

Caversham and District Residents Association

CADRA has worked closely with EGRA over several decades and is extremely sorry to learn that EGRA may be unable to continue.

This has prompted discussion over what CADRA could offer EGRA members. Residents of Emmer Green have always been able to join CADRA which has no fixed borders and has always looked out for the area north of the River Thames. Members of EGRA would be warmly welcome as CADRA members and may find the information below helpful.

What does CADRA do?

CADRA was formed in 1967 so will mark 55 years this year. The Committee meets monthly to review changes which may impact the local area. This includes Planning, Transport, Police and Safety, Licensing, Heritage Conservation and Environmental issues. Our longterm relationship with Councillors and Officers means that our views are heard, if not always agreed with, and we avoid all party politics.

Members with email receive a monthly update which is also available on the website. Twice a year, open meetings are held with a speaker on a topical issue, often attended by EGRA members. This is announced by a newsletter sent to members by post or email.

The CADRA website has a wide range of local information and is regularly updated. The <u>Facebook Page</u> with up to the minute news is available to everyone from the <u>Home Page</u>.

Over the years, CADRA has developed <u>Special Projects</u> including the Caversham sign, special exhibitions, and panels including the Heritage Map and William Marshal. CADRA links with other local groups to form a strong informal network.

What difference does membership make?

Residents Associations need a large and active membership to be able to speak with a strong and respected voice and to take forward local projects.

How does membership work?

Membership is £3 a year for the household and can be managed online. Anyone without computer access or needing assistance is supported by the Membership Secretary.

You can <u>Join and Renew Online</u> and pay by card, PayPal or bank transfer. **Or,** you can complete a form for the Membership Secretary and pay by standing order, cash or cheque.

If you would like to get more involved?

CADRA would welcome new Committee Members from Emmer Green. We also have a team of people who help with specific issues but only attend meetings occasionally.

Where to find more information?

The CADRA website <u>https://www.cadra.org.uk/</u> has a wide range of local information. Under 'News' you can find the <u>Monthly Updates</u> sent to members and all the <u>Newsletters</u> showing the range of topics for open meetings. Under 'Issues', the <u>Planning Page</u> gives useful links and a list, updated every month, of significant local planning applications with links to detailed plans. Under 'Caversham' you will find all sorts of information on <u>Local History</u>.

<u>'Join Us'</u> has all the links for membership and the <u>Membership Leaflet</u> is a useful summary about CADRA.

How to contact CADRA?

You can email CADRA at info@cadra.org.uk. The Secretary can be contacted at 0118 947 8744 and the Membership Secretary at 0789 415 0023

CADRA would be delighted to welcome new members from EGRA and looks forward to hearing from you.