



CADRA Round Up - October 2021

Our [Autumn Newsletter](#) should have reached you earlier this week with more details of the online talk on Wednesday 10 November – Climate for Electric Cars. With COP 26 and the situation on fuel and energy, it seems ever more topical. You can register at [Eventbrite](#).

Planning

The newsletter looked back at planning over the last six months. Recent updates include permission to fell the diseased Weeping Willow in front of the Canoe Club. This will be a sad loss as it forms such an important part of the view from across the river. The view is formally recognised in both St Peters Conservation Area and the Significant Views with Heritage Interest in Reading's Local Plan. We trust that the Canoe Club will make early plans to plant at least one replacement tree as was requested by the Council.

There is a new application (ref [211478](#)) for a two-storey detached house at the end of Oxford Street near the corner with Prospect Street. It would be in the former garden of the interesting large building at 58 Prospect Street.

Beechcroft Developments Ltd are holding a public exhibition about their [Plans for Caversham Park](#) on Thursday 21 October between 2pm and 9pm. If you wish to attend the event, please email cavershampark@beechcroft.co.uk. We also note that the Carters site on Caversham Road is for sale and we will be following progress.

And finally, news has just reached us that the Caversham Lakes planning application has been refused for reasons of ecology, traffic provision and drainage. [Planning Officer Report](#)

Local Listing

The Council is to consider a number of nominations for Local Listing including the **Attwells Drinking Fountain** on Thames Promenade. Unveiled in 1908, it was erected in memory of Frank Attwells, a local businessman who founded a musical instrument manufacturers and piano dealers in 1866, and in 1887 took over the Royal County Theatre, both on Friar Street. He died in August 1892 while Mayor of Reading. His wife Georgina provided money in her will for a fountain to be erected in his memory. Originally it was placed closer to the main road and the old Caversham Bridge Hotel. CADRA will be writing in support of the listing before the consultation closes on 4 November.

Christmas Events

Dates leading up to Christmas are coming together. Friday 3 December will be the **Late-night Opening** in Caversham, with plenty of seasonal entertainment. Saturday 4 December is the **Econet Christmas Tree Sale** in Caversham Court from 9.30am to 12 noon, with hot drinks and Christmas fare from the kiosk. Sadly, there will be no Carol Evening in Caversham Court this year.

Forbury Gardens will host the [Twilight Trail](#) which had to be cut short last year. **Winter Wonderland**, which was held in Forbury Gardens a few years back, have applied for a licence in Hills Meadow from 12 November to 3 January. We are raising concerns on the long period of disturbance to local residents. If you live in that area, we'd be pleased to hear from you.

Reading Family Aid has seen a sharp rise in the number of requests to provide Christmas gifts to disadvantaged children. Check their [Toys & Teens Project](#) page for how you can donate funds or arrange to give as-new gifts.

Police Have your Say Meetings

The event on Friday 15 October 2021 outside St Anne's Primary School has been CANCELLED.

The next events are 12pm-1pm, Saturday 30 October 2021 in St Martin's Precinct, Caversham and 3pm- 4pm, Friday 12 November 2021 outside The Hill Primary School, Peppard Road.