



CARA Bulletin

23 February 2020

CARA issues

- **Committee membership – Volunteer opportunity.** We wish to highlight that, with expected committee member retirements at the Annual General Meeting in May (further details to be provided in due course), we shall have vacancies on the CARA committee and are, therefore, looking to add new volunteers to the committee.

Would you be interested in joining the committee? If so, please contact Richard on mailbox@rbrown.co.uk for a confidential, no-commitment chat about the committee, its role and the volunteer opportunity.

- **CARA Walking Group – canal walk to Bradford-on-Avon.** Friday 13 March. Meet at 10.00 a.m., behind the Holburne museum. The walk is 10 miles long and will take approx. 4.5 hours including a 30-minute coffee stop at The George at Bathampton. We will finish at the Canal Tavern, Bradford on Avon for a good quality pub lunch; however, do bring your own water and snacks as the lunch is at the end of the walk.

Return to Bath by bus or by train. The train leaves Bradford-on-Avon at 16.03 and every half hour thereafter. The Station is approximately a 5-minutes walk from Station to Pub if you just want to join the walkers for lunch only. Unfortunately, no train stops at Avoncliff around 2.00 pm, if walkers wanted a shorter walk - so it is the full 10 miles or just join us for lunch only!

We need members to confirm attendance by Tuesday 10th March, please, for lunch booking.

Please notify Rosie Tunstall at 10 Circus if you plan to join our walk.

- **CARA Litter Pick.** On Saturday 21 March, CARA is planning a litter-pick around the CARA streets of Upper Town, Bath. This coincides with the 'Great British Spring Clean'. We meet on The Circus Green at 9.30 a.m. for about 60 minutes, or so. Our previous litter picks have been a great success. Would you be interested? All equipment including day-glo tabards, sacks, gloves etc. will be provided. E-mail: Stephanie at email@rbrown.co.uk. See you there!

Local issues

- **Traffic management – coach ban.** We are pleased to announce that the restriction on bus and coach vehicles in The Circus area, introduced as a trial in May 2019, has been made permanent. As per the trial, access is limited to ‘authorised buses’ only; that is largely the red hop-on, hop-off buses and those coaches accessing the Assembly Rooms for events/tours.

Since the ban came into operation last May, we have seen coach volumes reduce by at least 90% and improving all the time. We continue to liaise with the Council and Police on enforcement regarding the few coaches that still enter in breach of the new regulations.

- **Consultation – Regional Bus Strategy& Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan.** The West of England Combined Authority (WECA) is running consultations on a Regional Bus Strategy and a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) between 3rd February and 15th March 2020.

Regional Bus Strategy. WECA, together with Bristol City Council, B&NES, North Somerset Council and South Gloucestershire Council, is also simultaneously consulting on its Bus Strategy outlining how the West of England authorities intend to double bus patronage by 2036.

LCWIP. The Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan outlines £400m of infrastructure projects that could dramatically improve cycling and walking across the region and help to make active travel the preferred choice for shorter trips. This LCWIP is one of the first steps for WECA to identify and secure future funding to make these projects a reality. Your, and CARA’s, support and comments on the proposed interventions is key to ensuring we that the best possible schemes are delivered.

Have your say

For further details and to provide your comments, please visit:

<https://travelwest.info/transportconsultations>

Please note: The consultation closes on **March 15 2020**.

- **Queen Square road closure.** Please see attached document from B&NES regarding the temporary road closure in Queen Square.

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