

Warren & District Residents Association

AGM 2022-2023

Wednesday 11th October 2023

19:00-21:30

Mapledurham Pavilion



AGENDA

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2. Break to sample café fare (7:45)
3. WADRA AGM at 8pm
4. Apologies for absence
5. To accept the minutes of AGM 2022
6. Matter Arising (previous AGM)
7. To receive the Committee's report for the year
 - a) North Reading Safer Neighbourhood Forum
 - b) Mapledurham Playing Fields and Pavilion
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Updates on the Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust

Speaker: **Alison Foster, Programme Director, Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust, for Building Berkshire Together/Net Zero Carbon**

Topics:

- RBH refurbish or relocate?
- how to make RBH a Cohort 5 hospital (its currently Cohort 4),
- Tele Medicine,
- Patient Preventative Work
- Community Hubs
- Taking Care of Yourself,
- Community and Care Closer to Home,
- Carer Services and a focus on “empty nesters,” the elderly and healthcare, thinking about how better to serve you without you leaving home.

Break

15 MINUTE BREAK

***Coffee and Tea to be served from the
Pavilion Kitchen***





Message from Chair - WADRA in Highlights

- The Committee and volunteers – thank you
- New members and volunteers – getting involved
- MPF Deed of Dedication continues to be stalled
- New Councilor – Sam Juthani
- Continue to support members and look for solutions to ASB, Noise, and Light issues
- Community events and initiatives were less this year
- Continue to provide for Charitable causes
- Continue to work with CTFC, MLTC, RBC, SJ, SK, to achieve WADRA's mission



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WADRA logo

- Propose new logo draft design
- Comments- more variety in age of people (some children/teenagers, older people) to represent the membership better
- Logo will be more professionally renders in the next few weeks and then released to members

Still working on this – but a bit stalled!



Committee Report

2022-23





North Reading Safer Neighbourhood Forum (1)

Martin Brommell

WHAT IS THE NRSNF?

- Voluntary community group: TVP, local residents, local authority & community groups to help resolve community safety and crime related issues in North Reading.
- Main SNF meets every 2 months. Info cascaded via 8 local SNF's
- WADRA works closely with Nick Haskins (Chair) & NRSNF, Local TVP team: Insp Jon Morley, Sergeant Betsy Palmer, PC Vince Moore, PCSO Laura Seymour & Justine Hester Admin, plus Problem Solving Team 1 Sergeant + 8 PC's
- Topics: Police priorities & resource, ASB, graffiti, begging, drug abuse, fly tipping, burglaries, parking, illegal car meets, car thefts, electric bikes & scooters, Nottingham knockers & other crime related issues. Throw Line training, HYSD's, Community Leaders Event



North Reading Safer Neighbourhood Forum (2)

Martin Brommell

REPORTING EMERGENCIES

- Ring 999 – Ask for Police if witnessing crime being committed, victim of a crime or are being threatened
- Ring 999 – Fire Service for potential fire hazards or actual fires (eg. Bonfires, dangerous fireworks) and Ambulance Service for medical emergencies
- Non-emergency calls – use 101 service (Police) or 111 (NHS) single non-emergency health advisors
- On-line reporting www.thamesvalley.police.uk
- Anonymous reports – Crimestoppers 0800 555 111
- Anti-Social Behaviour – 0118 937 3787 or email ASB.Team@reading.gov.uk
- Register for www.ThamesValleyAlert.co.uk via TVP website to be kept regularly updated with community issues & local information



Mapledurham Playing Fields & Pavilion

- MPF continues to be key focus consistent with our mission to preserve, protect & enhance our environment
- WADRA continuing to ensure access all users in our community
- Community Cafe is still proving popular with all ages
- Sound proofing and cleaning improved

Some Concerns:

- maintenance of non-pitch areas
- Instructions on exclusive use
- Noise and light pollution continues
- Over use of MPF car park by non-MPF users, illegal and dangerous parking
- Anti-social behaviour continues to be an issue- large gatherings, vandalism of trees and pavilion
- CCTV installed in car park & central avenue – being up-graded



Mapledurham Playing Fields Management Committee (MPFMC)

- **Role** –general supervision over activities at MPF and management in keeping with Trust Deed
- **Next meeting** – 22nd November'23 Proposed – Venue TBD
- **Representatives** –
 - WADRA – Elisa Miles (Chair)
 - 3 x Ward Councillors-
Sam Juthani, Sue Kitchingham, Isobel Ballsdon
 - CTFC – Ben Fenning
 - MLTC - Ceri Tanner
 - Mapledurham Parish – Jane Bowen
 - User Group Rep – Kim Brashares
 - Heights Primary – Esme Tiplady



Mapledurham Playing Fields Management Committee (MPFMC)

Key topics at last meeting 19 July 2023:

