

# Warren & District Residents Association

## *AGM 2024-2025*

Wednesday 8 October 2024

19:30-21:30

Mapledurham Pavilion



# AGM Meeting Agenda

8 October 2025 6:30pm

## AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Apologies for absence
3. To accept the minutes of AGM 2024
4. Matters Arising
5. Treasurer's Report ( to consider & approve)
6. Planning Report
7. North Reading Safer Neighbourhood Forum
8. Mapledurham Playing Fields Trust
9. Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Measures
10. Events, Initiatives, and Fundraising
11. Elections of committee members (X)
12. AOB
13. Coffee and Tea Break (7:45pm)
- 14. SPEAKER: Oxfordshire Wildlife Rescue 8:00pm**



## Message from Chair - WADRA in Highlights

- The Committee and volunteers – Thank You
- New members, volunteers & collaborations
- MPF Trust Management challenging but making some progress
- Councillor Interactions - improving
- Continue to support members and look for solutions to ASB, Noise, Parking and Light issues – one bite at a time.
- Continue to provide for Charitable causes
- Continue to work with CTFC, MLTC, RBC and, FoMPF, The Heights, and CADRA



# **Committee Report**

## **2024-25**



# Treasurer's Report     Hayley Brommell

## WADRA Accounts 01/09/2024 - 31/08/2025

Current Account			Total
Opening balance			£1,787.89
Current Account Transactions	Credit	Debit	
Café cakes/sundries	£ 1,257.39	£ 627.40	
Pavilion Hire		£ 1,117.85	
Accounts audit		£ 14.75	
Web services		£ 72.73	
Heights school *		£ 50.00	
Current Transactions Total	£ 1,257.39	£ 1,832.73	
Closing Balance 31/08/2025			£1,212.55

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£575.34

Savings Account	Credit	Debit	Balance
Opening balance			£18,154.40
Interest	£ 186.72		
Balance 31/08/2025			£ 18,341.12

Savings & Current Account Balance	Total
Savings Balance	£ 18,341.12
Current Balance	£ 1,212.55
Balance Total 31/08/2025	£19,553.67

\* Walk to school sponsorship





*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*

# Planning Alistair McLean

**In the last 12 months there has been 25 planning Applications**

## **October 2024-December 2024**

- **8 Applications**
- **6 permitted**
- **2 refused (1 appeal to SoS)**

## **January 2025 – September 2025**

- **17 Applications**
- **10 permitted**
- **Planning Process Issues with Cherry Croft**
- **1 refused**
- **6 pending**

PL/25/0752: High Ridge, Upper Warren Avenue,

PL/25/ 0921: 1 St Peters Hill

PL/25/1174: Plot of land on The Warren

PL/25/1098: 207, Upper Woodcote Road

PL/25/1074: 147 Upper Woodcote Road ( Retrospective)

PL/25/1272: West Chazey, Upper Warren Avenue

If any member is concerned about a Planning Application and would like the support of WADRA, please contact us on, [info@wadra.org](mailto:info@wadra.org) or speak to a committee member, details on our website at [www.wadra.org](http://www.wadra.org)

# North Reading Safer Neighbourhood Forum (NRSNF)

## **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](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



# WADRA and MPF

**MPF key focus consistent with our mission to preserve, protect & enhance our environment**

- Pavilion & Grounds Maintenance
- Safety in and around MPF
- Noise and Light Pollution
- Deed of Dedication and Trust Accounts
- Support safe and sustainable travel to school to reduce school dominance of car park
- Parking and traffic & pedestrian safety Continuing the MPFMC





# Mapledurham Playing Fields & Pavilion

## What has WADRA addressed this year

- MPFMC Continues
- The Deed of Dedication and Accounts
- School and Car Park issues
- Encourage sustainable travel to school
- Pedestrian and traffic safety (with J.Mc. and S.J.)
- Pavilion and Grounds Maintenance

## What do we focus on next:

- DoD and Accounts ... Continues and possibly some progress
- Parking in and around MPF
- Road and traffic safety (working with Labour Councillors)
- Noise and light pollution

## Parking Issues Continue and Increase:

- Car park squatting at drop off and pick up times
- Use and damage of residential roads
- Domination of car park outside drop off and pick up times
- Use of car park by school staff and visitors
- Use of car park by users/renters of school facilities
- Running of engines



# Mapledurham Playing Fields Management Committee (MPFMC)

**Role** –general supervision over activities at MPF and management in keeping with Trust Deed

**Next meeting** – 28 October 2025 7-9pm at MPF Pavilion

## **Changes in RBC participation**

- WADRA – Elisa Miles (Chair)
- CTFC – Ben Fenning
- MLTC - Ceri Tanner
- Mapledurham Parish – Jane Bowen
- User Group Rep – Kim Brashares
- Heights Primary – TBD
- Friends of MPF – Barbara Garden
- Secretary – Julia Stanbrook
- Councillor Participation (Jenny and Sam)
- Andrew Hornesby Smith, Chair of TSC

