

FRIENDS OF BRUNSWICK SQUARE & TERRACE NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2023

Welcome to our first newsletter of the year and quite a bit has happened since the last one!

- We are pleased to report that the proposed boundary changes to the Brunswick & Adelaide council ward, that FBST objected to, have been abandoned.
- FBST also objected to and helped defeat planning applications for a 5g mast opposite the Terrace and a development in Brunswick Street West.
- We held our first AGM and General Meeting for 3 years on 1st October 2022.
- We held a very successful picnic event on 5th June 2022 to mark HM The Queen's Jubilee. Big thanks to Lara Brooks for all her work in organising it and securing funding for the whole event.
- We are planning an event in 2024 to mark the 200 year anniversary of the start of the building of the Square & Terrace. Watch this space for further news!

New FBST Gardening Group



You may have noticed that FBST have set up a new gardening group for the Square. The gardens have been somewhat neglected by the Council since the onset of the Covid pandemic. Most of the beds were looking unkempt and uncared for and overgrown. A growing number of dedicated volunteers, led by James Rock & Catherine Lane, have already transformed a number of areas. If anyone else would like to get involved please email info@friendsofbrunswick.co.uk with your details and we will be in touch.

PLEASE DONATE If you would like to make a donation to help us buy gardening equipment for all our volunteers then our bank details are: **Friends of Brunswick Square & Terrace, 30-98-74, 00803590.**

Meeting & AGM

Our next meeting & AGM will be on 11th November 2023 at the Regency Town House, 13 Brunswick Square at 11.15am - please put the date in your diaries.

Other dates for you to note: Trans Pride on 15th July and Brunswick Festival on 19/20th August.

Brunswick Town Association

FBST attend BTA meetings on your behalf and Cllr Jilly Stevens also attended the latest one at the end of May. The BTA has representatives from all the resident associations in the Brunswick Town Conservation area. A number of issues were discussed including:

- The Brunswick & Adelaide Bin Trial proposed by Cityclean;
- Parking and the Council's approach to zone M permits;
- Weeding of streets & pavements;
- State of Hove lawns and the lawns railings;
- Cycle lanes and cycle hangars;

If anyone would like to discuss any of these issues please email info@friendsofbrunswick.co.uk

The Regency Town House

The Regency Town House are holding two upcoming events which are being organised and delivered by their volunteers:

<http://www.rth.org.uk/whats-on#costume2023>

<http://www.rth.org.uk/whats-on#art-workshop2023>

Also on 9/10th Sept there are two free exhibitions - one on Backyard Brighton and the other on Brunswick Town History.

New Councillors for Brunswick & Adelaide ward

Jilly Stevens & Andrei Czolak have been elected as the new Labour councillors for our ward. They have already engaged with FBST on several issues at our request and Andrei attended our Gardening Group BBQ a few weeks ago.

They will hold a regular surgery on the fourth Wednesday of every month starting on 28th June between 7.15 and 9.15pm at the Cornerstone Community Centre on Church Road in the Adelaide Room.

Square's Historic Pavements

The Square benefits from having large Caithness stone slabs for its pavements. These are original from when the Square was built. This is another reason why the Square is unique in the City. Unfortunately over the years, the utility companies have dug up and butchered numerous areas of the pavements with no regard for its heritage or historical significance. Similarly, there has been little to no input from the Council to ensure the slabs are protected or replaced.

With the help of resident Tim Pugh, FBST has recently met with the street works dept at the Council to highlight recent vandalism to the pavements by the utilities and have asked them to insist on the work being redone. We have also met with a local Fibre broadband company to discuss how houses can be connected without digging up the pavements.

PLEASE give consideration to the issue of how these companies will bring fibre into your property before ordering it. We appreciate internet speeds are important to some but not at the cost of digging up 200 years of history. If anyone wishes to discuss please email info@friendsofbrunswick.co.uk