

**Newsletter No. 44 – May 2016**  
**Cerne Abbas Residents' Association (CARA Ltd.)**

**1. CARA Council Members - 2015/2016**

The current CARA Council members as elected or re-elected at the AGM in July 2015 are listed below. Should you have any issues of concern, please feel free to contact any of those listed:

John Barnes	Chairman	No. 45
Alan Baldwin	Treasurer	No. 3
Elizabeth (Betty) Porter	Member	No. 41
Steve Easton	Member	No. 29
John Vivian	Member	No. 1
John Wardle	Member	No. 2
Ray Wylde	Member	No. 21
Chris Lamb	Member	No. 11

CARA Council has met twice - on 30<sup>th</sup> January and 23<sup>rd</sup> April - since issue of the previous newsletter. The next meeting is scheduled for 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2016.

**2. 2016 CARA Annual General Meeting**

CARA's 2016 AGM will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July at the Church Hall of All Saints Church, Western Road, Branksome Park, Poole. Coffee and teas will be served from 10:00 a.m.

CARA's annual "Drinks in the Park" event will be held in the Cerne Abbas Phase 1 gardens on conclusion of the AGM – weather permitting. This thoroughly enjoyable event enables AGM attendees and other residents and their families to meet in the attractive surroundings of the Phase 1 internal gardens.

**3. Gardening Contract**

The current gardening maintenance contract with Maple Waters (Mr. John Smith) has been renewed for a further 12 months from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2016 on the same terms and rates. In view of the excellent performance of the contract by Maple Waters, CARA Council agreed to its continuation without soliciting bids from other potential contractors. As before, an average of 13 man-hours will be spent on site each week. This averaging allows for the variation in workload over the seasons and provides us with better value of the gardening service. Additional work outside the scope of the contract is subject to CARA Council approval on the basis of quotations submitted by the contractor - see the previous Newsletter for a description of the type of work typically covered by such approvals. It is worth noting that Maple Waters have also undertaken some additional such work at no cost to CARA.

**4. 2016 Painting Contract**

Bids have been sought for the Cerne Abbas external decoration contract. Further details will be issued to owners and other residents prior to the expected start of work.

## 5. Use of the Gardens by Children

We value the common gardens as wonderful spaces for everyone to enjoy. This has been enhanced by the Phase 1 gardening club volunteers and the work of our gardening contractor. As we enter summer we can expect more use of the garden by children who may enjoy the garden like the rest of us but in a different way. Their activities are allowed - including ball games, running around, hide and seek etc. Our expectation is that children will respect the garden and their neighbours' space. If you feel their activity is getting out of hand have a word with them and, if necessary, their parents or guardian.

## 6. Maintenance of Patio Fences

This is now a good time for owners to repair and paint their patio fences – some of which are showing signs of degradation, Relevant information is on our CARA website under “Specifications”.

## 7. Gardening Club

The “Phase 1 Gardening Club”, headed up by Darren Pask has started meeting again after remission over the winter months. We are grateful to those whose continuing efforts – in all the Cerne Abbas gardens - are making such an improvement in the appearance of our community.

The composting bins along the Tower Road West boundary adjacent to the side gate path provide a useful and economical source of fertilizer for our gardens. However this requires that the composting rules set out below are observed by all who use this facility. Our composting bins are **not** a refuse facility for residents!

Items to compost are:

- Fruit and Vegetables peelings
- Rotten Fruit and Vegetables - please chop up before adding
- Coffee grounds
- Tea bags/tea leaves - tea bags must be split open
- Egg shells - broken up
- Dead flowers - cut up
- Old bedding plants - cut up
- Old compost from pots and containers – but please break up and spread out when adding to the heap
- Shrub prunings - must be cut up small or, if too big, may be placed in a neat pile next to the compost bins so they can be shredded and then added to the compost.

Items not to be added:

- Any cooked food such as fruit, vegetables, meat, bones etc.
- Any bread/baked items or dairy products
- Cardboard or shredded paper
- Perennial weeds e.g. dandelion
- Root balls from plants or shrubs etc.

## 8. Safety and Security

CARA is a member of the local Neighborhood Watch scheme through our membership of the Branksome Park and Canford Cliffs Residents Association (BPCCRA). Ray Wylde (No. 21) is CARA's contact with the Neighborhood Watch scheme; Ray is also a member of CARA Council.

The Dorset Police Newsletter is received and distributed by Ray Wylde as our CARA member of the BPCCRA, using his discretion as to which of the very frequent newsletters may be of interest to our residents. To avoid filling your email in-boxes with unwanted messages, please advise Ray ([tenthgo@gmail.com](mailto:tenthgo@gmail.com)) if you prefer to opt out of receiving these messages.

## 9. Car Parking and Speeding

Finally, the usual reminder that CARA covenants, rules and regulations operate through the goodwill and participation of everyone resident in Cerne Abbas. Speeding and Inconsiderate parking impacts everyone and can cause not only inconvenience, but also real danger to residents and visitors – especially children as the summer approaches. We therefore ask for your cooperation in applying these simple rules:

- Residents' cars should be parked in garages or on driveways. The other short term parking areas around the site are for the use of visitors.
- The maximum speed limit (not a speed target) around the site is 10 mph – or slower when limited visibility or the presence of cyclists and children applies. This also applies to all visitors!

Owners who are renting out their properties are asked to ensure that their tenants are fully aware of these, and other, covenant issues.

John Barnes  
Chairman, CARA Ltd.