

Upcoming Events

AGM & Social

Monday 14th April, 7pm

First the AGM. Here's your chance to get more involved with BSANA. See what we have achieved over the last year and pick a role for you. If you would like a role, send us a message (contact details below). This is followed by a social evening in the Oasis with complimentary food and drink. All welcome.

Street Party

Sunday 1st June, Noon

It's party time again. Last year we had 200 people, with a bouncy castle, live music, Zumba, lots of food and drink and a quiz. Let's see if we can beat it this year. Everyone who lives in the area is welcome. Email us at streetparty@bsana.org to help organising the event.

Our Area



The Baker Street Area Neighbourhood Association (BSANA) covers the area between the IDR and Prospect Street.

In our area, we have shops and businesses, places of worship and social centres, Bed and Breakfast and public facilities.

Our area boasts also a wide range of other buildings, from the Reading Association for the Blind (in Carey Street) to the Cranstoun Community Drug Agency on Oxford Road.



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.

Free window boxes & grants for plants
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BSANA Display Cabinet



We would like to have a display cabinet telling people local information about the area and about BSANA.

Do you have any information or suggestions as to what best to display? Or as to how to best use it (e.g. what height or which orientation).

This is your chance to come up with ideas as to how we might best use a display cabinet, and even design some of the items that would go into it.

Email us at displaycabinet@bsana.org

Contact Us

The best way to get in touch is by email.

Email bsana@bsana.org

Via post, to the secretary
Richard Rowlands,
28 Anstey Road, RG1 7JR

Web Site www.bsana.org

Welcome to BSANA Newsletter

This is the early Spring 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, just get in touch.

Reading Rescue



On 15th March, BSANA residents worked together with Reading Streetcare to tidy up our area.

Over 9 bags of rubbish were collected!

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 street party, delivering newsletters or any of our activities you are most welcome.

See page 3 for some suggestions as to how you can get involved.

Rubbish and Recycling

The best way to reduce waste is to reduce the generation of it. If not, can you reuse the item, possibly for another purpose? If you do need to get rid of the item, consider if it can be recycled:

- [C] Contact charity shops – if there's enough, they may collect it for free.
- [R] Can be recycled in a red bin
- [S] Can be taken to Smallmead Household Waste Recycling Centre, RG2 0RP
- [H] Can be put in the disposal containers at the junction of Howard Street and Baker Street.
- [O] Can be put in other disposal containers such as Rivermead, Palmer Park and Tilehurst Triangle
- [£] The council can arrange a collection, but they will charge you for it.
- [B] Send back to original supplier / manufacturer, or follow instructions on packaging
- [X] Cannot be recycled

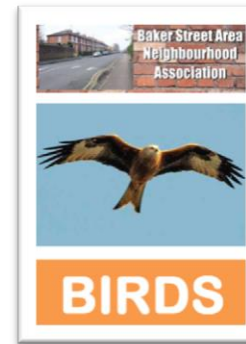
Aluminium Foil	[S]	Furniture	[C] [S] [£]
Asbestos	[S]	Garden Waste	Put in green bin / compost
Household batteries	Put in a clear bag on top of your red bin on collection day	Gas Bottles	[B]
Beds and furniture	[C] [S] [£]	Glass	[H] [O] [S]
Bicycles	[C] [S]	Hardcore & Rubble	[S] Small quantities only. Otherwise hire a skip
Books	[C]	Junk Mail	[R]
Bric-a-brac	[C]	Light Bulbs	[S]
Brita Water Filters	[S]	Litter	Use street litter bins
Business Waste	Has to be paid for disposal	Medicines	Return to pharmacist or doctor
Cans	[R] [S]	Metal, bulk	[C] [S] [£]
Cardboard and Cards	[R] [S]	Mobile Phones	[C]
Carpet	[S]	Newspapers	[R]
Cars	The council operates a vehicle surrender scheme.	Oil (from vehicles)	[S] up to 10 litres
Cassettes/CDs	[C]	Paper	[R]
Chemicals	[S]	Paint	[C] [S] Small quantities only
Clinical Waste	Contact council for a confidential collection	Pallets	[S]
Clothing and Shoes	[C] [H] [S]	Phone Directories	[R]
Composting	Consider a composter	Plant Pots	Give them to a gardener!
Computers	[C] [S]	Plastic Bags	[X] Reuse or return to store
Cookers	[C] [S] [£]	Plastic Bottles	[R] (tops go in grey bin)
Cooking Oil	[S]	Plastics (other)	[X]
Drink Cartons etc.	[O]	Printer Ink Toners	[C] [B] Also Staples
DIY Waste	[S]	Records (vinyl)	[C]
DVDs/Videos	[C] [S]	Shoes	[S]
Electrical Items	[C] [S]	Spectacles	[S] or optician
Envelopes, paper	[R]	Tetrapaks	[S] [O]
Envelopes, other	[X]	Tools	[C] [S]
Fire Extinguishers	[B]	Trees	[S] Branches ≤ 100mm thick go in green bin
Fluorescent Tubes	[C] (max 3 tubes / trip)	Tyres/inner tubes	[S] Small numbers only
Food Waste	Compost	Water Filters-Brita	[S]
		White Goods	[S]
		Windows	[S]
		Wood	[S]

Plans for 2014 & how you can help

BSANA Books

We are planning to bring out a book to allow children (and everyone) to look out for the birds in the local area. It will have pictures and information, as well as a chance to accumulate points and get a certificate. You can help with distributing it (anyone with time to visit local organisations). If it is successful, we could follow it with other books in the set (for example flowers, trees), so lots of opportunities to get involved.

Email birds@bsana.org to get involved.



Free window boxes

BSANA is thrilled to announce a collaboration with our neighbours - the Reading Association for the Blind. Together we are specially designing beautiful wooden window boxes for the narrow window sills of our area. And the Blind Association is building them for us!

And best thing is - we are giving them away PLANTED and FREE for you to put in your street front window. This is a first come, first served offer - a few simple conditions apply - but we are thrilled to let you have one for your front window. Write us at windowboxes@bsana.org or call/text to SAM at 0755 7957 462. We will be giving some of them away at the AGM too - but best to reserve now! These will go fast!



Darren Drake
hard at work

Grants for buying plants / shrubs

Thanks to a donation from a local business, which wants to make the area 'greener', BSANA can reimburse local residents up to 50% of the cost of plants, shrubs or trees, window boxes and baskets which are planted in front gardens.

The maximum pay out per household is £50 and evidence of purchase and planting will need to be provided before a pay-out can be made. This innovative scheme seeks to improve the area's amenity with additional greenery which local residents, visitors and wildlife can enjoy. It will end when the donation has been used up and pay outs will be considered on a first come first served basis. For further information please contact garden@bsana.org



Summer Spruce Up

Last year, we had two huge skips, a lorry and a garage to collect unwanted mattresses, furniture and more from people's front lawns or front yards. We filled everything we had and the whole area now looks much better.

What should we do this year? And how do we organise it? We need people to help with the planning, the locations of items, liaison with the council and organising volunteers for the day. Is this for you?

Email us on summerspruceup@bsana.org



Mattresses piled high