

TREDWORTH RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday 8th October 2024

PRESENT: Tim Rees (Chair), Karen Page (Deputy Chair), Alison Thompson (Secretary), Tony Ward, Kate Harris, Jonathan Evans, Jackie Rogers (City Farm), Ash Gardner (Glos police), Tom Francis (Glos police), Stuart ?? (Glos police)

Apologies: Roseanna Marshall, Marco Vaccarro

UPDATE FROM NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE TEAM

The police reported that they currently have 6 PCs and 6 PCSOs covering Gloucester, with 2 PCSOs (Stuart and Adam) specifically covering Barton and Tredworth.

There has been a slight rise in burglaries and theft from sheds – this is usual and seasonal, and they have already had good results with suspects ID'd. Resident buy-in is vital; if people report incidents and suspicious behaviour, the police can map issues.

Drug use in St James' Park was a common complaint in the most recent TRA public consultation (Culture Fayre, Aug 2024). The police reported there is a lot of drug-related crime at present, so they are working to target drug use to reduce related crime.

Overall, crime has been lower in 2024 compared to the previous year. For example, 2041 reported crimes in 2023; 1741 in 2024. Drug crimes and detection rates have increased; acquisition crime (burglary etc) has reduced.

A resident not able to attend asked for traffic issues to be discussed, especially parking near schools. Police reported they don't have enough authority or resources to tackle this properly. Wardens do ticket illegally parked cars but there aren't enough wardens available. Speeding is an issue but when they do speed gun checks, people slow down – there hasn't been a single conviction for speeding during speed gun campaigns.

Shoplifting has been an issue, especially at OneStop, and they have had some successes.

They are hoping to receive funding for additional CCTV cameras on High Street that could provide a live feed to the control room.

They reported good results with closing down shops on Barton Street suspected of selling drugs as part of organised crime. Three shops are now closed following closure orders, and two more are in progress.

The police encouraged residents to keep reporting crimes and suspicious behaviour, via the website, 101, CrimeStoppers or at B&T police station. Every report is read and recorded and can form evidence, even if police can't attend.

UPDATE FROM CITY FARM

Jackie Rogers reported that plans have been drawn up for a redesign of the farm and they are in the process of getting funding. They hope to have the farm functional by spring 2025, with small ponies, sheep, goats, chickens, ducks etc. The horse-riding school will be the last part to open, but they are considering whether to reinstate this because (a) larger horses were not happy on the site, and (b) recent uptake on riding lessons was low. They have volunteers lined up to assist with the rebuild and B&Q have also offered support.

They have received some funding for horse riding to use in this financial year, and they will be offering rides off site.

They have already consulted with residents and will be holding another consultation day on 30th October.

We discussed the potential for other activities such as dog agility classes, children's play and forest school.

They hope to hold a children's activity day before Xmas, and Tony Ward offered to be Santa.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Tim Rees is moving away from the area and has resigned as Chair, though he wishes to remain part of the committee in another role. As a result, those present voted for some changes to roles, so the committee is now as follows:

Chair: VACANT	Deputy Chair: Karen Page
Treasurer: Tim Rees	Secretary: Alison Thompson
Community Liaison: Anthony Saunders	

As there is currently no suitable replacement for the role of Chair, it was agreed to open a consultation process to find suitable candidates ahead of the next AGM.

Next meeting: Wed 29 January 2025, 6.30pm