



Eastcote Park Estate Association

Newsletter– OCTOBER 2009

AUTUMN EVENT

We will be having a change of event this year with the hope of ensuring that a greater percentage of residents to non residents come along.

CHEESE AND WINE EVENING

SATURDAY 10th OCTOBER 2009
St Thomas More Church Hall 7.30 pm



We are inviting a number of local officials (councillor , park warden etc) so we hope there will be some people of interest available on the night . However the main objective this year is just to invite residents for a social evening.

We will be providing cheese and biscuits . Please bring your own wine. This enables us to keep the cost down to **£4.00 per person**. Please contact Richard Maude if you would like to attend.

We have again chosen St Thomas More Church Hall. It is of note that the only economic venues local to our estate are the halls of our local churches. We choose between them dependant on our estimate of the size of hall required and cost. A significant proportion on our price is usually the hall hire and our churches provide affordable facilities.

EMAIL COMMUNICATIONS

Attached to this newsletter is a form requesting email contact details for newsletters and neighbourhood watch information. We hope to be able to communicate quicker and more easily with some of our residents by email. We have previously collected email addresses of some residents but have only logged approx. 10 so far. We can circulate neighbourhood watch notices by email for any residents who advise their email address. However, for the newsletter circulation, we probably need to gather approx. 80 email addresses (around a third of the estate) to make it worthwhile to administer email circulation. Should you be able to receive email please complete the form at the end of this newsletter and return. The plan is to send neighbourhood watch emails and circulate the newsletter as an Acrobat attachment. For more details refer to the attached form.

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Electronic Communications

Our web site is:

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

Recent additions to the site include information on the Eastcote Billiards club

Should you wish to refer to recent newsletters they are available on the web site.

The site has a good deal of information on the history of the estate with some original drawings etc.

Should you have any articles or pictures etc. which you feel we should consider putting on the site please e-mail the address shown on the web site. Some of the existing pictures date back a few years so some up to date ones would be good.

Neighbourhood Watch



Our area remains a relatively low crime area. However in recent months there has been an attempted break-in in Pamela Gardens and the theft of valuables, left briefly in a car whilst posting a letter. Do not make it easy for the passing criminal.

We also remind residents of the risks of leaving car keys in accessible positions. An opportunist crime can easily turn into car theft if car keys are easily found in the house.

BE PART OF THE ESTATE

New Road Stewards

We have had one new volunteer road steward since our last newsletter. We would appreciate one or two more residents to take on the road steward duties. The Stewards are tasked with covering approximately 20 homes and distributing around 4 newsletters a year plus occasional event flyers. There is also the need to collect subscriptions once a year from those who have not previously paid by cheque directly to the treasurer. This is not as onerous as it may seem as most people are keen to belong to the association. Collecting subscriptions is also an opportunity to meet some of those neighbours you have not yet met. We also hope to reduce the size of each person's area. Having stewards who collect from their close neighbours would also seem to be a good idea. We would therefore particularly like someone from **The Dovecote** and from **Bridle Road** to volunteer. Contact Martin Hand if you are interested

New Committee Members

We are 1 short of the 10 preferred committee members. Should you be interested in joining the committee please contact Richard Maude. Richard will normally be happy to invite a guest to our meetings to give them an idea of what goes on prior to officially joining the committee

The EPEA Constitution

Our constitution is available on our website. However it is some time since this has been circulated so a copy is below for resident's reference.

TITLE

The Association shall be called the Eastcote Park Estate Association ("the Association").

OBJECTS

The objects of the Association shall be to maintain, safeguard and improve the amenities of the residents of Eastcote Park Estate and surrounding areas and to protect and further in every legitimate manner their interests in all matters affecting them as a body. The Association shall be non-political and non-sectarian.

MEMBERSHIP

All households on the Eastcote Park Estate shall be eligible for membership of the Association.

SUBSCRIPTION

The annual subscription, payable in advance, shall be due on 1st January of each year; it shall be such a sum as approved at the Annual General Meeting and shall cover all members of one household. Subscriptions shall be recorded in an official receipt book.

MANAGEMENT

The Officers of the Association shall be Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary.

The Affairs of the Association shall be managed by a Committee consisting of the Officers and seven elected members.

The Committee shall meet as necessary, but at least once every three (3) months. Five (5) members, of which at least one is an Officer, shall form a quorum.

The Officers and all Committee members shall retire annually but be eligible for re-election, the term of office for the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer being normally limited in any one continuous period to three years.

The Committee shall have the authority to co-opt a maximum of two (2) additional members to the Committee to deal with specific matters/projects relating to the Estate.

GENERAL MEETINGS

Fourteen (14) days' notice of all General Meetings shall be given specifying the business to be transacted thereat. Notice should be considered to have been given by the delivery of a formal notice to the address at which each member resided at the time when the last subscription was paid.

