



Baker Street Area Neighbourhood Association

**DOUBLE
ISSUE**
Tons of
events!

BSANA's Awesome Autumn

a whole load of fun things to do - right in your own neighbourhood

THE BAKER STREET AREA NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION
INVITES YOU TO COME ALONG AND

KICK UP YOUR HEELS !!

WITH AN EXCITING NEW BAND
IN OUR ON-GOING JAZZ NIGHT SERIES

**FRIDAY NIGHT
20 OCTOBER**

8-10 P.M.

**THE CASTLE TAP
120 CASTLE STREET**



first drink free to BSANA
residents



all things... apple!

Cost: £5 per person
Includes:
6 cider and
apple- themed food
pairings

You must book and pay in advance.
(seating is limited...)
Tickets can be purchased at the Castle Tap or by
email at appletime@bsana.org



do come
and join us for ...
a warm and cozy
autumn evening
tasting
with your BSANA
neighbours
and friends

**October 30
7:00-9:0
Castle Tap
back room**

BSANA's "MASSIVE HAUL" 9 September

On 9 September, BSANA volunteers officially hauled roughly **7 tonnes** of contaminated recycling waste, rubbish and bulky items from our little neighbourhood. This was over twice the amount we've ever collected in 5 years of running our BSANA Summer Spruce clean-up. **We picked up from over 225 collection sites** (some with up to 10 bins on one site!)

This involved the back-breaking effort of some really great neighbour volunteers working in cooperation with Reading Borough Council to get the job done. We've never received so many thank you's from appreciative residents.

We also had Reading East's new MP Matt Rodda, the Lead Councillor for Housing, John Ennis, and local Cllrs Tony Page & Mohammed Ayub who came along and spoke to residents & landlords about the waste collection issues in our neighbourhood.



What did we learn?

- **Contamination of red bin recycling is our biggest problem.** The Council will not pick up contaminated bins, and they remain attracting vermin and extra rubbish. We have new residents come and go constantly in our neighbourhood, and so letting new residents know how to recycle properly is a constant challenge.
- **Overflowing grey bins surrounded by excess rubbish are a health hazard for all of us.** All bin lids must be closed for pick up.
- **Bulky waste items are difficult and expensive to remove without a car** - and many residents do not have cars.

Performing this free-to-you service comes at great expense to BSANA. As this haul was so much larger this year - we are unclear whether we will have the finances to run such a collection. Therefore, the fresh start we gave residents by clearing contaminated bins needs to be managed by each of us.

"BSANA's Best Tips" to managing waste were put through many doors during the clean-up, but to recap, if you are having issues with contamination both BSANA and the Council suggest:

- keeping your red and grey bins off the pavements except on collection day.
- turning bins around so they do not face the street where passers-by can drop in any manner of contamination.
- consider drilling a hole in the lid and top of the bin, and putting a chain and lock on to prevent them from contamination. You'll have to UNLOCK them for their fortnightly collection, but if you have problems with others contaminating your bins, this is one of the best methods used in the neighbourhood to make sure that bins aren't contaminated.

In the pipeline:

- We hope to schedule a meeting in January to discuss waste management issues with residents & landlords.
- We are working with the Council to trial an alternative programme for recycling collection on a few of our streets. You will be contacted soon by Reading Borough Council about this, if the trial is coming to your street.

In the end- BSANA is here for you:

- Your ideas are welcome. Let us know if you have any suggestions.
- If you continue to have problems - whatever they are - please contact us at info@bsana.org and let us know. We are happy to work with you, the Council and your landlord to make sure that we get this under control.

Together, we'll keep our streets clean for all of us.



Neighbourhood Watch first meeting Wednesday 25th Oct, 7:30-9:00



Recently, in response to increased reports of crime and anti-social behaviour in the area, BSANA has been working with the Thames Valley Police and the Oxford Road NAG to set up a Neighbourhood Watch in the BSANA area, east of Russell Street to the IDR. Leaflets in English, Nepalese and Polish have been distributed to properties in the area and we have had a good response. If you have not seen or received a leaflet, please do join us regardless.

We would like to invite you to the first meeting of this group on **Wednesday 25 October from 7:30-9pm at the Reading Association for the Blind on Carey Street** near the intersection of Castle Hill. There will be tea and biscuits.

If you are unable to make the meeting, but are interested in knowing more or becoming active in this effort, we urge you to contact either liz.herbert@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk or safestreets@bsana.org for more details.

To note, there is already an on-going Neighbourhood Watch in the BSANA area west of Russell Street- and if you'd like to know more about that, again, please email either of the above addresses for more information.



Café 12
Lunch Club
 (over 60s)
Every Thursday
11.30 - 2pm
Two course lunch with tea or coffee
£4.00
LifeSpring Church, The Pavilion



Café 12
Games Morning
Every Wednesday
10am-12pm
 at The Pavilion
 143-145 Oxford Rd, RG1 7UY
 Free tea, coffee and biscuits
www.lifespringchurch.org.uk

Friday Lunch at the Oasis
Noon-2pm — The Oasis, Baker Street

Always something good for a great lunch in a sociable atmosphere. You never know who you might run into...



