

IN & AROUND THE TERRACES

Information and news for Residents

Autumn 2022



Welcome to the RRCTMA Autumn Newsletter

The weather is cooling and the leaves are turning; autumn has arrived. For many, the 'back-to school' feel of autumn never quite fades, no matter how many years ago one might have left school. This autumn, the RRCTMA committee continues to pursue a range of campaigns on behalf of local residents from bins and speeding, to planning and heritage. As always, feel free to contact us about any local matters at rrcta@live.co.uk We hope you enjoy this newsletter.

Recycling Trial Starting Soon

From the end of October, dry mixed recycling along Regent, Carlton and Royal Terraces should be put in clear plastic bags for collection from the new green gull-proof sacks that will be provided by the Council. The trial will run for six months, involving 16 streets across the New Town. It is intended to evaluate whether this method of collection, rather than the use of red boxes, will increase the quantity and quality of recycling. It may also provide a cost effective alternative to the large communal bins proposed by the Council. Arrangements for collection of non-recyclable waste, food waste and glass recycling will not change.

Further details of the trial including FAQs will be posted on the RRCTMA website and provided in a separate leaflet for all affected households. The RRCTMA strongly supports this trial as part of



our efforts to avoid the large bin hubs every 100m along the Terraces, and reduce the use of the current communal bins provided for the Mews residents. If you haven't yet received your free green gull-proof sack, please contact us.

Date for your Diary: Community Clean Up Saturday 12 November

Join us this autumn for a community clean up where we take to the streets to clear litter from our neighbourhood. On Saturday 12 November, we will meet at 10am at the main gate to the Regent Gardens for bacon rolls before distributing equipment for our litter-picking activities. See you there!



The Alibi - new cafe in Abbeyhill Discount for RRCTMA members!

We are delighted to welcome Frances Gilmour to the neighbourhood, owner of The Alibi cafe which opened earlier this year at 13 East Norton Place. Frances joins Abbeyhill from Dunfermline, via Paris where she studied bread and pastry baking. She made the commitment to take on the cafe after noticing it for sale and viewing it all in one day! Frances serves teas, coffees, light bites with freshly made bread and beautifully baked sweets, all in a warm and welcoming environment. Members of the RRCTMA can enjoy a 10% discount from now until the end of November! Just quote "RRCTMA Autumn discount" when paying. Bon appetit!

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Speed Watch - Project Update

Traffic speed surveys were conducted in June as part of the Council's ongoing Review of Road Safety for Vulnerable Users. The average speed recorded was 18.2mph for Royal Terrace and 21.2mph for Carlton Terrace. These speeds are within the tolerance limits for a 20mph zone and thus, according to the Council do not justify additional road safety measures. Despite our ongoing consultation with both Councillors and the Road Safety team, we were not consulted with regard to the positioning of the traffic monitors on the Terraces, and feel the choices made were not suitable for our concerns. Additionally, our concerns around poor visibility of signage have not been addressed. Councillors Jo Mowat and Claire Miller are engaging with the Council's Road Safety and Traffic Signage teams for further consultation on improving safety along the Terraces.

(SPEED-)BREAKING NEWS!!

Just as this newsletter was being edited, we were informed that the lines at the Carlton Terrace Brae were repainted! Success! Many thanks to the RRCTMA committee for campaigning with Councillor Jo Mowat to achieve this road safety improvement.



Old Royal High School development update

Given that the development will be a major local construction site, we continue to liaise with key parties

concerning the development of the old Royal High School as the new home for St. Mary's Music School. Previously approved plans for the Music School have

been modified and a new planning application recently submitted. It had been hoped that the works could begin this October, so that the school could open on-site for students in August 2026, however the Planning Committee will not assess the revised application until November. As a result, the start date for the works has been pushed to January 2023. Committee members met with the developer and received reassurances that disruption to residents would be minimised. If you have concerns, please do contact us at rrcta@live.co.uk

We have a new website! Visit www.rrctma.com for the latest information & news.

AGM Report

Many thanks to all those who joined us on 7 September at the Crowne Plaza for our AGM, and thank you to the hotel for kindly hosting us. The event was well attended by members and we were grateful to Councillor Mowat for joining us and leading a lively and frank discussion on several issues concerning residents. We were also delighted to elect four new committee members to the RRCTMA: Julie Ives, Fiona Widdowson, Claire Tait and Francis Galashan - welcome to you all! If you are interested in joining the RRCTMA as a normal member or committee member, please contact our secretary on rrcta@live.co.uk