

Paid up Member?

Of the 121 households in Britannia Square, Albany Terrace and Stephenson Terrace, 55 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.

BSRA Committee

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Neighbourhood Watch – Thefts from gardens, sheds & garages

Over the summer, there were several incidents of thefts from gardens, sheds and garages in our area. Items stolen included garden furniture, bicycles and gardening equipment. The Police advise that consideration should be given to improving garden security with dusk to dawn lighting, shed alarms, curtains or screens over shed windows and adding heavy duty padlocks to shed doors.

Other useful advice:

- Keep side gates secure and locked at all times.
- Maintain high side and rear boundaries with trellis and spiky defensive planting (over 1.8 metres).
- Consider attaching padlocks to valuable garden equipment, ladders and bicycles, even when stored in sheds and garages.
- Protect groups of garden furniture by winding a security cable or chain through the arms or legs of the pieces.
- Consider using ground and/or wall-mounted anchors in conjunction with cables and padlocks to secure large objects.



Forthcoming Events

Annual General Meeting	Friday 15 November	7.00pm at United Reformed Church
Christmas Carols & Party	Sunday 15 December	6.00pm at RGS Springfield

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

BRITANNIA SQUARE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER – AUTUMN 2019

BSRA AGM – Friday 15th November at 7.00pm at the United Reformed Church in Albany Terrace

Everyone living in Britannia Square, Albany Terrace and Stephenson Terrace is welcome to our Annual General Meeting which will be on **Friday 15th November 2019**.

The meeting will be at the United Reformed Church, Albany Terrace. Drinks (for a donation) and nibbles will be served **from 7.00pm** so that we can start the meeting promptly **at 7.30pm**.

Agenda and reports will be available on our website, along with features about all our projects and initiatives in the 'Residents' Area' and 'BSRA Initiatives' sections at www.britanniasquare.org

We are grateful to our sponsors, Knight Frank, who continue to support us this year.

This is your Residents' Association and a great way to get together to socialise and exchange views. New neighbours are especially welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

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Christmas Carols & Party – Sunday 15th December at 6.00pm at RGS Springfield

Come to our Christmas Party at RGS Springfield from **6.00pm to 8.00pm**. Please bring and share Christmas food and we will provide wine and soft drinks for a donation.

There will be carol singing around the piano with lots of well known tunes so that everyone can join in. Everyone is welcome and please bring your families and friends who are with you on the day. If you are new to the area you are especially welcome.

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BRITANNIA SQUARE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Seagulls – AGM discussion on options to tackle the issues of nesting Gulls in our area.

As many of you will have encountered, seagulls cause considerable nuisance to our residents and visitors. You will be aware that this is a hot topic locally and the City Council is increasingly looking into the issue. Indeed very recently, a Councillor's option for a seagull cull was dismissed by the Council. This unfortunately means that just like this year, the Council has very few gull prevention measures in place for the coming year too.

So following on from the Spring Newsletter, the BSRA's Committee has been exploring options and potential solutions to discourage and prevent seagulls nesting in our area. You will be aware that the presence of gulls is increasing year-on-year in our area, with the noise, mess and aggressive behaviour that results. A number of our residents have experienced an increasing number of gull issues in the past year.

We have been trying to assess the best possible options to keep the problem in-check for our area, and we've been working with Worcestershire Regulatory Services (WRS), the Council, the Gull Forum and some private pest control companies, to look at some suitable options.

At our AGM on 15th November, we will be joined by Mark Cox, Technical Services Manager, for Environmental Health & Licensing at WRS, who is looking closely at gull control measures across the city and now that we have raised the issue, thankfully our area too. He will be explaining the current legislation and licensing covering gull control, gull behaviour and potential health issues, some site specific problems relating to our area and hopefully some proposals for the coming breeding season and what their procedure is for reporting gull problems. We hope that you can join us in the gull debate and discuss the best way forward for our area on this increasing and tricky to solve problem.

With the birds being displaced from some city buildings, they're gradually moving out of the city centre areas to pastures new, and as their numbers increase, our conservation area has many suitable and hard to reach nest sites. So some of the possible control measures that may be considered over the next 3-5 years may include:

- *Extra monitoring of the problem in our area.*
- *Egg replacement scheme extended to cover our area.*
- *Hawking and falconry flying to deter the gulls from our area.*
- *Portable lasers to scare the birds.*
- *Drones to scare the birds.*
- *Birds of prey decoys, wires and spikes.*

Some of these options will, if adopted, incur costs to the Council and our residents, so we have started to look at the potential costs for each option, set against the likelihood of deterrent and success over a couple of breeding seasons. We hope to present these options at the AGM, with a view to getting residents' feedback on the potential to combine financial resources, by clubbing-together to share the costs, in readiness for next year's breeding season. Obviously, the more residents that are prepared to contribute to the Gull Prevention Fund the cheaper it will be for all. The finer details of any scheme will need to be sorted out in due course.

We look forward to discussing this pressing issue after Mark Cox's presentation at our AGM on Friday 15th November at 7.30pm at the URC in Albany Terrace.

David Greenhill

Recent Planning Applications -

Jan 19	39 Britannia Square – Rear Extension	- Approved
Jan 19	9 Britannia Square – Refit two internal bathrooms	- Pending
June 19	36A Britannia Square – Vary Condition No.5 of Planning approval	- Pending
June 19	36A Britannia Square – New Detached Annex in Rear Garden	- Pending

BSRA tries to comment on all applications, when consulted. However, residents should comment directly on the City Council's planning website, if they would like to raise concerns or support any application. <http://planning.worcester.gov.uk/OcellaWeb/planningSearch>

Street Clean - Success Again!

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Sunday Street Clean in May. By moving your cars, the City and County Councils were able to move in on the Monday and deep clean the gutters and pavements and clear out the drains. This reduces the puddles in winter.

Thanks also to Lisa Smith at the City Council who is helping us plan another Street Clean, hopefully for May 2020.

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BSRA Historical Photographic Record Project

Work continues on the Britannia Square Photographic Project, which was launched at the end of 2017. The aim of this project is to gather as many photographs of our area as possible and to make them available on our website, for reference and for the interest of residents. Hopefully, the collection will grow, creating a visual record of our area.

The processing of the collection given to us by the Historic Environment Record Office is almost complete – there are now around 100 photographs available on the project's pages, with around thirty more images to add. We have also recently successfully negotiated for the use of around sixty images from The Hive's 'Worcester Photographic Survey' archive, which will be made available on the website as soon as possible.

If you have any suitable photographs and would be willing for them to be included within the project, please contact me.

I should also remind everyone that past initiatives and event reports, along with their photographs, remain available through the calendar; simply go back through the months to select an event to see the report and other details. There are particularly nice photographs of past Christmas Parties, Summer Parties and Spring Street Clean events.

As always, should you have any comments about the website, or suggestions for content, please feel free to contact me directly by email. Thanks.

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