



CADRA Monthly Roundup – January 2021

Bugs Bottom

The whole Caversham community is shocked and saddened by the tragic event at Bugs Bottom and our thoughts are with all those affected.

Covid 19

Our website continues to provide a vast array of **useful information** during this difficult time: <https://www.cadra.org.uk/en/Covid-19-Local-Resources>

There is a nasty vaccination **scam** going round. You get an email, text or phone call claiming to be from the NHS inviting you for your jab, asking you to fill in a form which includes your bank details. **Do not respond!** It is a fraud, and the NHS will never ask you for such details or ask you to pay. If you get such an email, forward it to report@phishing.gov.uk. If you have fallen victim to a fraud, report it to 0300 123 2020 or visit www.actionfraud.police.uk

We understand that the Balmore and Emmer Green surgeries are working together with vaccinations taking place at Emmer Green from this week. They are contacting patients by text or phone. As other vaccination centres come on stream, letters will be sent to those eligible, explaining how to book there.

Many of us now rely on devices like Zoom to keep in touch with friends, relatives and colleagues. If you need any **help setting up** this sort of facility, or any other on-line resource, it is available free of charge at this useful local website: <https://rgneighbours.net/rva-can-still-help-you-get-online/>

CADRA AGM

Our AGM normally takes place in May or early June, but while we all hope we can meet in person by then, we cannot make our plans on that assumption. So for a second year it is likely to be an on-line event. Details next month.

Planning

South Oxfordshire's new Local Plan has now been adopted. While some controversial elements remain, the main news for Caversham is that all the big housing sites are well away from our boundary.

The application for up to 260 new homes on the **Reading Golf Club** was withdrawn, but we understand it has been re-submitted. Details are not yet available, but we will post them in our next edition. If you commented before, your comments will not be carried forward automatically: if you want your views to be heard, you will need to comment again.

Plans are in for a welcome rebuild of **Rivermead Leisure Centre**, including a new pool. CADRA has stressed that this should be an opportunity for a proper plan to landscape the whole Thames meadow area, rather than ad hoc landscaping plans for this and any other developments like the school proposed nearby.

CADRA and local residents are following developments at **Chazey Wood**, where an extension to the current paintballing site would affect this lovely woodland.

There is a series of big proposals across the river at **Station Hill**, the old **SSE** and **Royal Mail** sites, and elsewhere. Details can be found on the CADRA [website](#) by following the link to planning list, where we list planning applications of interest.

Transport

The Council is considering a number of new waiting restrictions, including some here in Caversham. Details are on <https://democracy.reading.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=170&MId=4493>.

Refuse collections

The new food waste caddies are now being delivered to all Caversham homes and will be collected weekly from next month. This means your food waste can be turned into compost and electricity rather than being burned or generating greenhouse gases. There are also changes to collection days and because more of our rubbish can be recycled, we will all be getting smaller grey bins. Details of all these changes are on

<https://www.reading.gov.uk/environment/waste-and-recycling/>