

May 2026

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Held on  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026  
at 8.00 pm in Emmbrook Village Hall

#### **AGENDA**

- 1. Apologies for absence**
- 2. Minutes of the AGM held on May 2025**
- 3. Committee's report**
- 4. Treasurer's report**
- 5. Election of Auditor for the 2026/2027 year**
- 6. Election of Officers and Committee for the 2026/2027**
- 7. Members vote for continuation of payment moratorium**
- 8. Any other business**
- 9. Refreshments/Close**

## MEETING REPORT Version 5 (19/05/26)

### Welcome – Pierre

I would like to welcome our members and thank everyone attending our twentieth AGM. A brief note on housekeeping: the toilets are located to the left for ladies and to the right for gents. If the fire alarm sounds, it will not be a drill — please make your way outside to Corfield Green.

We were pleased to welcome two members of the Wokingham South Neighbourhood Policing Team: Police Community Support Officer Kerri Williams and Police Constable Peter Szabo. They explained that Woosehill and Emmbrook are currently covered by a team of three officers. They also noted that they have been visiting local schools to teach pupils about speed awareness.

Further policing matters are covered in the Questions section.

### Apologies for absence Pierre

Derek Harding  
Pat Wilson  
Mary Walker  
Ann & Martin Battersby  
Peter Shilham  
Liz Gallagher

**I would like to have our last report of the AGM held on May 2025 which is on our Web site approved Pierre.**

Seconded by Andy Goffin.  
All members present voted to approve the report.

This years AGM report will contain major items presented by the committee on the areas cover by them.

At the end of the report we will then be happy to take any questions or comments.  
Can we please start with Policing presented by Richard Dairy.

### **Policing – Richard Dairy**

Policing Report for ERA 2026 AGM

Thames Valley Police (TVP) regularly publishes statistics relating to reported crimes\* for the entire area policed by them. By going onto the TVP website you can find monthly statistics for Emmbrook and compare them to other areas.

Emmbrook, is I believe, a low crime area. Consequently it is only occasionally that the ERA has dealings with the Police.

The latest statistics available are for February 2026. I track the data for Emmbrook and record them in a simple chart. The charts for 2025 (twelve months) and 2026 (two months) are shown on the screen.

The ERA committee has in previous years submitted reports on behalf of residents relating to discarded drug paraphernalia, suspicious cold-callers and anti-social behaviour. I'm pleased to report that here hasn't been any need to submit reports to the Police since the last AGM.

The ERA website features a policing page with sections on:

- Thames Valley Police
- Neighbourhood Policing
- Reported Crime Statistics
- Have Your Say
- Reporting Crime or Problems
- Neighbourhood Watch
- Crimestoppers
- Victim Support
- Recent Advice Topics

#### Policing Report for ERA 2026 AGM

- General Advice Topics.

Every neighbourhood in the Thames Valley area has a dedicated neighbourhood policing team that works together with the local community and partners. Emmbrook is covered by the Winnersh neighbourhood policing team. More details are available on the TVP website. The TVP website includes ways to contact them, how to report crimes, suspicion behaviour or other matters.

The ERA website also has a link to the TVP website (<https://emmbrook-residents.org/local-affairs/policing/>). This includes the StreetSafe service. StreetSafe is a police service which allows residents to report (anonymously if they wish) any place that makes them feel unsafe – for any reason.

We receive regular Neighbourhood Alerts from TVP and Action Fraud covering a range of topics – those we think contain information pertinent to Emmbrook are put on the website.

19 (as of 12.5.26) have been received since the last AGM, i.e. during 2025/26.

Subject matters included (but not limited to):

- phishing and quishing
- courier fraud
- appeal for witnesses (two)
- road safety data (two)

#### Policing Report for ERA 2026 AGM

- frauds, scams and cyber crime (multiple – including student safety)
- TVP/NHPT news and updates (three)
- what to do if you hit a deer
- tackling domestic abuse

The complete list is shown on the screen.

If you have a few spare minutes have look yourselves to see all that's on the ERA website relating to policing.

That concludes my report.

\* Note, these are reported crimes. The maps cover Emmbrook and include data for Joel Park and the Emmbrook Place development: it uses data from local forces. The hotspots give only a loose idea of where crimes happened. Actual locations and details of crimes are kept anonymous. Note also that not all crimes that occurred can be shown on the maps.