- Deed of Dedication RBC -want 4% held for future development
- CCTV car park & central avenue to be upgraded
- Repairs to Pavilion cladding and solutions to reduce damage and vandalism
- Signs in car park and entrance at Chazey road
- Notice board on Pavilion
- Pavilion and playing field charges for users
- Storage – insufficient to cope with user groups.
- Maintenance of playing fields and safe access (Hewett & Chazey)
- Ensuring that casual users, dog walkers continue to have freedom of access to playing fields
- Replacement of Trees that have died or been damaged
- WiFi now available in the Pavilion



Planning Application to Extend Pupil Numbers at The Heights

- Expansion of class size from 25 to 30 (+70)
- Demographic need and environment impact
- Negative impact on other LA Schools north of river
- School has not complied with 2018 conditions of planning concerning vehicular traffic
- “Walk to School” policy appears to be struggling with many new parents stating that they were unaware of the policy
- Concerns for MPF users ability to use and safety in the car park for all
- Noise & light pollution issues continue and has now gone to the Ombudsman
- Dominance on MPF affecting casual users
- The application for expansion will not be heard by the PAC until at least December.



Events, Community Initiatives and Fundraising

2022-23 Events

- Community Hub Café (every Thursday 2-4:30pm) and local vendor days.
- Reading Festival 2023– Salvaging and Charitable donations
- Caversham Halloween Hunt, October 2022
- WADRA Costume Parade and competition October 2022
- Christmas Mini-Market
- Camping Accessories Sale
- Collection and Donation to Pakistan Flood Victims
- Community Award/Grant from Reading Lions



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

For Charity

This year we were unable to do a large reclamation initiative due to lack of storage. We did collect approximately 70 bags of food, toiletries, clothes, shoes, blankets and camping accessories.

- Accessories have been sold at the Café
- All other items have been donated to the CIRDIC Centre
- Future storage for stockpiling

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) for more information or follow the link below to register your location.

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

Caversham Halloween Hunt 2023

- Third year of running the Halloween Trail
- Devised by Caroline Foulkes, 2020 supported by WADRA, WADRA taking the lead since 2021

We are unable to support this for f2023 due to needing a tech savvy volunteer

- 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, but number dwindling

WADRA Accounts 01/09/2022 - 31/08/2023

Savings Account	Credit	Debit	Balance
Opening balance			£ 17,871.15
Interest	£ 94.45		
Closing Balance 31/08/2023			£ 17,965.60

Current Account	Credit	Debit	Balance
Opening balance			£2,354.73
Transactions	£ 6,228.07	£ 6,543.27	
Closing Balance 31/08/2023			£2,039.53

Savings & Current account balance	Credit	Debit	Balance
Current account opening balance			£ 2,354.73
Savings account opening balance			£ 17,871.15
Total accounts opening balance			£ 20,225.88
Savings transactions	£ 94.45		£ 17,965.60
Current transactions	£ 6,228.07	£ 6,543.27	£ 2,039.53
Grand Total 31/08/2023	£ 6,322.52	£ 6,543.27	£ 20,005.13

Current account transactions	Credit	Debit
Book [Gurkha Recipes]	£ 50.00	£ 50.00
Café cakes		£ 1,380.30
Café [excl book payment £50]	£2,701.37	£ 158.00
Café sundries	£ 5.50	
Café sponsor - Lions	£ 500.00	
Halloween Event		£ 160.85
Festival salvage	£ 2,941.20	£ 588.97
Legal fees		£ 765.60
Liability insurance		£ 298.64
Membership	£ 30.00	
Pavilion hire		£ 1,787.40
Printing		£ 222.40
Storage		£ 1,020.63
Web hosting		£ 110.48
TOTAL	£6,228.07	£ 6,543.27



Planning Alistair McLean

WADRA's objective with regard to Planning is to preserve and enhance the character of the area as prescribed in our constitution.

We therefore continue to monitor the RBC Planning Website on a weekly basis to identify any new planning applications and all new permissions granted by RBC for the WADRA area.

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

In the last 12 months there has been 36 planning Applications in our area and 37 determinations.

Permitted: 35

Withdrawn: 1

Refused: 1 (18 M Telecoms pole at Chazey Rd and St Peters Ave)

Pending decision: 9

The most noteworthy:

- **230726:** 147 Upper Woodcote Road
- **231084 :** Leisure plot The Warren
- **231023:** Expansion of numbers at The Heights



5. Elections of Committee Members

Candidate	Proposer	Second
Alastair McLean	Derek White	Kevin Miles
Robert O'Neill	Ceri Tanner	Alan Reynolds
Barbara Garden	Elisa Miles	Trish Appleton



8. AOB and Close Elisa Miles

- AOB
- Closing

Thank you

WADRA Committee