



GORING-ON-THAMES PARISH COUNCIL

NOTICE OF MOTION TO COUNCIL

To be referred to Committee (if yes, specify which committee)	Yes/No
Title of Motion	Gap Festival use of Council Property
Proposed by	Barbara Newman
Proposed Resolution	That the Gap Festival seek permission to use Rectory Gardens for festival activities and place festival flags/banners/signage on the bridge and other specified areas of the village
Background (provided by the proposer)	The GAP Festival is a community celebration of the arts and entertainment that started in 2014 and takes place in June every other year. The festival brings performers and artists together with events encompassing art, music, literature, comedy, theatre, science and more to the village. In 2026, the GAP Festival, will run from Friday 12 to Sunday 21 June 2026 inclusive. As in previous years, the festival organisers would like to make use of Rectory Gardens throughout the Festival period from Thursday 11 June 2026 until Tuesday 22 June 2024 inclusive. Details of planned activities are in the attached document – Appendix I. This includes proposed sponsorship signage. In addition, as in previous years, the festival seek permission to fly the 8 banners from the lampposts on Goring Bridge from Friday 22 May until Monday 22 June 2026. The festival also requests permission to display signage for the festival in the following locations: Wallingford Rd (northern side of Lockstile Way), Reading Rd at entrance to the village by the cemetery, Bourdillon Playground and the High Street. See Appendix 1 for details. The festival organisers also ask that, if possible, hanging basket flowers could be of colours that reflect the festival's.
Background (provided by the Proper Officer)	
Financial implication (anticipated by the proposer)	None anticipated

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Financial implications (anticipated by the Proper Officer)	
Legal implications	
Proposers signature	<i>Barbara Newman</i>

Notes:

Standing Orders 18 - 23 apply to notices of motion

Components in Blue to be completed by the member putting the motion

Components in Black to be completed by the Proper Officer or their delegate

Proposal carried or fallen	
Minute reference	
If rejected, explanation.	

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Office use only:

Motions moved on notice

- 18** Except as provided by these standing orders, no motion may be moved unless business to which it relates has been put on the agenda by the clerk or the mover has given notice in writing of its terms and has delivered the notice to the clerk at least ten clear days, excluding the day of the meeting, before the date of the meeting at which it is to be moved.
- 19** The clerk shall date every motion when received by him and shall record it and make it available to inspection by any member of the council.
- 20** The clerk shall insert in the summons for every meeting all motions or recommendation properly given in the order in which they have been received unless the member giving a notice of motion has stated in writing that he intends to move at some later meeting or that he withdraws it.
- 21** If a motion or recommendation specified in the summons is not moved either by the member who gave notice of it or by any other member, it shall, unless postponed by the meeting, be treated as withdrawn and shall not be moved without fresh notice.
- 22** If the subject matter of a motion comes within the terms of reference of a committee of the council, it shall, upon being moved and seconded, stand referred without discussion to that committee or to such other committee as the council may determine for report; provided that the chairman, if he considers it to be a matter of urgency, may allow it to be dealt with at the meeting at which it was moved.
- 23** *Every motion or recommendation shall be relevant to some subject over which the council has power or duties and which affects its area.*

Motions moved without notice

- 24.** to correct an inaccuracy in the draft minutes of a meeting;
- 25.** to move to a vote;
- 26.** to defer consideration of a motion;
- 27.** to refer a motion to a particular committee or sub-committee;
- 28.** to appoint a person to preside at a meeting;
- 29.** to change the order of business on the agenda;
- 30.** to proceed to the next business on the agenda;
- 31.** to require a written report;
- 32.** to appoint a committee or sub-committee and their members;
- 33.** to extend the time limits for speaking;
- 34.** to exclude the press and public from a meeting in respect of confidential or other information which is prejudicial to the public interest;
- 35.** to not hear further from a councillor or a member of the public;
- 36.** to exclude a councillor or member of the public for disorderly conduct;
- 37.** to temporarily suspend the meeting;
- 38.** to suspend a particular standing order (unless it reflects mandatory statutory or legal requirements);
- 39.** to adjourn the meeting; or
- 40.** to close the meeting.

THE GAP FESTIVAL – 12 TO 21 JUNE 2026

GORING PC UPDATE

Introduction

The GAP Festival is a celebration of the arts and entertainment that started as an ambitious cultural project in 2014. The Festival takes place in June every other year and brings performers and artists together with events encompassing art, music, literature, comedy, theatre, science and more to the village. This note summarises the proposed use of Goring PC facilities for the GAP Festival, which will run from Friday 12 to Sunday 21 June 2026 inclusive.

