



Round Up August 2024

August is often a quiet month but there is a lot to update you on this time. As always, please do share this and encourage others [to join](#) and receive updates direct. We were delighted to welcome many new members over the past month.

Thank you to everyone who responded to our recent survey and for the many positive comments. A frequent response mentioned the strong sense of community in Caversham and Emmer Green. CADRA aims to play a part in sustaining that sense of community and we value your help and participation.

The CADRA team will have a stall at the celebrations at St Barnabas Church from 2pm on Saturday 14 September as they mark the centenary of the church with a week of events. [Centenary Celebrations](#) Please come and see us.

Autumn Meeting

A date for your diary: On **Wednesday 13 November** 2024, at 7.30pm in Caversham Baptist Church, the CADRA Open meeting will look at the challenges for front line ambulance services, with speakers **Paul Jefferies** (Assistant Director of Operations, South Central Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust) and **Richard Company** (Critical Care Paramedic, Thames Valley Air Ambulance). Everyone is welcome.

Planning

From 23 July 2024, the Reading Borough Council Planning Register moved to a new database. For applications before that date, it will often be necessary to consult both the old and the new database to find the full range of documents. The [CADRA Planning List](#) gives links to both systems where needed, as well as to any CADRA comments submitted.

We are monitoring the impact of the changeover and seeking clarification about the absence of a link to add comments online, however these can be emailed to the planning officer and copied to plgadmin@reading.gov.uk

The main new application this month is for Napier Court, Napier Road lying between Kings Meadow and the railway line. ([PL/24/0846](#)). It is proposed to demolish the existing buildings and create new buildings of 11 and 12 storeys, to provide 576 build to rent dwellings. We will be sending comments.

Smaller applications include new signage on the old Lloyds Bank building at 15 Bridge Street ([PL/24/0895](#)) and the usual application for Winter Wonderland on Hills Meadow ([PL/24/0898](#)).

The telecom mast on Woodcote Road is confirmed as 'not permitted development' and we are advised that further legal information is awaited from the developer.

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government is seeking views on how it might [revise national planning policy](#) to support its wider objectives. The [Consultation](#) is open to Tuesday 24 September 2024.

Emmer Green

Work to clean and repair the **Emmer Green Sign** is progressing and we are very grateful to Keep Emmer Green (KEG) for contributing towards the cost.

It was agreed in May that the Temporary Traffic Restriction Order (TTRO) in **Kidmore End Road** could be lifted. Vistry have been asked to restore the line marking and signage and we have pressed for an update on when this will be completed.

The planning application for **Brindles** behind Lyefield Court and the Conifers (off Kidmore End Road) may go to the Planning Applications Committee on 4 September, so a report from the planning officer should be available at [PAC Agenda](#) on 28 August. We are in touch with the older residents affected and have committed to provide support.

There is a [programme of events](#) to mark the **St Barnabas Centenary Celebrations** 8-15 September. CADRA is providing a talk on 10 September as part of Heritage Open Days and we will have a stall at the Fair on 14 September.

Climate Change

Work is continuing to shape Reading's Climate Emergency Strategy 2025–2030. Thank you to those who responded to our appeal to contribute. We are working with others to put together ideas. Please reply to this email if you would like to take part in this.

You can still respond to Reading Climate Action's first [Survey](#) by 5 September, and find more information at: [Reading CAN](#)

Reading Festival

Preparations for Reading Festival are well underway, and traffic will start to build from Tuesday 20 August. Full information from the Borough Council is available at [Reading Festival 2024 Rocks Into Town](#), including phone numbers and emails to report issues. CADRA will take part in the review in early October and would welcome your feedback – positive or negative.

Every year, volunteers from **Caversham GLOBE** litter pick in central Caversham over the Festival weekend. If you could help from 4pm for an hour or so on any of the four days (Thursday to Sunday) please email info@cavershamglobe.org.uk by **Friday 16th August**.

Heritage Open Days

There is an exciting programme of events 6 -15 September. You will find full details at either [Whats On](#) or [Heritage Open Days](#).

The CADRA event, **BBC Monitoring's Place in Caversham**, is on Tuesday 10 September 2024 at 7:00 PM. To book: [Tickets](#)

No booking is required for the free events in **Caversham Court Gardens** on Saturday 7 September and Sunday 8 September 11:00 - 16:00 [The origins of plants at Caversham Court Gardens](#)

RBC Consultations

We are asked to share our views on **crime and safety** where we live at: [Share Your Views](#), by 8 September.

The Council is proposing to licence all **HMOs across the borough** – extending the existing scheme to include those HMOs with 3-4 occupants. This might include licensing buildings converted to flats which are HMOs (known as section 257 HMOs). The aim is to drive up conditions for tenants and improve the housing stock. The consultation closes on 29 August. [Discretionary Licensing in the Private Rented Sector](#)

Comments are invited on a proposed **Busking Guide** by 15 September at: [Busking Guide Consultation](#).

Henley Bus

Reading Buses new **aqua 28** route runs every 30 minutes Mondays-Saturdays and up to every hour evenings and Sundays between Reading, Caversham, Shiplake and Henley-on-Thames. The timetable provides new options between Caversham and Reading. [aqua 28 Timetable](#)

The Right to Vote

Look out for letters in the next week or so asking you to [Update Electoral Registration Details](#) and advising EU citizens living in the UK about changes to voting rights.

And Finally

We make these monthly updates freely available. If you find them useful and value what CADRA does, please encourage others to join, and of course keep your membership going - it's just £3 a year for the household to [Join or Renew](#).