



CARA Bulletin

4 March 2019

Local issues

- **New Visitor Parking permits.** CARA has, with neighbouring residents association, secured new visitor parking arrangements for our members and other local residents.

Effective 4th March, residents will, under a 12-month trial, be able to apply for electronic visitor parking permits that they can use for their guests to park in the Lower Lansdown Central Zone. Residents will be eligible for up to 100 hours per annum of visitor parking permits. The cost will be only 10 pence per hour (compared to the existing CARA-only scheme at £5 per day). These arrangements will replace the previous paper-based permits available (note: existing paper Visitor Parking permits will remain valid until the expiry date printed on the permit).

For further details on how to register and how to use the electronic visitor parking permits, please visit: http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/sites/default/files/bathnes_leaflet_residentsvisitors_002.pdf.

Please note that the file is a little unstable; for ease of use, a summary of instructions is shown below:

How to register:

1. To register for your virtual residents and visitors permits you should go to the BathNES portal: <http://wanttopark.com/BathNES>
2. Select the option to register for virtual permits and enter your Council Tax reference number, and enter your postcode to select your property address. Follow the on screen instructions to complete the process.
3. When registration is complete you will be sent a PIN which you can use to login to the portal.

How to buy permits:

1. Select from either the residents or visitors permits from the permit purchase screen. If there is more than one type of permit available to you, select the type of permit you would like to purchase.
2. Complete the purchase form and payment details to complete your purchase.
3. A residents permit will ask for the vehicle registration number to be associated with the permit.
4. When a permit has been purchased it will appear in the manage permits section of the portal, ready for you to use.

How to use permits:

Residents permits. Nothing needs to be displayed in the vehicle, you simply need to ensure your correct vehicle registration number is on the permit and you're covered. You can change the vehicle registration number on the permit via the portal, selecting the manage permits option.

Visitor permits. You can use your visitor permits by SMS, online or by telephone and nothing needs to be displayed in the vehicle.

1. **By SMS** - send a text from your registered mobile number that is linked to your account to **60300** with the word **VISITOR** and the vehicle registration number plus a duration of 4 hours or greater: **Example: VISITOR A123BCD 4hours**

2. **Online** - login to the portal and select the manage permits option and follow the on screen prompts to enter the vehicle registration and select a duration to allocate to the permit.
 3. **By Telephone** - Call 0333 123 8008 and we'll set up the permit for you.
- To extend a visitor permit that is due to expire you can text **EXTEND 1hour** to **60300** or login to the portal and extend the permit in the Manage Virtual Permits section.

- **Concerned about local building works or changes to Listed Buildings?** If you are concerned about something new that has appeared within the street scene (tables/chairs/signage etc) or on a building, or about works to a listed building, your first action should be to check to see whether the issue you are concerned about already has permission.

You can do this by:

1. Checking online via the B&NES planning portal: <https://isharemaps.bathnes.gov.uk/data.aspx?requesttype=parsetemplate&template=DevelopmentControlSearchSimple.tmplt>. The search function works quite well and you can usually search under the address – or part of the address - of the property in question for the planning applications relating to that property.
2. If you cannot find a related planning application (FUL), listed building consent application (LBC) or advertising application (AR) the next step would be to contact Enforcement on planning_enforcement@bathnes.gov.uk. You should give the address of the property, outline your concerns about a possible planning breach and ask for the issue to be investigated by a case officer. If you can supply photos, even better. You will remain anonymous in the investigation process.
3. Calling Enforcement on 01225 394041 (option 6 then option 2). It is worth remembering that some temporary seasonal installations may not require permission, and that generally like-for-like 'repairs' to a listed building may not require consent though 'replacement' would.

For any further advice or help, feel free to contact Sacha or Joanna at the Bath Preservation Trust (conservation@bptrust.org.uk) or 01225 338727.

- **CARA Litter Pick.** On Sunday 7th April, we are planning a litter-pick around the CARA streets of Upper Town, Bath. We have the support of the Council who are providing equipment including day-glo tabards, sacks, gloves etc. We meet on The Circus Green at 10 a.m. for about 90 minutes, or so. Our litter pick last year was a great success with 13 volunteers. Would you be interested? E-mail: barry@barrygilbertson.com. See you there!
- **Local ward elections.** CARA is not a political association – it is just a Residents Association.

However, the Committee, on your behalf, has occasional meetings with local ward Councillors and Council Officers to raise issues and air concerns about our neighbourhood and to pursue CARA's objectives.

Whilst CARA was formerly wholly within Abbey Ward, that ward will no longer exist from the local council elections on 2nd May. Our catchment area will span two different wards: Kingsmead and Lansdown. This means CARA will have direct ward access to 4 councillors, rather than just two previously.

The Committee (as a whole) will shortly be meeting, on an informal basis, with prospective candidates from all local political parties to communicate our priorities and share other concerns.

If you have any particular issues or concerns that you would like us to raise on your behalf, please e-mail: barry@barrygilbertson.com.

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