



# 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. Do let us know – contact details below. Keep an eye on our website <https://carabath.com/community-coronavirus-response>.

- **Government guidance – updated.** The government has revised guidance on how to stay safe outside your home. These measures took effect on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May.

For further details, please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do>

Face Masks: Sky News reported: <http://news.sky.com/story/coronavirus-britons-now-told-to-wear-face-masks-on-public-transport-heres-how-to-make-one-11986567>

- **CARA Annual General Meeting (AGM) – deferred until 9<sup>th</sup> July.** As previously notified, in March the CARA Committee took the decision to defer this year's AGM to Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July (from the originally planned 7<sup>th</sup> May).

The decision reflected Government advice on social contact and the Committee's goal remains to hold a meeting that was safe for all to attend. At this stage, our preference is to hold a 'physical' meeting to which our members can attend and contribute, rather than to hold a 'virtual' meeting which might prevent some members from participating. However, as mentioned, the meeting will have to be within Government guidance and the goal of meeting safely. We shall provide further details of the AGM in due course.

In the meantime, the Committee continues in its current form. However, as indicated in recent Bulletins, we have vacancies on the CARA Committee for next year, and are looking to add new enthusiastic volunteers who are Full Members (not Associate Members) to the Committee.

In addition to the opportunity to join the Committee – just six meetings a year - can we remind members that, at each AGM, there is the opportunity for any Full Member (not Associate Member) to be elected to the Committee in an ‘Officer’ capacity, as Chairman or Vice-Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer or Social Secretary. Would you be interested ?

If so, please contact our current Vice-Chair, Richard on [mailbox@rbrown.co.uk](mailto:mailbox@rbrown.co.uk) for a confidential, no-commitment chat about the Committee, its role and the volunteer opportunity.

- **Graffiti.** Locally there have been an increased number of graffiti incidents lately. The best way to report graffiti, and to request its removal (with a precise location and a photo if possible) is via <https://www.fixmystreet.com/reports/Bath+and+North+East+Somerset?zoom=11>

The report will go straight to the team who have to deal with it. However, the even better thing is that your request contributes to management reports that influence Council decision-making. It is a bit like reporting things to the police, so that they have a more accurate measure of crime.

- **Garden Waste collection.** The Council has restarted fortnightly garden waste collections. To find your garden waste collection day and details of how to pay for the collection, please see <https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/garden-waste>
- **Bath in lockdown.** If you have not yet seen this video, put together by local film-maker, Jack Fisher, then just take five minutes of your day to watch...your spirits should be lifted by the sights, the people and the music. <https://vimeo.com/415141939> Thanks, Jack !
- **Yellow boxes repainted.** CARA’s (thrice repeated) request to have repainted the worn out, and almost invisible, yellow boxes on George Street at its junctions with Broad Street and Gay Street has been heard and actioned by the Council in the past week.

Once traffic builds up, as it is bound to do along George Street as the lockdown loosens, we expect to see that traffic flow greatly improved by drivers respecting the (now very visible) yellow boxes (or face enforcement fines), which will consequently reduce traffic jams and reduce pollution levels at these busy junctions.

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

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