

Redland & Cotham Amenities Society



Redland & Cotham Amenities Society welcomes you to this attractive part of Bristol. Our area has accommodated University students for many years. We hope you will enjoy your time here.

You will be living in an area that that was mainly built in the latter half of the 19th century. The original residents were professional people, businessmen, shopkeepers and artisans. Today it is home to the full range of city dwellers, including the elderly, families with young children and those working unsocial hours.

Experience has shown that the different lifestyles of permanent residents and students can cause friction. This is particularly likely to occur in densely built up areas, with narrow streets, terrace houses and small gardens, where noise affects many homes. Another factor is the large proportion of student homes in some areas. This also unfortunately attracts crime, particularly theft.

There is information and advice about living in student houses in the community on your University website.

The Society draws your attention to some aspects that have been causing problems.

Noise, particularly late at night, is a major problem for residents, many of whose working days start early, or have children to get to school. Loud music and other noise from inside the house and through open windows, and from gardens, loud conversations in the street late at night - all these have caused serious nuisance.

Residents do not expect 'the peace of the countryside', just neighbourly consideration. However, the law provides remedies where the 'peaceful enjoyment' of homes is prevented, for example by late night parties.

Rubbish. Bristol's comprehensive recycling service needs a little study! Full information, including collection dates for different types of refuse, is available on www.bristol-city.gov.uk Or ask your neighbours. Litter, over-filled bins, sacks of rubbish, refuse put out on the wrong day - all these will not be collected and make the street look squalid. They also create a health risk.

The pavements are used by families with pushchairs and the infirm - please keep them clear by taking your bins in after they have been emptied. If there is not enough space to store your bins on your premises please take this up with your landlord and/or the Council.

Parking. You will have been recommended by your University not to bring a car to Bristol, because of parking problems and in support of the City Council's environmental policy. Some residents need to use their cars daily for work or to transport children and the elderly. If you do have a car we ask you to consider this and not leave your car 'glued to the tarmac' in congested streets.

We suggest that the above approach will make your stay more enjoyable, as well as benefiting residents. We hope that you and your neighbours will discuss any mutual concerns, to avoid involving others in their resolution.

Local amenities. We hope you will enjoy our public amenities, particularly our local parks, Redland Green and Cotham Gardens. These parks have benefited from fundraising and practical support by **Redland & Cotham Amenities Society**. We also organise the annual Redland Green May Fair in aid of local charities. We hope to see you there!

Other RCAS activities include planting trees, restoring historic street lights and removing fly-posting and graffiti. Our 'Living Here' local history books are available at Clifton Bookshop. For more information or to contact the Society see www.rcas.org.uk.

Useful contacts

City Council www.bristol-city.gov.uk Access to all services

Tel. Recycling/refuse, and all other enquiries 0117 922 3838

Tel. Noise Complaints - Night 0117 922 2050, Day 0117 9223810

Police

Tel. Non emergency calls 0845 4567000 (24hr)

West Country CRIMESTOPPERS - 0800 555 111

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