



## Round Up March 2024

CADRA has a membership of over five hundred households. But there will be many more who care about our area, so please think of two or three other people who might be interested in [joining](#) and forward this monthly bulletin to them each time.

### **CADRA AGM and Open Meeting**

Our AGM will take place on **Monday 20 May at 7.30pm** at the Caversham Baptist Church, Prospect Street. After the brief formal business and a summary of the year, the open meeting will address **“Our Response to Climate Change.”** We welcome two speakers. Tracey Rawling Church is co-chair of the Reading Climate Change Partnership and Tricia Marcouse is Theme Lead for the nature and green spaces component of the [Reading Climate Action Plan](#). You can find more details at [CADRA AGM](#). The meeting is open to all, and we hope non-members will take the opportunity to [join](#).

The **Spring Newsletter** will be available mid-April and it includes the AGM agenda, a call for nominations to the committee and a summary of news over the past six months.

### **Planning**

A retrospective application has been made by the **Persian Palace (240022)**, in the old Thames Valley Hotel on Bridge Street. This is for an enclosed glass space on the river. During periods when the river is high, this sits below the water level, impeding the flow of the river. The **Reading University Boat Club**, Christchurch Meadows, have applied to replace an existing sculling shed.

The car wash facility by **Hills Meadow** has been granted a further five years, subject to some improvements and new landscaping. The application to demolish and replace **92 Albert Road (241265)** was refused, partly on heritage grounds. Reading's Director of Education has objected to the application from **The Heights Primary School (231023)** to increase class sizes, citing a significant oversupply of places in the North of Reading. Applications to discharge planning conditions for **Reading Golf Club** are moving nearer completion. An application proposes a house on land west of **25 Tredegar Road (230459)**.

The apartments planned for the Vastern Road **SSE land (231673)** are subject to further changes to meet new fire regulations and to add an additional storey near Lynmouth Court. **Vastern Court - TGI to The Range (200328)** has seen further submissions to the Decision Officer at the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities. At **Great Brighams Mead, Vastern Road (230745)** a 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> floor extension to provide 100 apart-hotel rooms is still being considered. **Pre-application exhibitions** have been held for **Napier Court, Norman Place** in Vastern Road and the outline application for the **Forbury Retail Park (230822)**.

### **Emmer Green Noticeboard**

Arrangements to remove the noticeboard in the Emmer Green precinct for a full repair are almost complete. Please look out for notices on the board and Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/CADRAforEmmerGreen>).

### **Caversham Park Village Association**

The Trustees of [CPVA](#) have been working hard to put the charity on a sustainable footing to make sure that the facilities at the Milestone Centre remain available to the community. They are seeking donations to cover shortfalls while new strategies take effect. Donations can be made at [Crowdfunder](#). The CADRA Committee agreed to donate.

### **Grass Triangles in Caversham**

The state of the two triangles, one by Bridge Street and the other on the junction of George Street with Gosbrook Road are a continuing concern and the committee keeps in touch with [Ward Councillors](#) to pursue options for improvement.

### **Reading Walks Festival**

The programme for the Walks Festival from the **11 - 19 May** has been published at [What's On Reading](#), where you can book. There are 40 different walks to suit a range of interests. Some are already fully booked.

### **And finally**

We make these monthly updates freely available. If you find them useful and value what CADRA does please encourage others to [join](#), and of course keep your membership going - it's just £3 a year for the household.