



Naunton Area Residents' Association – Newsletter Winter 2020

Who are we?

Naunton Area Residents' Association (NARA) was started by residents of Ewlyn Road, Hermitage Street, Francis Street, Exmouth Street, Langdon Road, Clare Place, Naunton Parade, Naunton Terrace and Naunton Crescent; however, membership is open to anyone with an interest in the area. We wish to create a better sense of community, deal with concerns affecting our area and give residents a greater voice. Full details of our activities are available at www.naracheltenham.co.uk

Father Christmas calling

Santa and his elves (reindeers are furloughed) are coming to our streets during the festive season to collect for Cheltenham families, as it will not be possible to hold the Christmas concert safely. Last year we, along with the Salvation Army, raised £375 to provide Christmas parcels for local families in need. To continue this support, Santa will be departing from the Triangle in early December. Exact dates will be posted through doors just before the event. If you wish to donate separately just let us know.

On Christmas Eve at 6pm everyone is invited to come outside onto their doorsteps and ring a bell for two minutes to spread Christmas spirit and to help Santa fly his sleigh. After this awful year it would be an amazing memory for the kids and communities. End 2020 with a bit of magic, hope and togetherness!

Advent windows

During lockdown, rainbows and other symbols of hope brightened windows and brought a smile to passers by. This Christmas we would like the same spirit of goodwill to shine in our streets with Advent Windows. Last year 48 households participated but we aim to exceed this and spread even more joy!

The design can be traditional or modern, colourful or monochrome: anything you choose as long as it includes the advent number (which doesn't have to match your house number). This is definitely not a competition – just fun, and a great project for the whole family.

A calendar of where each window will be 'opening' (lit for the first time) will be posted on NARA's website and notice board, where a collection box will be available for those who've enjoyed following the Advent Trail. All donations will be forwarded to local charities. To participate or find out more, contact Karen (khstanford@hotmail.co.uk) by 16th November.

Remembrance Sunday

We encourage residents to come together on 8th November in a new way, and to stand in silence at 11am for two minutes in their front doorways in a fitting tribute to those 'who have given so much'.



The Triangle

The Triangle has continued to be a place to pause, enjoy nature and provide much needed joy throughout the year.

NARA volunteers have received many kind comments from passers by and these are now being captured in a compliments list, which will be used to support any future bids for community grants. Please share your thoughts by using 'contact us' on our website or emailing Lucy (lucydodsworth@yahoo.com).

We encourage all ages to use this space in a mindful way and capture their impressions through drawing, painting, photography or poetry so we can share them. Many thanks to Colin and Jane at Roots and Fruits for donating last year's Christmas tree.



The notice board

The notice board is a way of communicating with those who are not on social media. If you have a local event or activity you would like to publicise please contact Vikki (v.willetts@me.com).

Litter picking

Although we are unable to resume group litter picks at this time, NARA members – aged 9 to nearly 90 – have been borrowing equipment for solo picks, ridding our streets of stray masks and discarded rubbish. If you want to carry out individual litter picks during permissible daily exercise, contact derekcarb@hotmail.com. Guidance for litter picks is available on our website.



Window boxes

This spring's event was cancelled; however be prepared to spring into action in 2021 by participating in NARA's 'Window Box Festival Week', scheduled to take place in May next year.

It's not a competition, just a community action we can all share, and hopefully have a positive impact on those participating and those who pass by. If you do not have a window box we may be able to supply one as we have some available for distribution. Look out for further details on the notice board.

Membership

If you wish to support what we do, please join us – membership is not restricted to founding streets. We are re-aligning all membership renewals to January 2021 (£3 for individuals or £5 per household), so if you wish to join or renew your membership, please contact your street rep, fill in the form below or visit www.naracheltenham.co.uk

I am interested in:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Hosting an Advent Window | <input type="checkbox"/> Becoming a member of NARA |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Helping with litter picking | <input type="checkbox"/> Making a contribution to upkeep of the Triangle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Participating in the window box event | <input type="checkbox"/> Making a contribution to Cheltenham Families |

Name

Address

Phone number

Email address

Any questions? Contact derekcarb@hotmail.com or return your form to 29 Langdon Road, GL53 7NZ