

# Neighbourhood News

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## Construction continues



UNDER CONSTRUCTION (clockwise from top left) Swansea Road development and plans, the former Manrose site, and an impression of the Printworks.

The new houses in Swansea Road are now going up fast, and we like the look of the bricks that have been chosen for the project, which will match the houses opposite. The entire development is expected to be of affordable housing and we look forward to seeing it completed.

We understand that the empty yard on the corner of Addison Road and Meadow Road where the Manrose factory used to stand is being resurfaced and will remain as

hardstanding. The planning application (211761) shows a new gate next to the existing industrial sites in Meadow Road.

Finally, the Printworks development is now well advanced, with most of the houses in Addison Road and some of the flats now occupied. We guess that construction will be complete around the middle of 2022 and welcome the area's latest residents.

*David Neale*

## News in brief

- We expect to be holding our next street party at the usual venue, Newport Road, on Saturday 4 June. This is the holiday weekend to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Please contact David on 07890 118167 or email [david@bell-tower.org.uk](mailto:david@bell-tower.org.uk) if you are interested in helping or have any suggestions for activities.

- There has been an increase in reports of dog fouling in the area, and this information has been passed on to the council. In response there will be regular visits from dog wardens and more notices put up.

- Have you lived in the area for a long time? We are still looking for residents that are interested in sharing their memories with us in a short interview for our next local history documentary. Please contact David on 07890 118167 or at [david@bell-tower.org.uk](mailto:david@bell-tower.org.uk) if you are interested.

- Would you like to get more involved in your community? We are always looking for more committee members, and would also welcome your suggestions for activities and events. Please contact us at [info@bell-tower.org.uk](mailto:info@bell-tower.org.uk) or call Jonathan on 07982 130360 if you can help or have any suggestions.

## AZERBAIJAN & RUSSIA

A talk by Anne Thompson-Ahmadova

**Wednesday 30 March 7.30pm at the New Hope Centre**



*Anne Thompson-Ahmadova is a literary translator from Azerbaijani, French and Russian, and a writer and consultant on Azerbaijan and the Caucasus. She spent 20 years living in the Azerbaijani capital, Baku, and for eight of those she ran BBC Monitoring's Caucasus Unit. Her most recently published translation is "Days in the Caucasus", a "romantic and gloriously comic" memoir by Banine, the granddaughter of Azerbaijani peasants who became fabulously wealthy through the discovery of oil.*

**ALL WELCOME. The talk will be followed by the Bell Tower Community Association's Annual General Meeting.**

# How to report crime, litter and other street problems

## Crime and antisocial behaviour

Smartphone owners can now report antisocial behaviour to Reading Borough Council using an app. The Reportable app can be downloaded from the Apple Store and the Google Play Store. After you have downloaded it you will be asked to register and then identify your local authority, which is Reading.

To report an incident you click on the + icon on the bottom right of the screen, which will then ask you to either add to an existing report or create a new one.

If you create a new case it will take you to two categories, antisocial behaviour and vehicles. Please note

the vehicle option should not be used to report parking violations.

Once you have decided which of these two options applies you will be given further category options. After you have selected this you can submit your report, giving as much detail as possible. You can also submit photos from your phone.

For those who do not have a smartphone, antisocial behaviour can be reported to the police by calling 101, which you should do regardless of whether you contact the council, and to the council's antisocial behaviour team on 0118 937 3787 or emailing [asb.team@reading.gov.uk](mailto:asb.team@reading.gov.uk). You can also download a diary sheet from <https://images.reading.gov.uk/2020/01/Antisocial-Behaviour-Diary-Sheet.pdf>.

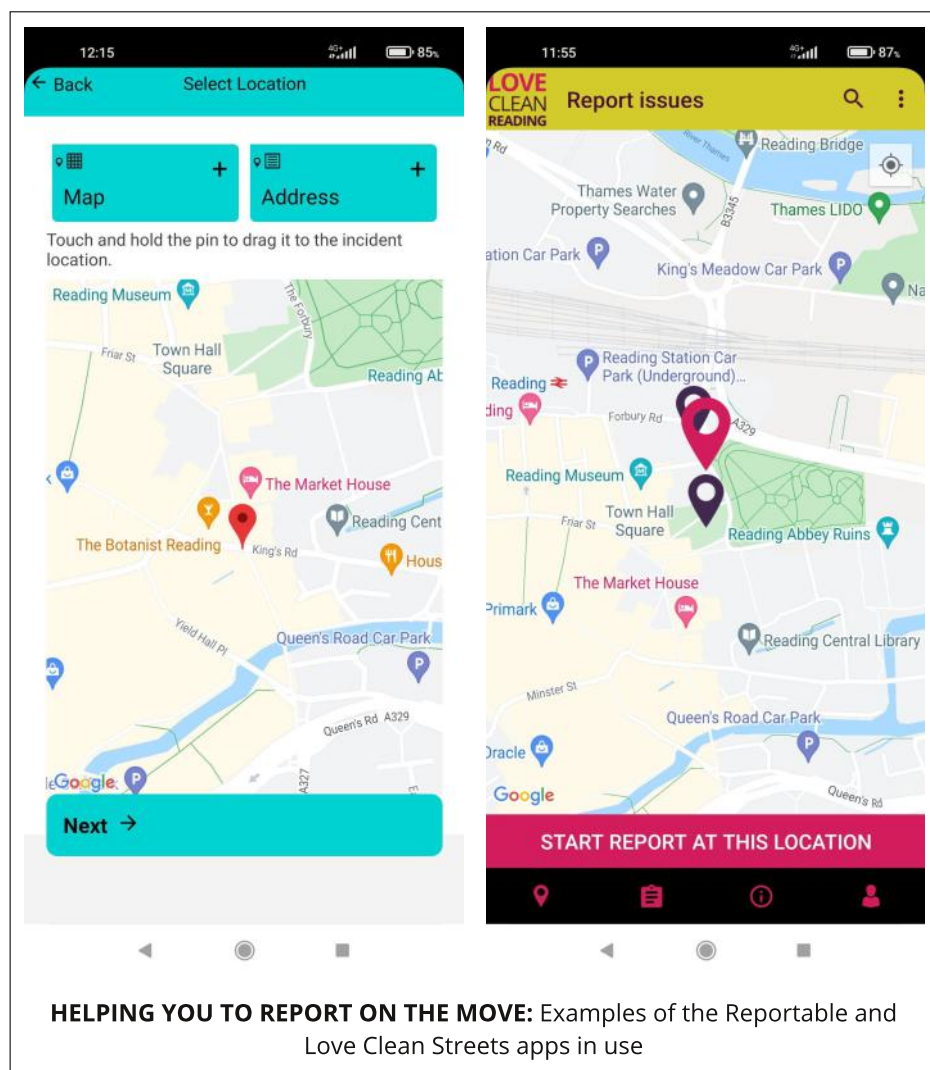
## Street cleaning

There is also a smartphone app to report issues surrounding street cleaning and fly tipping. This includes graffiti and damage to street furniture. You can download the app from both Apple and Google – look for Love Clean Streets. You can use the map to say where the issue is, and add photos. You will then be asked to categorise the issue and give a brief description of what you are reporting.

It is also possible to do this via the council's website <https://loveclean.reading.gov.uk/account/logon>. There is an alternative means of reporting such issues on the website at <https://www.reading.gov.uk/waste-and-recycling/street-cleaning/>.

You can also call 0118 937 3787 or email [webform@reading.gov.uk](mailto:webform@reading.gov.uk).

*Jonathan Dart*



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