

# Warren & District Residents Association

## *AGM 2021-2022*

Wednesday 19th October 2022

19:30-21:30

Mapledurham Pavilion



# AGENDA

## AGM Meeting Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. To accept the minutes of AGM 2021
3. Matters Arising
4. Message from the Chair
5. To receive the Committee's report for the year
  - a) Treasurer's Report and audit
  - b) North Reading Safer Neighbourhood Forum
  - c) MPF Management Committee
  - d) Mapledurham Playing Field
  - e) MPF Pavilion
  - f) Events, Initiatives, and Fundraising
  - g) Planning report
6. Break to sample café
7. To consider a motion to amend the constitution to take account of Ward Boundary Changes 2022 Or Alternatives
8. AOB



#### 4. Message from Chair - WADRA in Highlights

- The Committee and volunteers
- New members and volunteers – getting involved
- No elections this year- why
- MPF Deed of Dedication appears to be stalled
- Change in Councilors – change in Ward
- WADRA in the Media
- New and returning sponsors
- Continue to support members with ASB, Noise, and Light issues
- Continue to provide community events and initiatives for all ages
- Continue to provide for Charitable causes
- Continue to work with CTFC, MLTC, RBC, PC, SK, and The Heights to achieve WADRA's mission



# **Committee Report**

## **2021-22**



## 5a. Treasurer's Report Hayley Brommell

### WADRA Accounts 01/09/2021 - 31/08/2022

Savings Account	Credit	Debit	Balance
Opening balance	£ 20,611.02		
Interest	£ 7.91	£ 2,747.60	
Balance 31/08/2022			£ 17,871.33

Savings account transactions	Credit	Debit	
Transferred TO current account		£ 1,215.00	
MPF hall hire		£ 1,417.65	*1
Robin bench		£ 114.95	
Transactions total		£ 2,747.60	

Savings & Current account balance	Credit	Debit	Balance
Savings transactions	£ 7.91	£ 2,747.60	£ 17,871.33
Current transactions	£ 4,877.88	£ 6,772.59	£ 2,325.80
Grand Total 31/08/2022	£ 4,885.79	£ 9,520.19	£ 20,197.13

Current Account	Credit	Debit	Balance
Opening balance	£ 4,220.51		
Transactions	£ 4,877.88	£ 6,772.59	
Balance 31/08/2022			£ 2,325.80

Current account transactions	Credit	Debit	
café cakes/sundries	£ 1,120.26	£ 1,045.73	
Café sponsor	£ 1,000.00		
Camping sale	£ 1,282.62		
Deed of dedication legal	£ 1,215.00	£ 1,215.00	
Dementia day	£ 260.00	£ 260.00	
Festival salvage		£ 217.04	
Festival salvage payment		£ 1,100.00	*2
Hall hire		£ 127.35	*1
Liability insurance		£ 298.64	
Robin plaque		£ 135.95	
Storage		£ 2,229.00	
Zoom acct		£ 143.88	

\*1 total cost of MPF hall hire £1,545

\*2 Festival Republic payment £1,100 o/s





## 5b. North Reading Safer Neighbourhood Forum

Martin Brommell

- **What is NRSNF?** A voluntary community group consisting of TV Police, local residents, local authority & community groups to help resolve community safety and crime related issues in North Reading.
- **How does it work?** Main SNF meets every 2 months. Info cascaded via 8 local area SNF's across Reading Borough
- **WADRA** works closely with Nick Haskins (Chair) & NRSNF group to help people feel safe in their homes & out in the community
- **Local TVP team:** Insp Jon Morley, Sergeant Betsy Palmer, PC Vince Moore, PCSO's Laura Seymour & Nikki Beeney, Nikki Drury Admin, plus Problem Solving Team 1 Sergeant + 8 PC's
- **Topics:** Police priorities & resource, ASB, graffiti, begging, drug abuse, fly tipping, burglaries, Speedwatch, parking, illegal car meets, keyless car thefts, electric bikes & scooters, Nottingham knockers & other crime related issues
- **Bonfire Night:** Illegal to set fireworks off between 11.00pm-07.00am except Chinese New Year, Bonfire Night, start of Diwali, New Year's Eve. Illegal under 18yrs to possess fireworks in public place or for anyone to possess professional fireworks unless a fireworks professional

