



Eastcote Park Estate Association

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

Newsletter– JULY 2019

AUTUMN EVENT

Saturday 9th November 2019

More information to follow later in the year on this event but there will be the usual fish and chip quiz with team sizes of up to six as in recent years. We hope to leave the ticket price unchanged at £10.00 but will review this later in the year. Please note 9th November in your diary if you would like to participate.



FRONT GARDEN COMPETITION

Front Gardens will be judged again this year. Judging takes place during July and August. Not everyone can be a winner but thanks to all those who make our estate so good to walk around. Should any current or previous year's winners have photographs of their gardens they would be happy to be included in the EPEA newsletter please pass these to Martin Hand.

PAVEMENT PETITION

We obtained 187 signatures on our replacement pavement petition representing 137 homes. The petition was submitted to the Council on 8th May 2019. We await their response.

ESTATE DVD

The title and theme of the video will be "Community Matters" and it will be issued in 2020. The themes will be around the community in terms of what has changed and what has stayed the same. We hope that the video will be available by around the time of our 2020 AGM.

Should you feel you have some information or input to contribute please contact any member of the committee who will put you in contact with Ram Seth who is working hard on the project.

We would like to make the final video available to all residents for free and are looking at ways of doing this recognising that many are moving away from DVDs onto streaming and downloads. We may, however, also make some DVDs available for those residents who want one assuming the costs are affordable.

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SUMMERTIME SECURITY

Now that summer seems to have arrived do please be vigilant with your home security. For example whilst you are enjoying that barbecue in your back garden do ensure that your front door and windows are securely locked – it only takes a moment for that opportunist thief to take advantage of lax security.

In an emergency phone 999.
For non urgent matters phone 101.

ERA and THE TUDOR CLUB

We do try and mention the Eastcote Residents Association occasionally in our newsletters. They deal with wider Eastcote issues than the EPEA. Their website is:

<https://www.eastcoteresidents.org.uk/>

You can join the ERA from their website or sign up to weekly newsletters.

An item of interest in their Spring 2019 News letter concerned the Tudor Club. They reported that any Hillingdon resident over the age of 60 can attend the Tudor club in the building opposite Venue 5 (which some of us still remember as the Clay Pigeon) and have a 3 course cooked lunch for £4.50 every weekday. There are other activities on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons. To find out more call the manager on 020 8866 8603. The club also offers outings on a monthly basis and also 5 day holidays.

The ERA has regular monthly meetings to which all Eastcote residents are welcome whether or not they are ERA members. The meetings are held in the Elsie Fischer room at the rear of the car park of St Lawrence Church.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Please contact Chris Head: (email as on circulated print/pdf) to be added to his confidential circulation list of Neighbourhood Watch and other estate issues. The police contacts for Eastcote are: Eascote.Ruislip.snt@met.police.uk 020 8721 2548 or Twitter @MPSEastcoteXH .



A car was broken into in Pamela Gardens in early April. A satnav, which was hidden in a glove compartment, and copies of insurance and other documents were stolen .

Around the 9th April there was a break in via a side gate and by breaking a window in a back door in Burwood Avenue.

A burglary occurred in St. Lawrence Drive on Wednesday 10th April 2019 at around 16.30 with access being gained via a flat roof . A further burglary took place in the same road on Sunday 14th April.

A burglary took place at a home in Field End Road (in a section which is part of our estate) on 24th April 2019 at around 10.00 pm

Please check to see how secure your side gate is - trellis on top deters someone trying to climb over. Please also try to ensure you stop easy access to the back of the house as this appears to be the point of entry on the 3 recent burglaries. Don't give someone easy access to your back garden and consider talking to your adjoining neighbours to see if they are secure. If you see anything suspicious call the police and let them decide whether to follow up. Police also advise drivers not to set home address on satnavs as car thieves have been using devices to find their victims' houses.

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 9.30am. 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 2019:

Saturday 20th July - Book

Saturday 24th August - Book

Saturday 22 September - Book & Plant

Saturday 12th October- Book & Plant

Dovecote open 1.30 – 3.30 on the following Tuesdays: July 9th, August 13th, September 10th. All subject to confirmation, please see website for details nearer the dates.

