



Eastcote Park Estate Association

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

Newsletter– JANUARY 2023

MAY 2023 CORONATION EVENT

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

We are now starting to plan for our Coronation celebrations. Subject to Council's approval, we expect our event to be held on one of the three days of the bank holiday week end of Monday 8th May.

When we have had similar events (most recently in 2022) a number of residents came forward to help out both in planning and organising and helping on the day. Should you be happy to join some of our committee members on an organising committee for this event please contact Mark Lemon or any member of the committee (contact details on page 4).

The 2022, 2014 and 2012 street events were all great successes and we hope to make this year just as good.

2023 SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscription are collected on a calendar year basis.

2023 Subscriptions are now due and remain at £3.00 for each residence (no change since 2005).

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

Door to door collections will start from mid March from those who have chosen not to pay direct to the treasurer or by bank transfer by 15.3.23. Generally collections will be by your Road Steward but committee members may step in if necessary. Early payments would help reduce the burden on our volunteer collectors.

We encourage you to make an early payment by cheque, payable to: **Eastcote Park Estate Association** or by bank transfer to:

Bank: Redacted from web version

Account name : Redacted from web version

Sort code: Redacted from web version

Account: Redacted from web version

Please ensure you advise your name and 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.

Any cheques should be delivered or posted to the treasurer, Martin Hand, at "Redacted from web version"

also advising your address.

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Coopers Residential

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CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMPETITION

The Christmas decorations on the estate were judged in December. It was a very close call again but the winners were:

1st place..... 24 Pamela Gardens

2nd place..... 31 Pamela Gardens

3rd place 39 Rodney Gardens

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

EASTER EGG HUNT VOLUNTEERS

We would like to resume the Easter Egg Hunt in 2023. but need volunteer(s) to take this on. Should you feel this is something you could organise please contact Richard Maude or any member of the committee. Richard will provide advice to those who volunteer.

The key activities are: buying the eggs, selling tickets to residents, hiding cardboard cut outs of eggs in Eastcote House Gardens, Hosting the event on the day, and accounting for income and expenses.

On the day it will be necessary to gather those with tickets, explain the process of finding the cut outs and coming back for an egg with only one per ticket holder. Previously there were also some larger eggs to be won (the golden Eggs).

65+ GROUP

Our group for EPEA members who have reached 65 years of age is continuing to meet.

We are now able to make a small number of places available for new members who think they would attend reasonably regularly. For this first quarter of 2023 we would like to make these places available to those who have been members during the last 5 years but have stood down due to personal commitments during that period. Look out for the April edition of this newsletter to see if places are more generally available at that time.

Please contact Martin Hand, Marg Bacon or Margaret Ross if you would like to re-join our group or would like more information. Contact details on page 4.

We have 12 meetings a year in a local venue. We try to vary things during each year but we often have guest speakers and quizzes.

NEIGHBOURHOOD

WATCH

Please contact Chris Head to be added to his confidential circulation list of Neighbourhood Watch issues.



The police contacts for

Eastcote are: Eascote.Ruislip.snt@met.police.uk
020 8721 2548 or Twitter @MPSEastcoteXH

Residents may like to register for the update system run by the Metropolitan Police called "OWL". This gives updates for our area but is not limited to our estate. To register go to :

<https://www.owl.co.uk/>



2 Extracts from Owl reports:

There was an attempted burglary on Bridle Road on the 26.10.22 at about 8:30pm. Attempts were made to gain entry through the front patio door. Suspect were disturbed when the resident heard noises coming from downstairs and turned their lights on.

Ensure you retain a record of your phone's IMEI number. This is a 15-digit unique number which can be obtained by keying in *#06#. You need this information if the phone is lost or stolen. Don't keep a note of it on your phone as it defeats the object.

ROAD STEWARDS

Thanks go to our Road Stewards. Should you wish to confirm the details of your Steward please contact Martin Hand or post a note to 33 St Lawrence Drive. The only change this year is for Dovecot Close where Dawn Holland has taken on the role.

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

Information about the activities of The Friends Of Eastcote House Gardens (FEHG)

The Friends web site is:

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

Gardening Sessions continue every Tuesday and 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 first FoEHG events in 2023 are:

Sunday 23rd April 11am – 4pm: Classic cars (by invitation), Craft Sale in the stables, Book sale in the Gardeners' Yard, Dovecote open.

May and June provisional dates:

Saturday 13th May Book sale, plant sale, craft sale, dovecote open.

Saturday 10th June Summer Picnic including Book sale, craft sale, dovecote open.

The Friends have also advised Hillingdon Council have the following events planned in the gardens:

Saturday 4 February, 10am to 1pm. Discovering Eastcote House Gardens - How do you find out about the history of a house and its people? Join archivist, Paul Davidson, to learn more and create your own impression of times past with artist, Eliza Wheeler. Cost: Free, but booking is essential.

Thursdays 9 February and 9 March, 10.30am to midday. Mindful Walk. Come and join Pravit, who will help take your senses out for a walk in the beautiful gardens. Dress up warm, put on your wellies and bring your raincoats, umbrellas and curiosity. Suitable for ages 18+. Cost: Free, but booking is essential.

Saturday 18 March, 9.30am to 12.30pm Shelf Life with Herbs. Join ecologist Michael Holland to learn about the history and folklore of herbs in the walled garden – the use of sage, growing plants from their corresponding packaging, making a scented herb bag, and taking mint root and stem cutting. Suitable for ages 18+. Cost: Free, but booking is essential.

To book any of these three events email

archives@hillingdon.gov.uk

2023 Autumn Event

Our Fish and Chip quiz night took place as planned and went well. Thanks go to our quiz master Richard Maude, to Marg Bacon for organising the allocation of tickets and the food and also to Margaret Ross for organising the raffle. Thanks also to everyone who attended.

Acorn Youth and Social Club
Registered charity 1000729

Our 2022 welfare collections were a record amount of £680.90 which was paid to the club in November 2022. The club have advised us that the 2022 collection will be spent on a fish and chip supper for all guests plus a small gift for members as well as providing funds for a group trip to an Argosy players pantomime. Any remaining funds will go on replacing some of the clubs chairs.

As agreed at our 2022 AGM the welfare collections during 2023 will again go to the Acorn Youth and Social Club. It is worth noting that The Club recently added "Social" into its name.

Eastcote Residents Association
(ERA)

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

We remind residents that the ERA is a separate association to the Eastcote Park Estate Association (EPEA). Some confusion has arisen in prior years when the ERA has been collecting subscriptions at the same time as the EPEA. There is a link to the ERA website on our website but the ERA deals with wider issues affecting Eastcote generally rather than focusing on issues and social activities on our estate.

WELCOME LETTER FOR NEW RESIDENTS

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 cannot access online.

EPEA 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

advising your name and address and confirming you are happy to be added to this confidential list. The email addresses will not be shared with other EPEA committee members and will only be used for local issues on the estate, such as event flyers and newsletters, and not for any general marketing purposes.

Annual General Meeting

More on our AGM in the next newsletter but please note the meeting will be on the evening of Wednesday 10th May 2023 at 7.30 pm in the Elsie Fischer room at the rear of the car park to St. Lawrence Church, Eastcote.

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 from web version

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

Webmaster@eastcoteparkestate.org.uk

Message from our 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!

With 7 local offices, our aim is to be a central part of the communities we work within as a customer orientated company, based on treating everyone we cross paths with as an equal and a potential customer through a team of local, talented, knowledgeable, hardworking and energetic people who take pride in everything they do.

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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