

Recycling furniture for good causes

**Make more space
at home and help
one of Worcester's
many charities.**



Many people successfully use our neighbourhood WhatsApp group to dispose of furniture surplus to requirements but are you aware that there a number of local charities who help families in need and are always grateful for donations? Most will arrange collection, free of charge.

Here are a few useful links:

Armchair Furniture Recycling – Armchair: armchairworchester.org.uk

Armchair seeks gifts from the public of good quality, second hand furniture and household items, which they collect, store and deliver, free of charge, to needy individuals and families, referred by health visitors, social workers etc.

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Salvation Army, Worcester – Salvation Army: salvationarmytrading.org.uk

The Salvation Army reuse and repurpose locally, including larger items such as beds, wardrobes, curtains and much more.

St Richard's Hospice Lowesmoor Furniture Shop – St Richard's Hospice: strichards.org.uk

Donations of quality, clean, undamaged items can help raise funds to support care given to patients and their loved ones across Worcestershire.

An example of a national charity collecting furniture is:

British Heart Foundation: [Book a free furniture and electrical goods collection near me - BHF](#)

BHF can pick up furniture and electrical items from your home for free. The items you donate are then sold in their furniture stores to help fund their lifesaving research.

Carol Inman, BSRA Secretary, Britannia Square Residents' Association

The Reverend Robert Holdsworth

Lifelong resident of Britannia Square and erstwhile Chairman of the BSRA Committee, Robert Holdsworth, was recently ordained into holy orders by the Church of England. Robert received the honour, after many months studying for the office, at a special ceremony and service at Worcester Cathedral. Residents will no doubt wish to join the current committee in congratulating him on this wonderful news and a remarkable achievement.



Trusted Tradespeople

There are frequent requests for recommendations for tradespeople on the residents' WhatsApp group, 'B-SquOSH'. There is also a page on our website, featuring a list of tradespeople recommended by individual residents. The list includes Tilers, Electricians and Builders. The page can be found here: [Residents Recommend](#)

If you have enjoyed particularly good service from a tradesperson, please let us know so that we can share their details. [Email Robin Dallaway.](#)

Are you a paid-up member?

Of the current 118 occupied households in Britannia Square, Albany Terrace and Stephenson Terrace, 64 are currently paid-up members. Lifetime membership is £30 per household and annual membership is £5 per household.

Payment of membership automatically includes your household as a member of our Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, which may enable you to claim a discount on your household insurance. Joining the Association helps us to protect our local environment, to develop initiatives to improve our area and helps us to access local authority assistance and resources on your behalf. **Also, priority booking for Wine Club tickets!**

To join the Association please contact Membership Secretary, Miss Ella Blankstone



Happy Parking?

Parking can often be a somewhat contentious issue around the Square and on Albany Terrace but with considerate parking we can try to make this as

easy as possible for everyone. Given that on-street parking is at a premium, it would be very much appreciated if owners with off-street parking do make full use of their own parking and try to avoid using the residents' parking spaces wherever possible. Likewise, if anyone does regularly use the residents' on-street parking, could they please try to park considerately and avoid leaving big gaps and parking up to the line if at the start or end of a residents' parking bay.

It is worth reminding residents that there is no 'right' to have a parking space directly outside your own home, however, we do try to be helpful to residents who are perhaps struggling with mobility or health issues for whom being able to park as close to their door as possible is a big help. The B-SquOSH WhatsApp group is a good way of letting as many people know as possible if this might be a relevant issue to you.

It is also worth saying that residents of The Moors, Moor Street, Back Lane South, Braymoor Road and Britannia Road from the junction with Moor Street to the Square are able to make use of the residents' parking scheme, although should also be encouraged to park considerately too.

Unfortunately, the parking scheme for Britannia Square and Albany Terrace does not have the option of buying visitor's parking permits.

Visitors can either park in non-residents' parking for 3 hours and rotate around the Square to other non-residents' parking spots (Mon – Sat 8.30 am – 5.30 pm) or for longer term stays can park cheaply at the Pitchcroft car park. This car park should be avoided if the river has broken its banks though as it does flood.