Autumn Family Activity at Café 12.

Wednesday 25th October 10am-12pm



Chocolate coated apples

All activities are £1 for the first child, 50p each extra child per family.

All children must be accompanied by an adult
LifeSpring Church, The Pavilion
143 - 145 Oxford Road
0118 983 9080




Tuesday Café at the Oasis
1pm to 4pm — The Oasis, Baker Street

Stop by for a delicious cake and tea and a chat with your neighbours. Cakes from 50p. Always homemade.



DIY -SATURDAY

afternoon in the neighbourhood
TWO GREAT EVENTS TOGETHER!
GET SOMETHING REPAIRED
AND
FIX-UP A FREE PIZZA - TOO!
SATURDAY, 18 NOVEMBER from 12 noon -4:30
THE OASIS
 (corner of Baker Street & Carey Street)



the famous
Reading Repair Café
 is coming to our neighbourhood...
 Come along and get help / learn to repair your things!
 We'll have a team of repairers who are on hand to give old items,
 otherwise destined for the scrap heap, a new lease of life.
 We can help you carry out:

- Electronics and electrical repairs
- Bike (with Reading Bicycle Kitchen) fixing and maintenance
- Sewing repairs and modifications
- Tool sharpening
- IT / software / electronic device fixes
- speeding up / understanding how it works
- Toys, furniture, mechanical repairs
- and lots more.

BUILD YOUR OWN Pizza
 for kiddies and adults alike... ;)

We'll have
ready-to-go crusts and
fixin's of all sorts
to pop a really great pizza into the
oven... whilst you repair your goods!

Games & Chat Nights

Fridays 7pm — The Oasis, Baker Street

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.



IDR BRIDGE WINTER PLANTING
Saturday 28 October
10- noon
 it goes very quickly with a lot of helpers!

...if you appreciate the planters on the bridge,
 please come along and spare an hour or two
 to help us get them ready for winter...
 If you have a spade, great- if not- just bring yourself-
 for a fun morning out with neighbours!

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.

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.

Salary The living wage with pay rising as the living wage rises.

Qualifications You will need to be able to work as a self-employed contractor. 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.

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.

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

Application Please send in your CV and a cover letter to the BSANA Secretary, richard@bsana.org. Submissions should be in by Sunday evening 5 November 2017. Interviews will be by the end of November (at a mutually convenient time).

Please see our website for full details of the post. Contact us at job@bsana.org if you have any questions and we will arrange to speak with you.



The Baker Street Area Neighbourhood Association's activities are supported by our generous grant from the People's Health Trust using money raised by Health Strength Community Interest Company through The Health Lottery.

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ARTISAN COMMUNITY FOOD FAIR

SATURDAY 4TH NOVEMBER
9 TIL 12

THE OASIS
BAKER STREET, RG1 7XT

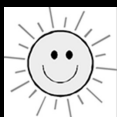
CELEBRATE GREAT FOOD FROM LOCAL PRODUCERS



Oxford Road Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG)

NAGs are volunteer working groups made up of local residents and representatives. The Police, Reading Borough Council and other organisations, such as local businesses, community groups, Neighbourhood Watch Groups, schools and other voluntary organisations are all represented. If you have a local issue, or just want to know what's happening, **join other BSANA residents attending these meetings.**

Wednesday 22 November 2017 19:00 at Salvation Army, 522 Oxford Road, Reading



Residents are adopting their streets with new **WAYS** scheme

The new RAYS scheme (**Reading Adopt Your Street**) 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 bags, litter pickers, etc. 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 bags into a council bin to be collected as normal.

Since our last newsletter we have had more people sign on to clean their street, but there are still a few streets left and our aim is to have every street covered.

So, as you clean one street, someone else is cleaning every other street and the whole area looks pristine. 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.

CLOSE AND OPEN CARRIAGES FOR HIRE.



DOG CARTS AND PONY TRAPS FOR HIRE.

Baker Street Horse & Carriage Repository, Reading.

Telephone No. 127x.

Horses and Carriages Bought and Sold on Commission.

JAS. NEWMAN, Proprietor.

Do you recognise this location?

This remarkable picture recently surfaced on social media and is from right in the heart of our neighbourhood. The picture is easily dated as the villa in the picture has a date of 1904 on it. We think this was the waning days of the horse and buggy, but the telephone had arrived and the phone number was 127x. Would you like to see the arch re-instated? We think that would be pretty cool !

Double Issue newsletter - Tons of new events inside

Join our mailing list

We are really eager to bump up our mailing list and we'd appreciate you giving us your email address. It is the best way to keep informed of upcoming volunteer opportunities and future events. We won't spam you—and we keep our mails to a minimum.

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