

## Knighton Neighbourhood Forum

Update for Knighton Ward Community meeting 27<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

We have been busy since the last Ward Community Meeting.

The Steering Group has met several times.

The forum has held two open meetings.

The first with Andy Salkeld talking about cycling for all was held on 21<sup>st</sup> September.

In the second open meeting yesterday (26<sup>th</sup> November) Nick Knight and David Oldershaw of Stoneygate Conservation Area Society spoke about conservation issues and successes in Stoneygate and Knighton. Sixteen new members joined the Forum and our meeting launched the Heritage and Conservation Working Group. The first meeting date for this working group will be confirmed shortly.

A further public meeting will be held in the New Year, probably on the subject of flood risk and flooding in Knighton.

Transport Survey - As of Monday last we had 113 responses to this survey. If there are any Knighton residents present here, who haven't yet completed the survey, there's a link from the forum's website [www.knightonforum.org.uk](http://www.knightonforum.org.uk) and it only takes five minutes to do. The survey will close on 7<sup>th</sup> December to allow time for the results to be presented at the next meeting of the Transport Working Group on the 8<sup>th</sup> January, 7.30pm at College Court.

Members of the Steering Group met with officers of the City Council to discuss the draft Open Spaces, Sports and Leisure policy document. This was a useful meeting which provided first indications of where there might be overlap with the emerging local plan, produced some suggestions for other changes and resulted in an offer of help with some of the evidence we might require.

The Housing and Planning Working Group has held a further meeting, which resulted in some minor amendments to the draft policies already drawn up with the assistance of Planning Consultant, Paul Tebbitt. These will now be tabled for discussion with council officials at a meeting in the New Year.

Hamish Whiteley has provided a report on the progress on installing bike racks in the area - four are about to be installed. Credit must go to Hamish.

We have submitted a bid for Ward Community funding to lease high performance, portable air quality monitoring equipment. If we are successful, the equipment will be used to provide evidence needed for the Knighton Neighbourhood Plan as well as to inform members of the public about the air quality in Knighton.

We received an email on our website (from David Houlton) that might be of interest to this meeting: 'The Council's scheme on Ashclose Avenue is a very welcome development and has greatly alleviated the anti-social school parking on the grass verges.

However there's still a problem with parents parking across residents' driveways and on corners, especially when they're running late dropping off and picking up their children. An occasional traffic warden presence would be appreciated.'