



CADRA News
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CADRA Monthly Round-up: November 2018

As we've mentioned before, while CADRA has nearly five hundred members there will be many more who care about our area, so **please think of two or three other people who might be interested and forward your monthly bulletin to them.**

Gladman Appeal Dismissed!

The **Planning Appeal for 245 houses** on the Caversham boundary at Dunsden has been **dismissed!** This is tremendous news and great credit goes to all the community groups, including CADRA, which fought the case. The Inspector focused on issues of housing numbers, the South Oxfordshire Local Plan and the landscape impact in reaching his decision. [Inspector's Decision Notice](#)

A New Treasurer For CADRA

Colin Hall has kindly volunteered to take over from our long-serving Treasurer, Stewart Bolton, and was welcomed to the November committee meeting.

Church Street Post Office

With the Church Street Day Lewis Pharmacy closing, including the post office, CADRA has been in touch with our MP and the Caversham Traders' Association. Matt Rodda has said "My expectation is that the Post Office will find alternative premises in Caversham so that local people can continue to be served, without the inconvenience of having to travel to Reading or Emma Green". He has also written to the Minister for Small Businesses. We will keep you posted in all senses of the word. [Matt Rodda's letter](#)

Anti-social Behaviour

CADRA is on the North Reading Safer Neighbourhoods Forum, liaising between the community and the Police. There has been a big increase in anti-social behaviour around Christchurch Meadows, which the Police are keeping a close eye on. But they cannot be there 24/7 and are asking residents for notes of any incidents, which will help make a case for deploying scarce police resources there. A 'Park Watch' scheme might also be set up. See contact details on our web site at: [Reporting crime and nuisance](#)

Late Night Christmas Shopping: Friday 7th December

Caversham Traders' Christmas plans for the precinct and beyond include the Artisan and Farmers' Market, entertainment and a 'reverse Santa's grotto', where Santa accepts presents to be passed on to those in need.

<https://www.choosecaversham.co.uk/>

St Peter's Conservation Area

The culmination of two years' work, led by CADRA, comes when a Council committee on 21st November has been recommended by officers to adopt the new Appraisal, including extension of the Conservation Area to include Bridge Street and the Church Street junction. The Appraisal document and the committee paper can be found at:

[Propose Extension to St Peters Conservation Area](#)

and [SEPT Committee Paper](#)

Flood Prevention

The Environment Agency's summary of responses to their first consultation on proposals for our area can be found at: [Consultation Response Report](#). The Agency is holding a 'drop in' event on Thursday 6th December, 2.30-7.30pm, at Caversham Baptist Church, South Street, where up to date information will be displayed and comments invited.

Projects Across The River

We are monitoring several big projects in and around Reading town centre, including these:

- The segregated mass transit link between Thames Valley Park and Napier Street, via a riverside fly-over and a bridge over the Kennet. [Application 181822 details](#)
 - The Hosier Street redevelopment brief, which goes to RBC's committee on 21st November [Hosier Street Area Development](#)
 - Redevelopment of the big Royal Mail site, Caversham Road, near the station: public exhibition at the New Hope Centre, York Road RG1 8DU 3pm-7.30pm on Tuesday November 20th.
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