



# Baker Street Area Neighbourhood Association

## SATURDAY 8 OCTOBER MAKE IT A BSANA DAY!

### Reading Rescue

Come on out Saturday morning on the 8th of October and hit the streets with neighbours to clean up our neighbourhood. We will meet at the Community Board on Baker Street (corner of Baker and Zinzan Streets) at 10am. We will don our Hi-Vis to collect rubbish and tidy up the area until around 1 o'clock. If you can't make 10am just stop by the Community Board on Baker Street and a volunteer will point you to the crew and so you can join in the fun!

### BSANA BBQ

Be sure to join us for our "rain-or-shine" BBQ under the gazebo in 6 Baker Street at 1pm. This BBQ is being held for two big reasons:

- to give a big thanks to all the Reading Rescue volunteers

AND

- to help raise money for a neighbour in need who recently lost everything in a fire in Marshall Close.

There will be:

- Raffle prizes!
- Delicious halal meat and veggie options!

**Bring the family – always free!**

## BSANA PIE & ALE EVENING

Thursday 29 September @ The Castle Tap  
7:30pm — see advert on the back page

FREE  
BSANA  
BBQ



FROM SAT 8TH  
1pm OCT NO. 6  
BAKER STREET

ALL FOOD WILL BE  
HALAL AND VEGETARIANS  
WILL BE CATERED FOR



## FIRE IN MARSHALL CLOSE

Recently a family in Marshall Close lost everything in a devastating fire. BSANA has set up a crowd funding page at:

[justgiving.com/crowdfunding/firemarshallclose](http://justgiving.com/crowdfunding/firemarshallclose)

Donations will also be accepted for the family at the BBQ on the 8th of October. Please give whatever you can to help our neighbour.



## SAFE STREETS

### IT IS (LITERALLY) UP TO YOU! CALL 101!

BSANA has never been more aware of reports of drugs and anti-social behaviour (ASB) than this summer. Drug taking, street drinking, loud noises continue to affect the way responsible residents wish to live. There are several streets in the area where late night drinking and activity have kept residents up all night long and resulted in people altering their walking routes and other routines. This is absolutely unacceptable for our community.

Residents often alert BSANA's officers to these activities. Despite the fact that BSANA actively works with the Police on these issues and appreciates your notification – we are NOT the Police and alerting BSANA is not the sole answer. The Police cannot be everywhere at all times. They must hear from YOU in order to be assigned to focus on these activities. If residents do not call in – the Police assume that everything is OK – and for those affected by these behaviours – we know this is not the case.

**The ANSWER is with YOU! Take the time to CALL 101 every single time you see something suspicious.** This is the SINGLE BEST METHOD to getting drug dealing and ASB off our streets and solving these issues.



## GREEN STREETS

### Free Front Garden Planter/Window Box

BSANA is running a **Free Front Garden Planter** and **Front Window Box** – tailor-made by the local Reading Association for the Blind for your property – **All planted! All Free!** Email us at [greenstreets@bsana.org](mailto:greenstreets@bsana.org) if you want one.

### Winter green for the IDR bridge planters

What a success the BSANA planters on the IDR bridge have been this summer! So many compliments! As summer is sadly drawing its last breath, we will be gathering on the IDR bridge on Saturday, October 22nd from 9:30 to 11:30 to install our winter plantings for the Season. This is always a fun event! (We've really got our routine down now!) We have supplies but bring your own trowel if you wish.

**See you on the bridge! Every one is welcome!**

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to help with newsletter distribution, getting planters ready, BBQs and other events. New ideas and other offers of help are very welcome! Email us at [contact@bsana.org](mailto:contact@bsana.org)

## 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](mailto:contact@bsana.org)

## CONSERVATION STREETS

You may have thought every spare inch of our neighbourhood that could be used for housing has been used. However, over the past summer BSANA has come to know of more than half a dozen situations to insert even more cramped living spaces into our neighbourhood.

Legal and illegal, we come to know about them. We frequently engage with the developers and architects to work for positive developments. Working closely with Reading Borough Council, we encourage aesthetically pleasing and enhancing development for our Conservation Area by weighing in on design, reasonable quality building materials, etc.

We also try to ensure that new homes meet minimum standards for reasonably roomy and comfortable living so that our new neighbours will enjoy and take pride in their new homes. As our neighbourhood improves, we want to make sure that the developers take the best interests of this neighbourhood to heart. If there's a development next to you that you are concerned about, be sure to drop BSANA a line at [conservation@bsana.org](mailto:conservation@bsana.org)

## CLEAN STREETS

Changes are ongoing in the way rubbish and recycling collections will be dealt with across Reading due to cut-backs and new recycling targets, and how this will affect our area. BSANA called for a high level action meeting with Councillors and Council officers in August to begin to tackle this that was very positive in working together to find the solutions that will work best for our residents.

Our rubbish woes are worse than many because of our high density, transient population and frequently absent landlords. Currently Reading Borough Council is advising that once a best-practice model for the area has been developed, these new rulings will be launched in our area at the start of the new year.

There have already been Council officers out in our area on 19 September and they will be back again on 3 October to speak with individual households about managing rubbish and recycling collections. Please take the time to speak with them if they come by, or contact them directly at [streetcareadmin@reading.gov.uk](mailto:streetcareadmin@reading.gov.uk), if have specific issues with your property, housemates or neighbours that you wish to address. You can also always contact BSANA with particular issues, too, at [rubbish@bsana.org](mailto:rubbish@bsana.org).

Reading Borough Council and BSANA are committed to finding solutions that will work for this neighbourhood. Remain on the watch for Reading Borough Council communications and BSANA announcements via the mail, emails, the Community Noticeboard and our Facebook page. And please, it is particularly important that forward the information to your agents and landlords, especially if they are not frequently involved in your property's upkeep.

The new rules will be enforced- and potentially hefty fines for you or your landlord are likely if you do not comply. Knowing the rules can help avoid those fines and contribute to a cleaner environment.



## BSANA Supper Club

We are very excited about this idea. We are starting a new Supper Club in the Baker Street Area and everyone is welcome to join! The idea is very simple. Every couple of months, our friends and neighbours Laura and Josep from Pop-up Reading will be designing a menu based on one of our resident's life experiences. We will be advised of the theme, but final dishes will remain secret, so you will get to discover flavours and your fellow neighbours at the same time. To show us how it will work, Laura and Josep will start this off with a menu called 'Abruzzo to Veneto', which tells the story of Laura's Italian roots. Tickets are limited, so get in touch with [supperclub@bsana.org](mailto:supperclub@bsana.org) to secure yours!

- Tickets: £15 (7 course meal, BYOB)
- Date: Saturday 26 November, from 7:45 pm

## BSANA PIE AND ALE



TICKETS  
ARE £5

29th Sept - 7:30pm  
Castle Tap

Tickets must be bought and reserved in advance due to limited seating. To buy/reserve tickets write to [cooking@bsana.org](mailto:cooking@bsana.org) or text Sam on 07557 957462



### Email

[contact@bsana.org](mailto:contact@bsana.org)

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### Facebook

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Every Monday evening  
Salvation Army, Anstey Road

**ZUMBA!** 6:30-7:30 pm

**Poundfit** 7:45-8:30 pm

- Fitness for women
- BSANA offers a huge discount for BSANA residents
- Contact Sam on 07557 957 462 or email [fitness@bsana.org](mailto:fitness@bsana.org)
- No experience necessary
- Professionally provided by fitness specialists from Shake Your Zumba

## Games & Chat Nights

Fridays 7pm at 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.