



CADRA Monthly Roundup: January 2020

CADRA has almost 500 member households, so if every recipient of this update could kindly forward it to two friends, it would enable 1,500 people to know what's going on in Caversham.

Reading Transport Strategy 2036

Reading's biggest ever public consultation on the future of transport in the town took place over the summer. It will help shape a strategy for transport provision up to 2036. Here is the Council's report: [Reading Transport Strategy Feedback](#)

Of more than 3,000 responses about what Reading's transport priorities should be:

- 93% said faster and more reliable public transport
- 83% said a comprehensive park and ride network
- 90% said dedicated car free spaces, to increase active travel
- 92% said better connected walking and cycling routes
- 75% said the reallocation of road space for sustainable transport

Flood Prevention Scheme

CADRA has met the Environment Agency, who explained their modelling of flood risk, the reasons why this justifies a major scheme and the emerging design. Though still considering our response, we were encouraged that the scheme's impact was much less severe than in previous versions. The scheme is moving in the right direction and we were impressed by the extent and detail of consultation, also the changes which seem to have resulted, not least following the good work done by [CABFAS](#).

Continued engagement was offered and is very important: there will be further public drop-in sessions from late February and we will pass on details when we have them.

Community Safety

Burglaries across Reading have reduced by 13%, but recent experience shows a continued need for vigilance in Caversham. Details of recent crime in Caversham are on our [Facebook](#) page, also accessible from the home page of the CADRA website www.cadra.org.uk. As previously mentioned, the police stress the need to keep upper floor windows secure as well as ground floor.

The Safer Neighbourhood Forum's recent 'Community Safety Survey' of public opinion in Reading attracted over 700 responses and combined with crime figures will influence future priorities. In North Reading, the main concerns were burglary, speeding and begging.

Further to the advice in our last round-up concerning 'smart' doorbells, such as Ring Doorbell, we are advised that care is needed in configuring such systems to avoid any risk of hacking and maintain privacy.

Conservation Area Advisory Committee

It has been another busy year for the Conservation Area Advisory Committee, made up of volunteers from across Reading, including CADRA committee members. You may be interested to see the [Summary of progress](#) in 2019.