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## WADRA January 2026 Neighbourhood Updates

Hello all,

Just a few bits of information that may be useful. We have communication from the North Reading Safer Neighbourhood Forum, a notice on tree felling from RBC, and a notice from Matt Rodda concerning the lose of the Caversham Heights Post Office.

### North Reading Safer Neighbourhood Forum

Please see below for some actions and information that arose at the latest NRSNF meeting.

#### 1. Visibility when dog walking..

Residents from Upper Warren Avenue have raised concerns regarding pedestrians walking their dogs in the middle of the road after dark and not always facing oncoming traffic. Of particular concern is the fact that many are wearing dark clothing and are not carrying a light or wearing reflective bands. With an increase in electric vehicles, pedestrians in UWA might not hear them approaching from behind and motorists might not see the dog walkers until it is too late. WADRA has been asked to appeal to all its members to put lights on their dogs collars and for the dog owners to wear reflective and bright coloured clothing, and to carry a torch or wear a head torch where practical, to help avoid a serious incident occurring.

#### 2. Dog attacks.

A small dog was recently attacked on Mapledurham Playing Field by a larger dog who was not on a lead and who had previously attacked another dog. If a dog is attacked by another dog, the owner of one or both dogs should report the incident to TVP via 101 and to the RBC Dog Warden who will take appropriate action with the owner of the offending dog. In such situations, as much information should be collected as possible including both dog owner's names and addresses, a contact mobile or home telephone number or email address and photos of where the attack took place and any injuries sustained.

This usually involves the owner being told to muzzle their dog and keep it restrained on a lead whilst walking in public spaces. Reporting such incidents can help avoid future such attacks. Similar reporting should take place if a dog attacks a human because appropriate and sometimes more severe action may be needed to prevent further attacks.

#### 3. Hit & Run Incident.

Thames Valley Police are appealing for witnesses to a hit & run incident on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2025 between 17.00-17.20hrs on the pedestrian crossing outside Caversham Library and House of Cards. A man sustained severe injuries to his wrist needing a plate to be inserted. The driver of the offending vehicle drove off. Police would like descriptions of the vehicle and driver including any photographic evidence. Details to [Daniel.mellor@thamevalley.police.uk](mailto:Daniel.mellor@thamevalley.police.uk)

#### 4. Reporting Incidents

A reminder that anti-social behaviour (asb) incidents should be reported in the first instance to [asb.team@reading.gov.uk](mailto:asb.team@reading.gov.uk). For crime related issues, reporting should be to 101 for non-urgent incidents or 999 for emergency situations.

#### 5. Shoplifting in Caversham.

Anyone witnessing shoplifting should report the matter to the Police as soon as possible. The public are advised not to tackle shoplifters but, if safe to do so, should photograph or video the incident and send the footage to TVP along with a detailed description of the perpetrator, time, date and location of the incident.

### RBC Tree Felling in The Warren

Please note, there are no road closures or restrictions required for the work to be carried out. Below is the text from RBC's email to WADRA.

"Dear WADRA,

I am writing to inform you of planned tree works at The Warren, where seven ash trees have been identified as being severely affected by Ash Dieback (*Hymenoscyphus fraxineus*). These trees are located in front of the Caversham Court allotment wall.

As you will be aware, this disease significantly weakens affected trees, making them brittle and unstable, and therefore presents a potential health and safety risk. The proposed works will involve the partial or complete removal of affected trees where they are considered a danger to pedestrians or vehicles.

There is currently no cure for Ash Dieback, which is fatal to the majority of ash trees. The Council is taking a measured and proportionate approach, working in consultation with ecological experts. Further discussion will be required regarding appropriate replacement species and the long-term protection of the allotment wall.

The works are scheduled to take place between 12–15 February 2026, subject to weather conditions."

Pedro Borralho  
Senior Technical Officer – Parks and Open Spaces

### Letter from Matt Rodda concerning the closing of Caversham Heights Post Office

Below is an image of a letter received by some Caversham Heights residents. As the existence of a working, reliable post office is of concern to most residents. I personally use the Emmer Green Post Office, which provides an excellent service, but due to the reduction in Post Offices available, there is often a long line. With the construction of another few hundred houses in the area, this will only become worse. I have inserted a copy of the letter. If you feel the closure of post offices in Caversham will have a negative effect, please contact Matt.



### A quick update on MPF Issues

Firstly, thank you to all who helped to address the destruction of the Killick's Memorial bench. The family were informed, as well as the police and RBC. RBC will replace the bench in due time.

MPF Deed of Dedication and Accounts; Still no sign of a fit-for-purpose Deed of Dedication, but the Accounts have been submitted to the Charity Commission. A copy of the accounts have been requested, approximately 30 days ago, but we have yet to receive them. In particular we are concerned that previous account submissions did not include the £1.36million paid to the Trust for the 125 year lease of land for the school. As this is Trust capital it should appear in the accounts as well as its spending.

For greater detail, all of the committee meetings and AGM minutes can be found on the WADRA website at [www.wadra.org](http://www.wadra.org). If you want to contact WADRA you can do so at [info@wadra.org](mailto:info@wadra.org)

Best regards,

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