



Upcoming Events



Sofa Chats with Clifton BID

Wednesday 5 February | 10:00–12:00 | Clifton Club

Dates (First Thursday of each month, 10:00–12:00):

5 Feb, 5 Mar, 2 Apr, 7 May, 4 Jun, 2 Jul, 6 Aug, 3 Sep, 1 Oct, 5 Nov, 3 Dec

These informal drop-in sessions are open to residents, businesses, and partners, providing a relaxed space to connect, ask questions, and exchange ideas.

No booking required – open to all businesses.

Our regular Sofa Chats remain a very popular event. The Clifton Club continues to be a valued and welcoming partner, and representatives from Bristol City Council will be present to offer advice and support on business-related enquiries.

One-to-one meetings with Bristol City Council can be arranged via the BID Manager:

Bidmanager@bidcliftonvillage.co.uk

FREE Defibrillator Training

Tuesday 18 February | 10:00–11:30 | Primrose Café

Booking required

The session is led by Simon from *Defibs for Bristol*. Simon not only delivers the training but is also the nominated person responsible for maintaining the defibrillators across Clifton Village. <https://www.defibs4bristol.com/>

Booking via Bidmanager@bidcliftonvillage.co.uk

Wednesday 19 February | 6:00–8:00pm @ Pavey House Waterloo Street **‘Talk to Us’ – FREE PCSO Session**

An opportunity to speak directly with the Clifton Village PCSO in an informal setting.

27th February Pizza & Popcorn Party

A family-friendly event designed to benefit Clifton Village businesses. While children enjoy a supervised Pizza & Popcorn evening, parents are encouraged to spend time in the village — booking a table, shopping locally, or using professional services. The event supports increased footfall, longer dwell time, and a stronger evening economy for Clifton Village.

<https://www.dramawithhannah-rose.com/workshop-booking/p/pizza-and-popcorn-feb>

March – April

Easter Bunny Trail



30 March – 12 April

A family-friendly trail running throughout the school holidays. This trail has been running for the last 5 years, and its most popular event, bringing much need it for fall across the village from The Lansdown Pub location to the Redgrave Theatre. This trail is FREE for the public and for the businesses to be part of it. Just need to book your bunny early as possible.

Booking via: Bidmanager@bidcliftonvillage.co.uk

March 19th Advice, Support & Information Fair

Clifton Bid in Partnership with Bristol University is excited to announce an Apprenticeship Open Day on Thursday, March 19, 2026, from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM at Pavey House, Clifton, Bristol. This event – hosted in partnership with Bristol City Council – welcomes business owners, employers, students, and jobseekers to discover the opportunities and benefits that apprenticeships bring to our local community.

Event Details:

- **Date:** Thursday, 19 March 2026
- **Time:** 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM
- **Location:** Pavey House (Waterloo Street), Clifton, Bristol, BS8 4BT

Whether you're an employer looking to strengthen your team or a student exploring career options, this Open Day will offer valuable insights into how apprenticeships can develop talent, boost businesses, and kick-start careers in Bristol.

Benefits for Business Owners

If you own or manage a business, come learn how apprenticeships can help your organization grow and thrive. Hiring an apprentice is easier and more rewarding than you might think:

- **Develop skilled staff:** Train apprentices with the exact skills your business needs and build a qualified workforce from the ground up. Many companies struggle to find specific talents – apprenticeships let you bridge that skills gap by developing employees in-house. The result is often a loyal, motivated team; in fact, 86% of employers say apprenticeships helped them develop skills relevant to their organization.
- **Cost-effective recruitment:** Apprenticeships are a **budget-friendly way to grow your team**. If you're a smaller employer, government funding can cover *95% to 100%* of your apprentice's training costs, and apprentices earn a training wage – meaning lower hiring costs. A national study found 88% of employers feel apprenticeships are a cost-effective way to train staff. You'll not only save on recruitment expenses but also gain employees who often increase productivity and service quality over time.
- **Access government support:** Learn about the **funding, grants and incentives** available when you take on an apprentice. The Open Day will demystify the process of hiring apprentices – from understanding apprenticeship **levy funding and government co-investment** to choosing the right training program. Government initiatives are in place to help businesses like yours succeed with apprentices, so don't miss this chance to find out how to take full advantage.
- **Guidance from Bristol Uni:** At the event, **Bristol Uni apprenticeship team** will be on hand to support you. The Employment Support Team regularly links employers with talented local residents, helping businesses fill vacancies and address skills shortages through events like this. You can talk with advisors about how to set up an apprenticeship, the paperwork and apprenticeship schemes, and how the Council can assist you every step of the way. From local apprenticeship programs to connecting with training providers, support is available to make hiring an apprentice straightforward and successful.

Opportunities for Students & Jobseekers

Are you a student, recent graduate, or someone seeking a new career path? Apprenticeships could be your pathway to a rewarding future, and this Open Day is the perfect place to explore your options:

- **Explore and learn:** Discover a wide range of apprenticeship opportunities across various industries – from engineering, technology and construction to healthcare, creative arts, business and more. Apprenticeships combine practical on-the-job training with study, so you gain real work experience while working towards recognized qualifications. It's a chance to earn while you learn, giving you both a wage and valuable skills as you progress in your chosen field.

Speak with advisors: Dedicated career advisors and apprenticeship coordinators will be available to chat with you one-on-one. If you have questions about what apprenticeships involve, how to apply, or which apprenticeship might suit your interests and strengths, our team is here to help. Get advice on everything from entry requirements to **CV tips and interview prep**, and find out about current apprenticeship vacancies in Bristol. We want you to leave feeling informed and inspired about the next steps in your career

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Monday 21 April | 9:00am | Primrose Café

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Summer & Beyond

Summer Screening 2nd -5th July

One of our core events in the diary.

[Bristol Film Festival's Summer Season returns to Clifton Village - The Bristol Magazine Online](#)

With over 40 events taking place across the four days, and partnerships with The Ivy Clifton Brasserie, The Mall Deli, Clifton BID and Lyme Bay Winery, its set to be an unforgettable celebration of classic film, and Bristol's film culture.

Clifton Village Day

12 September 2026

Our flagship annual community event celebrates the very heart of Clifton Village. The day brings the village to life with activities across multiple locations, from face painting and live music to the much-loved Gromit and Crinolines tours, traditionally finishing at the Lansdown Pub.