Through the MiPermit system, the Worcester City Council also now offers an EV Charging permit to residents living within a kilometre of the city council's EV chargers. This permit allows residents free parking between 6pm and 8am whilst charging an electric vehicle. The permit is valid for the new chargers in Tallow Hill car park and also for the existing chargers at King Street car park and 22kW chargers at St Martin's Gate car park. Standard parking charges apply at all other times.

Finally, as there have been a few thefts from vehicles parked on the Square recently, please do not leave any valuables in your vehicle and ensure you lock and shut all windows. Hopefully good security practice might discourage the opportunist thief.

Happy Parking!

Ann Cowper,
Britannia Square Residents' Association Committee member

Forthcoming Events

BSRA AGM & 'Neighbourhood Forum'

Friday 14th November 2025 at 7.30pm at the United Reformed Church in Albany Terrace.



Everyone living in Britannia Square, Albany Terrace and Stephenson Terrace is welcome to our Annual General Meeting which will be held on Friday 14th November. The meeting will be at the United Reformed Church, Albany Terrace. Drinks (for a cash donation) will be served from 7.00pm so that we can start the meeting promptly at 7.30pm. Agenda and reports will be available on our website nearer the date, along with features about all our projects and initiatives in the 'Residents' Area' and 'BSRA Initiatives' sections at www.britanniasquare.org

Following the formal meeting, there will be a 'BSRA Neighbourhood Forum' to enable members to contribute their ideas and discuss areas of concern. You will also be able to engage with our local councillors. Cllr Lynn Denham, City Councillor, (also leader of Worcester City Council); Cllr Adam Scott, the other City Councillor for our Ward and County Cllr Tor Pingree are expected to be in attendance. Cllr Pingree was elected to represent the Riverside division of the County Council in June 2025 and is also Deputy Mayor of Worcester City Council.

We are grateful to our sponsors, Fisher German, who continue to support us this year. This is your Residents' Association and a great way to get together to socialise and exchange views.

New neighbours are especially welcome. If you are not already a member, you can join on the evening but please bring **cash** to pay your subscription (per household - Life £30 or Annual £5).

We look forward to seeing you there.

BSRA Committee

Christmas Carols

Thursday 18th December 2025 at the United Reformed Church in Albany Terrace

This year, we will again be holding a joint event with York Place Residents' Association.

Carol-singing, accompanied by the Worcester Concert Brass, will take place on the forecourt of the URC in Albany Terrace on Thursday 18th December from 7.30pm.

Further details will follow [here](#) nearer the date.

BSRA Committee





Neighbourhood Watch

Antisocial behaviour

Over the past few weeks a number of incidents have occurred in our area including tipping over of wheelie bins by a gang of boys on bikes and rubbish dumped on the public highway.

On the bike gang, several residents and members of the BSRA Committee have made contact with PCSO Brahim Faci, who is leading the investigation. Apparently, this gang has caused trouble in other areas of the City and, as a result, PCSO Faci has asked if anybody has footage/photos of them so that the police can check if local schools are able to identify the culprits.

PCSO Faci can be contacted on 07870 159867 or email brahim.faci@westmercia.police.uk

Generally, there are three ways to report antisocial behaviour:

- if you or someone else is in immediate danger, call 999 and ask for the police;
- report a non-emergency incident to the police by calling 101: or
- report online [Report antisocial behaviour | West Mercia Police](#)

Fly-tipping or dumping of hazardous waste and other environmental issues should be reported online to Worcester City Council at [Report it! - Worcester City Council](#)

