

Proposed Events

Regularly held meetings

every 4-6 weeks during the year

To improve the sense of community within the Neighbourhood – including our AGM.

Reading Rescue

Saturday 23 March, 10am

A weekend to clean-up our “green/open space” areas with our Neighbourhood. In cooperation with Reading Borough Council. Meet at 10am at the corner of Howard Street and Baker Street. Everyone is welcome to help make our area a nicer place to live in.

The Changes in the Welfare System

Tuesday 26 March, Noon-2pm

Free open session (with free lunch) organised by Reading Borough Council. All welcome.

Open Meeting

Monday 15 April, 7pm

All welcome to the social meeting at **The Oasis** in Baker Street. Meet your neighbours – and we’ll do the draw for the £30 M&S voucher (from the questionnaire). Free!

Twice Annual - Participation in Q-Wraps

Together with Street Care, to help overall monitoring of the area and its environmental needs.

Big Lunch Street Party

Sunday 2 June

Take part in the nationwide get-together for neighbours – a great excuse to get to know people, try new things and have a party! For us, we are planning big central lunch for all the community, which we hope to be on Baker Street.

BIG Summer Spruce Up

July/August

The BSANA Spruce Up will be focused on serving the needs of the residents with rubbish removal and cleaning of front gardens and street gutters.

Community Activity Board

September

mounting of a Board easily accessible to its residents so they can come to know more of what is going on in the Area

Reading Rescue

October

As March

Annual Holiday Social

December

Your chance to participate

Either come along to any of our open meetings, or just contact us. The best way to get in touch is by email.

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Baker Street Area Neighbourhood Association

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Welcome to BSANA Newsletter

This is the Spring Newsletter for the Baker Street Area Neighbourhood Association (BSANA). This is a group of local people who live in the area who are keen to make the area better. And you are welcome to join us. Just come to any of our events. Or, if you want to volunteer, either fill in the form or email us.

Although we have only recently started, we already have a web site, email address, and have run three open days. For the future, we have lots of events planned (see the back page for details).

We are also keen to know what issues are most important to you. Please fill in the enclosed survey and drop it in to us. You can do it anonymously. Or you can give us your name on the enclosed survey, and have a chance to win a £30 voucher for Marks and Spencer.

Please do get involved – we would love to meet you.

Next Event

Sat 23 March. Reading
Rescue. Free. All welcome

Next General Meeting

Mon 15 April at The Oasis.
Free. All welcome

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BSANA's Aim

The objects of the Association shall be to improve the quality of life for present and future residents of the Area by promoting a sense of community and by action to conserve, protect and improve the character of the Area.

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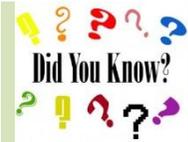
Our Area



The Baker Street Area Neighbourhood Association (BSANA) covers the area between the IDR and Prospect Street (shown below). In our area, we have shops and businesses, places of worship and social centres, Bed and Breakfast and public facilities.

Welfare Changes

The welfare system is changing and this will affect almost everyone! To find out more, Reading Council has arranged a drop-in session so you can find out how it affects you – and is also providing a free lunch!
Tuesday 26th March 2013 – Noon-2pm. Location **The Oasis, Baker Street.**



The origins of the name “Baker Street” was not from any bakers in the street, but was from Thomas Baker, who dedicated the road to the public in 1829.

Green Deal

The Green Deal is a new way to pay for energy improvements. Reading Borough Council will visit you to discuss the Green Deal and other energy improvement options available and, if your home is suitable, can offer you a free official Green Deal Assessment (normally costing £100 -£150). For more information, call 0800 014 9780 or go online to: www.reading.gov.uk/residents/GreenerLiving/green-deal-advice-reading-residents

Historical Reading



This is a view of St Mary's Butts as it looked in 1935, looking north with the church just off the right and Broad Street at the far end.

In the middle of the Butts are the refreshment stall, telephone boxes, gas-lamps, entrances to the underground public conveniences, and bollards.

Recycling

What happens to the plastic, paper, etc. that we put into our recycling (purple) bins?

Paper and Cardboard

These are sent to a MRF (Materials Recovery Facility) where the paper and cardboard are separated. The materials are later cleaned and pulped, then made into new paper and cardboard products of different grades.

Cans

The cans that we collect are sent to a MRF where they are separated, first magnetically to draw off any containing steel, and then using 'eddy currents' to separate the aluminium; anything left on the belt then continues through the process. The cans are squashed, baled and then sent to either aluminium or steel plants to be melted down and used to make new steel and aluminium products.

Plastic Bottles

The Plastic Bottles we collect for recycling are sorted, baled and cleaned, then shredded and used as raw material for turning into new plastic products.

What's Changing



Riley's Sports Bar And Leisure Club, **Oxford Road** is being converted into a place of worship.

Karen, who visited the site, said that it's great what they are doing, restoring the look to how it was. They have even found stained glass windows in the building which will also be restored.

- Planning permission has been sought to convert 32 **Russell Street** from a four-bedroomed house into four one-bedroom flats.
- 36a **Howard Street** will be demolished and replaced by two houses.
- The **Salvation Army** on **Anstey Road** is also having extensive work done, including new entrances and landscaping at the front and rear.

Local Councillors

If you want to contact your local councillors, they are:



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