



Regency Square Area Society

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## SIGNAGE AND TRAFFIC LIGHT CLUTTER



The committee has become very concerned about the amount of signage and traffic light clutter (as demonstrated from the picture above) in our conservation area squares with some signs on listed posts!



Since the enclosure of the steps at the north end of the Regency Square car park we have more signs regarding health and safety. Signs on black bins etc. The committee want to see the reduction of signage and traffic light clutter in our architecturally beautiful area. We will be contacting the council to find out how permanent the traffic lights on Kings Road between the Holiday Inn and the memorial on Regency Square are and the necessity of so many signs.

What do you think? Contact us via the website

## SUCCESS IN CLARENCE SQUARE

Objections were made to the proposed spiral staircase to 39 Clarence Square which has now been refused. A new proposal for architecturally appropriate black railings and no external staircase has been now been proposed instead. On paper the new proposal looks very smart and in keeping with this lovely historical square.

## GARDENING UPDATE



The weather recently has hampered the gardening club and any gardening, but Trix Webber, Jenny Piercy and the team will be finishing off planting the bulbs for a spectacular show in the top garden for the spring.

Don't forget, if you are green fingered or just would love to get involved with the gardening club do contact Trix to find out when the club starts up again and how you can get involved.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



February 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm drinks and tapas at the new VINO y Tapas in Preston Street. Ring Julie White on 01273 710906 if you would like to join us.

Artist Residence art show and drinks. We are planning an evening at the Artist Residence Hotel watch out for dates for this event.

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## 43 RUSSELL SQUARE

The first planning application for the conversion of this family home into a house of multiple occupation has been turned down and a further application has been submitted for a basement flat and four flat lets one ensuite and 3 with communal bathroom.

It was brought to our attention by a neighbour in Russell Square that this is the last house in the row that is a family house. Despite the fact that the house was full of hand basins etc from the 50's to about the 1990's, the house has never been granted permission for multiple occupation which is what the owners are now applying for ([http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/index.cfm?request+c1199915&action=showDetail&APPLICATION\\_NUMBER=bh2012%F04036](http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/index.cfm?request+c1199915&action=showDetail&APPLICATION_NUMBER=bh2012%F04036)) It does seem such a shame, in a time of returning these listed houses back to their original use, that this is a retrograde step. The committee believe that single family houses should not be granted change of useage so will be objecting.

## MEMORIAL BENCH RUSSELL SQUARE

You may be wondering what on earth has happened about the bench in Russell Square. We are still trying to negotiate with the council

and allay some of their fears associated with gardening issues and street drinkers. Please be assured this is not forgotten about and as soon as we have any new information this will be reported.

## GONE YESTERDAY, HERE TODAY ?

On New Year's morning, committee members *on their way back from the RSAS communal breakfast* were shocked to see that one of the historic bollards in the twitten outside the Regency Tavern had disappeared. Hurried e-mails to the City Council brought the hurried replacement of a bollard.



You do not need to be a historian to see the absurdity of the present situation. "Little brother" bollard is clearly out of place. The committee is insisting that the City Council installs a bollard matching the original. Fortunately, the City Council's Conservation officer is supporting the RSAS in their efforts to ensure that the historic nature of the area is not further degraded by inappropriate street furniture. Watch this space – or watch the twitten.