Carol Inman
Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator

Planning Applications *(changes since last Newsletter)*

Date of application	Address	Proposal	Status
2025			
March	9 Britannia Square	Removal of existing extension and replace with a single storey rear extension. Raise boundary wall, and replace gates with folding solid boarded doors.	Approved
March	28 Britannia Square	Rebuilding of the west garden wall, reducing levels and construction of garden store.	Approved
April	33 Britannia Square	To take down an existing wooden pagoda and put in its place a Hartley Botanic heritage 6 pane greenhouse.	Approved
May	24 Britannia Square	Demolition of a rear conservatory, single storey rear extension, internal and external alterations (1st application)	Approved
May	40 Britannia Square	Removal of old (disconnected) bathroom. Installation and reconnection of new bathroom.	Approved
July	37 Albany Terrace	Partial removal of timber pergola & installation of home office. Removal of greenhouse & installation of timber shed. Repositioning of log store.	Approved
August	24 Britannia Square	Demolition of rear conservatory, internal and external alterations, new metal side gate (2nd application)	Approved
August	51 Britannia Square	Conversion of single storey garage into a gym	Pending decision (consultation ended 17 September 2025)

BSRA tries to comment on all applications, when consulted. However, residents should comment directly on the City Council's planning website, if they would like to raise concerns or support any application.

www.worcester.gov.uk/planning/planning-application-search

BSRA Membership Report

Autumn 2025

Since our Spring Newsletter update, we take this opportunity to extend a very warm welcome to a few more new residents to our neighbourhood – including David & Cheryl at 1 BS, Liz & Miles at 39 BS, Charles & Joy at 14 BS, Alexandra & James at 13 AT, Hugh & Iraida at 10 BS, and Mike & Ann, who are planning to move into their renovated bungalow at 45a BS. We look forward to the opportunity of meeting together at events over the year to come.

Consequently, we can report a further increase of the Membership of the Britannia Square Residents' Association in the past year. Of the current 118 occupied households: there are now 64 lifetime members (54%) and 6 annual members (5%); with 40 households (34%) that are non-members, with 8 "lapsed" annual members (7%).

We have seen a significant increase in community engagement in recent years, both in attendance and participation at our regular established neighbourhood events, surveys, and in our successful B-SquOSH WhatsApp group, which is a thriving and helpful proactive neighbourhood resource.

Naturally our aim is to build up our membership, not merely as a modest fund-raising exercise to contribute towards costs, but to serve and help ensure we continue to provide representation for all residents.

Joining as a member is a symbolic gesture whereby the resident acknowledges the aims of the Association. Like many similar organisations, benefits are not always tangible. The membership subs help pay for the website, venue hire, leaflet printing etc. Membership of the Association essentially provides a platform to voice and add clout to all our community concerns and interests.

We encourage attendance of all residents to our sociable gatherings. In response to demand for tickets to attend our ever-popular Wine Club events, we give priority booking to the current Membership in the first instance before opening up the opportunity to the wider neighbourhood of non-members. We offer annual Membership (£5 per household) if more palatable to consider for this purpose.

Another benefit of membership is our corporate membership of Worcester Civic Society which entitles BSRA Members to attend talks at the members' admission rate (when a charge is made). Details of Civic Society events can be found at [Worcester Civic Society](#).

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If you are not already familiar with the interesting content of the Association website, we urge you to visit our dedicated website www.britanniasquare.org – which has become a very comprehensive resource of neighbourhood matters, that also highlights the reciprocal benefits to us all today, and importance in safeguarding support ongoing into the future.

The current BSRA Committee is a small jolly band of volunteers: John Ball, Carol Inman, Tracy Scott, Robin Dallaway, Ann Cowper, Nicky Neville-Lee, Emily Walsh and myself meet just a handful of evenings throughout the course of the year to organise annual activities, address and co-ordinate a response to local issues concerning residents. These rather sociable gatherings, accompanied with nibbles and a drink or two, are enjoyed in equal measure!

With the ever-changing demographic and dynamic of the neighbourhood and increasing number of new residents, there has to be an increasing pool of diverse talents and expertise amongst us that we could all benefit from tapping into. So, anyone interested in contributing fresh ideas and initiatives, do consider sitting in on a meeting just as an observer to find out more, as we'd certainly welcome and appreciate additional enthusiasm from anyone willing and able!

For those residents who wish to support the efforts of the Association without wish or need to actively participate – you can simply join as Members. Please contact me or any other member of the committee in the first instance. Thank you.

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BSRA Committee

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