



Naunton Area Residents' Association – Newsletter Winter 2019

Who are we?

The 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 that affect our area and give residents a greater voice than we would otherwise have as individuals. Full details of our activities are available on our website www.naracheltenham.co.uk

Carols at Christmas

What better way to spread goodwill to all in the community than through singing together? The Salvation Army Band will be leading our Carols at Christmas event on Monday 23rd December at 6.30pm. Meet and greet friends and neighbours on the Triangle to celebrate Christmas and share in song, mince pies and (non-alcoholic) mulled wine.



Advent windows at Christmas

Last year, our streets were brightened by the nightly appearance of Advent windows, generating a real sense of joy in the community; this year, it is hoped that even more households will host a window to shed even more light in the darkness!

A calendar of where each Advent window will be 'opening' (lit for the first time) will be posted on our website and NARA's new noticeboard. 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 not a competition – just fun, and a great project for the whole family. To participate or find out more, complete the form overleaf, or contact Karen (khstanford@hotmail.co.uk) by 24th November.



Utility boxes

NARA has joined forces with Cheltenham Connect and SPJARA (St Philip and James Area Residents' Association) to enhance one of our area's characteristic features by refurbishing utility boxes in the Bath Road. Finance was provided by the three associations and a grant from the Borough Council's 'Community Pride' scheme.



Find out more at www.naracheltenham.co.uk

Improving our area

As part of our commitment to improving the area, NARA and other stakeholders will be meeting CBC councillors to discuss how the Bath Road can be supported and promoted in future.

Growing our communities

NARA has been awarded a 'Growing our Communities' grant by Gloucestershire County Council. This will provide a new planter for the Christmas tree and fund a new noticeboard, which will provide a focal point for community news and action. If you wish to advertise a local event or have information you would like posted, please contact Vikki Willetts (v.willetts@me.com).

Litter picks

Members of NARA have been demonstrating their commitment to the local environment by helping to keep the streets in the Naunton area and around the Bath Road clean. Armed with litter-picking equipment, which has been financed by local businesses, a group of volunteers meets on the Triangle at 10.30am every second Sunday of the month. All ages welcome: come along for a walk and pick things up as you go along.

Bloomin' marvellous

Be ready to spring into action by participating in NARA's 'Window Box Festival Week', scheduled to take place in May 2020. Many have commented on how passing the Triangle brightens up their day, so by encouraging all residents to plant up a window box we hope to extend the positive mental health benefits of flowers and foliage. Once again 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.

Please note: We are in a smokeless zone! Please use only smokeless fuel or a DEFRA approved log-burning stove.



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 2020 (£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 seasonal fare for carols on the Triangle | <input type="checkbox"/> Helping with litter picking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Participating in the window box event | |

Name

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Phone number

Email address

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