Open House -and classic car rally Sunday 22nd September 11.00 - 4.00. (plus book and plant sale)

A series of three concerts will take place in the Stables during October/November 2019 featuring In Voice & Verse, Jazzology and Stumbling Block.

NEW RESIDENTS WELCOME LETTER

Should you be new to our estate then do take a look at our welcome letter on:

http://www.eastcoteparkestate.org.uk/?page_id=58

This can also be found from the "About EPEA" section of the website. Should you not have internet access do ask any committee member for a copy.

REPORT ON 2019 AGM ON 15.5.19

22 people attended our AGM this year. All the ten existing committee members and our two auditors were reappointed. The committee invited any resident who would like to join the committee to let one of them know.

It was agreed that Acorn youth club would be our nominated charity again for 2020 but residents were encouraged to put forward any other local charities during 2019 which they would like the committee to put forward at our next AGM for possible nomination as our charity for 2021.

The chairman reported on the generally good appearance of the estate and that our pavement petition had been submitted. He also spoke about our activities which included the Easter Egg hunt and the Autumn fish and chip quiz night.

On neighbourhood watch Chris Head emphasised the importance of reporting any crime or attempted crime so that crime numbers can be obtained which will help with getting police resource. This includes when you have CCTV footage of attempted break in to cars. He also emphasised the importance of making back garden fences as secure as possible to prevent easy access by criminals. It was also recommended that residents register for updates from owl which can be done on <https://www.owl.co.uk/>

The treasurer reported on a surplus of £76.10 for 2018 with a closing fund of £3,577.69. A payment of £626.45 was made to the Acorn Youth club. 233 people subscribed to our association in 2018.

Under any other business residents raised issues about replacement gas pipes on the estate and trees/shrubs overhanging the pavements. These issues were discussed. The committee will consider any possible action but will apply the necessary policy of not getting involved in discussion between neighbours.

It was noted that some homes did have trees/shrubs overhanging our pavement which would make it difficult for those with visual disabilities or wheelchairs to pass. Hopefully by noting here that this issue was raised residents will consider if they need to do any pruning. Bearing in mind permission required to cut back trees of a certain size in our conservation area.

Subscriptions

Road Stewards have now completed their collections. 84% of our residents have already subscribed for 2019. Subscriptions remain at £3.00 for each residence but we also invite a donation which will be for The Acorn Youth Club.

Should you not yet have paid then payment can be made by cheque, payable to: Eastcote Park Estate Association. This can be delivered to the Treasurer at: 33 St. Lawrence Drive.

It is of note that any monies collected by Chris Head in October to December 2018 were residual collections for 2018 not advance collections for 2019. We hope Chris will call for residual 2019 collections towards the end of this year.

The EPEA Committee members are:

Gerry Edwards (Chairman)

Richard Maude (Secretary)

Martin Hand (Treasurer)

Mark Lemon

Marg Bacon

Ash Dhir

Chris Head

Margaret Ross

Peter Ryder

Sam Wren

Contact details as on circulated print/pdf.

To contact the committee on general EPEA matters we suggest you email: webmaster@eastcoteparkestate.org.uk

AUTUMN PLANTING

We will cover this in our next newsletter but we would like people to come forward as volunteers to help with further autumn planting sessions to add more spring flowering bulbs to our estate islands. Marg Bacon coordinates the committee planting project and more specifically the planting on the entrance island. The planting date for the entrance island will change if the weather is poor so those who help should have a pleasant and sociable hour or so as well as contributing to the estate. We will be providing bulbs based on the number of volunteers so please let Marg know as soon as possible if you are interested. The planned date will be in the next newsletter but will probably be late October.

65+ GROUP

Our group for EPEA members who have reached the age of 65 is not currently taking new members but if you would like to add your name to a waiting list or would like more information please contact Martin Hand. Please do consider doing this as we would like to make contact with those who may be interested in attending in the future. Activities are varied with guest speakers, quizzes, music and other themed days.

Message from our newsletter sponsor

BENNETT HOLMES

Having sponsored the Association's newsletter since 2008 we are keen to assist you in the sale or letting of your property and would welcome the opportunity to discuss any of your property needs.

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