

Federation of Bath Residents' Association

Chair's report May 2024

FoBRA and our member Associations have had another busy year. Our Executive team and the wider contributors – Jeremy Boss, Sylvia Sinclair, Elizabeth Curnow, John Rushton, Ceris Humphreys, Jan Shepley, , Malcolm Baldwin, Paul Crowsley, Theresa Franklin, Caroline Greenwood and a special contribution from Michael Wrigley (Local Plan report) – have all contributed to the numerous socials, consultation reports, workshop attendance, Police IAG meetings, World Heritage Advisory Board, web site updates, and annual accounts' preparation.

Last year our Executive committed to:

- Encourage the formation of new Resident Associations across the city to ensure wider participation across Bath also to encourage wider participation amongst our student community representatives. New members include
 - Wellsway Bath Resident Association
 - St Swithins Yard Walcot
 - TARA re-joined
- Continue to bring more speakers to FoBRA for better informed debate and wider discussion on issues which are important to the city, such as:
 - Mark Shelford discussing the role of the PCC
 - The PCC hustings led by Jeremy Boss
 - The upcoming discussion with Councillor Paul Roper and Sophie Broadfield on the region's economic strategy
- Ensure well informed working groups with a good knowledge of national legislation to share papers with you and to aid in your local discussion for either Council consultations or planning responses. Our team produced papers which:
 - Contributed to the Local Plan
 - Commented/Objected to the Lidl application at Lambridge
 - Commented on the Stadium application at the Recreation Ground
 - Commented on the Western Riverside scheme
- Facilitate more dialogue and opportunities for you to meet with our elected representatives at the Council as well as key Officers in a constructive way.
- Aid communication across the Resident Association network of key services available to Bath residents including communication of Council consultations.
- Ensure that FoBRA is represented and heard at key city Forums (World Heritage Advisory Board, the Bath Preservation Trust, the Avon and Somerset Police Independent Advisory Group, and new Local Plan steering process in addition to quarterly meetings with the B&NES' Council leadership team)

Refreshing our Team

The AGM is an opportunity for new people to stand and the Executive roles are up for re-election every year. We would be delighted if others wanted to take on roles, or volunteer to be part of working groups. The IAG group in particular which meets with Avon and Somerset police is a fantastic opportunity for our voice to be heard.

All Executive roles are open for re-election and we need nominations within 10 days of this Calling Notice. Please contact our secretary if you would like to stand. In the meantime I look forward to seeing you all on June 13th 6.30pm Widcombe Junior School at our AGM.

Rachael Hushon
Chair