

# FRIENDS OF BRUNSWICK SQUARE & TERRACE NEWSLETTER

## Railings

In our last two newsletters (!) we have reported on the poor state of the railings at the southern end of the gardens. We are pleased to announce that the Council will soon start work on repairing and restoring the southern railings and gates.

## No Dogs

You will hopefully have noticed that during lockdown, we paid for and installed new signage to all entrances to the gardens, except the double gates at the southern end. We await completion of the railings refurb before we add the final sign on that gate.

In addition, you will also have seen that the Council are now regularly painting No Dogs stencils on the pavement or tarmac at each gate. We are also in regular contact with the enforcement team at BHCC, who attend regularly and have issued fixed penalties

## Council ward boundary changes proposed



The Boundary Commission have proposed a number of changes to the Council wards in Brighton & Hove. As part of those proposals, the Brunswick & Adelaide ward (to which we belong) will disappear and be replaced by a larger ward encompassing the whole of the western side of Brighton seafront. This will be known as the Regency ward. The FBST committee are opposed to these changes for a number of reasons. Not least the loss of the historic Brighton/Hove border and the completely different, or even opposing, nature of the needs of the residents within these two distinctly different neighbourhoods. The current Regency ward (that it is proposed we are swallowed up by) consists of large hotels, cinema, shopping centre and the pier and

to those who insist on ignoring the numerous signs in order to breach Council Bye Laws.

## Bins & Parking

Many of you will have noticed that the three parking spaces at the northern end of the Square, that were put there doing lockdown, have now been removed. They were created in an attempt to minimise the impact of lost spaces on the seafront due to the cycle lane. Whilst we understand that parking is an issue around the Square and along the Terrace, the long term preservation of the Square, its gardens and the protected vista from Western Road is the most important issue. We lobbied for their removal and are pleased that the majority of respondents agreed with us. Further space has been created on the West side with the removal of a large disabled bay. The bins will be moved back to their original spot pre lockdown shortly.

## Join Us!

If you are a resident in the Square, Terrace or Brunswick Place south of Western Road then please join us: <http://friendsofbrunswick.co.uk/joinus/>

is a 'tourist' area. Our own ward is a quieter residential area with none of these tourist attractions, mainly consisting of a large conservation area of Grade 1 & 2 listed buildings.

FBST will be working with Lansdowne Area Residents Association (LARA) and the Friends of Palmeira & Adelaide (FOPA) to oppose these changes. If you wish to make your views known (by April 11th) then the Commission has a section on its website where people can see the detail of the proposals and comment:

**<https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/29490>**

People can also give their views by e-mail at **[reviews@lgbce.org.uk](mailto:reviews@lgbce.org.uk)**, and by post: **The Review Officer (Brighton & Hove), LGBCE, PO Box 133, Blyth, NE24 9FE**

## Help us celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in the Square gardens

FBST & LARA (Lansdowne Area Residents Association) are planning to organise an event in the Square gardens to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. On Sunday 5th June we will be hosting a 'picnic party' for residents. Please come and bring a picnic with your family or friends. Look out for further details on our Facebook group and website.

## Litter Picking

We held our first post lockdown (and much needed) litter pick in the Square recently. Many thanks for those of you who turned up. Our next one will be announced on our Facebook Group. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/friendsofbrunswick>