

The
Royal Crescent Society
Newsletter



THE CAMPAIGN TAKES OFF!

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National publication of this letter in the Daily Telegraph has opened the public phase of the Society's Campaign to stop coaches using the Royal Crescent. Much local media interest has also been shown - samples over-

HOUSE OF LORDS

Lord Mancroft tabled a Question in the House of Lords yesterday about our coach problem...response is awaited.

Daily Telegraph

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 1986

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Traffic threat to a great heritage

SIR.—While appreciating that tourism plays a very important part in our national economy, the Royal Crescent in Bath is being subjected to continuous noise, pollution and vibration which is not only destroying one of Britain's greatest historical architectural heritages, but also ruining our Crescent for all visitors.

Something must be done, and done now, to prevent such abuse from heavy traffic, buses and coaches.

If we allow our 20th-century transport to destroy this Crescent, and other similarly placed historic buildings, ours will be the loss, now and always.

FRANCIS BURNE
Bath

YOUR HELP NEEDED

Your Traffic Committee has set the ball rolling. We shall succeed only by keeping up the momentum. You can help by writing to those who can help us - the media, your MP, your City and County Councillors. Some addresses are:

The Rt. Hon. Chris Patten MP, House of Commons
London, W1

Avon County Councillor:

Maureen B Wheadon, 91 The Oval, Bath.

Bath City Councillors:

Mrs R.Horne, 14 Widcombe Crescent, Bath.

Mr J. Mill, 5 Gay Street, Bath.

Mr B Newnham, 21 The Linleys, Bath

Media

The Editor, Daily Telegraph plc, 135 Fleet Street,
London EC4P 4BL.

The Editor Country Life, King's Reach Tower,
Stamford Street, London SE1 9LS.

The Editor Bath and Wilts Chronicle 33/4 Westgate
Street, Bath.

The Editor, Evening Post, Bristol United Press Ltd
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The Editor, Western Daily Press:As for Post.

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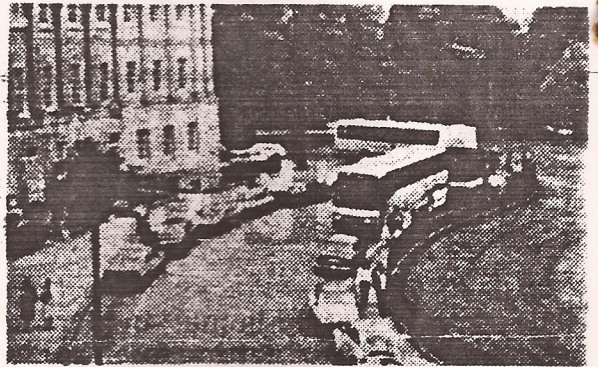


ALL RESIDENTS AND FRIENDS OF THE ROYAL CRESCENT ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND A PRESS CONFERENCE ABOUT THE COACH PROBLEM IN NUMBER 9 at 6PM on FRIDAY 17th JANUARY

Evening Chronicle

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 1986

Living with the Crescent's fame



By Ian Abbott

RESIDENTS in Bath's famous Royal Crescent have launched a major broadside in their campaign to get rid of coaches from outside their homes.

A hard-hitting report and survey published today sets out the misery in living with a constant stream of curious tourists milling around their front doors.

The Royal Crescent Society report also hits out at Avon County Council and Bath City Council for their lack of action in dealing with the growing problem.

The residents' main complaints revolve around the number of coaches using the cobbled road.

The report says better traffic management would route the coaches through



Royal Avenue so they can park legally and see the Crescent from a better vantage point.

Evidence listed in the survey says that at its worst there were 25 buses and coaches using the Crescent in one hour.

It adds that besides the ugliness this causes it has other effects on the quality of their lives.

● Pollution: The coaches cause noise, fumes and dirt.

● Recreation: It ruins the view from the lawn where the residents like to relax.

● Privacy: Double decker buses mean people are looking straight into people's flats.

● Damage to property including the wear on the road as well as people's houses.

The survey was drawn from the 82 per cent of responses received by the society's traffic committee.

Nearly 70 per cent found the coaches disturbing and also mentioned the frustration of being unable to park near their homes.

At the end of the report is a synopsis of the correspondence the society has had with Bath and Avon over the last five years.

The synopsis is littered with no action and no replies.



Dr George Kersley
'No easy answer'

His New Letter is published by the Traffic Committee in Royal Crescent Society. Editors: Mr. G. Kersley, 10.10.

Bath and West

Evening Chronicle

MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 1986

Coaches spark Crescent row

By Simon Whitby

THE MENACE of heavy traffic and pollution to Britain's historical buildings — including Bath's Royal Crescent — is to be discussed in the House of Lords tomorrow.

A written question asking the Government to investigate the prob-

lem and take action is being submitted by Lord Mancroft, who used to live at Lower Hamswell, near Bath.

His question follows growing concern in Bath over the effect of noise, fumes and vibration caused by coaches on some of the city's most important buildings.

Tomorrow a major report on traffic in the Royal Crescent is being published by a specially-commissioned traf-

fic committee of the Royal Crescent Society.

Chairman Mr Francis Burne, "The Royal Crescent is sadly being subjected to continuous noise, pollution and vibration which is not only destroying one of Britain's greatest historical architectural heritages, but also ruining this crescent for all visitors.

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13 January

6.00 West

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Plus sport, Richard Wyatt's What's On and the weather forecast with Mike Bibb.

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