

Eastcote Park Estate Association

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Newsletter– October 2021

REPORT ON 2021 AGM held on Zoom 5.5.21

There were 19 sign ins to our zoom AGM meeting with approx. 24 people attending 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 2022 .

The treasurer reported on the deficit for 2020 of £557.70 and the closing fund or £3,160.08. A donation of £402.00 was made to the Acorn Youth club. 114 people subscribed to our association in 2020 which was a significant reduction due to it being inappropriate for Road Stewards to carry out door to door collections during the year.

Much of the meeting was taken up discussing security issues. With several burglaries on the estate, as well as several catalytic converter thefts, residents naturally felt this was a priority. Committee members were able to report that a significant amount of work had already been done on this with conversations with our Local Councillor and Member of Parliament having taken place with a view to improving the policing of our area.

The meeting discussed the possibility of a visiting private security company and the installation of house mounted cameras that would capture car number plates of vehicles passing. The committee agreed to investigate further and obtain some costings which could be put forward to the estate for consideration. It was noted that a crime advice unit would visit the estate as soon as Covid restrictions allow.

See page 3 for security update.

AUTUMN FISH & CHIP QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 13th November 2021 from 7.30pm

Subject to sufficient demand, this year's event will take place in the Church Hall adjacent to St. Lawrence Church in Bridle Road. To book a place please contact Marg Bacon

as soon as possible and by 6th November at the latest to ensure we can order the fish and chips for you. Places are available on a first come first served basis. Please pay in advance to avoid the rush of cash changing hands on the night.

Price: £10.00 to include fish and chips — Bring your own liquid refreshment

Maximum team size: 6



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NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

We currently have 9 of the 10 required 10 committee members. We would like new members to join us either formally at next year's AGM or by joining us for some of our committee meetings during 2021/2022 (currently on Zoom) to get an idea of what we get up to so that they can consider standing more formally in the future. On average the current committee members have served for more than 14 years each, with several being on the committee for around 20 years. There are a range of profiles on the committee but it is common for members to have signed up in their forties or fifties and still be members nearly 20 years later. We welcome anyone who may like to get involved but some from the next generation would help secure the future of the association. Should you be interested do contact any member of the committee. We normally have about four committee meetings a year with sub committees where necessary.

NEW ROAD STEWARDS

For some years we have had a full sixteen Road Stewards doing an excellent job of delivering newsletters and collecting the residual annual subscriptions as well as collecting signatures for our pavement petition in 2019.

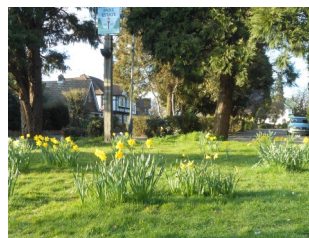
We would like to make contact with some residents who would be prepared to take on this role. Should you feel you would be interested in volunteering please contact Martin Hand or any member of the committee.

EASTER EGG HUNT VOLUNTEERS

We were unable to have an Easter Egg Hunt in 2020 or 2021, mainly due to the Covid situation, but we would like to resume in 2022. We do however, need volunteer(s) to take this on. Should you feel this is something you could organise please contact Richard Maude, Chris Head or any member of the committee. Richard or Chris will provide advice to those who volunteer.

We feel sure there must be some residents on the estate (probably with children or grand children) who would be keen to get involved in this to enable our easter event to continue.

AUTUMN PLANTING



We invite residents to volunteer to plant bulbs on any of the grassy islands of our estate. Please contact one of the committee if you would like to volunteer and the committee will provide the bulbs.

The relevant islands are:

1. At the junction of St Lawrence Drive and Rodney Gardens around numbers 51 to 61.
2. In Rodney Gardens between numbers 47 to 47 and 66 to 68.
3. In Rodney Gardens between numbers 39 to 41 and 50 to 60.
4. At the junction of Rodney Gardens and Burwood Avenue by 9 Rodney and 47 Burwood.
5. In Burwood Avenue between numbers 40 to 42 and 27 to 37.
6. In Burwood Avenue between numbers 7 to 9 and 14 to 22.
7. The main entrance island at the junction of St Lawrence Drive and Bridle Road.
8. At the junction of St Lawrence and The Glen (The oak tree island).

The junction of Pamela Gardens and Field End Road is excluded due to fast moving adjacent traffic.

