



## April 2018 Newsletter of the Berkhamsted Citizens Association

### The General Data Protection Regulation 2018 (GDPR)

The GDPR, the General Data Protection Regulation, comes into effect on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018. As a result the Association needs your explicit permission to continue to send you information. The purpose of the new Regulation is to protect you from receiving unwanted communications.

To continue to receive information from the Association we need your permission to use your Postal address, your Telephone number, and/or your E-mail address. Many of you have already responded. Thank you. A copy is attached for those yet to respond.

It is not solely this Association that must comply with these new changes. Any organisation that contacts you must obtain your specific permission.

The Association only uses your personal data for the purposes of informing you of news and events relating to Berkhamsted and its surroundings. We will never disclose any personal data to a third party.

You are able to withdraw your consent to storage, processing and use of your data by the Association at any time by e-mailing me at [christopher.tp@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:christopher.tp@hotmail.co.uk) or by post to:

Membership Secretary, 15 Shrublands Avenue, Berkhamsted HP4 3JH. Your details will then be removed.

**Paying a subscription is not a precondition of service. Even if you are a paid up member and do not return, or decline to give your consent, it will mean we will not be allowed to contact you, even with a newsletter. This is because the Newsletter may give details of forthcoming events. This counts as Marketing.**

*Christopher Talbot-Ponsonby, Data Controller*

### *Paul Crosland, Vice Chairman*

At the AGM in March, it was noted that one of the barriers in front of the new bridge at Bank Mill Lane into the Townsend Gate development was damaged by an errant vehicle during the recent wintry weather. The damage has been reported to the Town Clerk with a request to take the matter up with the developers (on the understanding that this bridge has not been adopted by Herts County Council).



### Membership Counts

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There are 62 members with unpaid subscriptions. If you are one of them, a reminder is enclosed with this newsletter. If you have already paid or no longer wish to remain a member, please let me know.

**This is likely to be your last chance to pay as we will not have your specific permission to contact you after 25<sup>th</sup> May.** A consent form will be sent to nearly 260 members who need to reply. Thank you for the many who have replied.

We continue to circulate our members, by email, on important issues that may affect you and the town. Nearly 68% now receive these messages together with reminders of our events. Of these, approaching 42% choose to receive newsletters electronically. Would you like to be added to either list?

### Disposable Coffee Cups

A member has told us that disposable coffee cups in good order from any outlet can now be handed into Costa for recycling. She has done it and it works.

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*Hello, Everyone,*

*I have now been Chairman of the Citizens for two years; it obviously takes a little while to feel at home. However, I have been working hard at it with my committed team. Socially we have had a number of very successful meetings. Each of these popular events has attracted new members and engendered new friendships*

*This last year has been an important year for the Citizens. The consultation on the new Local Plan was a significant landmark. We worked with the Town Council, BRAG, The Chiltern Society, and a number of other interested parties on our submission to DBC. Lots of you came to our Visioning Evening on the consultation and worked very hard on your responses. It is all detailed on the web site. Thank you so much for your passionate involvement.*

*Our new web site is up and running, I hope you have all had a chance to explore it [www.berkhamstedcitizens.org.uk](http://www.berkhamstedcitizens.org.uk) We very much hope you will join our team of Civic Watchmen. Help us with your eyes and ears, take pictures of changes in our valued townscape – read about the project on the web site. Please write to me with any ideas to improve it.*

*The Citizens have paid towards the refurbishment of the Port of Berkhamsted canal signs which I put up when I was Mayor 18 years ago, so they were sorely in need of loving attention.*

*We are delighted to announce that The Citizens, for your Summertime enjoyment, have teamed up with ‘**Pitch Perfect**’, the Hospice of St. Francis and Berkhamsted Cricket Club to bring you a really exciting and memorable interlude. Please put **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July from 4pm** into your diaries – you will not be disappointed. There will be an array of unforgettable talent performing.*

*You will be amazed! Bring picnics and the whole family. Watch the website for further details.*

*The Citizens are excited to be joining with the History Society to produce a guided tour ‘The Lost Wharves of Berkhamsted’ as part of the History Society’s long-standing Berkhamsted Heritage Open Days which are held every September. Further details will be available later on the Citizens website.*

***You are** the heart of Berkhamsted. By your working with us we will continue to ensure that the town we all love has truly committed guardians. Thank you so much for being here.*



**Chairman**

## **Townscape Group**

*Susan Johnson, Chairman*

It seems only a few days since we gave the **Environment Award for 2017**. This year there was no plaque awarded, but a Certificate of Commendation went to each of:

**8 New Road & Chandler Mews, Northchurch** – demolition of light industry and replacement with 6 new dwellings – to Atelier Architecture + Design Ltd of Tring



**Junction enhancement** – Kings Road / Kingshill Way/Shootersway – awarded to Herts Highways



The recipients seemed delighted, especially Herts Highways, who said no-one usually thanks them!

Other topics covered by **Townscape** in the previous two months:

- Replacement trees for the High Street – planting should have taken place by the time you read this;
- Multi-storey car park – a meeting between the Parking Forum (our representative is Paul Crosland) and DBC officers was being sought;
- Northchurch and Dudswell Conservation Area Character Appraisal consultations – we have submitted responses to both;
- Reviewing and commenting on several applications in the conservation area, especially those concerning houses covered by Article 4 Directions or locally listed;
- Alerting the DBC conservation officer to listed buildings we feel are At Risk;
- Keeping track of Enforcement breaches.

Please get in touch if you would like to discuss any topics that have been raised by this article; or any other matters relating to the town’s historic fabric, or planning. If I can’t help you, I’ll try to find someone who can.