

Partnerships And Communities Together (PACT)

PERA Committee members attend the regular PACT meetings with B&NES officials, Police and Police Community Support Officers. Members of the public are encouraged to attend. Details of meeting dates can be obtained from PERA Committee members. These meetings are really useful as they are, to our knowledge, the only meeting that you can attend and find the police and B&NES employees from across the spectrum ready to discuss matters with the public. The meetings are nearly always in the Guildhall, not far for any PERA member to get to. Some feedback from recent meetings include –

- There is now an increased police visibility on the streets.
- Pavement cyclists are being stopped and penalty notices issued.
- The seagull colony has increased by a smaller amount this year than in other years (6% in 2008 compared to 13% in 2007).
- Police man hours have been increased to respond to antisocial behaviour in Kingsmead Square, Green Park and Henrietta Gardens.

Again, as a reminder, if you spot any incidents occurring please contact the Police on 0845 4567000.

Federation of Bath Residents' Association (FoBRA)

Following a change in the leadership of FoBRA earlier this year, a review was conducted amongst the 22 member organizations. The main issues that emerged were

- ~ Traffic and pollution
- ~ Night-time economy
- ~ Licensing
- ~ Antisocial behaviour
- ~ City centre cleanliness, including litter and refuse collection
- ~ Shabbiness of public realm
- ~ Pedestrianisation
- ~ Parking – for residents and in city centre.

On Planning we felt that we should get involved only in cases that have a wider impact across Bath than the development's immediate footprint and avoid making aesthetic judgments unless the case could pose a significant threat to the World Heritage Site status.

FoBRA "Champions" for each of these issues have been agreed, and we will use our influence to effect positive change.

A date for your diaries

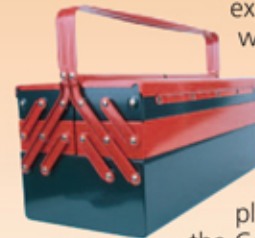
The PERA Annual General Meeting will take place on Tuesday 17th March 2009 at the Bowls Club, Pulteney Road (the venue of the Christmas Party). We look forward to meeting you there.

Further details will be available nearer the time.

Members' email addresses Would all members who haven't already done so, please advise their e-Mail addresses to the Membership Secretary, Chris McGinn, whose address is christopher.mcgin@googlemail.com. It will be a big help to us all to have this information for easy contact of relevant issues. Thank you.

Member's recommendations

In future editions of the newsletter we would like to include recommendations for local trades people/services and information on forthcoming social events, from our members. If you have experienced particularly good service and would like to pass on your



experiences or would like to let your fellow members know about an upcoming social event please let one of the Committee members have the details and we will endeavour to include your (caveated for legal reasons!) tip in the next edition.

Thank you.

Overthrows update

We are still trying to find out the names of all the current owners of each of the properties that want to have an Overthrow. It is important that this information is completely accurate in the 3 weeks immediately prior to filing our Planning Application. Once we have verified the data we will be able to file. We hope to do this as soon as possible and certainly within the next month.

Orange Bendy buses / Parking / HGVs

In July, we wrote to Charles Gerrish, the B&NES Cabinet member responsible for Traffic and Parking, about several issues including:

- a the volume and frequency of Orange Bendy Buses, that travel along Edward Street, Great Pulteney Street and Pulteney Bridge
- b the flouting of HGV bans on Henrietta Street
- c the damage to vaults by buses and HGVs, in particular on Edward Street
- d the use of Edward Street, Great Pulteney Street, Henrietta Street, and Grove Street as a "rat run"
- e our suggestion that the Orange Bendy Buses go along Grand Parade, North Parade, and Pulteney Road
- f Edward Street and Great Pulteney Street should have HGV restrictions mainly because they are "hanging streets"
- g the extension of Resident Parking to 8pm.

If our recommendations were implemented we would see Grade 1 buildings protected from noise and traffic damage, fewer vehicles getting stuck on Edward Street due to the sheer volume and size of buses, safer streets with less traffic, and more parking available for Zone 1 Residents.

Cllr Gerrish informed us in July that we would receive a "proper" response in September. We chased Cllr Gerrish again at the start of October and were informed that the "Officers were being chased for a response". Nothing concrete has been received, 3 months after writing!

We know you feel strongly about this issue so please contact Councillors Terry Gazzard (terry_gazzard@bathnes.gov.uk, 9 Edward St, Bath, BA2 4DU) or Brian Webber (brian_webber@bathnes.gov.uk, 3 Henrietta Court, Bathwick Street, Bath, BA2 6PG) to ask what they are doing to follow up these matters on behalf of PERA.