

St James's Square News

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Keeping our residents up to date...

This is the first St James's Square News bulletin. We want to publish this every now and then as a way of keeping our residents up to date with things we are doing and to highlight information that we feel you may like to be aware of, both within the Square and within Bath in general. We will also use the News bulletin to let you know of upcoming events in the Square, such as the annual summer garden party, the quarterly litter-picks and the annual AGM. Contributions and feedback are always welcome. You can email Sylvia Sinclair, secretary of St James's Square Bath on sylviasinclair123@gmail.com

Dates for your diary (more details to follow)

Wednesday 8 April 7.15pm – Bath UNESCO Talk @ St James Wine Vaults (see flyer)

Sunday 26 April 9.30am – St James's Square litter-pick & coffee @ Marlborough Tavern

Saturday 20 June 3.00pm – St James's Square Annual Summer Garden Party

Saturday 8 August 9.30am – St James's Square litter-pick & coffee @ St James's Cafe

Sunday 22 Nov 9.30am – St James's Square litter-pick & coffee @ Marlborough Tavern

Important Information

CAZ/Queen Square

Many of you will have read about the upcoming introduction of the Clean Air Zone (CAZ) and seen the work that has already begun at Queen Square. The Queen Square traffic interventions, which are due to start with the commencement of the CAZ in November, are expected to displace traffic to a number of streets including Marlborough Buildings, Julian Road and Cavendish Road. We are concerned that this will create rat-running through St James's Square as traffic looks to avoid the busy intersection outside the Marlborough Tavern. We are working with our Councillors and neighbouring Residents Associations to come up with solutions to mitigate this traffic displacement which goes against the Lib Dem Council's manifesto.



Low Traffic Neighbourhoods (LTNs)

As mentioned above, the Lib Dem's election manifesto pledged to tackle congestion and rat-running across Bath as well as addressing the city's poor air quality. In addition to the CAZ, the administration is exploring how LTNs could be implemented across Bath to encourage liveable, safe residential areas that stop rat-running and speeding through residential streets. The link below gives more information on LTNs. We are keen to ensure that St James's Square is part of all discussions regarding the introduction of LTNs in Bath and we have been in discussions with Council officers, our local Councillors and neighbouring Residents Associations and will continue to stay abreast of developments.

https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/media/3843/lcc02_1-low-traffic-neighbourhoods-intro-v8.pdf



Cleveland Bridge Petition

Cleveland Bridge carries far too much traffic, a lot of it HGVs which have no business in Bath, with associated pollution. The bridge has now been found to be damaged and needs extensive repair which will necessitate a period of closure, but meanwhile an 18t weight restriction has been temporarily imposed to avoid further deterioration. It is already clear that there has been a significant reduction in traffic congestion and improved air quality and many Bath residents would like this 18t limit to become permanent. A petition to Highways England has been raised and we would encourage our residents to support it.

https://www.bathneslibdems.org.uk/cleveland_bridge_weight_restriction