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# RDRA 96TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 15 June 2026



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# AGENDA ITEMS

- Michael Stimpson - President's address
  - Welcome and Apologies for Absence.
  - Approve and sign off minutes of last AGM held on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2025
  - Chair's Annual Report on the work of the Committee presented by Ash Pattni.
  - Hon. Treasurer's Statement of Accounts presented by Sam Thakkar.
  - The election of Officers and Committee, including the President but excluding the Chair who is elected by the Committee.
  - The appointment of External Accountant/Examiner.
  - Any Other Business.
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## SUMMARY OF CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

### 96TH AGM OF THE RICKMANSWORTH & DISTRICT RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

- **Working together to protect and improve our community.**
  - Over the past year, RDRA has campaigned on key local issues, strengthened community engagement, and welcomed new volunteers. The year ahead will bring both opportunities and challenges, and we remain committed to representing residents effectively.
  - **Highlights from the past year**
  - Secured progress on reopening the Ebury Play Area, expected to open by 8 July 2026.
  - Continued campaigning for the reopening of the Aquadrome Woodland Path.
  - Pressed for improvements to safety at Batchworth Bridge crossing.
  - Helped resolve pollution behind KFC and the Car Wash place in Money Hill Parade.
  - Supported action against environmental damage linked to Springwell Scrap Metal.
  - Successfully opposed a proposed burger bar at the Esso Filling Station in Money Hill Parade.
  - Contributed to local consultations on Beryl Bikes and other transport issues.
  - Returned to Rickmansworth High Street Markets to increase visibility and speak directly with residents.
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## SUMMARY OF CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 96TH AGM OF THE RICKMANSWORTH & DISTRICT RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (CONT)

- **Community and committee**

- Welcomed several new committee members, bringing skills in governance, finance, local campaigning, communications, and youth engagement.
- Continued to strengthen links with residents through events, conversations, and social media.
- Expanded digital outreach to involve younger residents and newer households.

- **Challenges ahead**

- Local government reorganisation may lead to the abolition of Hertfordshire County Council and the creation of new authorities.
- The Local Plan and Regulation 19 process could put significant areas of Green Belt at risk.
- Responding effectively will require a strong united voice and increased fundraising for specialist planning and legal advice.

- **Our priorities for the coming year**

- Press for the reopening and improvement of the Aquadrome Woodland Path.
- Continue campaigning for safer roads and pedestrian access, especially at Batchworth Bridge.
- Monitor local government changes and the Local Plan process.
- Grow membership and fundraising capacity to support effective representation.
- Strengthen community engagement through events, forums, and digital communication.

- **Thank you for your support** RDRA remains committed to standing up for you, our residents and helping shape a stronger future for Rickmansworth.
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## BALANCE SHEET

| at 31 March 2026            | 31 Mar 2026   | 31 Mar 2025   |
|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>       |               |               |
| Bank Balances               | £7,146        | £6,385        |
| <b>Total Current Assets</b> | <b>£7,146</b> | <b>£6,385</b> |
| <b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>    |               |               |
|                             | <b>£7,146</b> | <b>£6,385</b> |

## KEY FINANCIAL METRICS

**£761**

Net Surplus FY25/26  
(Prior year: £25)

**£7,146**

Closing Reserves  
(Prior: £6,385)

\* FOMLUC and JRA subscriptions remain under moratorium for the foreseeable future.

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

|                                | FY 2025/26    | FY 2024/25    |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| <i>RECEIPTS</i>                |               |               |
| Subscriptions                  | £1,314        | £1,361        |
| 100 Club Raffle                | £1,134        | £687          |
| Raffle Prizes Donated Back     | £133          | £175          |
| Wine & Cheese Event            | £0            | £11           |
| <b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>          | <b>£2,581</b> | <b>£2,234</b> |
| <i>PAYMENTS</i>                |               |               |
| Insurance                      | £156          | £141          |
| Venue Hire                     | £430          | £150          |
| Donations Outwards             | £618          | £20           |
| Raffle Prizes                  | £502          | £426          |
| Misc. Expenses / Printing      | £114          | £1,321        |
| <b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>          | <b>£1,820</b> | <b>£2,209</b> |
| <b>NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b> | <b>£761</b>   | <b>£25</b>    |

## REVENUE

### Total Income: £2,581

Up 15.5% year-on-year (prior: £2,234). Growth driven by 100 Club membership.

### Subscriptions: £1,314

Broadly stable, down 3.4% (prior: £1,361). Membership base remains solid.

### 100 Club Income: £1,134

Up 65% from £687 in FY24/25 — now the fastest-growing income stream.

### Event Income: Nil

No Wine & Cheese event held in FY26 (prior: £11). Potential to revive.

### Net Surplus: £761

Major improvement vs £25 in FY24/25. Closing reserves now £7,146.

## TOTAL COSTS

### Total Costs: £1,820

Down 17.6% year-on-year (prior: £2,209). Significant efficiency gain.

### Printing: Nil

No 'Independence' print run in FY26, saving £1,242 versus prior year.

### Venue Hire: £430

Up from £150 — reflects more meetings and community events held.

### Donations Outwards: £618

Record community giving; up sharply from just £20 in FY24/25.

### Insurance & Admin: £270

Insurance £156, misc £114. Routine operating costs well controlled.

## 100 CLUB

### Gross Receipts: £1,134

Up 65% from £687. Consistent monthly collections via Stripe & PayPal.

### Raffle Prizes Paid: £502

Prize pot up 18% from £426 — more winners rewarded in FY26.

### Net Contribution: £632

£1,134 receipts less £502 prizes = £632 net income to RDRA funds.

### Prizes Donated Back: £133

Members voluntarily returned £133 of winnings — great community spirit.

### Growth Trend: Strong

Strong momentum throughout FY26; scope to increase membership further.

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## GUEST SPEAKER 1

Chen Tsui  
Cyber Protect Officer, Serious Fraud and Cyber Unit  
Hertfordshire Police

one of the Cyber Protect and Prevent Officers, based in the Serious Fraud & Cyber Unit. Join us to for some practical advice and guidance on how to protect yourself against a cybercrime and (online) fraud, including:

The warning signs of cyber fraud and cybercrime.

How to protect yourself by securing your online accounts, personal data, and devices.

How to report and recover from fraud and cybercrime.

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## GUEST SPEAKER - 2

Susan Shanahan  
Senior Trading Standards Officer  
Hertfordshire County Council

- How to keep safe from fraudsters who knock at the door or call on the phone - advice from Hertfordshire Trading Standards as to how to find good traders, how not to find them and what the common problem traders are that we're seeing at trading standards. Plus, telephone frauds, how to keep safe and examples of frauds that we're seeing at the moment.
- Sue Shanahan is a Senior Trading Standards Officer who only works in the area of fraud - giving talks and training, supporting victims and investigating and prosecuting fraudsters. She has been with Hertfordshire Trading Standards for over 35 years which is a frightening amount but shows a true love of the job

