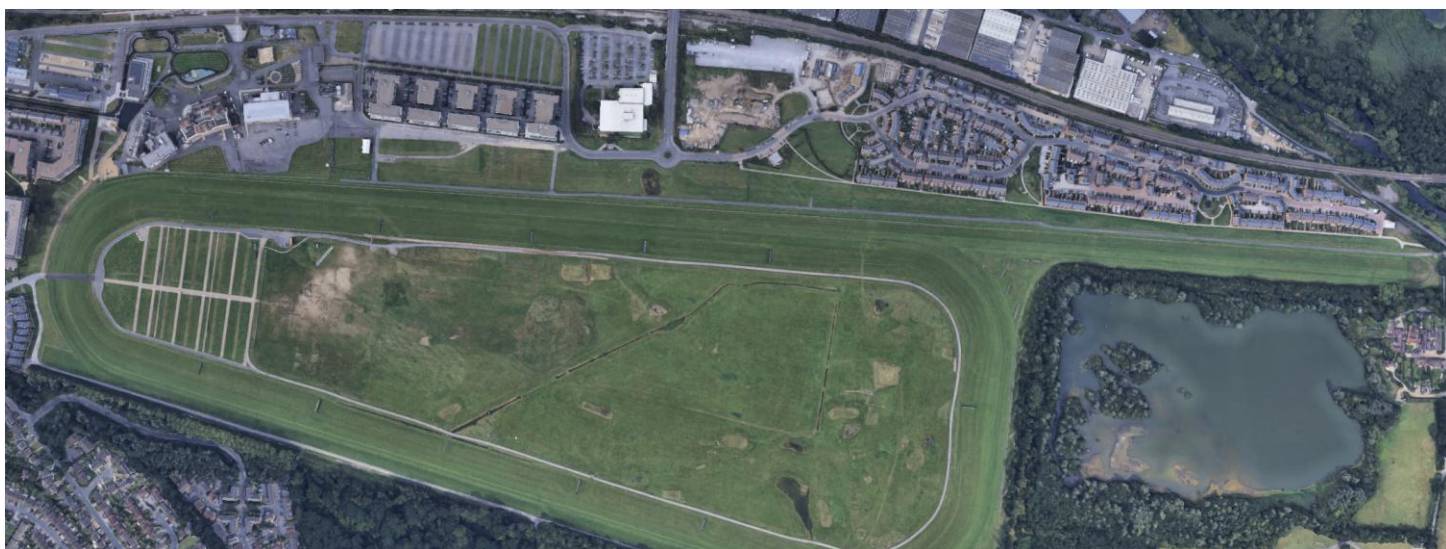




Our First Year

WHATS BEEN HAPPENING



Bus Stops and Shelters **Cleaned, Repaired and Being Adopted**

One of the very first things the association did was respond to complaints about dirty bus shelters on Racecourse Road. This led to Greenham Parish Council being lobbied to adopt them going forward. This is now well under way. We also managed to get GPC to adopt the bus shelters opposite the rail station. Our thanks to GPC for doing that.

Briefings from Key Stakeholders & AGM **Racecourse, DWH, Police & Remus**

We have already had both the CEO of the Racecourse and the Police attend members' meetings (normally held at The Lodge).

Our next meeting is the AGM. Please do come along and consider taking a position on the committee.

It's there for you!

Community Hub **Offer to gift building to Greenham Parish Council**

The RRA managed to get an agreement in principle from DWH and GPC for the potential of a community centre. With that done, all residents will now receive a survey from Greenham Parish Council asking: 1) Do you want one? 2) What do you want it to do? The initial RRA survey showed about 55% wanting one and 45% saying no thanks.



ACHIEVING OUR OBJECTIVES

One of the aims of the Residents' Association was to ensure we had a louder voice at Greenham Parish Council.

