

BSANA Events

BIG Summer Spruce Up

Saturday 20 July – Sunday 21 July

The BSANA Spruce Up will be focused on rubbish removal and cleaning of front gardens and street gutters. Volunteers needed. Please contact us if you want to volunteer. Or you might just clean up your own front garden if it needs it!

Open Meeting

Monday 5 August 7pm

All welcome to the social meeting at The Oasis in Baker Street. Meet your neighbours – and have a chat. If anyone would like to contribute to the event (entertainment, food, etc.), please get in touch.

Community Activity Board

September

Mounting of a board easily accessible to all, so we can come to know more of what's going on in the area.

Reading Rescue

October

A weekend to clean-up our "green/open space" areas in 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.

Annual Holiday Social

December

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.

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.

Email

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Via post, to the secretary

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Web Site

www.bsana.org



Baker Street Area Neighbourhood Association

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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.

Welcome to BSANA Newsletter

This is the Summer Newsletter for the Baker Street Area Neighbourhood Association (BSANA). We are 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.

Party on!

On June 2nd we had a street party on Baker Street which was amazingly successful.

The live band, the bouncy castle, music, food and drink and lots more. We were hoping the weather would be fine and people would turn up – Actually it was sunny all day and over 200 attended.

More on page 3.



Volunteers Wanted

We are all local residents, with an interest in helping to improve the area.

Whether you can help with the street clean, our December party, delivering newsletters or any of our activities you are most welcome.

Just get in touch with us and let us know what you would like to do.

Crime Information

How much crime actually is reported? Here is the information from Thames Valley Police. Data is available from January to April 2013. The number of incidents each month is:

Road	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Total
Anstey Road		1	1		2
Baker Street	1		1		2
Belle Vue Road			2		2
Body Road	1	1		2	4
Carey Street	1				1
Clifton Street	3	2			5
Epping Close			1	2	3
Franklin Street	2	1	1		4
Howard Street	2			1	3
Jesse Terrace			1		1
Marshall Close		1			1
Oxford Road	10	9	16	7	42
Prospect Street			4	3	7
Somerstown Court	2		1		3
Waylen Street	3	2	2	1	8
Zinzan Street	7	4	8	13	32
Total	32	21	38	29	120

Types of crime reported:

Type	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Total
Anti-social behaviour	13	12	16	18	59
Burglary	3	2	2	1	8
Criminal damage & arson		1	3	3	7
Drugs	1	1	4	2	8
Other theft (bike, person, ...)	5		7	1	13
Public disorder and weapons					0
Robbery (with force / threat)	1				1
Shoplifting	1		1		2
Vehicle crime	3	2	1		6
Violent crime	5	3	4	2	14
Other crime				2	2
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Police Action

Police raided two brothels on Zinzan Street and found 11 women. Insp Keith Stacey, from the local neighbourhood policing team, said: "These warrants are the result of an intelligence-led policing operation. The intelligence included information received from members of the public."

So, if you see anything suspicious it's well worth reporting it to 101 (or 999 if appropriate). Note

that if it's reported as drug dealing / prostitution / etc., it appears in the crime figures and counts. If it's just described as "suspicious activity" it won't show up.



Big Lunch Street Party – A Great Success



Over 200 people turned up to our first street party. A bouncy castle, music, live band, quiz and lashings of food and drink all helped draw residents out of their homes and onto the streets for the event.

Organiser Richard said "It's fantastic to see a community come together and take part in these fun activities".



Thanks to donations and help from the Oasis, Carey Centre, Tescos, Horse and Jockey, Lifespring Church and everyone who brought food or just came along.

Survey Results

Thanks to everyone who filled in a survey – we had a great response.

We asked you to identify your main concerns in the local area. Having collated all the returns, the top thing you raised with us was bins on pavements (62% raised this), bins overfilled (55%), and then drugs, street drinking and dogs fouling (all 52%).

As a result of this we know what you want us to prioritise and we are already on the case!

What's Changing



Land to the rear of 14 - 24 Baker Street and rear of 34 - 42 Waylen Street:

Conversion of NHS clinic into one 2-bed house with garden, and demolition of existing office block, followed by erection of a new 2-storey office block. (area shown on left)

Climbing BSANA's Mountain

Over 14,000 people braved the torrential rain in the Reading Half Marathon on 18th March. Pictured are people climbing a steep hill in the middle of the course – Russell Street (in the middle of our area).

Congratulations to Andrew Lesuuda, who completed the 13.1 miles (21km) in 1 hour 4 minutes and 15 seconds.



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