



# CARA Bulletin

29 July 2020

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## Chairman's report

Dear Members,

As you will be aware this year's CARA Annual General Meeting was held in a 'virtual' (Zoom) format in order to be able to conform to the prevailing social distancing recommendations. We certainly regret that it was just not possible for us all to meet together at a normal venue but sincerely hope that our 2021 AGM will be able to be held in a much more normal environment. In the meantime, as mentioned during our recent AGM, we very much hope that we also may be able, subject to prevailing conditions, to hold a more informal 'get together' perhaps in September or early October...once again, however, we will have to be governed by the advice nearer that time.

Therefore, as your new Chair and in order to keep you all fully informed, please find attached the minutes of that recent AGM held on Thursday, 9th July 2020. Please do not hesitate to contact me, should you have any queries or comments in respect of the attached minutes (E-mail: [malcolm.baldwin1@virgin.net](mailto:malcolm.baldwin1@virgin.net) or Tel: 07584 197157).

An important aspect of our recent AGM was the normal annual election of Committee members and with Barry, Bernard Horn and Anne Love standing down, each after valuable service to CARA, a number of changes to our Committee have naturally occurred. The new CARA Committee and its current officers are listed below with their appropriate contact details to be found on our CARA website:

- Malcolm Baldwin                      Chairman
- Richard Brown                        Vice Chairman
- Mike Richardson                      Treasurer
- Rosie Tunstall                         Social Secretary
- George Feiger
- Sally Rothwell
- Stephen Taylor
- Ron Temperton

Our activities as your Committee and as a residents association during the forthcoming months, against the background of the current coronavirus situation, are likely to be somewhat challenging but we assure you that we will continue to fully represent your interests throughout the coming year.

However, even against this current background there are also exciting opportunities to still further enhance our overall local environment and 'street-scape'. These range from the current national discussion relating to Low Traffic Neighbourhoods to the monitoring of our Council's effectiveness in its forthcoming introduction of a Clean Air Zone (CAZ) within key areas of the city and of course our streets still need to be tidier and cleaner! The increase in residents-only parking facilities throughout our CARA catchment area will also continue to be an important priority for us. Lots to do!

In the meantime, please be assured that your newly elected Committee will continue to work on an ongoing basis to build constructively and imaginatively on the substantial work undertaken by your most recent and previous committees.

With very best wishes,  
Malcolm

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## Other local issues

- **Bath Recycling centre – now open.** Bath's recycling centre is now open. However, there are restrictions on when and how you can use the site. You must book an appointment online before you visit, otherwise you will be turned away. For further details, including on how to book an appointment, please visit: <https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/bath-recycling-centre>
- **Bath Christmas market – cancelled.** Following advice from Public Health on the Covid virus, Visit Bath has advised that the Bath Christmas Market will not take place this year. However, there are plans to create a Christmas event to support the local economy. Further details on this will be released in due course. In the meantime, please visit: <https://newsroom.bathnes.gov.uk/news/bath-christmas-market-2020>.
- **Liveable neighbourhoods.** Bath and North East Somerset Council has announced ambitious proposals to tackle the Climate Emergency and improve people's health by reducing vehicle use, promoting active travel and creating liveable communities across Bath and North East Somerset. The council has developed three complimentary strategies for low traffic neighbourhoods, residents' parking schemes and electric vehicle charging. These strategies are due to go to public consultation later this summer. We will keep members informed so that everyone can have their say.

CARA Committee 2020/21		Our email addresses are on our website <a href="http://www.carabath.com">www.carabath.com</a>	
Malcolm Baldwin	Chairman/FoBRA	Sally Rothwell	Licensing/Public Realm
Richard Brown	Vice Chairman/Traffic	Stephen Taylor	Planning
George Feiger	Traffic	Ron Temperton	City Centre Action Group
Mike Richardson	Treasurer	Rosie Tunstall	Social Secretary