# Friends of Mapledurham Playing Fields

**Part of Econet Reading Group** – a wildlife conservation group

## **What do we do?**

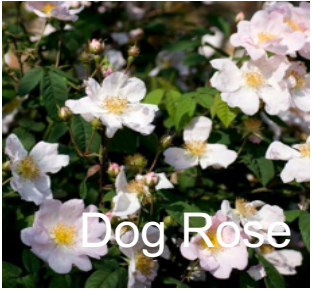
Tidying, coppicing, hedge laying, scrub clearance, control of non-native species, footpath clearance, etc

## **Current projects**

- Clearing and tidying the entrances into the playing fields
- Removing ivy from established trees
- Maintaining the new hedgerow outside the pavilion
- Preventing the copse from becoming over crowded



# Friends of Mapledurham Playing Fields



## New Project

Creating a hedgerow along the outside of The Heights Primary School, facing into the park.

Supported by the Woodlands Trust and created using Native Species

## How to support us

Sign up via the Econet Website - **[econetreading.org.uk](http://econetreading.org.uk)**

Go to the Admin page and complete the **Volunteer Documents**

Dates of future meetings - From Home Page go through to the Friends of Mapledurham Playing Fields page





## Planning Application to Extend Pupil Numbers at The Heights (231023)

- Expansion of class size from 25 to 30 (+70)
- No demographic need - Negative impact on LA Schools
- Environmental and Traffic impact
- Non-compliance of 2018 conditions of planning concerning vehicular traffic
- Many parents appear to be unaware of “Walk to School” policy – car park squatting, residential parking.
- Dominance of MPF Car Park
- Noise pollution issues continue
- The application for expansion has not yet been heard when submitted in July 2023

**Over 80 Objections have been received on the PA including those from Heads of LA's, School Govenors, & RBC Eduation departiment**





# Events, Community Initiatives and Fundraising

## 2024-24 Events & Initiatives

- Community Hub Café (on hiatus since April)
- Reading Festival 2025– Salvaging and Charitable donations
- Car Boot
- MPF Summer Walk Abouts
- Quiz Night (November 8)

## Next Year

- More ideas and volunteers to help and lead
- Bring back the Café – Sponsorship?
- Therapeutic Area Awareness Days?
- WhatsApp group (still/again)
- Dinner Dance?

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# QUIZ NIGHT

8 November 2025

Doors open at 6:30pm

Quiz starts at 7:00pm

Mapledurham Playing Fields Pavilion



- ❑ £10/Table of up to 6 participants
- ❑ Food and drink available on the evening
- ❑ A complimentary glass of mulled wine with any food purchase
- ❑ Please BYOB if you would like to consume alcohol

Contact: [info@wadra.org](mailto:info@wadra.org) to register or for more information

*Note: Please register for a table prior to the evening so that the volunteers are able to cater and set up for the expected number attending*



# WhatsApp Community

A broadcast platform that only admins can post on.

- Members can reply to a post, but not create new messages
- *Can create subject specific chat groups for example, FoMPF, Community Café,*
- Members details are secure
- *Events can be created – providing an event calendar*
- *Information messages can be sent, e.g., reminders, water issues*



# Reading Festival - What does WADRA do?

## For Residents

- Site visits & Debriefs with FR/RBC Licensing
- Information / leafletting to residents
- Provision of Car and delivery passes for closed roads
- Promenade lighting adjustment (Nick Haskins)

## Volunteer Work

- Early Salvage Team
- Salvagers Sign-In Team
- Salvaging

## Results from this year

- Noise on complaints variable
- Need more 'filling the info vacuum' for incidents
- Traffic good north Caversham and A407
- Issues with pick up points on Richfield Avenue
- Dust devil and tents in river
- Salvaging went well – much improved all round
- Rubbish is still an issue on site – Eco Camps!
- More initiatives to keep young festival goers in contact





# Reading Festival Charitable Donations

## CHARITABLE DONATIONS

- **CIRDIC Centre**  
Food, Toiletries, towels  
Shoes, Clothes, Coats & Hats
- **Oxfordshire Wildlife Rescue** - Towels, bin bags
- **Eynsham and Banbury Fire Station, Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue Service** — Water Bottles
- **New Beginnings** — T-Shirts and Socks

## Total collected

- 109 Bags of Cloths, shoes, towels, Toiletries, Food, Coats, Hats, Bags, Blankets, Camping Gear, Matts, Sleeping Bags
- 21 Large Tents
- 20 Chairs





# AOB and Close

## Possible letter writing campaigns/support:

- *RBC as Trustees fiduciary responsibilities – RBC and Charity Commission*
- *Parking issues at MPF and residential roads – RBC, The Heights, Football*
- *School's non-adherence to planning conditions on traffic – RBC Planning and The Heights*
- *Lack of decision on Heights Planning Application – RBC Planning*

## Close



# BREAK

**15 MINUTE BREAK**

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





# Oxfordshire Wildlife Rescue

Speaker: Luke Wacławek



<https://www.oxfordshirewildliferescue.co.uk>



# Thank you

WADRA Committee