



GORING RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER – AUTUMN 2026

CHAIR'S REPORT

Join us for our Annual General Meeting on September 17th at 8 o'clock at St Mary's Church Hall. Sounds like it is going to be an enjoyable evening, after we have dealt with the business, we have something different planned for you.

There have been several enjoyable evenings run by the GRA. The last event we ran was the Race Night in June, it was a brilliant and fun event, and we made lots of money for our nominated charity.

If you have a suggestion for a local charity that you would like us to support after our AGM, please email me details before 10th September (jza4gra@gmail.com) and will get members to vote at the meeting.

In a change of timing, after listening to our members, we have held two daytime events that were held on Saturdays to make them accessible to all, and we intend to have a couple more next year too.

I attended the Launch of Adur and Worthing Vision for Nature Strategy led by various council officers including the CEO and head of Planning, with contributions from the National Trust and Sussex Nature Recovery. It is a bold plan to protect and restore the natural environment from the Downs to the Sea with 5 nature corridors as the focus. This plan will include positive action by landowners, communities and volunteers working together to protect and reconnect nature across the area. Our interest is in one of the named corridors, being the Goring and Ferring Corridor (Google "Worthing Vision for Nature").

More recently I attended the pop-up meeting with our local PCSO on the sea front to air concerns about anti-social activities in Goring, particularly racing around the streets on scrambler and electric bikes. The advice from the PCSO was for everyone to report issues on 101. You can now email rather than hanging on the phone to get through. You don't need to be able to give number plates, just any details you are able to provide.

Thank you for your continued support.

Jan



JOIN OUR TEAM

General Committee Members

- Supporting the GRA
- Help at events & functions

Road Wardens

- Delivering leaflets
- Collect membership fees
- Sign up new members

Litter Picking Volunteers

- Join our monthly meets
- 1-2 hours per session
- 1st Saturday of month

If you are interested in joining us, or to discuss any matters in this newsletter, please contact:

jza4gra@gmail.com

THANK YOU

Membership

A huge vote of thanks for our Membership secretaries for all their work and a shout out to our Road Wardens thank you so much. We hope that more people hear about the Association and want to join so please share your Newsletter with neighbours!

At the end of membership year 2025/26 we had 1,090 members on our data list which after a year of not collecting any membership details is great.

Remember, if you have not yet renewed membership now is a great time to do so to catch our final events of the year.

Volunteer Litter Pickers

Starting in March the group have been out five times (one cancelled due to bad weather). People have joined us when they have been able - the first Saturday of each month with next on September 5th led by Colin McKail.

Heavens, have we picked up a lot of litter mainly alcohol bottles/cans, food wrappers and a huge number of cigarette ends! The worst pick we have covered was the area from Amberly Drive going west from the Planation. We needed the boots of three cars to remove our collected waste to the collection point due to the weight & some large items were taken to the tip!

CHARITABLE INITIATIVES

We are proud of our charitable work. This year at our 'Race Night' we surpassed last year's total raised, rounding it up to £1,200 – which will be presented to our chosen charity - Friends of Worthing Hospital. This would not have been possible, without the support of our local businesses James & James Estate Agents, Sea Lane Café, Rassy's & The Snug, Tides, COOK, The Beauty Room by Emily, and all those who contributed to the raffle and fundraising on the night – thank you!

REMAINING EVENTS FOR 2026

After the usual AGM formalities, we are delighted to share that we will also be hosting: **RECORDS IN YOUR BEDROOM Andrew Young** returns to the songs he first learned from a stack of seven-inch singles, the ones that sent him into a career in musical theatre in the first place. Forty-five minutes. One for every rpm. Joined at the piano by Paul Knight, the international pianist, composer and actor. Expect musicals, memories, and at least one custard pie. (Metaphorically).

Also forthcoming, is the return of the popular **CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT** hosted at St. Mary's Church Hall on **Saturday 24th October**. Make sure you buy your ticket. Quiz Masters Brian and Neil will be asking the questions, you can bring your own drinks, and we'll provide the fish & chip supper. There'll also be a raffle and prizes to be won, so bring some cash too. Booking details announced soon!

Please see below a schedule for our remaining events of 2026, as well as the dates and times of our first events into 2027 – details to follow.

THURSDAY 17 TH SEPTEMBER	7PM – AGM Meeting to be followed by 'Records in your bedroom'	
SATURDAY 24 TH OCTOBER	7PM – CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT Booked event	
SATURDAY 28 TH NOVEMBER	2PM – LIVE MUSIC An afternoon of live singing – free event	
THURSDAY 17 TH DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS LUNCH Hosted at Marine Gardens, booking details announced soon	
FRIDAY 15 TH JANUARY	6.30PM – 8.30PM Details will follow in due course	
FRIDAY 12 TH FEBRUARY	6.30PM – 8.30PM Details will follow in due course	
FRIDAY 19 TH MARCH	6.30PM – 8.30PM Details will follow in due course	

Thank you – from all at the Goring Residents' Association