



Baker Street Area Neighbourhood Association



BSANA STREET PARTY 2017

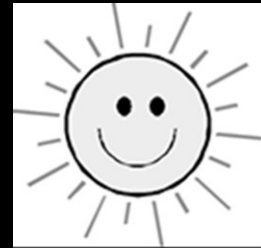
*Sunday 2 July from Noon to 5pm
in front of The Oasis, 21 Baker Street*

We warmly invite BSANA residents and friends to our annual street party. We are hoping to bring the community together with live music, a bouncy castle, street games, and much more entertainment for the whole family. We are hoping to have Matt Rodda (our new MP) as our guest of honour. We will be hosting a free BBQ, and will provide some snacks. As always we would like you to be the main stars of the show. Please bring a dish to share with your neighbours, a dish that represents you, or your culture, or just your favourite recipe.

LIVE MUSIC **FOOD AND DRINKS** **ZUMBA** **QUIZ**
STREET GAMES **BOUNCY CASTLE** **FACE PAINTING**

Help our area shine with new RAYS scheme

The **Reading Adopt Your Street** scheme is a partnership between local residents to help keep our streets tidy. Reading Council will still do all the street cleaning it already does. In addition, it will now provide residents with gloves, litter pickers as long as we agree to clean a street (or two) at least once a month. It's only a matter of picking up litter and popping it in the bags provided and then putting the bins into a council bin to be collected as normal.



In BSANA, we are encouraging people to adopt their own street (or an adjacent street) to help keep the BSANA area tidy.

If you would like to help and become part of the scheme, please email cleanstreets@bsana.org and let us know which streets you would like to do. If you can give us a choice, in case someone else has agreed to do your first choice, that would be appreciated.

Remember, if streets are generally clean, that discourages others from dropping litter, so they tend to remain cleaner.



FREE Front Garden Planter/Window Box

We are in production on window boxes and planters this spring - so if you still want a FREE window box or planter— contact greenstreets@bsana.org to request one!



Oxford Road Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG)

NAGs are volunteer working groups made up of representatives from the community. These will include local residents, the Police, Reading Borough Council and other organisations, such as local businesses, community groups, Neighbourhood Watch Groups, schools and other voluntary organisations.

Join other BSANA residents attending these meetings.

Wednesday 5 July 2017 19:00 at The Salvation Army Centre, 522 Oxford Road (opposite Brock Barracks).

BSANA Annual General Meeting

The BSANA Annual General Meeting AGM was held on 23 May at the Reading Association for the Blind, Walford Hall, on Carey Street.

Tony Page (Abbey ward councillor) & Mohammed Ayub (Abbey ward councillor and mayor) gave an update on the area and thanked BSANA for the work it had done. BSANA thanked the Mayor for his term in office and presented him with two framed photographs of him involved with BSANA activities.

The chair reported that we have received a grant from the People's Health Trust and gave an overview of the past year's activities. The treasurer presented her report. The following officers were voted in: Monique Raats (Chairman), Lyn Fariello (Treasurer) and Richard Rowlands (Secretary).



Thank you to BSANA's Green Streets committee for the recent IDR Bridge Planting!

Seeking a BSANA Community Liaison Officer

We are looking for someone with community skills, a can-do attitude and enthusiasm for our area.

Location: Central Reading, Berkshire. Ideally lives, works or has an interest in the BSANA area. The area covered by BSANA includes the whole of Baker Street together with all adjoining streets, and has the boundaries of Castle Hill, Tilehurst Rd, Prospect St, Oxford Rd and the Inner Distribution Rd.

Role: Primarily to liaise with local residents and related organisations (e.g. businesses, faith groups, Reading Borough Council and Thames Valley Police), and to drive an events and activities programme.

Time: This is a part-time role, currently 7 hours per week. The exact times worked are generally flexible and under the control of the post-holder. However there will be some meetings (such as the BSANA management meetings) which the post-holder would generally be expected to attend.

Salary: The living wage (currently £8.45 per hour), with pay rising as the living wage rises.

Qualifications: There are no formal qualifications for the role, but we are looking for someone with links into the community, and the ability to empathise and support residents as well as to interact with other organisations. The role requires communication skills, with access to IT and with a basic knowledge of Word and Excel, and some project management skills. The role involves working with a full range of people. A basic disclosure certificate is not a requirement but is beneficial.

Typical activities: Meeting local residents and understanding what BSANA can do to help create a sense of community. Planning and attending events, with a team. Chasing local residents' issues. Working with the committee members. Liaising with Thames Valley Police and other organisations in the area.

Role duration and the future: At the start, there will be a chance to meet with the outgoing community liaison officer and you will get additional support as you get acquainted with the role. The role is initially probationary for 3 months and then until 15 July 2019, which is the length of our grant. After this we would apply for an additional grant to extend the role. The role can develop and the candidate can bring in or acquire skills to help the role advance.

Application: Please send in your CV and a cover letter to the BSANA Secretary, richard@bsana.org. Submissions should be in by Tuesday 18 July 2017. Interviews will be by the end of July (at a mutually convenient time).

Disclaimer: This job description sets out the main duties of the post although it does not include or define all tasks which the post holder may be expected to carry out. The duties may vary from time to time without changing the nature of the post or the level of responsibility and the post holder may also be required to carry out any other duties appropriate to the level of the post.

Contact us on 07380 297250 if you have any questions.

Join our mailing list

We will keep you up to date about any upcoming events and opportunities to volunteer. Send your email address to contact@bsana.org

The Positive Power of Graffiti Removal!

If you see graffiti, it is best to get it removed immediately! If you need a hand with removing it please get in touch with our CLEAN STREETS team by emailing cleanstreets@bsana.org



OPEN FOR ART in the BSANA area

Gallery 142 (142 Castle Hill, Reading)

Gallery 142 is delighted to present a rich and varied selection of works by Emma Bradbury, Geoff Sawers, Steve Bumphrey, Nigel Bish, Tim Jackson and Trudie Middleton. The exhibition will take place in a town house, which in 1865 was home to Reading's 'Association for the sale of work by Ladies of limited means'. An organisation run by a Mrs Abbott, which sold fine needlework made by gentlewomen – the exhibition becoming a fitting echo of the house's past association.

Tea, coffee and homemade cakes will be served in the basement café.

Friday 30 June 11am – 2pm

Saturday 1 July 11am – 4pm

Sunday 2 July 11am – 3pm

Castle Tap (120 Castle Street, Reading)

Four new pieces from goeey eye Reading-based artist, designer and illustrator with a love for cartoon physics, the absurd and the grotesque.

Saturday 1 July 11am – Noon

Sunday 2 July noon – 10:30pm

Games & Chat Nights

Fridays 7pm, The Oasis, Baker St

The Oasis has a games library with many of your favourites. The games are easy to learn, and there's always someone there to show you how to play. Free tea & coffee provided and there's a chance to chat about what's happening locally.

OPEN FOR ART *weekend festival*



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Reading's three-day festival showcasing our arts, heritage, culture and creative industries

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A WEEKEND FESTIVAL OF ART

This fourth year of Open for Art celebrates design, the arts and creativity, from marking the 100 years since the birth of iconic British designer Lucienne Day to exhibiting the work of Reading's emerging designers, artists, performers and makers of all ages. Come and join us whilst we lead you on walks, hear artists' talks and poems, explore Reading's hidden waterways, take part in open air art classes, create floral headdresses inspired by Frida Kahlo, follow the heritage paths and revel in performances.



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