

61st Burridge and Swanwick Residents' Association AGM

Monday, 27th April 2026 at 7.30pm in Burridge Hall

The Association's objectives are to safeguard, as far as it is able, the interests of the residents in matters appertaining to:

- local government in so far as it applies to residents;
- the wellbeing of the village in general;
- any other matter deemed desirable by the majority at a general meeting.

We hope you can attend and look forward to updating you on our activities. The meeting will also give you an opportunity to air your views and ask questions about local matters that affect our neighbourhood and, importantly, to discuss the future of the Association.

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1. Presentation speaker TBA.
2. Approval of the Minutes of the 2025 AGM, which are published on our website.
3. Matters Arising.
4. Summary of Chairman's Report, the full report will be published on our website.
5. Treasurer's Report, that will be published online prior to the meeting.
6. **To consider and vote on the Committee's proposal to disband the Association.**
Please see overleaf for explanation of this proposal
7. Subject to the outcome of the above, Election of Committee Members.
Several current committee members have expressed their desire to stand down even though they are not at the end of their 3-year terms.
8. Question and Answer Session with our local Councillor.
9. Any Other Business advised before the meeting including a statement from Ann Ailes on her progress in attempting to get a bus service through the North part of Botley Road in Burridge & Swanwick Lane.

After the meeting, please join us for a chat over a glass of wine or soft drink.

If you wish to add:

- Any matters arising from the minutes;
- Any formal business to add to the agenda;
- Questions you want us to ask our Councillor;
- **A nominee to join the committee, or to volunteer yourself.**

Please email: chairman@burridgeandswanwickra.org.uk before 19th April 2026

See <https://www.burridgeandswanwickra.org.uk> for the 2025 AGM minutes, final Agenda, Treasurer's and Chairman's reports.

Subscriptions: In view of the proposal to disband, and the adequate position of the association's finances, the committee is not calling for subscriptions.

Viv Holt (Chairman, BSRA)

Potential Dissolution of the Residents Association.

Dear Resident,

Your committee has been reviewing its activities and their outcomes in the past few years and is considering what the future should be for the Residents Association.

The association was formed in 1965, when Whiteley was farmland and the motorway did not exist. Its purpose is to safeguard the interests of residents in local government matters which affect them and to protect the wellbeing of the area in general.

In recent years, we have focussed on planning matters, with the aim of retaining the community feel of Burridge and Swanwick by:

- working to ensure that development here is in keeping with the character of the area and that it does not spread into adjacent greenfield or back-land sites,
- pushing for road safety improvement and signage to discourage through traffic.

Your committee has made significant efforts over many years to influence council decisions, and there have been some successes. However, more recently, our efforts have not been fruitful or have been overturned on appeal. Expected local government reorganisation appears likely to make it even more difficult for us to exert influence.

In February, we circulated a letter to the Burridge and Swanwick residents on our email list asking the following questions....

- Do residents wish the association to continue to protect the character of our area?
- Do residents wish the association to pursue other purposes, such as encouraging a local identity and community spirit, instead or as well?

...and inviting them to email their views and (if they wish the association to continue) to describe the ways in which they would be willing to contribute to its activities.

There are about 400 households in our area, of which nearly 200 are on our email list. We received 7 responses. Most of this small number expressed a desire for the association to continue, generally expressing the desire for the community to 'have a voice', but none of the respondents said they would contribute to making it happen.

This rather limited response increased the Committee's feeling that the Association's activities are no longer sustainable, and it was decided to propose dissolution.

This subject will be discussed at our AGM at 19:30 on Monday 27th April 2026. By inviting all households to discuss in open forum, perhaps sufficient interest and future participation may be engendered to enable the Association to be revitalised.

Viv Holt, Chairman