

ARERA Annual Report - AGM February 12, 2026

The Residents' Parking Scheme has taken up an inordinate amount of time for your Committee and we have tried to keep ARERA members and residents up to date with progress throughout. We are most grateful to Councillor Ian Manning for coming along today to explain where things are now and to answer your questions.

The scheme is an extension of the Ascham Road parking scheme and is now called the Milton (short for Milton Road) scheme. Interestingly I note that Gilbert Road is part of the original scheme and there both sides of the road are included, even though everyone there has ample parking space in their front gardens. Something claimed to be the case for households on the North side of Arbury Road although in fact there are a couple of exceptions, as well as the situation of Havenfield re parking.

Speeding – This continues to be a problem on our road. Simon Crisp has spent much time in the last year trying to arrange to have a speed monitor reinstalled.

Potholes – you could say this is a success story! Last week a team arrived and spent the morning repairing all the potholes they could find on Arbury Road including the really terrible ones outside the Baptist Church. Unfortunately our experience is that the repairs don't last and I would urge you all to go online and report any potholes you find wherever you are. They are a potential death trap for cyclists and do a lot of damage to cars.

Arbury Play Park and the Redevelopment of Arbury Court and Arbury town – Your Committee has been proactive in following the consultation and encouraging our residents to complete the various surveys. Our concerns have been mostly regarding loss of amenity with the proposed future use of the play park for three blocks of flats, six storeys high which will not only be too high to fit in with the surrounding housing on Arbury Road and Leys Avenue but also, crucially, removing a popular play area and space for ball games. This amenity will not be compensated for by the smaller park and play area shown on maps as being beyond the shops.

Development of the North Cambridge Academy site – Again we have tried to maintain a watching brief and you will have heard the latest news on that project from Councillor Jamie Dazell.

Road signs and lines – We continue to press for the County Council to repaint the double yellow lines and 20 mph painting on the road. We would also appreciate our Councillors taking note that we would like large white paintings of bicycles on the road at the start and end of the narrow part of Arbury Road East to remind drivers that the road is part of the city's cycle network and that cyclists ride on the road as of right and that drivers should give way to them.

I am most grateful for the councillors who have attended our AGM today and for their support for our residents. So finally – a plea to them from my heart.

Pollution etc – Reducing speed, encouraging cycling and e-vehicles are all known factors in reducing air pollution. We welcome all actions which help with this serious problem. In parallel with that, residents of the older houses which are closest to the road experience shaking whenever large vehicles use our road – any measures which reduce this sort of traffic will be welcomed by our residents.

Ros Lund – Acting Chair 2025-26

**ARERA Open Discussion Meeting and AGM:
Arbury Road Baptist Church Wednesday 12th March from 7pm**

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introduction
2. Open Discussion It is my pleasure to introduce County Councillor Ian Manning to give us an update on the Residents' Parking Scheme. His brief talk will be followed by a question and answer session.

This will be followed by City Councillor Jamie Dalzell who will be discussing the redevelopment of Arbury Court and the Arbury area. Jamie will also provide a brief update on proposals for development on part of the Cambridge North Academy site.

3. Minutes of AGM 2025
4. Acting Chair's Annual Report - RL
5. Treasurer's Report and Accounts – Simon Crisp

6. Election of Committee – Last year we elected 4 new committee members, John Hutton, Ray Butler, Maggie Fernie and Shaun Larcom. During the course of the last year Shaun had to stand down when he returned to Australia. I understand that all our other committee members – Maggie, Ray and John, as well as Ian Cooper, Simon Crisp, Lucy Edgeley, Graham Edgeley and I are all willing to stand for reelection to the committee. However, this year I will be definitely standing down as chair and the existing committee have promised to elect a new chair in my place. At this point I should like to say how grateful I have been to my fellow committee members for all their support and encouragement, to Simon for continuing as treasurer, Ian for working ceaselessly as our Secretary and for Lucy for being our Minutes Secretary. Now have we anyone who is willing to put their name forward to join the committee – we meet about once a month, usually in one of our homes.