

Eastcote Park Estate Association

<http://www.eastcoteparkestate.org.uk>

Newsletter– JANUARY 2019

SUBSCRIPTIONS

We are pleased to say that for 2018 we, again, had a high level (92%) of membership from our 254 homes.

2019 Subscriptions are now due and remain at £3.00 for each residence.

We encourage residents to add a donation to our welfare fund which will again be for the Acorn Youth Club. In recent years donations have averaged a similar amount to subscriptions but are at your discretion. The Acorn Youth club is a local group and is a registered charity which provides weekly meetings for those with learning difficulties.

We encourage you to make an early payment either by cheque, payable to: **Eastcote Park Estate Association** or by bank transfer. See more details on page 2.

Please ensure you advise your address with your payment particularly for a bank transfer.

Any cheques should be delivered or posted to the treasurer, Martin Hand, at 33 St Lawrence Drive. Early payment will reduce the burden of collection on our road stewards. Lists of payment received to date will be circulated to Road Stewards on 15th March 2019. The Road stewards will then call on those who have not already paid. Please remember that you need to have paid your subscriptions before our Annual General Meeting (15th May 2019) in order to participate in the meeting. Should you miss the Road Steward's visit, a note will be left requesting a payment to the treasurer. It is also likely that Chris Head will be good enough to call on those who have not paid around November 2019 so everyone should have the opportunity to belong.

PAVEMENT PETITION

Given that there appears to be no current council programme to finish the replacement of pavements on the estate we plan to submit a petition for the replacement of pavements in Burwood Avenue, St Lawrence Drive and Pamela Gardens. Given that some other residents use these pavements for access we are asking residents from these roads plus Rodney Gardens and The Glen to sign our petition.

We believe our petition in 2009 was influential in getting the roads resurfaced so hopefully a further petition will reap some rewards.

We will have a signing day on **Saturday 23rd March 2019** when we are asking residents to come and sign our petition. We will set up a Gazebo on the Oak tree Island in St Lawrence drive from 2.00 pm to 3.30 pm on that day, weather permitting. After that we will be knocking on doors to ask you to sign our petition.

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Road Stewards

Thanks go to all our road stewards who distribute the newsletters, any event flyers and collect subscriptions.

In this world of cyber crime, scams and data protection issues the committee agreed, in November 2018, to stop putting the details of the Road Stewards in our newsletters along with removing some of the phone numbers of the committee members. Should you wish to confirm the details of your steward please contact Martin Hand (email as in circulated print/pdf or by post or note to 33 St Lawrence Drive). There is a change of Road Steward for 2019 in respect of Dovecot and odd numbers 29 to 55 in Rodney Gardens

[Please welcome our road stewards if they call on you as they are doing a stalwart voluntary job for the good of the estate.](#)

We currently have 16 road stewards which is a sufficient number. However We would like to be prepared for the future so would appreciate it if anyone who would be interested in helping out in the future would let Martin Hand know. We currently invite all road stewards to a committee supper around March every year.

Welcome Letter

We like to ensure that new residents see our welcome letter. A version is available on our website in the "About EPEA" section but please contact any member of the committee for a printed copy if you would like one.

Annual General Meeting

This will be covered further in our April newsletter but the planned date is **Wednesday 15th May 2019** at 7.30 pm in the Elsie Fischer room at the rear of the car park to St. Lawrence Church. Should you wish to raise anything concerning the association or what the committee is doing the best way to do this is to attend the AGM. We do our best to maintain the social aspects of the estate and badger the Council on maintenance issues but we are always willing to hear the views of others at our AGM.

Subscription payments

Should you wish to pay by bank transfer the Eastcote Park Estate Association bank details are:

Bank: See circulated print

Account name : See circulated print

Sort code: See circulated print

Account: See circulated print

Please check bank details to the hard copy of the newsletter delivered to your door to ensure emailed or internet copies are not corrupted and mistakes are not made.

Please ensure you advise your address with your payment particularly for a bank transfer. It is the treasurer's nightmare to have amounts credited to our bank account with insufficient details making it impossible to know who has paid and who has not.

John Rose

It is with sadness that we note the passing of John Rose. John was a prominent member of EPEA for many years and a friend to many on the estate.

Autumn Planting

Following the item in our October Newsletter the annual bulb planting took place on 3.11.18. Four people led by Marg Bacon planted daffodil and crocus bulbs on the entrance island which will hopefully spring into life shortly. Thanks to Marg and the other three who helped. We will be looking for more volunteers later this year so please remember, when you see the buds arriving, that you can make a difference for 2020 if you help out in the autumn of this year.



CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMPETITION

The Christmas decorations on the estate were judged again in December. The winners are:

- 1st place..... 28 Rodney Gardens
2nd place..... 24 Rodney Gardens

Well done both of these homes and everyone else who made the estate sparkle around Christmas.

EASTER EGG HUNT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We hope to go ahead with this event again in 2019 on 21st April. However this is dependent on volunteers stepping forward to help organise the event. Either Chris Head or Richard Maude have been involved in running this event for at least the last 15 years. We now need someone new to get involved. Should you wish to volunteer please contact Chris Head.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



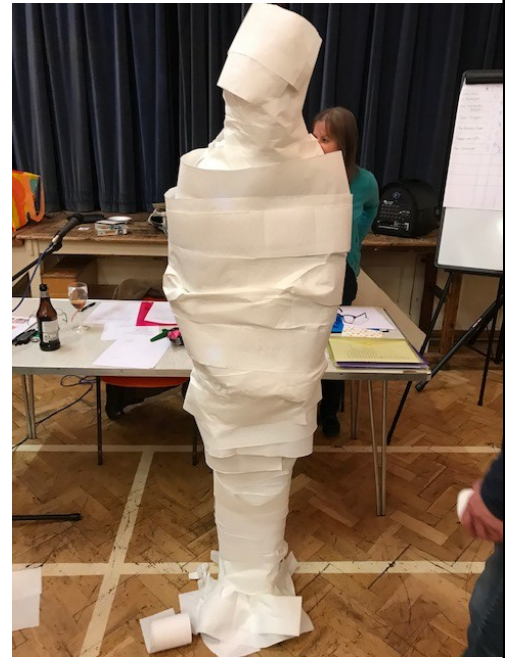
Around 3.15 am on 15th November two youths spent about five minutes in two driveways. A small amount of cash was taken from what appears to be unlocked cars. One was carrying a plastic or similar bag and the guess is that they are teenagers or thereabouts. Chris Head suggests that if anything like this is seen then householders should activate their house alarms (through panic buttons or by triggering the alarm system).

Homes on the estate were burgled on 25th of November and 15th December 2018.

Please contact Chris Head: email as on circulated print/pdf be added to his confidential circulation list of Neighbourhood Watch and other estate issues.

2018 QUIZ NIGHT

A superb night was had by all attending our 2018 fish and chip quiz night. Thanks go to Richard and Tessa Maude for producing such a wonderful quiz and coming up with the activity round.....



Message from The Friends Of Eastcote House Gardens (FEHG)

Web site:

www.eastcotehousegardens.weebly.com

Volunteer gardening Sessions continue on 1st & 2nd Fridays plus the 3rd and 4th Thursday of each month starting at 9.30 am. Tools, Refreshments and good company provided. No experience necessary. Use the "contact us" section of the website to log your interest in volunteering.

2019 Diary dates (all subject to confirmation):

Second hand Book & Plant sales in 1st half of 2019:

Saturday 13th April - Book & Plant

Saturday 18th May - Book

Saturday 22nd June - Book & Plant

Dovecote open 1.30 – 3.30 on the following Tuesdays: May 14th, June 11th, July 9th, August 13th, September 10th.

Summer Picnic - Saturday 8th June 11.00 - 4.00

Open House - Sunday 22nd September 11.00 - 4.00.

The Friends of Eastcote House Gardens wish to thank all of those who supported 'Eastcote Remembers'. We raised £747.05 for the Eastcote Branch of the British Legion. A truly wonderful amount.

65+ Group

Our social group for EPEA members that have reached the age of 65 has now been going for over a year and has had 15 of its, one and a half hour, monthly meetings. Currently we have 42 members with around 20 attending each month. We believe we have capacity to add up to three new members so please contact Martin Hand (contact details below) if you would like to be added to the list of possible new members or would like more information. Activities are varied and have included guest speakers, beetle drives, a team quiz, board games and a group armistice commemoration presentation. Marg Bacon or Margaret Ross can also be contacted for more information. We had initial funding from Hillingdon Council to help to start the group up and, through our local councillor, Nick Denys we have applied for funding for a specific entertainment in 2019. We thank Nick Denys for his support to our group in getting the initial funding and putting forward our current application.



The EPEA Committee members are:

Gerry Edwards (Chairman)

Richard Maude (Secretary)

Martin Hand (Treasurer)

Marg Bacon

Chris Head

Mark Lemon

Sam Wren

Margaret Ross

Peter Ryder

Ash Dhir

Contact details as on circulated print/
pdf.

To contact the committee on general
EPEA matters we suggest you email:
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Message from our newsletter sponsor

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