



**CADRA News**  
Caversham & District Residents' Association  
*The Voice of Caversham since 1967*



## Update on Activities

2025/6 has been a very busy year for the CADRA committee. We were incredibly proud to help Amanda Stephens launch the charity The Olly Stephens Trust (Olly's Work) at our November 2025 open meeting. We will continue to support Olly's Work and look forward to seeing its vision of a permanent anti knife crime and online safety exhibition here in Reading. More details of Olly's Work can be found here: [OLLYS WORK](#)

During the year the team has been focusing on the numerous planning proposals including; those within the St Peters Conservation Area in Central Caversham, the Caversham Park developments, the revisions to Reading Borough Council's (RBC) Local Plan and of course the controversial application to build 70 houses in Emmer Green near to the 223 houses that are in the process of being built. CADRA is now working even more closely with the North Reading Safer Neighbourhood Forum dealing with issues such as reducing anti social behaviour, thefts and burglaries, speeding and improving water safety in North Reading. None of this could be done without the tireless work of our committee (and particularly Malcom Pemble who leads on planning), a number of very dedicated people who support the committee, and a number of affinity volunteer groups that we liaise and co-operate with.

### Land West of Kidmore End Road – Appeal Update

There is an appeal against the planning refusal of a 70-home development on the former golf course land. The refusal will be defended by South Oxfordshire having rejected the application at the end of 2025. CADRA will be at the inquiry as a Rule 6 Participant, which allows us to present our case to the Inspector. We have submitted our Case Statement along with documents that provide evidence to support the assertions we make and a statement from residents living in the immediate vicinity. Further details and links to the statements are available on our website.

Members of CADRA have access to up to date information on all of our activities via our monthly 'Round Up' email. If you are not a member and would like to join us then please use this link: [JOIN CADRA](#)



# CADRA AGM AND OPEN MEETING 2026

7pm for 7:30pm Tuesday 19th May - Caversham Baptist Church

The 2026 AGM will be followed by a talk by speakers including CADRA President Helen Lambert and Avis Furness. The theme is **Caversham 1926: Our Bridge, our River and the Royal Show**. As Caversham Bridge reaches its centenary, our speakers will take you back to 1926 to look at the formal opening of the new bridge in June 1926, the importance of our river and the Royal Show held in July 2026 at Caversham Park. This is an open meeting and all are welcome.

## **2026 AGM AGENDA**

1. Minutes of 2025 AGM
2. Chair's Annual Report
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Election of Committee
5. Any Other Business (items advised in advance only)

*Please note that only paid up members can vote at the AGM. A household subscription carries one vote.*

## **Committee: Retiring and Co-opted Members**

Under the rules of the Constitution, Neil Parker, Neil Taylor and Linda Watsham will retire at the AGM and are willing to stand for re-election. Suresh Sukul, currently co-opted member, is willing to stand for election. Adrian Goddon will retire as Membership Secretary. We would like to thank Adrian, for all the support that he has given to CADRA over the years. **If you are interested to join the committee or give support behind the scenes then please let us know, we will be delighted of the help.**

## **Nominations for the Committee**

Any member may be nominated for election to the Committee at the AGM, subject to the conditions in the Constitution. The Nominee must have a proposer and seconder who are both members. Please email the Secretary no less than 14 days before the AGM stating with the following information: Detail of proposer and seconder and a signed and dated confirmation that *"I am willing to serve on the Committee of CADRA, carry out duties as agreed and act at all times in the best interests of CADRA and its members.*

## About CADRA

Our vision is to **'Keep Caversham and Emmer Green great places to live'** by promoting events that positively promote our community, to continue to help make better outcomes for planning and licensing, and to help stop items such as antisocial behaviour that are detrimental to our community. You can read the full Vision on the CADRA website [CADRA VISION](#)

We work closely with Reading councillors and officers, other local groups, the police, companies and individuals, always avoiding political bias.

We distribute our e-newsletter Roundup monthly, hold two public meetings per year, write for the Caversham Bridge newspaper and maintain a website with information on local issues and links to relevant official websites. We maintain two Facebook pages: CADRA and Emmer Green Residents, and an Instagram page @cadrauk

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### MEMBERSHIP

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## Your Committee

NAME	ROLE	Area of Specific Interest
Helen Lambert	President	Heritage, Planning
Nick Haskins	Chair	Safer Neighbourhood Forums, Water Safety Partnership, Licensing
Sarah Stuffins	Vice Chair	Wider Engagement
Malcolm Pemble	Planning Lead	Planning, Website, Licensing
Jill Dibben	Treasurer	North Reading Safer Neighbourhood Forum
Linda Watsham	Secretary	
Suresh Sukul	Membership Secretary	
Neil Parker	Committee Member	Planning, Environment, Emmer Green
Neil Tayler	Committee Member	Emmer Green, North Reading Safer Neighbourhood Forum

### COMMITTEE SUPPORT

We would like to thank the following people who support the committee; Anke Ueberberg, Megan Aldrich, Sue Drayton, Sarah Jones, Paul Matthews, Jo Munday, John Murdoch, John Nicholls, Kim Pearce, Lloyd Pople, Mo Prins, John Roach, Helen Stanwell-Smith and Harvey Smith.

*We welcome new people who can provide specific skills or support and who attend meetings on an occasional basis.*