

Bathwick Hill Residents' Association

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Friday 27th March 2026 at 7.30pm St Mary's Church Hall Bathwick

Attendees

Committee

Claire Jackson – Chair
Andrea Haywood – Treasurer and acting secretary
Richard Wales – FOBRA rep
Helen Green
Wendy Stockley
Beverley and Jeremy Boss
Melissa Clark

Apologies

Apologies from some members were received.

Members – please refer to treasurer for list of members attending

Minutes of the 2025 AGM

Were proposed and accepted.

Chairperson's Report

Claire detailed the work of the association during the year including

- Attending university resident's engagement forum
- Responding to local plan particularly regarding the Sulis site
- Addressing resident's concerns re bicycles on the hill – asking the university to ask students to wear Hi-Viz
- Approaching university to provide a speaker – maybe for next autumn meet
- Fostering a closer relationship with Cleveland walk
- Signing up for Neighbourhood Watch emails
- Promoting go green Widcombe events
- Inviting Jonathan from BWCE promoting their not-for-profit organisation helping residents to make their houses more energy efficient and warmer
- During the year a questionnaire was circulated asking resident's what they wanted from their association and the outcome was that the current activities were what was required

Other matters and plans for 2026

- The cut through from the hill to the Bathwick Hill fields has been made very muddy and unsightly due to building works in the garden of the house next to the cut. Claire passed on the apologies of the house owners and the assurance from them and the National Trust that it will be restored and the possibility of this house hosting open gardens next year was discussed
- An autumn event is planned probably in October or November
- A summer tea party to be held on Sunday 5th July in Sarah Trimmer's garden as it has been difficult to get residents to agree to open their gardens
- The lack of attendance at events of younger members was discussed

Treasurer's report

The treasurer reported on the accounts for the year ended 28th February 2026. The accounts were proposed and accepted.

The treasurer reported that the increase in the costs of the association over the years has led to the need to raise subscriptions from £5 pa per household to £10 pa per household – the subscription amount has not increased for over 10 years. The events held in the year to 28th February 2026, raised after the costs of the events, £698 for BANES carer's centre which was our chosen charity for the year. The amount was higher than usual due to a very popular autumn event talk on the development of Bathwick Hill and a sunny and successful open garden in the summer.

Election of the Committee

The following were offered for re-election to the Committee:

Chair-person Claire Jackson

Secretary & Treasurer Andrea Haywood

FOBRA representative Richard Wales

Other Committee members - Helen Green, Wendy Stockley and Melissa Clark.

Beverley Boss will take over the office of Secretary and Jeremy Boss will take on a role of Vice Chair with a view to taking over from Claire in time.

These re-elections and elections were accepted by the meeting.

Any Other Business

The result of the poll to select the local charity for the year was announced. Peggy Dodds was the winner by some margin.

Guest Speakers

Cllrs Manda Rigby and Toby Stephens updated us on local issues and answered questions. Items raised were traffic, bins, bicycles. Any news on decisions about the housing plans in the local plan to be disseminated by Manda when available.