Draft 1 – Press release for the Wikipedia article on Bristol appearing on the front page 7th March 2016

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The article is the top priority for [WikiProject Bristol](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:WikiProject_Bristol), a collection of around 50 people who collaborate online and face to face to edit around 1,500 articles related to the city. As the encyclopaedia anyone can edit, WikiProject Bristol welcomes contributions to create and improve articles, and add photographs of local sights, across local relevant information on geography and history to sport, music and biography. Anyone interested in helping to improve Wikipedia’s coverage of the city is invited to get involved.

The push to get the article to featured status was led by Rod Ward, a senior lecturer at the University of the West of England, who edits Wikipedia articles about Bristol and Somerset in his spare time.

**Notes for editors**

The Wikipedia article about Bristol appears at: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bristol>

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