



CARA Bulletin

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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>.

- **The Hope Guide** has lots of information about local groups and services who have adapted to continue their fantastic work in the community during the pandemic. If you know of someone who would benefit from this support, whether **socially isolated, affected by mental health issues, substance misuse or homelessness** why not download them a copy of the guide, here <https://www.bridges2wellbeing.co.uk/hope-guide>
- **Parking – more ‘permit-only’ spaces sought.** Parking is a key priority area for CARA to benefit both our members and other local residents. CARA has had some good success to date; we have secured an increase in the number of dedicated ‘permit-only’ spaces in our residential area to 50 spaces. For example, all of The Circus is now ‘permit-only’. However, we are not stopping there. We are working on a plan to materially increase the number of ‘permit-only’ spaces across our residential area and hope to disclose more shortly. This increase will come at the expense of ‘pay-and-display’ spaces which serve only to attract non-residents to use our neighbourhood for parking and increase competition for residents trying to find spaces.
- **Pop up contactless garden centre opens.** Plants originally grown for the launch of the Urban Garden social enterprise to help disadvantaged adults will go on sale this weekend at a pop-up garden centre in Royal Victoria Park. Urban Garden had been due to open at the end of March just after Coronavirus hit but to ensure the plants grown do not go to waste, B&NES Council’s parks team is opening a card-only garden centre on weekends. Plants will be reasonably priced and will be on sale from 10.00 – 4.00 pm on Saturdays and Sundays whilst stocks last. A one-way system and clear signage will be in place.

More information about the Urban Garden, now planned for opening in 2021, can be found at www.theurbangarden.org.uk.

- **Domestic waste and rubbish.** There have been some incidents of domestic rubbish being put into business waste bins lately, and our friends at Bath BID (Business Improvement District) have sent this little reminder. *“Please note that **putting your own household rubbish into a business bin** (such as the ones in George Street) is a criminal offence under Section 33 of the Environmental Protection Act (‘EPA’). It is considered the same as fly-tipping. Businesses have to pay for your waste to be removed from their bins so it costs them more. We all want to see our favourite restaurants and cafes successfully re-opening soon. Please support them by not fly-tipping in their bins.”*
- **Recycling centre.** Bath’s recycling centre remains closed as it is not possible to adhere to social distancing. This is under constant review by B&NES and we will advise when we hear more. The Keynsham recycling centre will reopen from Wednesday 27 May; however, there will be restrictions on when you can use the site. For further details, please visit: <https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/keynsham-recycling-centre>
- **Which? Alert: COVID-19 council tax scam email.** A fake GOV.UK email is circulating claims that residents have qualified for a council tax reduction due to the pandemic. With a promise of a refund, it attempts to trick you into handing over your personal and bank details. Sign up to receive Which? scam alerts here https://www.which.co.uk/news/2020/05/which-warns-of-dodgy-discount-tech-website-that-doesnt-deliver/?utm_source=whichcouk
- **B&NES reallocation of road space and other measures to support walking and cycling.** As towns and cities across the UK re-open, temporary measures to widen pavements, remove traffic from roads and improve cycling, will be introduced in parts of Bath using Emergency Traffic Regulation Orders (ETROs).

It is really important to get resident support for the Council’s plans to widen pavements and other social-distancing protective measures. Please do respond and copy us into your views <https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/streets-and-highway-maintenance/highway-improvements-traffic-management/traffic-schemes-2>

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

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