



# CARA Bulletin

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## Local issues

- **'BreATHe' – Bath's Clean Air Plan 2021.** Air Pollution has an adverse effect on health, particularly respiratory health. As such, at the CARA AGM in May, CARA members agreed for CARA to focus on Air Pollution as a priority. This coincides with the requirement for B&NES Council to achieve compliance with Nitrogen Dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) limits 'in the shortest possible time' and by 2021 at the latest.

Earlier this year, B&NES consulted on its initial plans for a Clean Air Zone (CAZ) covering a large part of the centre of Bath. Following feedback, B&NES is now in consultation for its final proposals with regard to the CAZ. For full details of the proposals, please visit: <http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/bath-breathes-2021-overview>.

In broad terms, B&NES is proposing:

- A Class D CAZ as the most effective way to achieve NO<sub>2</sub> reduction targets.
- Charging drivers of all higher emission vehicles to drive in the city centre by the end of 2020.
- Lower emission vehicles would not pay the charge.
- The proposed CAZ would include the centre of the city, but air quality would improve across the city.
- Higher emission buses, coaches and HGVs would pay £100 per day to drive in the zone.
- Higher emission cars, taxis and vans would pay £9 per day to drive in the zone. *It is important to note that, as it currently stands, there is no discount on the charges for residents of the CAZ.*
- Exemptions and concessions and additional supporting measures to lessen the impact of the zone, especially on vulnerable groups and businesses.
- The Council must reach a final decision in December 2018.

### Have your say

If you would like to comment on the proposal, either;

- Visit [www.bathnes.gov.uk/breathe](http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/breathe), or
- E-mail Richard Brown of CARA on [mailbox@rbrown.co.uk](mailto:mailbox@rbrown.co.uk). CARA shall be responding to the proposal but would like to know what you think so that we can best represent the views of our members. Please respond by **November 15th**.

Please note: The consultation closes on November 26<sup>th</sup> 2018.

- **City of Bath Post Office – consultation.** The Post Office has announced a proposal to move the City of Bath Post Office to a new location - WHSmith, 6-7 Union Street, Bath - where it will be known as Bath Post Office. If the move goes ahead the branch will be run by WHSmith with extended opening hours including Sundays.

A public consultation has opened and your views on the proposal are welcomed.

### **Have your say**

If you would like to comment on the proposal, please visit <http://www.postofficeviews.co.uk/>.

When entering the website you can use the search function to find the consultation either by branch name (City of Bath), postcode (BA1 1AJ) or the unique branch code 015504.

Please note: The consultation closes on December 19<sup>th</sup> 2018.

## **CARA social events**

- **CARA Christmas lunch.** Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 12.00 noon at Bistrot Pierre. Price: £25 - includes a welcome glass of fizz or soft drink and service charge. Further details from Jackie Hampton, Social Secretary on [jackie.hampton56@gmail.com](mailto:jackie.hampton56@gmail.com).
- **Christmas Carols in The Circus:** Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 7.00 pm on The Circus green. Come along and join in the Carols with The Salvation Army providing the music. No need to book; just turn up. Charity collection.
- **New Year's Eve:** An informal gathering at Hall & Woodhouse from 6.00 pm. Whether you drop in on your way to another venue, or spend the early evening with us, come and join in.

| <b>CARA Committee 2018/19</b> |                       | <b>Our email addresses are on our website <a href="http://www.carabath.com">www.carabath.com</a></b> |                          |
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