



CARA Bulletin

11 March 2020

CARA issues

- **Christmas Carols in The Circus.** CARA presented two cheques to the Salvation Army representing the £1225 raised by our 2019 'Christmas Carols on the Circus' and £300 raised by Circus Restaurant from their sales of mulled wine at the event.

As many people will know, we had to make a last-minute switch of venue from the Circus green to the Assembly Rooms piazza due to the waterlogged grass. We expect to return to the Circus this year. We would like to thank our lighting contractor, Enlightened, who supplied our colourful ambient lighting at cost. Given that numbers at this free annual event are increasing year on year, we expect to introduce better and improved amplification for 2020.



Both the Salvation Army and CARA are very grateful to Circus Restaurant, who have partnered with us at our event for several years now and, of course, to the c.900 people who came and sang carols to the music provided by our local Salvation Army band...and all our cash collectors who worked so hard to coax donations from so many people, without whom we could not support the Salvation Army in this way. Thank you.

The photo shows Barry Gilbertson, Chairman, and Rosemary Tunstall, CARA Carols organizer, presenting the cheques to Alison Whittaker, Bath Salvation Army Community Centre Manager.

Other local issues

- **The Urban Garden - new local garden centre.** The Urban Garden, a Community Interest Group, will open a new garden centre on March 28th. Please see 'flyer' overleaf for details.



Hello. We are your new neighbours and we would like to introduce ourselves.

We are The Urban Garden and we are opening our new site at the bottom of Marlborough Buildings at the crossing with Royal Avenue.

Despite being the smallest garden centre in Bath, we are full of big ideas, especially for those growing in small urban spaces; gardens, terraces, courtyards, window boxes, pots and indoor containers.

We are a not-for-profit, Community Interest Company, where the sales from the garden centre provide the funds to deliver therapeutic horticultural activities for a variety of recipients with differing needs.

We would love to meet our new neighbours and would like to invite you to come and have a look around the site and have a chat with our team about your garden needs. We are offering a 12 month, 10% discount to Resident Association Members who join The Urban Garden as members.

The site will formally open at 11am on 28th March. We look forward to meeting you very soon.

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