

Are you a paid up member?

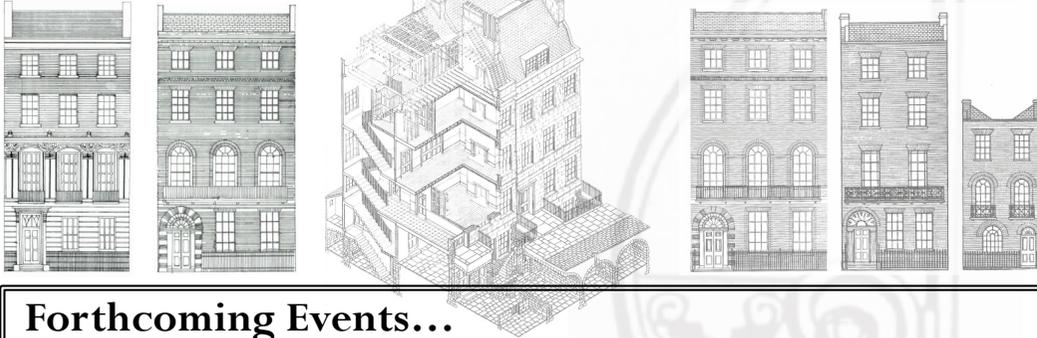
Of the 119 households in Britannia Square, Albany Terrace and Stephenson Terrace, 52 are current paid up members.

Life membership is £30 per household and annual membership is £5 per household. Payment of membership automatically includes your household as a member of our Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, which may enable you to claim a discount on your household insurance.

To join the Association please contact the Treasurer and Membership Secretary, Ian Terry, 14 Albany Terrace or join at the Summer Party on Sunday 2 June.

BSRA Committee currently in post

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Forthcoming Events...

Neighbourhood Watch Meeting	Monday 15 April at 7.30	United Reformed Church
2013 Summer Party	Sunday 2 June 2013	at RGS Springfield

Wine Club meets 2 or 3 times a year, 2013 TBC. Details & reminders to be issued nearer the event.

BRITANNIA SQUARE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER – SPRING 2013

From the Chairman

Welcome to our fourth newsletter and thank you all on the Committee for doing such a great job.

Everyone is welcome to our
Summer Party
on
Sunday 2 June 2013
from
12 noon to 6 pm
in the
Garden at Springfield

Come and enjoy an afternoon of fun for all ages. We are hoping for a sunny day to enjoy outdoor games and races, a treasure hunt and a huge bring-and-share picnic. But come rain or shine there will be plenty of indoor games, the chance for all you talented bakers to enter another Great Britannia Bake Off, a feast of live music and plenty of opportunity to socialise with your neighbours. Newcomers to the area are especially welcome.

The party is free and everyone in Britannia Square, Albany Terrace and Stephenson Terrace is invited along with any family or friends who may be with you on the day. Details of participation and help required will be circulated soon, but please get the date in your diary now.

Our next opportunity to get together will be at our
Neighbourhood Watch Meeting on
Monday 15th April 2013, 7.30pm at the
United Reformed Church.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Anna Hooper Chairman

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New Dog Bin

Look out for our new dog bin. We believe that dog owners will use dog bins if they are available. We hope residents will feel more confident about encouraging dog owners to pick up after their dogs if they can direct them to a nearby bin. Siting a dog bin is a complex process and it has been positioned to be accessible from all the streets in our membership area.

Thank you to our Ward Councillors Lynn Denham and Jabba Riaz who responded to our request.

High Speed Broadband

The committee is all too aware of the frustration and anxiety to residents caused by the delay in connecting High Speed Broadband in our area.

We are cautiously optimistic that we may not have to wait too much longer. We are working with the Council who understand the economic and social implications of restraint on this vital service. Councillor Marc Bayliss is determined to see our cabinet upgraded and is working with colleagues in the Planning department to achieve this.

We are grateful to him and to our Ward Councillor Lynn Denham who helped us research the progress on High Speed Broadband.

Heritage at Risk – Listed Buildings in Worcester

The City Council has asked the Worcester Civic Society to be the lead coordinator of volunteer efforts for an English Heritage funded project to survey the Grade II properties in Worcester City.

If you would be interested in becoming part of a team of volunteers working with the Civic Society for a two-hour training session and at least two half days of field work during the summer, please contact the Vice Chairman, Phil Douce, on phildouce68@gmail.com or 01905 352438.

Recent Planning Applications reviewed

Mar'13 34 Britannia Square – Retrospective Application for Internal & External Modifications – Objections and comments raised

Neighbourhood Watch Update

Neighbourhood Watch is a simple idea shared by millions of people around the country: by getting together with your neighbours to take action, you can cut local crime. Michael Hudson and Nicky Neville-Lee have ably served our Neighbourhood Watch interests in recent years and both Michael and Nicky now feel the time has come to put a new scheme in place so that we have a more robust system of communication and support should the need arise.

The BSRA committee have devised a new team system that will be less work and more effective for everyone. Our area, Britannia Square, Albany Terrace and Stephenson Terrace divides naturally into eleven stretches of 10-12 households. The team of eleven people, with the BSRA committee at its core, will be able to communicate with all 120 households in our area by email, letter or face to face as individual residents and team members wish. Nicky will continue to liaise with the Police and review their emails for relevance and will be responsible for communicating the very occasional distribution of urgent or relevant information. Confidentiality about using email addresses will be strictly observed. The BSRA chairman will have overall responsibility for our Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

Your team member will not be able to answer all your questions about security or expect to be called out in a crisis but they will be briefed about reporting crime, home and vehicle security and dealing with intimidating behaviour.

The briefing meeting will be held on **Monday 15 April at 7.30 pm at the United Reformed Church** and will be led by PC Mark Broughton. Anyone who is interested will be very welcome to attend.

Lighting and Potholes

Please report streetlights and potholes requiring attention on the Council's website at <http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/cms/report-a-highway-problem.aspx>.

The more people who report a problem, the quicker it will be dealt with.