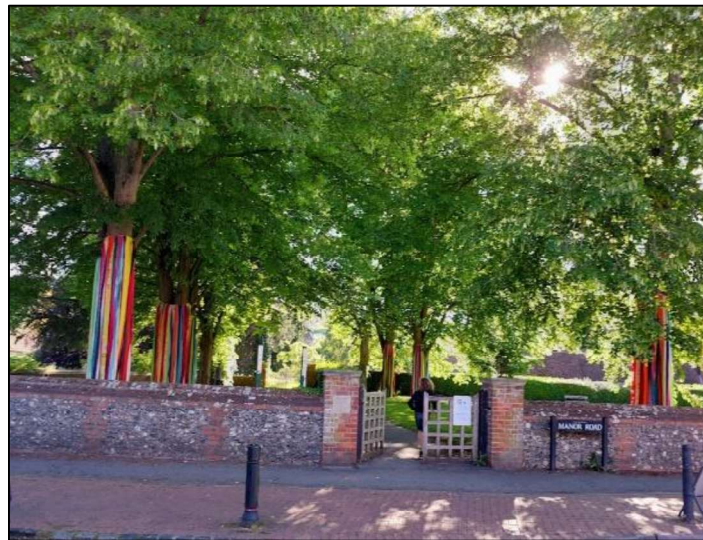
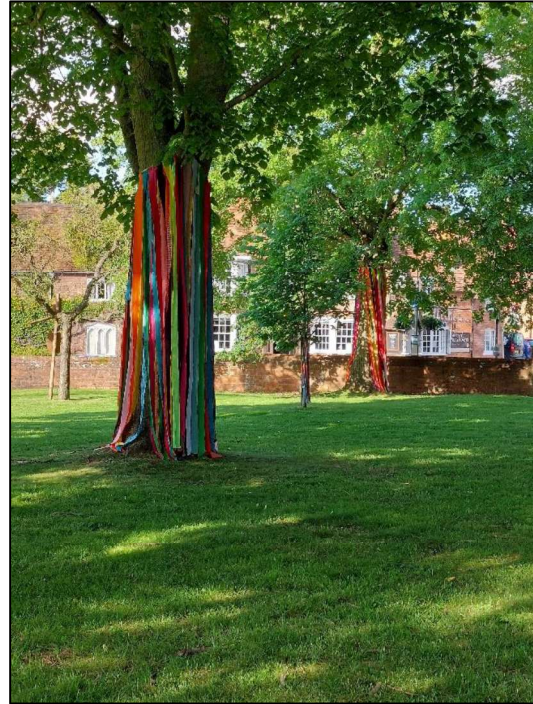
Rectory Gardens

Rectory Gardens - the GAP Festival requests the use of Rectory Gardens throughout the Festival period from Thursday 11 June 2026 until Tuesday 22 June 2024 inclusive. The events planned currently include:

11 to 22 Jun 26	Playful Art Installation (see details below)
13 Jun 26	Family Fun Day
14 Jun 26	Festival Market Day and Performing Arts
15 Jun 26	Festival Wellbeing
16 Jun 26	Festival Wellbeing
17 Jun 26	Festival Wellbeing
18 Jun 26	Festival Wellbeing
19 Jun 26	Festival Wellbeing and Teddy Bears Picnic
20 Jun 26	Festival Performing Arts
21 Jun 26	Festival Band Concert and Picnic
22 Jun 26	Festival Reception for Supporters and Volunteers

Marquee - in order to accommodate these events; to provide some contingency in case of inclement weather; and to act as a focal point for the Festival, we would like to erect a *Festival Marquee* (60' x 30' (18m x 9m)) on Thursday 11 June and remove it on Tuesday 23 June. This will be in a similar position to 2024 and the team involved will liaise with the Council Facilities Manager prior to erection. Goring PC is requested to approve these activities.

Playful Art Installation (Goring Gap Textile Group – Ilka Weiss) – it is proposed to repeat the Playful Art Installation that was installed in Rectory Gardens throughout the 2024 Festival. This is a very light installation made from fabric ribbons secured to the trees using heavy duty straps. Each strap works like a belt around the tree trunks but nothing is fixed to the trees. Images taken in 2024 are shown below. Goring PC is requested to approve this installation.



Boards advertising the Festival and recognising sponsors – we propose to have several sponsor boards next to the wall facing the High Street that will display the GAP Festival logo but will have the sponsor’s branding. There will be other “roll-up” banners in the field during the events themselves to recognise the specific event sponsor or, in the case of the market day, the stall holder. The Festival is reliant on a range of mostly local sponsors to mitigate the costs and to ensure that events are available either free or at accessible pricing to local residents. Much of the sponsorship is contingent on the businesses being recognised for their generosity and the boards and banners proposed are therefore critical in securing the necessary sponsorship. Goring PC is requested to note the proposal and, assuming there are no fundamental objections, to agree that Festival promotion signage and sponsors branding may be displayed at specific events over the Festival period. We will liaise on the

precise details and placement once the programme of events and the sponsors have been secured. These boards would only be on display during the specific Festival period (12-21 Jun 26).

GAP Festival Banners and Signs

Goring Bridge - The GAP Festival has 8 small banners which have traditionally been flown from the 8 lampposts on Goring Bridge before and during the GAP Festival. An image taken during the Festival in 2024 shows how the banners were attached above the hanging baskets on the Bridge. The Festival has its own brackets, which have been manufactured specifically for these attachments.



Permission is requested to fly the 8 banners from the lampposts on Goring Bridge from Friday 22 May until Monday 22 June 2026.

The GAP Festival Planning Committee very much appreciated that, in 2024, Goring PC arranged for the flowers in the hanging baskets to be planted in Festival colours. This was a wonderful gesture and we would be equally delighted if this could be arranged for 2026.

Wallingford Road – in previous years, a larger banner has been displayed on the grass verge at the junction of Wallingford Road and Lockstile Way. We are aware of a concern

that the location used in 2024 may have distracted traffic. We therefore propose to erect this sign on the northern side of Lockstile Way rather than the south to ensure that it is a good distance from the junction.

Village entrance on Reading Road – we propose to erect a new sign for 2026 adjacent to the village and Britain in Bloom signage east of the Cemetery entrance on Reading Road. Permission is requested to place a banner at this location from Friday 22 May to Monday 22 June 2026.

Bourdillon Play Park – we propose a further new sign on the fence of the new Bourdillon play park, which will focus on Festival events for children. Permission is requested to place a banner at this location from Friday 22 May to Monday 22 June 2026.

High Street – we will liaise separately with each of the owners of premises on the High Street for permission to fly banners from the existing brackets as well as the wall of *Mary S.*

Gardiner Recreation Ground

The GAP Festival does not intend to use the Gardiner Recreation ground in 2026 for any of our activities.

Max Heron
GAP Festival Manager