



CADRA Monthly Roundup: February 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.

Planning

We attended a preview of the **Reading Golf Club** exhibition of proposals to build 250 houses on the part of the course in Reading and to landscape the remaining section, in South Oxfordshire, into a country park. A planning application is expected to be submitted in the Spring. Details from the exhibition can be seen at <https://www.rgcfuture.com/> Some concerns have been expressed that the associated questionnaire is less than objective.




Progress on the **South Oxfordshire District Council Local Plan** is not yet resolved. The Secretary of State wrote again to SODC confirming that he was considering making a direction under the 2004 Act, inviting Oxfordshire County Council to prepare the Local Plan. OCC have confirmed they would accept an invitation by the Secretary of State. More detail is set out in [The Thames Tap](#), a property newsletter.

A planning application has been submitted by Berkeley Homes to redevelop the **SSE building, Vastern Road** into 205 apartments. A [public exhibition](#) is being held on Thursday 27th February, 4:30pm to 7:30pm at 53-55, Vastern Road, Reading, RG1 8BU (former SSE offices). Full details will be available online when the Council Planning Department has validated the application

Hermes Property Unit Trust, owners of **St Martins Precinct**, have withdrawn application 180499 to redevelop a section of the precinct.

Flood Prevention Scheme

The Environment Agency will be holding drop-in sessions giving updates on the scheme and inviting community feedback. More information is in their [February Newsletter](#).

 Date	 Time	 Location
Weds 26 February	1 pm until 3 pm	Weller Centre, Amersham Road RG4 5NA
Sat 29 February	12 noon until 2.30 pm	Weller Centre, Amersham Road RG4 5NA
Thurs 5 March	1 pm until 3.30 pm	Weller Centre, Amersham Road RG4 5NA
Sat 7 March	1 pm until 4 pm	Thameside Primary School, Harley Road RG4 8DB
Mon 9 March	4 pm until 8 pm	Caversham Baptist Church, South Street RG4 8HY
Fri 13 March	4 pm until 8 pm	Caversham Methodist Church, Gosbrook Road RG4 8EB
Fri 20 March	12 noon until 4 pm	Church House, 59 Church Street RG4 8AX

Community Safety

The **Community Speed Watch** initiative continues to operate fortnightly, most recently in Briants Avenue and Woodcote Road. There are still opportunities for volunteers. If you are interested contact PSCO Lauren Jerrom via PeppardandCavershamNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk or Alan.Wright@cadra.org.uk

Other Matters

Following the closure of the **Church Street Post Office**, we note from a report in Reading Chronicle that H K Stores, on the corner of Hemdean Road and Oxford Street, will be providing post office services, from Monday 9 March at 1pm. Planned opening hours are 8am to 8pm daily (7 days).

Balmore Park Surgery have recently been given permission to stop taking on any new patients. This is to give breathing space to try and recruit more staff and train up existing personnel to deal with growing workload.

Re3 Recycling Centres no longer require the windscreen stickers, but you must show proof of residency. <https://re3.fccenvironment.co.uk/>

CADRA

Our AGM will be on Tuesday 19 May at 7:30pm, in Thamesmead School. More details to follow. This will include elections to the committee. If this may be of interest to you, or someone you know, please do get in touch to explore opportunities.

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