



# CARA Bulletin

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I know that many of our members live in Georgian homes which are Listed Buildings and are proud to do so. If you are not sure, please email me at [barry@barrygilbertson.com](mailto:barry@barrygilbertson.com) for a quick check and a short article on listed buildings. However, you might not know the importance of **Conservation Areas** (and, yes, that is a technical term!). The Bath Preservation Trust are working with our Council to define a so-called 'character assessment' of our Conservation Area, and your views are important.

In the helpful explanatory article, below, by Richard Wyatt of the Bath Newseum, there is some history, some facts and some links to find out more, and how to say what you think is important.

Whilst sending out this short bulletin, we thought that we should include a link to our **Council's current consultation on coach parking**. Many members living on or near Gay Street, The Circus and Bennett Street may reasonably define coaches as the bane of their lives. We know (because we have counted them) that at least 166 different companies have had their coaches driving round The Circus this summer. Here is a link to the consultation: <http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/parking-and-travel/balancing-your-needs-parking-strategy-bnes/coach-parking-bath>. Comments must be submitted by 23<sup>rd</sup> October, so time is short. CARA has drafted a comprehensive response and a copy can be obtained from [richard@rbrown.co.uk](mailto:richard@rbrown.co.uk)

For all other matters CARA, please see our new website [www.carabath.com](http://www.carabath.com). Thanks.

**Barry Gilbertson, Chairman, CARA 2016-18**

**Stop Press:** if you have been concerned about the plethora of cars and other vehicles parking on Bath's historic **Gravel Walk** since the lockable bollard broke (and was not repaired by the Council about 18 months ago), CARA has been working closely with the Council to sort out the problem. Differing reasons for delay, part practical, part legal and part statutory, have been resolved and a short term solution has at last been found. All vehicles will need to have been removed by Friday 20th October, or they will be locked in. The bollard will be locked again from 23<sup>rd</sup> October, with new access arrangements in place. If you would like to be involved in sorting out a permanent solution and for more details, contact me at [barry@barrygilbertson.com](mailto:barry@barrygilbertson.com).

## New post on BATH NEWSEUM



Conserving the best of Bath  
by [Richard Wyatt](#)

Bath Preservation Trust is seeking the views of Bathonians on the city's conservation area - soon to be celebrating its 50th birthday! Here's BPT's on-line press release in full.

"Bath today has one city wide conservation area which covers 1486 hectares and is home to about 50,000 people. The conservation area includes the city's unique and much celebrated heritage, but it also encompasses less well known areas which have a range of different characteristics.



Bath's conservation area was first designated in 1968, following the introduction of the Civic Amenities Act in 1967. It was one of the first six to be designated in the country. The conservation area was enlarged in 1973, extended again in 1975, 1985 and most recently in 2002.

These extensions responded to changing conservation views about what was considered to be architecturally and historically important as well as ongoing changes in planning controls. The importance of the area and its surrounds was further recognised by its inscription as a World Heritage Site in 1987. The conservation area today is recognised but despite its longevity there has never been a complete character appraisal of the whole area.

The conservation area will soon celebrate 50 years of designation and it seems fitting to celebrate this by raising awareness of ongoing work to develop a full and comprehensive character appraisal for the conservation area to better understand all aspects of its importance and to support its ongoing and future management.

The work to complete a character assessment for the city wide conservation area is being developed by B&NES Council with input from heritage experts and the Bath Preservation Trust. There will be further opportunity for the public and local people who are familiar with the heritage of their neighbourhood to review the work and have an input through public participation and consultation.

You can read the briefing report on the website.

Would you like to get involved? We would value input in drafting the character appraisals for the remaining character areas. If you have a heritage interest and knowledge and are interested in helping with this then please get in touch with:  
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**Richard Wyatt** | October 12, 2017 at 4:18 pm