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Regency Squares Community Newsletter

It's been an eventful few months in the Regency Squares Community. Here's hoping you enjoy our latest newsletter . . .

John's Retirement



Well last Thursday 31st July, saw the end of an eraJohn Lawrence our friendly neighbourhood road sweeper and an all round good and helpful person, hung up his brushes and abandoned his cart to start his well earned retirement. He has been working around the Regency Squares' area for the last twenty years. During this time John found an array of items, mos of which were displayed on his cart, and some more serious items like knives and even two guns!! Sadly, after an incident, the Council asked John to strip his cart back to basics which was a shame as locals always knew John was around by those distinctive decorations.

John always had his morning breakfast at The Regency Restaurant and his last day was no exception. RSC presented him with this brilliantly crafted, by RSC member Ellen Cairns, replica of his cart together with all its accoutrements and the odd seagull and chip thrown in for good measure. We wish you all the best for the future John!





Speedy work by Brighton and Hove Council

As with all local amenities, over time, there is wear and tear. Recently a concerned member/resident contacted RSC to report some dangerously dislodged step bricks. We immediately got in touch with Brighton & Hove Council asking them to urgently repair the steps in the top garden in Regency Square making them a risk danger to residents and visitors alike.

B&HC worked quickly to organise the repair. Within two weeks the damage was repaired along with other smaller jobs. Great work and a big thank you to all involved.



Reported July 15th



Repaired July 29th



Sussex Police

Two of the local Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) PCSO Soffe and PCSO Keane will be hosting a meeting in

Clarence Square on Tuesday 23rd September at 2pm

This second community meeting is to talk about the issues that have been occurring in the area recently. It is another opportunity to explain your concerns and ask the police questions and find out what the next steps are.

This meeting is open to all residents so please invite your neighbours along to air any concerns.

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Drought !

The gardens have been devastated in recent weeks. Sue Dawes, our stalwart volunteer gardener, was dismayed to find several plants had not survived. Making no progress with the Council regarding access to water Sue has been carrying cans of water up to the garden from her flat to keep the recently planted roses alive.



We have been appealing for help with the garden for several months to no avail. But all is not lost! **There are other ways to help ...**

Adopt a plant - Chose a plant and keep it watered. A bottle of water a day in hot weather will be help enormously, keeping an eye on its progress. If you need help choosing a plant please let Sue know. This could have a big impact over the summer months. This applies to Clarence and Russell Squares too. In particular the new tree in Clarence Square.

We are gardening regularly on Tuesdays from 11-1 plus a social gardening/litter picking slot on Saturdays from 10-12. Come along for a chat. Bring your morning coffee out. Last week we did a bit of litter picking and cleared an area around one of our benches completely of dog ends. It looks very smart.

It's great to see the garden being used by children riding bikes, picnicking and playing soft football. Please be aware that the top garden is a dog free zone. We plan to arrange more clear signs to that effect. Sadly some people think it's OK to leave their dog's excrement on the lawn edge or even in the middle of the pathway!

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Grass Wars: The Motorhome vs Our Community - Update

Don't want to jinx anything here but it looks as though all the hard work put in by Regency Square residents has had a positive effect. The camper van turned up again on the afternoon of Friday 11th July. By 7pm one of our members reported via the RSC What'sApp:

'Word on Reddit was someone from the Council came and popped a notice on their window which prompted them to pack up and go.'

In future, if we see any vehicles parked on the square please report via this link

<https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/parking/report-vehicle-parked-where-it-should-not-be>



PETITION FOR BOLLARDS IN REGENCY SQUARE

The Issue

We require Brighton and Hove City Council / City Parks to install bollards and chains as a matter of urgency in Regency Square to prevent illegal parking on the grass. We also insist that Regency Square is placed "top of the list" in the arrangement the Council has made with the new owners of the i360 to fund "environmental renewal, maintenance and improvement works" from 1% of its net revenue - particularly as planning permission for the i360 was granted on the basis of an investment in the area that was never received.



To sign the petition either scan the QR code or click the link in box



<https://chng.it/9tw6hjJKk7>

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Brighton Pride 2025 at i360

It was great to see **Brighton i360** fully embrace the spirit of Pride. The weekend of the year when Brighton becomes one big party town. The i360 hosted **Polly's Pride Day Party** on the Upper Terrace with front-row views, live DJs, cocktails, dancing, and all the fabulous vibes you could want. And what's more? It was all **FREE!!!**

We were treated to performances by **Snow White Trash**, the UK's saxydragqueen on **Sax**, **Polly Glamorous** and plenty more literally flying high atop the outside of the i360 pod to celebrate a fun packed weekend.

We're already looking forward to doing it all again in 2026!!!





Trusted Traders Neighbourhood Scheme

We recently had an incident on Queensbury Mews, when all of the houses along the street were tagged by a graffiti vandal. The whole incident was distressing for everyone impacted, but the police are taking it seriously owing to the amount of damage caused. And the individuals responsible were caught on multiple cameras, taking selfies with their "art work" so good clear video footage of their faces has been sent to the police.



However, it threw up an unexpected problem: the tags need to be removed quickly to prevent further tagging. But where could we find a reliable, reasonably priced painter or handy-person at short notice? Especially in the middle of August when our usual person was away. Sure, we could spend a few hours trawling CheckaTrade, trusted traders and a million other websites. But we needed to get someone in quickly, and we needed them to show up (how often do people quote now and then not show up?)

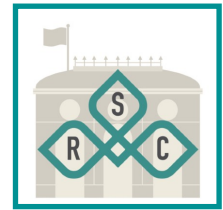
Naturally the solution was an SOS email to all our neighbours who immediately responded with recommendations. Recommendations from people who have actually used a trader really is the best way to find someone great for the job. This made us think: why don't we have a "trusted traders" database for RSC? A list of electricians, plumbers, handywomen/men, builders, painters, etc who our members have used themselves who did a good job for a reasonable price and that members would be happy to recommend to a neighbour?



So if you have had work done by someone that you would be happy to recommend, please drop us a line with their details. We'll gather the names and contact details and publish them in the newsletter going forward. We will also put them on the RSC website. That way all our members will benefit from having a roster of reliable tradesmen that they know come recommended by a neighbour.

If you have someone in mind, please send the details to RSC@regencybrighton.com

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Join our Gardening Group?

Sue will regularly be gardening in Regency Square on **Tuesday mornings from 11am - 1pm and Saturday social gardening/litter pick 10am-12pm - bring your coffee.**

We do need more help in the garden and would be happy to run more sessions. If you are interested please let us know so we can arrange days of the week/time of day might suit you better. Email us RSC@regencybrighton.com

Your Input Matters!

What would you like to see happening within your local community? If you have ideas, questions, or feedback, please let us know. Together, we can make our squares and community spaces thrive. Thanks for your support. Email us RSC@regencybrighton.com

RSC Committee consists of:

Fran Coates - Regency Square
Sue Dawes - King's Road
Ani Watson - Clarence Square
Nigel Massey - Clarence Square

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• expressed in their newsletters.]
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