



Naunton Area Residents' Association – Newsletter Spring 2018

Who are we?

NARA has been set up by residents of Ewlyn Road, Hermitage Street, Francis Street, Exmouth Street, Langdon Road, Clare Place, Naunton Parade, Naunton Terrace and Naunton Crescent.

We want to help develop a better sense of community, deal with concerns affecting our area – from planning applications to rough sleepers – and give the community a greater voice than we would have as individuals. Full details of our projects are available on our website www.naracheltenham.co.uk

NARA's first year

Since being formed in November 2016, NARA has been working to promote the local community and improve the environment of our neighbourhood.

One of our main projects has been adopting The Triangle – a neglected space on the corner of Hermitage Street and Francis Street – to transform it into a 'pocket garden'. We held 'Cake and Consultation' events to get local people involved in the design, and successfully applied for grants from Community Pride and the Midcounties Co-operative Communities Fund to fund the work.

Work started in December, when 27 intrepid volunteers tackled snow, sleepers and a lot of topsoil over three days. Three new raised beds were built and over 1000 daffodil bulbs were planted by local residents and children on New Year's Day.

The next phase is to plant the site as a Cottage Garden. We will be building an additional planter for the corner of the garden – visit our website to see the designs and vote for your favourite. We will also be supplying seeds to anyone who would like to grow flowers for planting in summer – if you would like to take part please email derekscarb@hotmail.com

We've also met with the council to discuss begging in the Bath Road, organised litter picks (see overleaf) and drains/gulleys being cleared, kept people informed about and responded to planning applications, ensured new road markings did not impact on parking, and identified trees for removal and replacement.

Thanks to the Bath Road businesses who have donated to help our projects and to all the members who have joined and volunteered so far – we hope to see even more of you in 2018!



Get in touch

We want your voice to be heard!

- Visit our website:
www.naracheltenham.co.uk
- Join our Facebook group:
www.facebook.com/groups/naracheltenham
- Speak to your local street rep (contact details on our website)
- Come along to a meeting – the next is Weds 18 April at 7pm at Sup and Chow, Bath Road

Find out more at www.naracheltenham.co.uk

Litter picks

NARA have been running litter picks along the Bath Road and surrounding streets since November, thanks to the generosity of Bath Road businesses who funded the purchase of 10 sets of litter picking equipment and Cheltenham Specsavers who donated 20 high-vis jackets.

Our upcoming litter pick dates are:

- Tuesday 10 April
- Sunday 29 April
- Wednesday 9 May
- Sunday 27 May
- Monday 11 June
- Sunday 24 June

All volunteers are very welcome. We meet at 10.30am at The Triangle (corner of Hermitage Street and Francis Street).

Useful contacts

Gloucestershire Council Report It

www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-rights-of-way/roads/report-it/
Section of the county council website to report potholes, blocked drains, overgrown trees or hedges and problems with street lights, signs or road markings.

Fix my Street

www.fixmystreet.com

Independent site to report graffiti, fly tipping, broken paving slabs or dog fouling – they report it to the council on your behalf.

Bins and Recycling

www.cheltenham.gov.uk/recycling

Find out what days your rubbish/recycling collection is, what can be recycled and where you can get rid of additional waste.



Join us!

Membership of NARA is open to anyone over 18 in the NARA area (Clare Street, Exmouth Street, Hermitage Street, Francis Street, Langdon Road, Ewlyn Road, Naunton Parade, Naunton Terrace and Naunton Crescent). Membership costs £3 for individuals or £5 per household per year.

To join, fill in the form below or download a copy from www.naracheltenham.co.uk

Name

Address

Phone number

Email address

Single occupant (£3 per year) Multiple occupant/household (£5 per year)

Payment can be made via cash, cheque (payable to Naunton Area Residents' Association) or by Standing Order. Please tick here if you would like to pay by Standing Order and we will send you a form to fill in

Please return completed applications to 27 or 29 Langdon Road, Cheltenham GL53 7NZ