



## Street closure is a 'great success' as local children play outside

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Children from the area took to the street to play games, draw with chalk, skip and ride bikes. The closure was organised by Knightstone residents in the area who want their children to have more freedom to play [outside](#).

Jane Edmonds, from Knightstone said: "We're delighted to support this initiative. Residents in Fulford Road are unhappy with speeding traffic, which can make it more dangerous for children to play outside.

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"With our support, they led this road closure which has given [local](#) children the freedom to take to the streets and play."

Alice Ferguson of Playing Out, a national organisation activating street play, said that more than 50 [streets](#) in Bristol – as well as many across the UK - are now closing regularly to traffic and opening up for children to play outside.

Alice said: "The playing out session in Hartcliffe has helped to raise awareness of the benefits of children playing freely and safely in the streets and spaces close to home.

"This was a resident led initiative which has helped to remind people that public spaces belong to children as well as to adults and cars.

"Parents have seen it happen and can now picture it in their street. We hope residents of Fulford Road share how it works to friends, family and neighbours."

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