



CHURCHGATE AREA ASSOCIATION

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The Association promotes the interests of all residents and businesses, not only in Churchgate Street, but also in the general area of all those streets that lead directly off it.

The AGM will be held on 9th October at 7.00pm in the UMH.

Our speaker is
Richard Summers

Past President of the Royal Town Planning Institute

The theme at the AGM will be the new Town Centre Master Plan which will determine what changes (if any) are needed up to 2031, the same period as Bury is to have an additional 5000 houses.

CAA Member and planning expert Richard Summers will lead us through the findings of a recent working meeting of CAA and Bury Society Members on what the Master Plan should contain.

Wine and canapés will be served after the meeting.

Andrew is retiring as Chairman. Please can we have your nominations for new members of the Committee. If you have anything you particularly wish to discuss, please email Vivien on vgf.masongill@gmail.com or telephone 01284 750887 so that we can include your observation.

Guildhall Feoffment School

The new buildings planned for Guildhall Feoffment School were shown at an open evening at the school recently. There will be a two storey building of new classrooms at right-angles to Bridewell Lane, so only the gable end that is most visible will be seen from the street. A plan to move some classes to part of the Shire Hall site is not now happening, so all the current and new classes resulting from the switch to a full primary school will be located on the current site (although the Pre-School will move permanently to the Shire Hall site).

Although the overall numbers will be higher than before, the County Council say that in the longterm, the School will settle back to around the same numbers as before the change to a Primary. The CAA had asked if there could be a turning circle for dropping children off to reduce congestion in Bridewell Lane, but the County Council say there is no room for this. The plans will be formally presented for approval to the County's Planning Department in the coming months.

Andrew Hinchley

20mph Repeater Signs for the Grid

Andrew, Richard Summers and Vivien had a meeting with our two County Councillors, David Nettleton and Mark Ereira-Guyer, regarding the placing of 20mph repeater signs in the Grid to slow the traffic speed. These will be 300 mm (12") in diameter.

Mark has very kindly given the CAA enough money from his Locality Grant to place ten repeater signs on lamp-posts for a trial period. The Borough Council has agreed to carry out another speed survey after a few months to ascertain whether the repeater signs are helping to reduce the speed.

Richard and Vivien spent an amusing hour and a half on Sunday morning at 8.00 putting up mock-ups of 20mph signs on strategic lamp-posts in Guildhall Street, Whiting Street, College Street, Bridewell Lane and Churchgate Street. Richard then photographed these and the photos will be sent to Steve Boor at the County Council for him to approve the sites that we have chosen. A Council speed survey was carried out earlier this year; Richard and Vivien chose the sites to coincide with the results of the survey.



Planning Report

Application for Listed Building Consent - Repair works and renovation with included access upgrading to create a 'live action' museum incorporating (i) Remove w.c. blocks (ii) re-instate WWII operations room (iii) extend exterior boundary and re-landscape and (iv) and associated works to create heritage centre. The Guildhall Guildhall Street Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP33 1PR Ref. No: DC/15/1005/LB | Received: Mon 18 May 2015 | Validated: Tue 19 May 2015 | Status: Decided

Application for Listed Building Consent - Internal alterations associated with change of use from retail (ClassA1/A2) to single dwelling (ClassC3) 6 Whiting Street Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP33 1NX Ref. No: DC/15/0911/LB | Received: Fri 01 May 2015 | Validated: Tue 05 May 2015 | Status: Decided

Planning Application - Conversion of Shop (Class A1) to 4 no Residential Flats (Class C3) and associated alterations as amended by drawing no. 15-011-A-010 Rev C received on 1st July 2015 to include secure cycle storage. 32 - 33 Guildhall Street Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP33 1QD Ref. No: DC/15/0835/FUL | Received: Fri 24 Apr 2015 | Validated: Fri 15 May 2015 | Status: Decided

Planning Application - (i) Change of use from offices (Use Class A2) to single dwelling, removing modern glass entrance screen and construction stud partition to form Snug and coat cupboard at ground floor (ii) **Constructing stud partition** to form ensuite and shower room at first floor (iii) **Insertion of glazed lantern** into modern concrete flat roof - 9 Guildhall Street Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP33 1PR Ref. No: DC/15/0914/FUL | Received: Tue 05 May 2015 | Validated: Wed 17 Jun 2015 | Status: Decided

Planning Application - Change of use from Estate agents (Class A2) to Cafe (Class A3) with ancillary (Class A4) bar 7 Guildhall Street Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP33 1PR Ref. No: DC/15/1379/FUL | Received: Wed 08 Jul 2015 | Validated: Wed 08 Jul 2015 | Status: Pending Decision

Planning Application - (i) Change of use from commercial and residential to residential with small office unit (ii) new stud wall and wc to lower ground floor (iii) removal of catering kitchen, refrigeration unit and modern stud walls to ground and second floor (iv) new front door for direct access to residential unit (v) new car access and parking to rear 15 Hatter Street Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP33 1NE Ref. No: DC/15/1218/FUL | Received: Tue 16 Jun 2015 | Validated: Mon 13 Jul 2015 | Status: Pending Decision

