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This issue provides and update about the unauthorised encampment of Travellers on the Gardiner Recreation Ground.



## **UPDATE: Travellers in Goring have been removed** Unauthorised encampment on the Gardiner Recreation Ground

The Goring on Thames Parish would like to thank all parishioners for their patience and support during the situation with the unauthorised encampment in the Gardiner Recreation Ground. The Council is pleased to inform all that the Travellers have been removed and temporary blocks of the entrances have been installed. A very big thanks to so many in the Goring and neighbouring communities who have offered and provided extra support.

Though the Council had been informed that the removal would probably have been completed by around 2pm, this specific Traveller group was difficult to move on. Importantly, the firm hired to do the removal went through the legal and proper processes, and had success by around 4.30pm. We are pleased to say that the removal was broadly peaceful, and only one threatened altercation by one of the Travellers was quickly quelled. The processes were followed to ensure there is no recourse against the Council.

ALL RESIDENTS ARE ASKED TO STAY CLEAR OF THE SITE UNTIL A PROPER CLEAN AND SANITISATION IS COMPLETED. THIS IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT DURING THIS PERIOD OF COVID-19 VIRUS. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE TAKE EXTRA PRECAUTIONS TO ENSURE THAT ANY POTENTIAL INFECTION IS MITIGATED AS FAR AS POSSIBLE.

IT IS ESPECIALLY DANGEROUS AROUND THE BOUNDARIES, BEHIND TREES AND AROUND THE PAVILION WITH A GREAT DEAL OF HUMAN FAECAL MATTER AND BROKEN GLASS. THIS WILL BE ADDRESSED URGENTLY, BUT PLEASE KEEP AWAY UNTIL THE WHOLE AREA IS PROPERLY CLEANED.

The damage will be assessed as soon as possible, and necessary repairs and security issues will be addressed in due course.

As previously stated, any reports of unlawful activity should be reported to the police in the usual way. Please also email the Clerk (<u>clerk@goringparishcouncil.gov.uk</u>) as she is keeping a record of the reported issues.

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