

EASTCOTE PARK ESTATE ASSOCIATION

WELCOME LETTER

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An introduction to the EPEA:

We would like to welcome you most warmly as a newcomer to the Estate. We wish you a long and happy time here. This brief letter is to introduce the Eastcote Park Estate Association to you, to let you know why we exist and to ask for your support.



The first houses that began the development of Eastcote Park Estate were built in 1934. By 1937 the Estate was well on the way to being the development that we know today when plans were announced that would drive a road through the Estate, to take traffic from Field End Road through to Joel Street. These plans would have involved taking as much as twelve feet of frontage away from the newly constructed homes. The residents of the time called a public meeting in August of 1937 to consider the proposals and the dislocation and loss of amenities that would be caused to the Estate. The residents subscribed to a fund for the briefing of legal counsel to represent them at a full enquiry into the proposals. The scheme was subsequently cancelled, but from this beginning, the Eastcote Park Estate Association was formed.

Since that time the Committee, which is elected each year, has pursued the original aims which are to maintain, safeguard and improve the amenities for the residents of Eastcote Park Estate and surrounding areas.



The Association does not seek to interfere in the lives of the residents - for instance it will not involve itself in issues which may arise between neighbours nor unnecessarily interject in such things as planning applications for alterations to existing homes.

The Committee gives their time, freely, voluntarily and with enthusiasm for the goals of maintaining the amenity of this rare example of a 'Metroland' Estate - which is recognised by Hillingdon Council as a Conservation area. The Committee represents the views and interests of the majority of residents when required and contributes to local Community spirit by the organisation of a small number of events each year designed to provide all age groups with an opportunity to meet socially with other residents of the Estate. Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) is usually held in May and all members are encouraged to attend.

Your Road Steward gives valuable help to the Committee by collecting the nominal annual subscriptions, currently £3.00, delivering Newsletters and acting as a conduit for the flow of information and help between residents and the Committee. If you cannot attend the AGM please let your Road Steward have any comments for consideration at the AGM if appropriate.

There is a long-standing tradition for residents, if they wish, to give a little extra when the subs are collected. The additional amounts collected are presented annually on the resident's behalf to a local charity.

The Association also liaises with our Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator, Chris Head (picture below), on Neighbourhood watch issues. Regular updates on Neighbourhood Watch can be emailed to residents by Chris. Key Neighbourhood Watch issues are also covered in our quarterly newsletter. Should you wish to be added to the distribution list for emails please send a message to Chris. His contact details are in our quarterly newsletters (printed version only) and can be obtained from your Road Steward.



We hope you will support the work of the Association. We are here to work on your behalf! We also hope to see you or your family at future social functions and at the AGM, so that you will have the opportunity to let the Committee know how we can do more to preserve the amenity and environment of our homes.

An issue raised at the 2014 AGM was on pavement parking. We therefore would like to mention to all new residents that pavement parking is illegal on any street within the M25 unless there are signs specifically permitting it (Contravention Code 62). This is an issue for the estate as we seek to maintain or improve the standard of our pavements. We request that residents ask any visitors or contractors not to park on our pavements. To report any pavement parking or other parking issues please contact The Hillingdon Council Parking Enforcement Hotline on 01895 271418.

We would like to ensure that new residents are aware that the estate is a conservation area. This gives benefits and burdens. Some normal permitted development rules do not apply and there are rules around cutting down trees with a diameter of more than 75mm. Please contact Hillingdon Council for more details on restrictions.

Your Road Steward will be pleased to give you further information about the Association and its activities. The Association has a web-site maintained by Sam Wren, which is accessible at:
<http://www.eastcoteparkestate.org.uk>.

If you would like to become more directly involved in the running of the Association the Committee would be most pleased to hear from you. We always seem to need new members and we welcome new ideas.

Yours sincerely

Gerry Edwards
Chairman

Your Road Steward is _____ TEL _____

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