manager), Gemma Billett (Event Coordinator), Richard Priest (Facilities Coordinator), Ashley Brunn (Event Coordinator), Dominique Bartels (Event Manager)

# Creating a new public space for Mulberry Park

We've been working with local people to develop plans for the public open space at Mulberry Park. It will be the largest new park in Bath for 100 years and include a woodland walk which will provide a valuable link to the National Trust's Bath Skyline walk and Prior Park.



Find out more about the plans at [www.curo-group.co.uk/mulberrypark-openspace](http://www.curo-group.co.uk/mulberrypark-openspace)



Play



Parkland

## Update: Join the Foxhill conversation

Thanks to all Foxhill residents who joined us on Thursday 27 September to share ideas around improvements to your community, open spaces and Curo homes. We had many interesting conversations with you and the Foxhill Community Researchers got lots of helpful feedback from their survey.

We've been reviewing your ideas in resident focus groups to help develop options for improvements to homes and open spaces across Foxhill.

If you're interested in joining a focus group email [foxhill@curo-group.co.uk](mailto:foxhill@curo-group.co.uk)

Results of this work with residents will be shared over the next few weeks with opportunities to get involved in the new year.



Photo: Foxhill Community Researchers

Visitors to our Foxhill event also took part in a prize draw to win one of four £50 Sainsbury's vouchers and we're pleased to announce the winners:

- Aleisha Oliver-Griffiths
- Chloe Meissner
- Hayley Bone
- Kayleigh Best



## New bus stop at The Hub

From Sunday 2 September, The number 2 bus which connects Combe Down with the city centre now serves Foxhill and Mulberry Park. The bus follows a clockwise loop from Bradford Road into Foxhill Road before turning right and stopping at The Hub and the new school.



For more information about the bus route visit: [www.firstgroup.com/bath](http://www.firstgroup.com/bath)



# Bradford Park flats – the story so far...

We're bringing forward the refurbishment of the Bradford Park flats as the first phase of a wider programme in Foxhill.

Many residents from Bradford Park flats have already chosen to move to a new home at Mulberry Park or elsewhere and more will be moving soon.

A large number of the empty flats at Bradford Park require significant investment just to meet our homes standards. We've started to survey the flats to better understand their condition.

We've also appointed BDP as architects following a rigorous selection process which included interviews by some of our tenants.

In July we set up a gazebo to listen to Bradford Park residents' views about the condition of the flats and the improvements they'd like to see.

In September, during our Join the Foxhill conversation event, residents also had the chance to meet the architects and talk about how the homes, communal areas

and surrounding grounds could be improved.

## Next steps...

➔ The architects are including residents' ideas in refurbishment options they're developing. We'll share plans of the different options at an event on **Tuesday 27 November** at the Mulberry Park Visitor Centre from 3pm until 7pm. There will also be an opportunity to visit an empty flat at 3.30pm where we'll talk through our proposals.

We want to make sure that the homes meet our Safe, Healthy, Affordable, Warm (SHAW) standards. We're developing options for refurbishment based on the SHAW standards with input from Foxhill residents and will agree final refurbishment plans in spring 2019.

# Got an idea to improve your neighbourhood?

Curo's Community Chest Grants of up to £2,000 are now available for projects that benefit Foxhill, Combe Down and Curo residents living in these areas.

**Deadline for applications is Friday 23 November 2018.**



For more information, visit [www.curo-group.co.uk/grants](http://www.curo-group.co.uk/grants), email: [mulberrypark@curo-group.co.uk](mailto:mulberrypark@curo-group.co.uk) or call 0300 1232460



## A day to remember at the Foxhill Fete

Lots of fun was had at the Foxhill Fete organised by the Local People Foxhill group (Foxhill Futures) at Springfield Park on Saturday 18 August. The Fete featured plenty of attractions for local families, including a bouncy castle, stalls by local people selling art and crafts, as well as dance, parkour and more. The organisers secured £890 from Curo's Working Well Community Small Grants Scheme to help with the event.

Bristol DJ Ace Brown provided music entertainment free of charge.

Local People Foxhill group member, Hayley Wallace, said: "The Foxhill Fete was a way of bringing the people of Foxhill together, to have some affordable fun during the summer holidays".



## Quick Improvements in Foxhill

While we're working with the local community to develop the plans for Foxhill, we've also asked residents what their immediate priorities are - these are projects we can deliver quickly that will really make a difference. So far we've:

- Jet-washed seven bin rooms and 25 bins in September
- Completed our second community litter pick - ten residents volunteered on our first day and 30 bags of litter from Foxhill streets and parks were collected
- Paid for 300 hours of community payback time to clear waste and clean up communal parks and gardens; thanks to your very positive feedback, we've asked the team to return and we'd love to hear from you about what they should tackle next
- Worked with B&NES to introduce food waste recycling to the flats
- Listened to residents' concerns about bin stores and problems with waste; as a result, we'll be providing new bin stores for the flats, starting with Foxhill House this autumn and Selworthy House in the Spring



- Ordered raised planter beds - let us know if you'd like to adopt one for free

In addition, the Foxhill Point community building has been refurbished and is now available to hire from our - call 01225 366000 to make a booking. It has capacity for 20 people and is equipped with a small kitchen & free WiFi.

➔ For more information about 'Quick Improvements' and to let us know what other changes you would like to see in Foxhill, contact James Lewis on [james.lewis@curo-group.co.uk](mailto:james.lewis@curo-group.co.uk) 0300 123 2460.

## Explore your neighbourhood through photography

Join the Foxhill Happy Snappers group to develop your photography skills, explore your neighbourhood and learn more about your local community - through a camera lens. The Foxhill Happy Snappers meet every Thursday from 11am until 1pm at St Andrew's Community Church for creative sessions that support health and wellbeing.

➔ To book onto the next sessions contact Bath College Adult Community Learning on 01225 328 822 or email [rachel.biggs@bathcollege.ac.uk](mailto:rachel.biggs@bathcollege.ac.uk).

## Mowlberry Beak returns to nest at The Hub

Thousands of people explored Bath this summer, following Minerva's Owls Trail. The owls were auctioned on 17 October and we're delighted to have successfully bid for Mowlberry Beak, which will nest at The Hub for everyone to enjoy.



## Contact Us

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