



## Naunton Area Residents' Association – Newsletter Spring 2017

### Who are we?

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.

We wish to create a better sense of community, deal with concerns that affect our area and give the community a greater voice than we would have as individuals. Full details of our activities, including meetings with the Council, are available on our website [www.naracheltenham.co.uk](http://www.naracheltenham.co.uk)

As a resident of the area, this forum has been designed to keep you informed of issues which concern you and how NARA is working to have a positive impact on community. We are pleased to present our first newsletter and hope you will be encouraged to join (please see overleaf for details of how to become a member).

### Five Paths lead to the Green

**Have some sunny daffodils brightened up your day over the past few weeks?**

This rather neglected space on the corner of Hermitage Street and Francis Street has been cheered up by NARA's spring planting and we hope to do more with this area by transforming this triangular corner into a 'pocket garden.'

The multiple benefits of establishing a natural oasis in the midst of our streets include offering a respite from the hurly-burly of daily urban life for the many passers-by and residents of the area, which will have a positive impact on health and wellbeing. It is also hoped that it will foster a stronger sense of community spirit.

Discussions at recent NARA meetings have generated some ideas, including spring bulb planting, raised beds with perennial planting, a sensory garden (inspired by some beautiful-smelling roses on the corner of Ewlyn Road) and a butterfly garden (which would aid the pollination in all local residents' gardens). The inclusion of a community noticeboard and 'poop' bag dispenser, to help clean up our streets, are also potential features.

Whilst some members are straining on their spades and just want to 'dig in', legal and practical issues are being addressed with the Council.



**Please join us on the Green for our Cake and Community Consultation Meeting between 2pm–4pm on Sunday 7 May where you can find out more about the proposed designs and share your ideas.**

Alternatively, the proposals are available on our website [www.naracheltenham.co.uk](http://www.naracheltenham.co.uk) or residents can join our Facebook group [www.facebook.com/groups/naracheltenham](http://www.facebook.com/groups/naracheltenham)

# Latest news and projects

We want your voice to be heard. Visit us at [www.naracheltenham.co.uk](http://www.naracheltenham.co.uk), leave a comment or raise a question, or find out more on the Green at the Cake and Community Consultation on Sunday 7 May, 2pm–4pm.

## Illegal parking

Following residents' complaints about illegal parking in the Bath Road Area, NARA recently approached Gloucestershire County Council, and received an assurance that it was an imminent area for attention. Since that time it has been noted that the parking team have been out in force patrolling the area.

## Street and drain cleaning

NARA was recently approached to assist with the jetting of drains in Hermitage Street, Francis Street and Naunton Lane. Following the cleaning and jetting of Hermitage Street and Francis Street, NARA will be pressing for a timetable for the rest of the area.

## Begging in Bath Road

Have you noticed the proliferation of beggars in the Bath Road? Does it concern you? At November's meeting, the issue of an increase in the visibility of begging in the Bath Road was raised. Local Councillor, Klara Sudbury, arranged a meeting with Mike Redman (Director – Built Environment) and representatives of NARA (see our website for a copy of the minutes and outcomes).

## 252 Bath Road (the market)

The proposed 'regeneration' of 252 Bath Road (the old Robert Young site) is currently stalled. 136 public comments have been made, 135 of these object to the proposals. The Council Planning Team have made their thoughts known to the developers and are awaiting a response. It is believed the Council have requested changes to be made to the design. The application is not currently scheduled to appear before the Planning Committee (see our website for more details).



## Become a member

Membership of NARA is open to any individual living in the NARA area (Clare Street, Exmouth Street, Hermitage Street, Francis Street, Langdon Road, Ewlyn Road, Naunton Parade, Naunton Terrace and Naunton Crescent) who is over the age of 18. Membership costs £3 for individuals or £5 per household per annum, payable each January. Meetings are held every six weeks in the Sup & Chow on Bath Road – the next will be held on Wednesday 24 May 2017 at 7pm.

To join, you can download a copy of the NARA Membership Form and Standing Order Mandate from [www.naracheltenham.co.uk](http://www.naracheltenham.co.uk) or ask your street rep for a copy.