



# CARA Bulletin

5 April 2020

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## Local issues:

**CORONAVIRUS: COVID-19:** This Bulletin provides all CARA members with an update on our volunteer support and gives details of our new Twitter account, local shopping and Bath-wide food delivery.

**Please keep an eye on our website** <https://carabath.com/community-coronavirus-response> for updates and relevant news.

**Twitter:** our new twitter feed is [@CARABATH1](https://twitter.com/CARABATH1) please follow us and retweet to your followers. We will use this feed to add interesting relevant local information for volunteers and others.

- **CARA Volunteer network.** 'The Week' magazine offered, in its current edition, tips on "**How to be a good neighbor**" including:
  - Assisting people with online shopping,
  - Scheduling regular phone calls with people at risk of being lonely,
  - Buying food on behalf of other people when shopping to minimise everyone's trips,
  - Collecting prescriptions, and
  - Providing some help with childcare (subject to DBS checks, of course).

CARA's network of over 50 volunteers is able to help with these tips and other areas.

So, if you need help, or might need help, or are feeling lonely or isolated, then please contact our Chair, Barry on [barry@barrygilbertson.com](mailto:barry@barrygilbertson.com) (0771 007 3456) or our Secretary, Bernard on [bph@bernardhorn.com](mailto:bph@bernardhorn.com) (07831 493070) as they are co-ordinating CARA's efforts at this difficult time.

- **Links to Bath-related information.**

- Bath & North East Somerset Council - <https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/coronavirus>
- Royal United Hospital - <https://www.ruh.nhs.uk>
- Wera Hothouse, Bath MP - <https://www.werahobhouse.co.uk/coronavirus>
- 3SG: a local 3<sup>rd</sup> sector group, set up by volunteers across B&NES. For further details, particularly on their response to COVID-19, please visit: <https://www.3sg.org.uk/>. Please note the web page detailing the list of local food suppliers, including our local ‘Circus Restaurant & The Bath Veg Box Project’.
- Our neighbours in St James’s Square have created a community website that includes details of local businesses in operation. For details, please visit: <https://www.thesquarecommunity.com/>

- **Policing in Bath.**

- **Enquiry Office, Manvers Street.** Officers and staff continue to work around the clock in our communities and want to ensure that, should there be staffing constraints due to illness, they can continue to provide us with the service we expect. For this reason, the police have taken the difficult decision to close temporarily the Bath Enquiry Office in Manvers Street, leaving open only four offices (in Bristol, Taunton and Bridgewater). The first port of call, now, for any non-urgent enquiries is the Avon & Somerset Police website at: <https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/report/>
- **Social Distancing.** New legislation gives Police the power to fine anyone who chooses willfully to ignore the measures on social distancing. However, the Police want to stress that fining will be done only as a last resort. Officers and PCSOs have been given instructions to use their communication skills to ‘police by consent’ before considering enforcement. Neighbourhood teams will be patrolling as normal. They have been tasked to keep an eye out for any gatherings before engaging with them at a safe distance, explaining the need to abide by the measures, encouraging people to stay at home and save lives <https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/report/breach-of-covid-19-restrictions/>

- **Business support.**

- Bath & North East Somerset Council has launched an online form to help businesses access urgent financial help from the Government during the Coronavirus pandemic. For further details, please visit: <https://newsroom.bathnes.gov.uk/news/new-online-form-help-businesses-get-rapid-financial-support>

**STAY SAFE...and remember to call us or e-mail us if you need support of any kind.**

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