



# CARA Bulletin

9 March 2018

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## Local issues:

- **Bath Festival.** Following on from a meeting this week between the Bath Festival organisers and your CARA Chairman, we can now announce the local arrangements for this year's Festival from 11<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> May. Last year was the first time that the Festival had been focused on the Assembly Rooms as the lead venue. There were some teething problems affecting local residents, which CARA sorted out. The organisers have taken into account our ongoing concerns and reported back this week. Their intention is to further minimise any impact on residents. There will be:
  - no closure of Alfred Street, other than when marquee lorries unload on 10<sup>th</sup> May and reload on 28<sup>th</sup> May.
  - 2 marquees to be erected: the first in the front courtyard by main entrance (as the Box Office, and at 9 metres by 6 metres will be smaller than last year) and the second in the tea room courtyard, accessed off Alfred Street (as the Green Room for performers).
  - no generators, with power being sourced by electric cabling from the Assembly Rooms.
  - 2 parking spaces closed throughout the Festival period.

A letter from Bath Festival confirming all the details will shortly be circulated to every nearby home. At our request, it will include an emergency contact number for any issues or disturbance. Alternatively, as the letter will say, you can always contact our Chairman, Barry Gilbertson (contact details on website [www.carabath.com](http://www.carabath.com)) who will do his best to help resolve any problems

- **Membership.** Your committee is delighted to announce that, this past week, CARA's membership numbers reached 150, up from just 90 at May 2016. This is a significant increase for which we thank all new and existing members. The more members we have, the more we can do on your behalf, and on behalf of all who live and work around us. Everyone on the Committee has worked hard to improve communications with you, to provide interesting social and business events, and to campaign on significant issues. The shortly-to-be-introduced ban on coaches (but not yet the red tour buses unfortunately) in The Circus area is a great example. We are also working with the Council on local parking issues, on the repairs and maintenance to the grass on The Circus Green and the overdue arboricultural work needed on the Circus trees. We are making slow but steady progress to minimize Party House disturbance, with support of the Leader of the Council, our Councillors and FoBRA. We are actively supporting the Council's efforts to turn empty properties into housing (please see: <http://www.bathresidents.org.uk/cms/uploads/empty-homes-press-release-8-mar-18.pdf>).

Our website and Facebook page are good ways to keep in touch...see links below.

Have you thought about your friends joining CARA? Does everyone in your building belong to CARA? Why not invite them to join by forwarding this e-mail which, as you will see, includes an application form to print, fill-in and return to our Treasurer. They will be assured of a warm welcome.

- **The University of Bath Masterplan.** The University of Bath has announced its intention to produce a new Masterplan for its site on Claverton Down, following on from the current scheme which was created in 2007. Working in collaboration with B&NES Council, stakeholders and the wider community, the Masterplan will establish a comprehensive vision for the enhancement and further development of the University's estate, ensuring its long term sustainability. The Masterplan will consider the provision of teaching and research accommodation, support services, student accommodation, parking, sports facilities and green infrastructure. The new Masterplan will be used to help inform the new Local Plan being prepared by B&NES Council.

Public consultation events will be held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March, 10.00am - 4.00pm in the foyer of the East Building, Claverton Campus, University of Bath and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 12.00pm - 7.00pm at Carpenter House, Broad Quay, Bath. The exhibition materials and a feedback form will be available online at [go.bath.ac.uk/masterplan](http://go.bath.ac.uk/masterplan) from Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March until Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March.

- **Christmas Market 2018.** We understand that Visit Bath (VB), the event organisers of the Christmas Market 2018, does not intend to apply to extend the market from 18 to 25 days as some people feared. VB already has planning consent to hold a market in the centre of the city for 18 days each year until 2020. However, like 2017, the market's footprint will need to be expanded. The reasons are that the major Abbey 'Footprint' project and the adjacent 'Archway' project mean that neither the Abbey Churchyard nor York Street can be used for the market. The loss of this central area of 60 or so market stalls (chalets) is a major concern, so VB is considering installing stalls in (temporarily closed) Milsom Street but not in Queen Square or Royal Avenue. VB will be consulting.
- **Litter pick.** We have had a good response to our first Litter Pick, which is going ahead this Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> March at 10.00am from The Circus Green, for about an hour. Equipment and hi-vis tabard will be provided, just bring a pair of gloves.
- **Walking Group.** We have also had a good response of about ten people keen to try a new CARA walking group. Nothing too strenuous, either side of a pub lunch. We will be writing to those members who have expressed an interest, in the next week or so. Let our Chairman (or any Committee member) know if you are interested.

### CIRCUS AREA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (CARA) Membership form

I wish to join CARA.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please cut out and return the form to Mike Richardson, CARA Treasurer, 10 Crescent Lane, Bath, BA1 2PU**