# Reporting Emergencies

## Emergency Procedures



- **Ring 999** – Ask for Police if witnessing crime being committed, victim of a crime or are being threatened
- **Ring 999** - Fire risks (eg. Bonfires, dangerous fireworks) & ask for Fire Service who will attend where potential for fire hazards or actual fire
- **Non-emergency calls** – use 101 service
- **On-line reporting** – [www.thamesvalley.police.uk](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk)
- **Anonymous reports** – Crimestoppers 0800 555 111
- **Anti-Social Behaviour** – 0118 937 3787 or email [ASB.Team@reading.gov.uk](mailto:ASB.Team@reading.gov.uk)
- **Register for** [www.ThamesValleyAlert.co.uk](http://www.ThamesValleyAlert.co.uk) via TVP website to be kept regularly updated with community issues & local information





## 5c. Mapledurham Playing Fields Management Committee (MPFMC)

- **Role** - general supervision over activities at MPF and management
- **Next meeting** - 23rd November'22
- **Representatives** – 3 x Ward Councillors, CTFC, MLTC, WADRA, Mapledurham Parrish, User Group, & Heights Primary

### Key topics at last meeting 29<sup>th</sup> March '22 :

- **Plaque & bench** in honour of Robin Bentham
- **CCTV** car park & central avenue
- **MUGA steps** – challenge overturned
- Storage – insufficient to cope with user groups.
- – RBC want 4% held for future develop
- **Deed of Dedication** RBC want 4% held for future development - WADRA accepts some latitude necessary providing for informal & leisure use only - but statement not taken into account when committee reported back to Trustees, leaving MPF vulnerable to development.
- **Community Cafe Charges** – committee voted WADRA must pay hire charges for Café despite £50k donation for refurbishment. Most users find the charges very high





## 5d. Mapledurham Playing Field

- MPF continues to be key focus consistent with our mission to preserve, protect & enhance our environment
- Recent developments have thwarted cherished expectations
- WADRA striving to find equilibrium between traditional users & interests of new users
- Community Cafe an example of WADRA stimulating social inclusion for local residents, local businesses & charities

### Current Environmental Impact

- Noise pollution
- Light pollution
- Car parking

### Anti-Social Behaviour

- CCTV installed in car park & central avenue
- ASB growing issue since school opened & footballers increased usage
- Youth groups, up to 70 strong, visiting MPF & causing issues with drunken & threatening behaviour and fighting



## 5e. Mapledurham Playing Fields Pavilion

Elisa Miles

- Kitchen provision continues to be lacking – but cleaning has improved
- Landscaping - more trees to replace what was lost, screen noise and light, enhance the view to the west, and levelling of the area behind.
- Serious issues with on-site storage restricting users continues with some improvements
- There are concerns about maintenance funding – but more attention to repairs
- More and of a variety of activities in the Pavilion now
- Dedication of the Hall – Robin's plaque and bench
- Sound proofing still to be finished – WiFi?
- Car parking at busy times (tennis, hall use, playing fields and school)



## Memorial to Robin and Eve Bentham

### Robins bench and seat

To honour Robin Bentham, past WADRA Chair for 20 years, earlier in the year the committee purchased a bench and plaque to be displayed in the foyer of the Mapledurham Playing Fields Pavilion. The plaque reads,

***'In Memory of Robin Bentham, Chairman of Warren and District Residents Association 1999-2019, A highly respected pillar of the community who acted with integrity, diplomacy and wisdom to protect and enhance the local area. He was instrumental in refurbishment of the MPF Pavilion.'***





## 5f. Planning Alistair McLean

WADRA's objectives with regard to Planning is to preserve and enhance the character of our area. Therefore, we continue to monitor the RBC Planning Website weekly, to identify new planning applications and permissions granted by RBC in our area.

WADRA has commented or objected on the RBC website, to several applications during the year.

In the last 12 months there has been 37 planning Applications in our area.

Permitted: 27

Withdrawn: 2,

Refused: 1

Pending decision: 7

**The most noteworthy:**

- **Willow bend, The Warren**
- **25 Hewett Avenue**
- **Willowbrae, The Warren**
- **Meadow View Blagrove Lane**
- **Crawforjohn, Upper Warren Avenue**
- **High Ridge, Upper Warren Avenue**





## 5g. Events, Community Initiatives and Fundraising

Elisa Miles

### 2020-21 Events

- Reading Festival – Salvaging and Charitable donations
- Caversham Halloween Hunt, October 2021
- WADRA Halloween Costume Parade and Competition October 2021 – a great success
- Community Hub Café (every Thursday 2-4:30pm) and local vendor days.
- Wreath Making Workshop
- Christmas Mini-Market
- Camping Gear Sale
- Collection and donations by WADRA for Ukraine
- Dementia Day May 2022

