



# CARA Bulletin

10 September 2018

## Local issues

- **HMO licensing.** B&NES Council has advised that, from 1<sup>st</sup> October, all houses in multiple occupation (HMOs), with five or more occupants in two or more households, must be licenced. The new licensing requirement has been introduced nationwide. Landlords or agents responsible for HMOs that fall under the new definition will be committing a criminal offence if they fail to apply for a licence or a temporary exemption by the deadline.

B&NES's Cabinet has also agreed this week a proposal to extend the scope of licensing to cover HMOs which house three or four people in two or more separate households in Bath City. Further details on the additional licensing scheme will be released in the coming months.

Failing to have an HMO licence is a criminal offence and is liable on summary conviction to an unlimited fine or a civil penalty of up to £30,000 per offence.

For further details, please visit: <http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/latestnews/mandatory-licensing-hmos-extended>.

- **Dorothy House Bath Moonlight Walk.** We have been advised that the 12<sup>th</sup> Bath Moonlight Walk, to raise funds for Dorothy House Hospice Care, will take place on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September. The walk starts from Southgate at 10.00 pm and will pass through the CARA area. The organisers advise us that they shall try to keep noise to a minimum. However, there will inevitably be some disturbance during the night but the organisers hope that this should be over by midnight.

For further details, please visit: <https://www.dorothyhouse.org.uk/events/bath-moonlight-walk/>

- **Jane Austen Costumed Promenade and road closure.** B&NES has given notice that, on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September, between the times of 11:00 am and 12:00 pm, there shall be a rolling road closure in the CARA and wider area to facilitate the holding of the Jane Austen Grand Regency Costumed Promenade. The main roads affected in the CARA area will be Queen's Parade Place, Gay St, The Circus, Bennett St, and Alfred St.

For further details, please visit: <http://www.janeaustenfestivalbath.co.uk/promenade/>

- **Autumn Social:** Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 6.00-8.00pm at David Simon Contemporary Art Gallery, 4 Bartlett Street. A social evening with the opportunity to chat to committee members. Complimentary drinks and snacks. No need to book, but an indication of your likely attendance helps us to cater adequately. Please contact Jackie Hampton on [jackie.hampton56@gmail.com](mailto:jackie.hampton56@gmail.com).

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