



**Berkhamsted
Citizens
Association**

NEWSLETTER

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CITIZENS' FACELIFT

You will have noticed our new Newsletter heading. From now on, most of our paperwork will bear a similar style. We make no apologies for choosing the Town Hall façade as our logo. It is to some extent symbolic not only of the town itself, but also of the kind of work in which we are becoming increasingly involved, and shall be more so after the Dacorum merger - that of taking up the cudgels against decisions our members feel to be contrary to the interests of Berkhamsted, and of promoting ideas for its welfare.

The headings themselves, and the dramatic new artwork and display which you will see at our meetings this year and at the Spring Fete, are the creation of our Publicity sub-committee, part of a new committee structure recently set up to give even greater organisational flexibility, to increase our speed of response to changing circumstances, and to improve our service to our members and our receptiveness to new ideas.

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ENVIRONMENT

Another new sub-committee is the Environment Group which will bring together and make all the apparently disparate aspects of our changing surroundings. As a start its most important function will be to act as monitor and link for associations such as the Chiltern Society, the National Trust and the Ashridge Foundation, and to strengthen our liaison with the U.D.C. on amenity matters such as canal development. In Autumn it will be running a tree-planting programme, and will, of course, continue to ensure that our local footpaths are kept clear and properly sign-posted. Keeping an eye on landscaping will be the Group's responsibility; in fact, at the moment it is investigating one contractor's failure to carry out a requirement to plant trees on a building site.

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PLANNING

As you will know, the Citizens' Association has already been in discussion on the Town Centre study set up by the County planning authority, and ran a series of meetings on all aspects of the study, culminating in a report containing recommendations and criticisms which have been used extensively by County in drawing their conclusions. Later this year further public meetings will be held to discuss the proposals, and the Association expects to be involved again in their organisation.

Our Town Planning sub-committee will be continuing this sort of in-depth investigation on your behalf. It will also be responsible for the further development of the Planning Panel which keeps a constant check on important planning applications and refers them where necessary to independent experts.

A41(M) plans and Hertfordshire 1981 come under the Planning committee's microscope, and the subject of that rather odd leaflet you got with your last rate demand about the Herts. Structure Plan will also be examined by them.

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ACTIVITIES

As always, something for everyone from our hard-working Activities committee.

So far arranged are:-

RAMBLE on Sunday May 13th. Meeting at 2.30 p.m. at the new Bridgewater (third Middle) School, Billet Lane (please note change of venue). We shall be walking over Northchurch Common to Dudswell, with tea provided on the way.

WHITSUN FETE on May 28th. At the Castle, of course. Visit our stall and marvel !

DACORUM ELECTIONS. Meet your candidates on Monday June 4th at St. Peter's Hall.

WINE AND CHEESE on Friday June 29th at Victoria School, 6.45 p.m. Best value in town.

We've got plenty more coming up later in the year, but no details yet - please watch the 'Citizens' News' in the Berkhamsted Review, and the local press and poster boards.

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