Good luck and thanks to all who volunteer.

65+ GROUP

Our 65+ Group has started to meet again but with limited numbers and social distancing rules. We are not currently accepting new members.

2022 SUMMER EVENT

It is too early for any planning on this as yet but the committee is considering a summer event in June 2022 to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee of accession to the throne. There will be an extra bank holiday on Friday 3rd June but we believe road closures will be made readily available for street parties probably on the following Sunday. We hope to organise a street party on a day of the weekend 3rd to 5th of June 2022.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



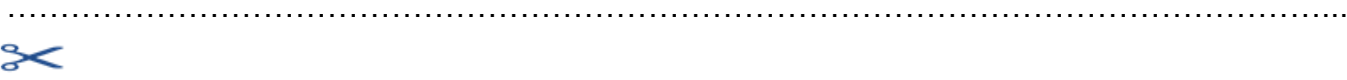
CCTV and ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) Cameras

The committee responded to appeals from the several homes who were victims of burglary and car theft during the winter of 2020/2021 and issued a consultation document in June 2021 to all our 254 homes. Further to that document the committee would like to update all residents on the situation with respect to installing CCTV/ANPR cameras at the entrances to the estate:

Some 57% of all residents living in Burwood Avenue, St Lawrence Drive, Pamela Gardens, Rodney Gardens, The Glen and Dovecote Close voted. As stated previously, the plan did not include cameras for Field End Road, Park Farm Close, Bridle Road and Roberts Close, where very few voted. As the decision impacts all residents, we included both members of the Eastcote Park Estate Association, and non-members in the vote. Of the 57% voting, some 88% voted in favour of installing the CCTV cameras. We planned to organise a public meeting after the summer holidays, as stated in the original consultation document. However, due to circumstances beyond our control, the public meeting has been delayed. We hope to advise a date for that public meeting before the end of October 2021.

We were surprised by the strength of opinion of a minority of the few who were against the project. It is the committee's objective to bring the estate together and promote a community spirit and we did have to respond to requests. We hope everyone will appreciate that we have consulted openly. We do hope that any who do have concerns about the cameras will attend the consultation meeting, when we can arrange it, so that concerns can be allayed and we can take our whole community with us in assisting the police in the fight against crime.

The number of households voting 'yes' and the positive reaction to spreading the cost, mean we would be looking for one off voluntary contributions of approximately £80, which is in line with the original document. **If you have not voted so far, please fill in the form below and return to The Web manager , The vote is open to EPEA members and non-members alike.**



| Please tick the appropriate boxes in <u>either the left or right column</u> and enter an amount in the last row : | Yes in favour / interested / happy to share cost | No - Not in in favour / Not interested / Not happy to share cost |
|--|---|---|
| Name and Address..... | | |
| In favour of installation of cameras as detailed in EPEA security flyer June 2021. | | |
| I would be interested in attending a meeting to find out more | | |
| I am happy to share the cost per home | | |
| Maximum amount I would be prepared to pay (1 box only) | £.... | XXXXXXXXXXXXX. |

Rufuse bins

Some residents do experience either crows or foxes breaking open black sacks, that are put out for refuse collection, in their search of food. We understand that if you put your black sacks out inside a solid bin the Council will collect the black sacks from that bin. This is an option some residents may want to try particularly if they have to leave home with the rubbish pending collection. This would then save public health issues and save you having to clean up the mess from broken bags.

2021 BEST FRONT GARDEN WINNERS

We are pleased to announce the 2021 winners :

14, 39 & 53 Rodney Gardens
7 Pamela Gardens
4 & 7 The Glen
8 & 20 St Lawrence Drive
15 & 47 Burwood Avenue

Congratulations and thanks go to the winners. Thanks to all those who work hard to make our front gardens such an attraction on our estate.

The EPEA Committee members are:

Gerry Edwards (Chairman)

Richard Maude (Secretary)

Martin Hand (Treasurer and member of 65+ sub committee)

Marg Bacon (Member of 65+ sub committee)

Ash Dhir

Mark Lemon

Margaret Ross (Member of 65+ sub committee)

Peter Ryder

Sam Wren (Webmaster)

To contact the committee on general EPEA matters we suggest you email:

Webmaster
@eastcoteparkestate.org.uk

Message from our new newsletter sponsor

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We look forward to working with you all and discussing any sales or lettings property needs you may have over the coming years.



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