Emmbrook Reported Crime Statistics - 2026													
Category	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Sub total
All other crime	0	1											1
Anti-social behaviour	2	1											3
Bicycle theft	0	0											0
Burglary	0	1											1
Criminal damage and arson	1	1											2
Drugs	0	0											0
Other crime	2	0											2
Possession of weapons	1	0											1
Public order	1	1											2
Robbery	0	0											0
Shoplifting	0	1											1
Theft	0	0											0
Theft from person	0	0											0
Theft (other)	0	1											1
Vehicle crime	0	1											1
Violence and sexual offences	4	13											17
Sub total	11	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32
													Total

## **Planning – Behind toutley Hall = Chris Mallett**

[show images of proposed development]

Over the last year our most significant involvement with planning matters has been supporting residents on Old Forest Road in responding to a planning application to build 53 houses on land behind Toutley Hall, between Old Forest Road and the NDR (Toutley Road).

This land had been identified in the emerging Local Plan for development several years ago, and as such we accept resisting the development (as a whole) would likely be futile, even though the Local Plan is yet to be adopted by WBC. However, our key concern about the proposed development, and that of the neighbouring residents, was the proposal to access the site from Old Forest Road rather than the NDR.

We have liaised closely with neighbouring residents since May last year, made extensive submissions in objection to the proposed access route, secured the support of both Wokingham Town Council and Winnersh Parish Council, and support of Emmbrook Borough Councillors. Despite what we felt were sound reasons for the planning application to be rejected, and the wide-spread support of local representatives, we were disappointed that the WBC planning committee decided to approve the application in March this year.

WBC are still to formally approve the application (which we expect they will do shortly), but in the meantime the neighbouring residents have decided to investigate the opportunity to launch a Judicial Review of WBC's decision, which is now the only way of preventing the development proceeding with this unsuitable access arrangement. We are continuing to support residents in this action where we can.

## **Treasurer's Report- Membership and subscriptions - Andy Goffin**

### **Treasurers Report for year ending 5<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

#### **ERA Accounts:**

	2026 £	2025 £
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Bank Accounts	9,406	9,942
<b>FINANCED BY:</b>		
Accumulated Fund		
Balance at 6 April 2024	9,942	9,463
Profit (Loss) for the year	(536)	479
Balance at 5 April 2025	9,406	9,942

### **INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

#### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2026**

	2026 £	2025 £	2026 £	2025 £
<b>INCOME</b>				
Members' Subscriptions	330	681		
Fund Raising Events	977	1,324		
Bank Interest	16	16		
			1,323	2,021
<b>LESS: EXPENDITURE</b>				
Hall Hire	110	104		
Subscription	10	10		
Donations	336	456		

Equipment	206	0
Website costs	585	103
Quiz Expenses	571	760
AGM Refreshments	20	47
Bank Charges	21	62
	1,859	1,542

**PROFIT FOR THE YEAR** (536) 479

**Membership:** 110 106

**Auditor:** Sylvia Geeves

### **Election of auditor**

I'd now like to propose that Sylvia Geeves is elected to serve as the ERA auditor for next year.

**Andy Goffin**  
ERA Treasurer

**Note from the ERA Secretary:** With membership now increasing the decision to continue with the payment moratorium has been agreed by the ERA committee.

### **Election of Officers and Committee for the 2026/2027 year – Pierre**

Show papers with nominees, with proposed and seconded signatures.

Richard Dairy  
Andy Goffin  
Pierre Featherbe  
Chris Mallett  
Bob Millen

No other residents have requested to join the committee so these nominees are duly elected to stand as officers of the ERA for 2026 / 2027.

### **Questions – Pierre**

On behalf of the committee, I thank you all for attending. I am pleased to open the meeting to any other business, questions, or comments.

An ERA member raised concerns with our two members of the Wokingham South Neighbourhood Policing Team about Council trucks speeding early in the morning to beat the traffic lights while they are green. The officers agreed to write to the company involved, and if the situation does not improve, they will consider a visit with speed cameras.

The ERA Committee asked the officers about local drug-dealing activity. The officers confirmed they are aware of certain areas where this occurs, but stressed the importance of residents reporting incidents when they see them. They also noted that Emmbrook does not appear to have a particular problem with drug dealing, as reflected in the low number of reports received.

The officers reminded everyone to ensure their car doors are locked and encouraged residents to invest in front-door cameras. They then left for a prior engagement, and all present thanked them for their time and their commitment to supporting our community.

A member asked about the Emmbrook Sixth Form College. We confirmed that funding is in place and work is expected to begin soon.

The ERA Secretary will arrange for our quiz night poster to be added to the Village Hall website.

A member suggested that the ERA Committee send updates by email to increase our visibility.

The new Community Centre at St Cecilia's School was mentioned. We noted that, despite being completed six years ago, there is still no organisation in place to run the facility for community use.

### **Close meeting – Pierre**

This report will soon be made available on our web site.

On behalf of the ERA committee volunteers. We thank you.

I would like to formally close the meeting and invite you all to partake in some nibbles, drinks and to discuss any issues or concerns you may have.

We will now run the presentation we used at the Emmbrook Showcase event.

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