Community

# Café

Thursdays 2-4:30pm  
Mapledurham Playing Fields  
Pavilion



Warren & District  
Residents Association

Hot and cold drinks, snacks and cakes – Cash or Card

## WADRA Community Hub Cafe

- Every Thursday from 2-4:30pm @MPF Pavilion
- Concerns about the sustainability of the Café due to cost of Pavilion and Kitchen rental
- After a short break we were able to secure sponsorship (Blend Marketing, Festival Republic)
- WADRA serving hot and cold drinks, cakes, and snacks
- Invited local vendors, artists, craftspeople, and interest groups – Calendar on [www.wadra.org](http://www.wadra.org)
- All **volunteer** run – if you would like to volunteer for working one session a month please contact [info@wadra.org](mailto:info@wadra.org)

# Dementia Awareness Day

10 May 2022 - 1:00pm - 6:00pm  
Mapledurham Playing Fields Pavilion

## Exhibitors

- ❖ Alzheimer's Society
- ❖ Age UK Reading
- ❖ Age UK Berkshire
- ❖ Ridgeline Trust
- ❖ TuVida (Carer's Support)
- ❖ Social Prescribers
- ❖ Memory Clinic
- ❖ Citizens Advice Bureau
- ❖ Greenwich Leisure Ltd

## Activities

- ❖ The Virtual Dementia Tour®\*
- ❖ Caversham Older Adults Fitclub\*
- ❖ Vox Skool - Singing Workshops
- ❖ Mapledurham Playing Fields Walks

WADRA Café open from 13:00-18:00

For more information and the day's schedule go to  
[www.wadra.org](http://www.wadra.org), email [info@wadra.org](mailto:info@wadra.org), or call 07540822898

\* Fee for participation and prior registration required

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Sponsored and delivered by: RBC Public Health and Wellbeing Team,  
The Caversham Golf Club, Caversham PCN, Reading Voluntary  
Action, and Warren & District Residents Association







## Reading Festival - What does WADRA do:

### For Residents

- Site visits with licensing
- Information / leafletting to residents
- Provision of Car and delivery Passes for closed roads
- Promenade lighting adjustment
- Working closely with Live Nation to ensure residents are safe and not disturbed etc.
- Debrief sessions with RBC Licensing
- Debrief Sessions with Live Nation

Unfortunately we have not been able to accept Live Nation's generous donation of £4k for the provision of a storage unit to be placed on MPF in the storage area. As a result they are paying for our storage and other costs for 2022 until we can sell or donate the salvage from 2022.





## Reading Festival - 2021:

### **For Charity, the community and environment and fundraising**

- Salvaging - recycling, reclaiming, donating and providing local people with free weekend tickets
- Acquisition and management of WADRA Green, Salvaging and Leafletting team (total 16)
- After event Salvaging
- Donations to Charitable Initiatives 2021
  - CIRDIC Centre - food toiletries, towels
  - Sadaka – food toiletries
  - Camping Gear Sale to fundraise for WADRA
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Hackney Boy Scout Troop
  - Ukrainian donations from WADRA and also funded by Enondata and Marc Gross
- Camping equipment after sale 2022 will be donated to Pakistan Relief



## **Future Events at MPF Pavilion 2022**

- **Halloween Trail 2022** 28-31<sup>st</sup> October
- **Halloween Costume Parade** 29 October 2022 – 2-4
- **Camping Gear Sale** 12 and 13 November and  
collection for Pakistan 10 November 2-4:30
- **Wreath Making Workshop** 24<sup>th</sup> November 2022 2-4:30
- **Christmas Mini-Market** 8 December 2022 2-4:30
- **2023 Clubs and Groups Evening**

WADRA  
Caversham  
Halloween Hunt 2021



Decorate your house or garden for Halloween. You can sign up and your location will be put on the map. People can view the map, plan a route, get dressed up to see the decorations. No door knocking or treat distribution. Go to the WADRA website ([www.wadra.org](http://www.wadra.org)) for more information or follow the link below to register your location.

## Caversham Halloween Hunt 2022

- Third year of running the Halloween Trail
- Devised by Caroline Foulkes, 2020 supported by WADRA, 2021 WADRA taking the lead.
- Devised to accommodate Covid – but is so popular we will keep it going as it takes minimal effort.
- Homes register to be put on the map and decorate their homes to different degrees and lengths of time
- A digital map is available from the WADRA website
- Number of Homes – 2021 over 100

<https://wadra.org/halloween-2022-registration/>



WADRA



# Halloween Costume Parade



Mapledurham Playing Fields Pavilion

Saturday 29 October 2022



2pm - 4pm



## Fancy Dress Competition Categories

- Under 5's
- Under 10's
- Under 16's
- 16 and over
- Pet and Human (of any age)

Judging will begin at 2:15 and judges decisions are final. Prizes in each class for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Special Awards for Most Scary, Most Beautiful, Most Creative and Best Overall.