An Annual General Meeting shall be held before the end of May each year.

After a Requisition signed by at least twenty (20) members and setting out the business to be dealt with at such meetings, the Secretary shall convene a Special General Meeting of the Association to be held within twenty eight (28) days of receipt of the requisition.

The Committee shall have the power to call a Special General Meeting at any time by giving the requisite notice.

VOTING

Voting at General Meetings shall be by a show of hands – only one (1) vote for each household membership. This may be followed by a written vote on the same basis at the discretion of the Chairman if the result of voting by the show of hands is not clear. Voting papers are to show the address of those voting. A simple majority will be required to carry any motion, except where the rules specifically require otherwise.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

The Secretary shall give with the Notice of the Annual General Meeting a list of those Officers and Members of the Committee who offer themselves for re-election. It shall be open to every member whose subscription is paid to nominate any other member for all or any of the positions. The written consent of any member nominated shall be sent with the names of the proposer and the seconder to the Secretary not less than seven (7) days before the meeting.

The Annual General Meeting shall elect the Officers and Committee Members from the names submitted in accordance with Rule 8(a).

In the event of insufficient names being before the meeting, nominations may be accepted at the Annual General Meeting, otherwise the Committee shall fill such vacancies at their discretion. The Committee shall also have the power to fill any vacancies at their discretion.

FINANCE

The Financial Year shall end on 31st December.

All funds received on behalf of the Association, other than monies approved by the Committee to be held as petty cash, shall be deposited in an account in the name of the Association with a Bank/Building Society Share or Deposit Account or as approved by the Committee and cheques or withdrawal authorities shall be signed by any two of the following: Treasurer, Chairman and Secretary.

All expenditure shall be approved by resolution of the Committee, which shall also decide the amount of petty cash to be held by the Officers and Committee.

Any funds surplus to immediate requirements may, on the approval of the Committee, be invested in investments authorised by law for the investment of Trust Funds.

The Accounts shall be audited annually and presented to the Annual General Meeting.

Eastcote House Gardens

Information from Lesley Crowcroft on progress in maintaining the gardens is as follows:

After a YEAR of form filling, consultations, and essay writing a grant of £23,000 has been received from Groundwork UK and the Big Lottery Fund. We are asked to include the following statement in all literature.....'The Restoration of the Walled Garden Eastcote House Gardens project has been funded through the Community Spaces Programme. The Community Spaces grants programme is being managed by Groundwork UK as an Award partner to the Big Lottery Fund. Community Spaces is part of the Big Lottery Fund's Changing Spaces initiative'..... (The length of this statement gives some idea of the length and complexity of the application forms etc!).

The bid for the Grant was supported by many local voluntary organizations as well as local residents, and with their help the 'Friends of Eastcote House Gardens Management Advisory Group' have been successful.

We now have a busy year ahead to complete this project. Work has started by removing the vegetation from the walls. Some of these 'Thugs' have rooted into the Wall and are causing damage. Once the wall is clear it will be assessed by a member of the Conservation team Hillingdon for damage. The Herb beds and borders will be completely cleared, so that the roots of perennial weeds, [Bindweed, couch grass etc] can be removed. The soil will be enhanced before re-planting, from Autumn 2009 to Spring 2010. We have also obtained a donation from Taylor Wimpey West London, £750.00 to replant the rockery.

Contacts

The contacts list has been omitted this time. We will add back next time. Previous newsletters are available on our web site

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Access Gate to Eastcote House Gardens

For some years the gate from St Lawrence Drive into the park has been either unlocked or missing. In recent times there has been an issue of unacceptable behaviour from youths making their way down St Lawrence Drive into the park. Various vandalism has take place and , in particular, many thousands of pounds of damage has been done to cars from Youths walking over the roofs. After pressure from several residents the Council has agreed to replace the gate and have it kept locked during the hours of darkness. The plan is to allow certain residents to have a key to enable access. Further keys may be available on application. We anticipate that the locking times will be similar to the main vehicle entry to the park such that the gate will generally be open during the day.

EASTCOTE PARK ESTATE ASSOCIATION COMMUNICATION BY EMAIL.

We would like to be able to communicate with our residents by email for reasons noted in the September 2009 newsletter. Should you be happy to receive information by email please complete the following questionnaire and **return to Robin Pyburn at 15 Pamela Gardens.**

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

I confirm I would like to receive neighbourhood watch information by email

Yes or no ..

My email address is
(please use block capitals)

NEWSLETTER

Please note that the newsletter will be emailed out in PDF format. This will require Adobe Acrobat to be installed. The necessary software can be downloaded for free from <http://get.adobe.com/uk/reader/>. The newsletter (and past issues) are also available on the website.

I confirm I would like to receive Eastcote Park Estate Association Newsletters by email

Yes or no ..

My email address is (if different from above)

Signature

Name

Address.....

Date.....