



Regency Squares Community 2025-2026 Annual Report

With our Chair resigning and our committee depleted Fran and Myself set our sales to head West and claim Regency Square for our own Community, Julie had done an excellent job for several years and she and Mike handed over a big responsibility. On top of that our friendly road cleaner John was due to retire. A big question had arisen - What do we do next? We had lost our sponsorship for the Christmas Tree and had incurred a lot of expense on financing the tree this year, the lights of which had been vandalised yet again.

March - The i360 was sold to Nightcap Ltd - a fresh optimism ensued and we embraced the new plans which would keep the area as an attraction and not a shopping centre.

A large aerial was spotted hanging off the side of No 69. Fire service alerted and the danger averted.

June - A new Committee but a lot of vacancies. Despite this a very successful campaign to stop our regular camper van from free parking on our lawn for his family holidays. Calling on all Z cars and led from Ellen and Tara, car owners were conjoined to park on all available spaces around the square.

The campaign also brought together a lot of neighbours. All residences were leafleted and was met with universal praise. RSC gained popularity from this movement.

A new London Plane Tree is planted in Clarence Square to replace one the was lost. Reports of anti social behaviour however, proliferate in Clarence Square.

Our small Committee still keeping an eye on developments - 41-44 Western Road and Nigel pointing out serious defects in the planning application.

July - We bid goodbye to John, the most efficient and unswerving street cleaner in Brighton with a breakfast/coffee in The Regency. He had done an excellent job of keeping our pavements looking spic and span with his cart decorated with toys and trinkets from the street and proving a real loss to our squares. Ellen had made him a beautiful model of his cart for him to keep.

August - Another Camper van invasion quickly dealt with by our Council. A petition for bollards to be erected around the square to deter this kind of thing!

Excellent free entertainment provided by i360 for Pride Weekend.

We launch our Trusted Traders scheme which we need to revisit as it is a good idea. Neighbours review traders who have carried out a good job to other neighbours.



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November - Some of us help Brighton Tidy Up Team volunteers to re-paint some of the benches on Hove Promenade.

A visit from Womens' Rugby World Cup team, staying at the Metropol and photographed in our square.

Some serious garden clearing begins tackling the North border and pulling out strangling ivy, blackberry and giving new life to our Elaeagnus shrubs. City Parks had massacred these shrubs in the past few weeks in the guise of pruning and they had suffered badly.

December - Fran sets to work. Visiting all of our local businesses and Inviting everyone to our Christmas light up and i360 ride whether they are members or not. Numbers of attendees increases exponentially and looking like a crowd amassing. The offer by the i360 of a free drink and a percentage off food encouraged people to stay afterwards and there was a great social atmosphere. It was lovely to welcome so many neighbours and friends - were you there!

March 26 - Our food waste disposal bins arrive I think to a mixed response. Driving on the pavements in Clarence Square - This is reported to Cllr. Alison Thomson Who arranged for no loading bays to be painted. Lamp posts in Clarence square are painted the wrong colour. Pull and Pump quiz is attended by two teams and a monthly social drinks even is planned.

April - Some devastating news in Moons Lodge in Regency Square alerts the neighbourhood to the unstable nature of the residential housing in the square. A couple of urgent public meetings and liaisons with the Council and Police. We are still investigating whether we can object to the number of hostel style accommodations in our square.

Since then we have been so happy to receive several offers from volunteers who want to be part of Regency Squares Community. We hope to elect a further 15 members to the Committee and support at this AGM. At last I am meeting my neighbours in the square and attending a regular pub quiz and socials. I can tell you how relieved we are - and I speak for Fran too at the renewed interest in being part of our Community. We will aim to make it fun to carry on the work started way back in 1979.