



# CARA Bulletin

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## Local issues:

**CORONAVIRUS:** During the crisis, CARA is communicating more regularly with its members to ensure that everyone is aware of current guidance, volunteer support and other initiatives. We hope that you are finding these Bulletins interesting & informative. Please also keep an eye on our website <https://carabath.com/community-coronavirus-response>.

- **Easy English.** If you know someone who needs coronavirus advice and guidance set out in Easy English please find helpful guidance from Public Health England [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/874281/COVID-19\\_easy\\_read.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/874281/COVID-19_easy_read.pdf)
- **Compassionate Community Hub :** a partnership between the Council, Virgin Care, the CCG, 3SG and others including Bath Mind and Citizens Advice BANES. In the past week Hub, took its 4,000th call – a huge thank you to everyone involved helping our most vulnerable. If you feel anxious or isolated, are concerned about getting food or medication, need emergency housing or benefits support, or just want advice on keeping well, the hub is there to help. You can call the compassionate community hub on 0300 247 0050: open 7 days a week from 9am to 5pm. <https://bathnes.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d4b66021dfe971c98d4145331&id=fc20bada10&e=b696761418>
- **House Health Check.** With so many of CARA's members living in old, often Georgian, houses we thought that the Listed Property Owners Club Step-by-Step guide might be helpful, especially if you have time on your hands during the Lockdown.

Suggested steps: check the roof; check the chimney stacks; check the gutters & downpipes; check the drains; check the walls; check the windows & doors; and make an action plan.

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**Important: Health & Safety note.** Most of the checks can be made without specialist access or safety equipment. Only use ladders if you feel confident to do so, always ask someone to foot the base of the ladder and don't overreach. If you are concerned about any serious defects consult a competent conservation builder, a conservation engineer or a conservation surveyor.

**Making Changes.** A publication by Bath Preservation Trust with guidance on how to make changes to listed buildings. Endorsed by Historic England, and supported by B&NES' Historic Environment team, the Bath-specific publication aims to assist householders who are thinking about changing or adapting their listed building, with guidance on best practice and how to go about getting the relevant permissions. There is also a 'jargon-busting' glossary to assist in the understanding the planning system. If you would like a free copy, please visit: <http://www.bath-preservation-trust.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Making-changes-for-web.pdf>

- **Broad Street.** You may have seen a Park & Ride bus in or around The Circus area this past Wednesday, early in the morning. As mentioned in our Bulletin last week, this is not a change to the (now permanent) ban on coaches within our catchment area. The Council was conducting a trial to see whether Broad Street is wide enough for P&R buses to pass each other if the road becomes two-way. Why would they want to make Broad Street two-way? It is because the Council is keen to close Milsom Street to traffic as soon as practicable, and to enable the P&R buses to set down and to pick up closer to the shops than if the destination is Queen Square. It will also facilitate the Council's overall plans to reduce traffic in Queen Square. We are told that the trial went well, although some small adjustments to pavement width may be necessary.
- **Yellow box at George Street.** CARA has also asked (for the third time) that the Council should repaint the worn-out yellow boxes at the George Street junctions with Broad Street and with Gay Street. At the moment, it seems that many drivers ignore the yellow boxes, causing traffic jams or blockages and thereby increasing the pollution in the immediate area.
- **Support to get back to work.**
  - **Future Bright.** B&NES has reported that Future Bright offers free career coaching, training and support. If your income has been affected by coronavirus, or you have been made redundant, the service can offer three months of tailored careers support using telephone and online tools. More information is at [www.futurebright.org.uk](http://www.futurebright.org.uk)
  - **Hardship relief scheme.** Council tax hardship relief scheme launched during Covid-19. B&NES has launched a council tax hardship relief scheme to reduce council tax liability to lessen people's financial burden at a time when they may already be on a reduced income due to stay-at-home measures. The scheme is funded by the Government's £500m Hardship fund for local Authorities and details can be found here <https://bathnes.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d4b66021dfe971c98d4145331&id=cc14d43edd&e=b696761418>

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

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