We now have four councillors on Greenham Parish Council who are also Residents' Association members and who live in the Racecourse Ward. There is a space for a fifth. Is that you? The committee would like your feedback on whether we should attempt to get people elected as West Berkshire councillors. A louder voice there is also one of our objectives.

A Word on Parking

Parking is a well-known issue for many residents, and people often ask what can be done. The Residents' Association is pushing as hard as it can to get the roads adopted across the estate. Only once that happens will any form of enforcement through West Berkshire Council become genuinely possible.

The "when" is controlled by the developer and West Berkshire Council. We will continue to communicate with them directly and via our district Councillors. However it may well be another 2-3 years before that is finished!



£5000 Set Aside from GPC

Early on, members of the association who are GPC councillors requested that £5,000 be set aside to support the development of the Residents' Association aims. This was approved and provides a resource we can draw on to help increase membership uptake across the ward.

By having a stronger voice at GPC, we aim to ensure that the precept we all pay is spent in fair proportion across the ward. We represent approximately one-third of the ward's population.

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**David Wilson
Homes Likely to
finish all its
building works
by 2029.**

AGM 14th December at The Lodge"

A chance to get involved on the committee.

At the AGM, all positions on the committee are up for selection.

If you look at our website, you can see the various liaison positions as well as Chair, Treasurer and so on.

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"As long as you are member you can vote". If you want to be elected to any position on the committee the you just need.

- 1) To have someone propose you (not yourself).
- 2) Have another person second you (again not you).

If more than one person wants a position, then as soon as nominations are taken, we will hold a hustings for each position.

Each candidate will get five minutes to explain why members should vote for them.

A show of hands after the final speaker will determine who is selected.

Book Sheds & DeFibs

Community Managed

Book sheds are not a new idea and have been popular in other areas.

The racecourse has offered to host one at the Lodge.

We would need local residents to manage this once built and stocked.

- Interested?
- Should we do it?
- Let us know via email

Public Defibs are also being explored for the Racecourse.

Local Centre

4 Units opposite Marketing suite

The long-awaited shop or shops are now being advertised on the Quintons website. Scan the QR code to see the advert.



Dog Bins

Remus has funds

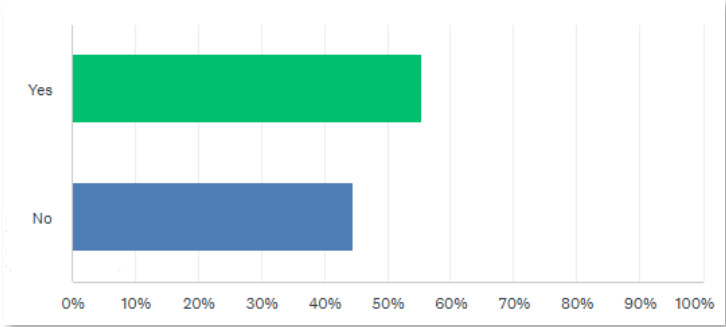
On talking with Remus, it seems they have funds to install some extra dog waste bins.

Some members have mentioned placing one near the kissing gate at the eastern end for dog walkers taking their pets that way.

Let us know if or where else they are needed so we can feed that back to Remus for consideration.

Results from the RRA survey on a potential community centre

Although the survey showed a 10% weighting in favour of having one, there were also substantial concerns. It should be noted that, with only 101 responses, the sample size falls short of being



statistically significant given the number of people living here.

The RRA councillors therefore amended the motion to GPC regarding next steps, focusing purely on conducting a more substantial survey, which would then inform a decision on whether to proceed.

The RRA survey has at least provided a starting point for GPC and identified the

most significant issues that would need to be addressed. Among these, the four most prominent were:

Anti-Social behaviour, 2) Parking, 3) Costs to residents / long-term viability and 4) A belief that there is already enough.

The full report is available via the Residents’ Association website.

Please encourage others to **join the association** so we can work as a community. Use this QR code to go to the join page of the website.

