



North Reading Safer Neighbourhood Forum

Thursday 2nd October 2025 - 7pm start

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Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions
- Apologies

North Reading Safer Neighbourhood Forum Meeting

- Update on the Forum
- Minutes of last meeting - Action points Noise App / NH ask PCC on numbers / NH talk to licensing re fireworks / TVP Alert on close pass

Standing items

- Police update - TVP team
- RBC update - RBC team
- Safer Reading / CSP updates - NH
- Reading Festival feedback request - NH

Priorities and problem solutions

- Firework leaflets - available at the meeting (Thank you Gail Muirhead)
- Fly tipping - five new environmental enforcement officers patrolling the streets of Reading in association with Kingdom Enforcement (self funded trial)
- TVP Your Area.
- PSPO - ongoing

AOB raised pre meeting and plus items presented at the meeting:

Please see next page for details of items raised pre meeting

Next Meetings

- 19th January 2025 venue TBC hopefully Mapledurham Playing Fields
- Date to be confirmed venue Weller Centre

Items raised pre meeting and updates

Shoplifting

Thefts from motor vehicles - Chester Rd Car Park

Speeding - Councillor Ballsdon - Silverthorne Drive

Illegally modified bikes / Electric Motor Bikes / ICE Motor Bikes - The Mount / Last Crumb junction / Caversham Centre Paved Area / Caversham Roads

Risk to cyclists - Close passing Last Crumb Junction

Fires - Wildfires - action taken by RBC and RBFRS

Rough Sleeping - Welfare issue / Removal of vacated tents, Love Clean Reading

Pedestrian Crossings x2 - Woodcote Re and Prospect Street

Pedestrian Crossing Request x2 - Vine Hill and Kidmore End Rd

Tree Damage - Reading wide

Target Hardening - Thames Prom

Sunken Boats

NRSNF Mailing List - How is it to be maintained?

CADRA - 19th November

Safer Reading update

Survey - only 722 responses - North Reading is highest at 116 - replies are similar to last year in terms of response and perception that crime and ASB has increased continues but at a very slightly lower level than last year, People still worried about night more than daytime. People highlighting threat of crime and environment worries them. Colin Hudson looking at fear of crime and thinking about media request timings and number etc.

Young Voices Survey - Very similar in terms of responses. 32% of young people saying that they do not feel safe in parks. They are not sure how to report. Not sure if anything will happen if they do report. Concerning that only 93% of children felt safe at home. Concerning the number of children (1/3) who have said that they have seen someone that is or that they think is carrying a knife. Need for Safety Officers. Reading Bus Leaflet given that it is seen as a safe place. RBC Parks leaflet to follow. GCSE hopefully no longer burn books as a new end of school initiative will be tried out.

TVP - Force restructure. James Tribe taking over. 8 extra PCs and 2 Sergeants coming. Focus will be on on town centre and shoplifting (including one of the Sergeants). Castle Street closes in November. Police will be looking for bolt holes. New in Your Area 72 Hour response rate.

Fire Brigade - Fireworks coming up. Working with Wokingham on Water Safety also.

RBC ASB - new ASB reporting tool as Reportable taken out of use. I have asked for clarity on this tool or the Police ASB reporting tool which the Police has been pushing. They will get back to Forum Chairs on this point.

Hate Crime Awareness week - 11th-18th October