



Cambridge Riverside Residents' Association

Newsletter, January 2026

Don't forget our first Residents' Association meeting of the year on Tuesday, 3rd February at 6.00 pm in The Burleigh Arms.

Recycling Christmas trees

Thank you to all those residents who made use of the Arthur Rank Hospice scheme to recycle their real Christmas Trees. After a few weather-related hiccoughs, all our trees were collected and contributed to Arthur Rank's fundraising.

Blogs

Many of us enjoy reading the blogs that regularly appear on our website informing us about things that are going on. And we'd love to hear from you! Perhaps you have a favourite café or restaurant that you would like to recommend or maybe you've seen a great play or a good film? Then why not share it with your neighbours? Whether writing comes easily to you or you prefer to ask ChatGPT to do the drafting, it's all welcome – just email your blog to Lyndsay and she'll take care of the rest.

Greater Cambridge Local Development Plan

Residents may be aware that there is a consultation about the Local Plan which closes on **Friday, 30th January**. This plan covers all building and development in Cambridge and refers to a number of projects that are already being implemented. The council is legally obliged to take note of all comments so your voice will count. The plan can be accessed at

<https://consultations.greatercambridgeplanning.org/draft-greater-cambridge-local-plan-consulation>

We are not sending in a general response from the CRRA, but individual residents may be interested to review the plan and submit comments. Once

you have logged in as a Cambridge resident, it seems to be relatively easy to make a short comment on various sections, if you wish to do so.

Webinar: "Protecting yourself from scams and tech-based crime"

One of our residents, Jen Ellis, has kindly offered to lead a webinar on cybersecurity on **Monday, 23rd February at 7 pm**. She will cover aspects such as how to spot scams, basic security practices to protect yourself and what to do if you get caught out. If there are specific questions or topics that you would like Jen to address, email Jen or Jane.

Here's the Zoom link for the session:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87477496889?pwd=wbPAaqbFPjPelEkqZqbJmWs313MY9f.1>

Meeting ID: 874 7749 6889

Passcode: 441333

As an aside, Jen has pointed out that Gmail users may currently be experiencing a high level of spam/scam emails because of a glitch in Google's email scanning system. It won't be permanent, but for the time being, all Gmail users should be extra vigilant.

History tour: Sedgwick Museum of Earth Sciences

Keith Tritton, who volunteers at the University's Sedgwick Museum, has offered a guided tour for up to 15 residents on **Friday, 27th February. Starting at 11.30 am** and lasting approximately 90 minutes, the tour will take in the museum's extensive collection of geological specimens, and Keith will pick out some of his favourite examples around the theme of the evolution of life. To sign up, email Keith.

Thirsty Thursday

It's almost the end of January (already!), which means the welcome return of Thirsty Thursday. See you at the Burleigh Arms **this Thursday evening (the 29th) from 6 pm**.

Otherwise, we look forward to seeing you at the Burleigh next Tuesday for our CRRRA meeting.

Hilary and Jane

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