Prior Approval Application under Part 3 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Amendment and Consequential Provisions) (England) Order 2014- **Change of use from Office (Class B1(a)) to Dwellinghouse(s) (Class C3) to create 1 no. dwelling** 78 Whiting Street Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP33 1NX Ref. No: DC/15/1620/P3JPA | Received: Fri 07 Aug 2015 | Validated: Mon 10 Aug 2015 | Status: Pending Consideration

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Regulation 3 Planning Application (application on behalf of Suffolk County Council) - **Installation of 1no. double temporary classroom unit located on the school hard play Guildhall Feoffment Community Primary School** Bridewell Lane Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP33 1RE Ref. No: DC/15/0499/CR3 | Received: Fri 06 Mar 2015 | Validated: Fri 06 Mar 2015 | Status: Decided
Stephen Mills

Successful Wolves!

The Bury St Edmunds Wolf Trail has been a great success. The 26 wolves have been made by 18 local artists and have been spread around the town so that the 'Wolf Hunters' explore areas they may not have visited before.



There have been 16,000 leaflets printed with a map showing the positions of the wolves and telling the legend of St Edmund's wolf.

There has been a 5% increase on last year in numbers coming into the town.

Moyse's Hall and The Apex which have wolves positioned inside their premises have seen an even larger increase in visitor numbers.

Many shops and local residents have created wolves for their windows and produced or featured wolf related items to sell.



Social media Twitter, Facebook and Instagram have had some great photographs uploaded. The wolves will be on display until St Edmunds' Day November 20th when they will then be auctioned for charity at a dinner in The Athenaeum. More information can be found at the website www.ourburystedmunds.com/wolftrail

Membership Renewals

Our new membership year starts on October 1st. Membership is still only £3 and is open to all residents, landlords and businesses in The Grid. Members are invited to two social events during the year, with speakers and refreshments. To renew your membership, please send £3 per head to the Membership Secretary, Judy Broadway, 25 Guildhall Street, Bury St Edmunds, IP33 1QD. Please make cheques payable to the Churchgate Area Association. New members are always welcome. Please contact Judy for a membership form, telephone 01284 724 034 or email judy@jbroadway.co.uk

Applications invited for the Chairman of the National Organisation of Residents' Associations

The Churchgate Area Association belongs to the National Organisation of Residents' Associations (NORA). NORA has been helpful to us on many occasions with any problems we have encountered of noise, parking, unsocial behaviour, etc. and the Organisation is seeking a new Chairman. The rôle that Alan Shrank, the retiring Chairman, has created has become one of national importance.

NORA speaks for about five million people and its main work is the scrutiny of impending Government legislation. The current Chairman's background is in medical politics and town councils, but, in view of NORA's Govt legislation duty, a retired senior civil servant, chartered surveyor, lawyer, or Councillor might make a good match, and the post might be interesting to these applicants. The post can be based anywhere in the country. There is no salary but reasonable expenses are paid. There is a sub-committee looking at outside recruitment. A draft list for the sub-committee's consideration by the Autumn is being drawn up.

NORA was founded in 2003 by a group of town centre residents' associations who were concerned about the local threat to their environment and needed advice on Planning, Licensing, Traffic management, Car parking, Community safety, and other such issues. Members come from all over England and Wales, so that communication is through the internet. Members can request help from each other, which can be obtained by pooling our experience. Access to published data is via the NORA website and free to all, but only members receive an email service bringing them up-to-date information and advice on problems. New members are welcome from anywhere in the United Kingdom, and the more associations that join, the more influence NORA has. They regularly respond to consultations by government departments and all members are invited to contribute to our responses. NORA is also consulted on government policy.

Please let me know if you are interested in applying for the post by 15 September, 2015.

Vivien Gainsborough Foot

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Congratulations to a wonderful lady



I was honoured to be present a few weeks ago at Trisha Mellor's 100th birthday party in a special marquee with family gathering including youngsters and parents from America.

When Trisha and her husband moved to their home in Whiting Street they enjoyed taking part in Bury life, none more so than St Nicholas Hospice. Founder in 1987 of The Hidden Gardens of Bury to raise funds for the hospice, at her centenary Trisha asked for no presents, but donations for this special cause, raising another £400+. I've worked with Trisha for many years on her favourite garden theme and got to know what a special lady she is, supporting U3A, the Theatre Royal, campaigning for a green burial site at Bury's cemetery, and having two books published. Her daughter Clare would like to repeat her brother's "thank you to Bury St Edmunds" for being so welcoming to Mum and Dad when they retired here. With special mention for all her neighbours in Whiting Street including Liz and Tony of the Rose and Crown who especially in the last few years have been so kind to Mum.

Isobel Ashton

Historic community building preservation

The small group of local people who manage the Unitarian Meeting House on Churchgate Street welcome interest from anyone who is keen to help preserve this wonderful building and to keep it available for public use. Not sure if you could organise an event or have ideas to further these aims? Don't worry, advice and help are available. Continuing to maintain this building is our priority so it can be used by the public for events such as meetings, lectures, theatre productions, choir rehearsals, concerts, parties, weddings, keep fit and exhibitions. We would love to have some new faces join us. Could it be you?

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