Registration will be open on 1 October 2022

If you would like to sponsor a prize or volunteer to help on the day please contact WADRA at [info@wadra.org](mailto:info@wadra.org)

## Halloween Costume Parade and Competition 2022

- 2021 Success! Over 100 entrants
- Mapledurham Playing Fields & Pavilion
- Saturday 29 October 2022 from 2-4pm
- Fancy Dress Competition Categories: U5, U10, U16, 16 plus, and Pet and Human
- Current Sponsors: Kim's Cupcakes, Waitrose, Forever Moments Photography
- Sensory Garden – Fifi's Vision
- WADRA also serving drinks and snacks
- Volunteers to help on the day, as sponsors of prizes, etc. still needed.



# Nearly New

Saturday 12 November 2022 • 10am – 2pm

Sunday 13 November 2022 • 11am – 1pm

## CAMPING GEAR SALE

Tents Big & Small • Sleeping bags • Self-inflatable Mats • Lights  
Chairs • Miscellaneous Camping Items

at

**Mapledurham Playing Fields Pavilion**



Organised by Warren & District Residents Association

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# **WADRA Mini-Christmas Market**

**8 December, 2-4:30pm  
Mapledurham Pavilion**



**All Local Vendors, Artists, and Crafts people**

Paintings, prints, photography, cards, calendars

Stocking stuffers

Candles and scents

Leather handbags and purses

Jewelry, Cakes

Cosmetics, skin care and nutrition

Fabric and Felt creations

See [www.wadra.org](http://www.wadra.org) for more information

# **Christmas Wreath Making Workshop**

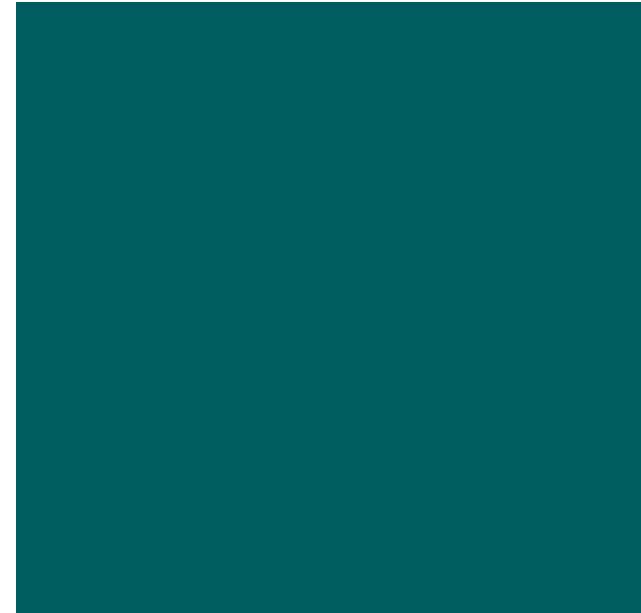


**Thursday, 24 November –  
Starts at 2pm  
Mapledurham Pavilion**

**To register and for cost,  
contact Jan on 07879  
682908**



**Break**





## 7. Consideration of WADRA boundary changes

### Background

- A. WADRA Boundaries
- B. New Heights Ward Boundaries
- C. Consideration of options to amend the  
Constitution to take account of Ward boundary  
changes 2022





## The WADRA Area

The Association for residents of the area of Caversham bounded by:

- The Warren,
- St. Peter's Avenue,
- Upper Woodcote Rd.,
- Blagrove Farm and,
- Blagrove Lane.



## Changes in Ward Boundaries

- 16 Wards with three councillors each (48 councillors – a plus 2 overall)
- Mapledurham Ward is within The Heights Ward with three councillors
- New Wards from May 2022
- Current Councillors are Paul Carnell, Sue Kitchingham and Isobel Ballsdon



## Consideration of WADRA boundary changes

### Options currently under consideration

- A. Leave WADRA boundaries the same with restricted membership
- B. Leave WADRA boundaries the same with 'Friends Of' membership
- C. Extend WADRA boundaries to match The Heights Ward
- D. Other suggestions?





## 8. AOB and Close Elisa Miles

- AOB
- Closing

The background consists of several overlapping colored rectangles. A large olive green rectangle is in the upper left, partially overlapping a yellow rectangle on the far left and a light blue rectangle on the top right. Below the olive green rectangle is a teal rectangle. To the right of the teal rectangle is a yellow rectangle, which is partially overlapped by a large orange rectangle at the bottom right.

# Thank you

WADRA Committee