



# Eastcote Park Estate Association

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

## Newsletter– JULY/AUGUST 2022

### QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE EVENT

What a Jubilee weekend it was. Many thanks go to over 200 of our residents for attending and making our event such a lovely day. We also had the benefit of our mayor visiting and spending about an hour relaxing with our residents.

There are so many who contributed to the organisation and set up that there is not room to thank them all by name but thanks to all those who joined the organising committee, manned the stalls or barbeques, and helped out on the day. A real community success. We also raised over £300.00 which will be donated to one of the Queen's charities.



### AUTUMN QUIZ NIGHT

**Saturday 19th November 2022 from 7.30pm**

This year's event is booked for the above date in the Church Hall adjacent to St. Lawrence Church in Bridle Road. Please make a note of the date and look out for more information later in the year.



### EMAIL CIRCULATION LIST

Our web manager (Sam Wren) is building up his list of email addresses so he can contact residents quickly, as and when appropriate, on behalf of the committee. The list will be held confidentially by him. Should you be happy to be added to this circulation list please email [Webmaster@eastcoteparkestate.org.uk](mailto:Webmaster@eastcoteparkestate.org.uk) advising your name and address and confirming you are happy to be added to this confidential list. The list will not be shared with other EPEA committee members and will only be used for local issues on the estate and not for any marketing purposes.

### ESTATE VIDEOS

We remind residents that both our 2020 "Community Matters" video and our 1997 Estate video are available on YouTube. Email [Webmaster@eastcoteparkestate.org.uk](mailto:Webmaster@eastcoteparkestate.org.uk) to get a reminder of the links.

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## **REPORT ON OUR 2022 AGM HELD 9.5.2022**

15 people attended this year.

All the 9 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.

The Chairman reported on the condition of the estate and mentioned that Hillingdon Council will probably plant more trees on the estate in the Autumn. He also mentioned the success of our Autumn fish and chip quiz night.

It was reported that the EPEA 65+ group had recommenced meetings in May 2021 and were continuing in 2022 after a January break. The Group are currently only accepting new members on to a waiting list.

It was mentioned that, unless you apply online, the Green spaces team are the people at Hillingdon Council to contact for permission to cut down or substantially alter any trees on the estate. Permission is required for all trees, including those in our private gardens, with a trunk diameter over a certain size (see page 3 for details of current rules).

Mark Lemon reported on Neighbourhood watch issues and his involvement with a local police forum.

The treasurer reported on the surplus for 2021 of £279.10 and the closing fund of £(redacted from web version). A donation of £479.00 was made to the Acorn Youth club. 118 people subscribed to our association in 2021 which was similar to 2020 but a significant reduction to normal due to it being inappropriate for Road Stewards to carry out door to door collections during the year. A copy of the income and expenditure account is available in the About EPEA / AGMs section of our website and can be obtained from the treasurer.

## **SUMMERTIME SECURITY**

Please continue to be vigilant with your home security during the summer months. 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.

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

Please contact Chris Head to be added to his confidential circulation list of Neighbourhood Watch issues. Contact details redacted from web version.



The police contacts for Eastcote are:

Eascote.Ruislip.snt@met.police.uk

020 8721 2548 or Twitter @MPSEastcoteXH

### Extract from Owl reports:

A burglary occurred on The Glen in early May between 2300hrs- 0130hrs. Entry was gained through the front door. A tool was used to force the door open. Money and a watch were stolen.

### **2022 SUBSCRIPTIONS**

We thank all the homes who have already paid (over 200). The annual subscription remains at £3.00 but, as usual, we invite everyone to add a donation to our charity which is again the Acorn Youth Club. Road Stewards have completed their collections. Should you not have paid yet, payment can be made by cheque, payable to:

Eastcote Park Estate Association. This can be delivered to the treasurer at: 33 St. Lawrence Drive. Alternatively you can pay by bank transfer as below.

### **Bank transfer payments**

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

Bank: Redacted for web version

Account name: Redacted for web version

Sort code: Redacted for web version

Account: Redacted for web version

Please ensure you advise your address with your payment. 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.

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.

## **Contribution from Nick Denys - Councillor for our Eastcote & East Ruislip ward**

I last wrote for this newsletter in 2020. Since then there have been two big events that intertwine with local politics.



The first is that we have had a local election. These elections happened on a new electoral map, reorganising the wards and reducing the number of elected members from 65 to 53. From your perspective little has changed. The Estate is a part of the new Eastcote ward but your councillors remain me, Cllr Ian Edwards and Cllr Becky Hagger. At the Full Council Meeting on 12th May 2022 Cllr Edward was re-elected as Leader of the Council and Cllr Becky Hagger was chosen to be Hillingdon's Mayor for the next year.

The second big event, which has affected us all, is the rapid rise in inflation, especially on those things that we all need to operate in life. This is a challenge. When our budget was set inflation was predicted to be 4% and interest rates 1%. Now we are looking at 11% and 2.3%. The cost of doing what we do has suddenly skyrocketed. For example, the £4million per-year that we have budgeted to spend on redoing roads and pavements will not go as far as was first thought.

We know that the Council is not alone in having to adapt to the economic shock. Many of you are feeling the financial squeeze, so we do not want to increase tax, and charges above what is absolutely necessary. The Council's immediate task is to identify significant savings, without effecting those frontline services, such as weekly waste and recycling collections, looking after vulnerable residents and maintaining the roads, parks and open spaces, that matter to you. This is a challenge, but one that I'm confident we can meet.

## **ACORN YOUTH CLUB**

<http://www.acornyouthclub.co.uk/>

Our welfare will continue to go to the Acorn Youth Club for 2023. The club is a registered charity that supports young people with learning difficulties. We have been donating to the club since 2014. Our donations have been used to help fund outings and parties as well as helping maintain their building.

## **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.

## **FRONT GARDEN COMPETITION**

We are skipping the Front Gardens competitions this year and until further notice but thanks to all those who make our estate so good to walk around.

## **COUNCIL REGULATIONS FOR CONSERVATION AREAS**

Information on our Borough's rules on conservation areas, including our own, can be found at:

<https://hillington.gov.uk/conservation-areas>

The current rules on requiring residents to apply to the council before removing or substantially altering trees include:

"If a tree is situated within a conservation area and has a diameter at breast height greater than 75mm, it is protected by virtue of its location "



### Message from The Friends Of Eastcote House Gardens (FEHG)

The Friends new web site is:

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

The next events in 2022 are:

Saturday August 13th: A book sale 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Sunday September 11th: Classic Car Rally and Heritage Open Day, including Plant Sale and Second Hand Book Sale. 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday October 8th: plant and book sale, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Gardening Sessions continue every Tuesday & Thursday throughout the year starting at 9.30am. Please contact the FEHG via the 'Contact us' page of their web site if you wish to attend any of their sessions.



### 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)

Contact details redacted for web version

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

Webmaster  
[@eastcoteparkestate.org.uk](mailto:@eastcoteparkestate.org.uk)

### Message from our new newsletter sponsor

As an agent established within your local area since 1986, Coopers are delighted to sponsor the Eastcote Park Estate newsletter from 2021. We look forward to building a long standing relationship with the association!

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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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