



Eastcote Park Estate Association

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

Newsletter – JANUARY 2024

2024 SUBSCRIPTIONS

EPEA subscriptions are collected on a calendar year basis. **2024 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 19th March 2024. 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 residents to make an early payment by cheque, payable to: **Eastcote Park Estate Association** or by bank transfer to:

Bank: Santander

Account name : Eastcote Park Estate Association

Sort code: Redacted from web version

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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 33 St Lawrence Drive **also advising your address.**

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EMAIL CIRCULATION LIST

Our web manager (Sam Wren) is building up his list of email addresses so he can send information to 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 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.

Do please email

Webmaster@eastcoteparkestate.org.uk

Information on estate matters such as flyers for events and newsletters will probably get to you earlier than paper versions.

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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

Extract from an "Owl" Report:

Published: 11/8/23

Don't Fall Prey To ULEZ Scams

There are scam copycat websites that are tricking people into believing that they are making official payments for the ULEZ charge.

Please do not fall prey to this.

Transport For London (TFL) are not associated with any third-party websites accepting ULEZ payments.

Please use the official TFL website to make payment for the ULEZ charge.

 METROPOLITAN POLICE 

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/>



Extract from The EPEA Welcome letter

(Full version available on our web site or from any committee member)

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 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.

EPEA 65+ GROUP

Our social group for EPEA members who have reached 65 years of age started in 2017 and is continuing to meet. We currently have 37 members with average attendance at around 50%.

We would like to welcome a small number of new members who think they would like to attend and meet other estate residents on a monthly basis.

Please do contact Martin Hand, Marg Bacon, Margaret Ross or any member of the committee if you would like more information or would like to join. Contact details are on page 4.

We have 12 meetings a year in a local venue. The meetings are for one and a half hours each and we try to have a variety of events. Although things can vary the general aim each year is to have:

Four guest speakers

One live music event

Two Team quizzes

Two in house events/presentations

One Pre-Christmas event with a Christmas quiz, mince pies and a Christmas draw.

For each of the other two months of the year we would have either: an additional guest speaker, an additional in house event/presentation, Musical Bingo, Bingo, a Beetle drive, a video, or something else suggested by members.

There is currently a suggested donation at each meeting of £5.00 per person to fund the hire of the room, guest speakers, light refreshments and prizes. If you are an EPEA member who has reached 65 do please join us.

Autumn Event

Our 2023 Fish and Chip quiz night took place as planned and went well. Thanks go to our quiz master Martin Hand, 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. We expect to have a similar event this year,

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. There are currently no changes to last year.

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

Annual General Meeting

More on our AGM in the next newsletter but please note the meeting will be on the evening of Wednesday 8th May 2024 at 7.30 pm in the Elsie Fischer room at the rear of the car park to St. Lawrence Church, Eastcote.

Information from the web site of The Friends Of Eastcote House Gardens (FEHG)

Web site:

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

Please check the Friend's website for up to date information on what is coming up.

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.

Their website also has information leaflets on Long Meadow Ecology walks through the seasons as well as a visitors guide to the gardens and other information.

Pavements

A reminder that, should residents spot delivery vans or traders etc. parking on pavements, this can be reported to the council. The following has advice on the process.

<https://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/pavement-damage>

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..... 39 Rodney Gardens

2nd place..... 31 Pamela Gardens

3rd place 42 Rodney Gardens



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

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)

Kishan Bhanderi

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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