

# The Eaton Village Residents Association

## Spring Newsletter 2022

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Welcome to this EVRA Spring Newsletter in which we cover local issues and events. We also warmly welcome to Eaton Village all those residents who have recently moved into the Village.

Following two years of restrictions because of Covid-19 the Committee elected at the AGM in October 2019 has continued in post. The members are: Chris Stebbing (Chair) (Tel: 503301, Email: [evra.vc@live.co.uk](mailto:evra.vc@live.co.uk)); Vic Flute (Vice-chair) ([vicechair.evra@gmail.com](mailto:vicechair.evra@gmail.com)); Naomi Godding (Treasurer); Patricia Seadon (Secretary); Sharon Atkinson, Carol Plunkett, Kathleen Westwell, and Bernard Godding. Fiona Bradshaw has been co-opted onto the Committee to support our activities. City Councillor Caroline Ackroyd also attends our meetings as a representative of our Councillors. We hope to hold an AGM in October 2022 where we can again meet to formally conduct the business of the Association.

Any questions regarding items in this Newsletter can be addressed to the Chair by email or by letter posted in the EVRA box by the check-outs in Waitrose or delivered to 54 Greenways.

Under the EVRA Constitution the Committee can co-opt residents to assist with the work of the Association and we would be pleased to hear from you if you are interested in helping. Contact Chris Stebbing at: [evra.vc@live.co.uk](mailto:evra.vc@live.co.uk) or phone 503301 for further information.

**Speeding around Eaton Village:** Our County Councillor acquired a Speed Awareness Monitor (SAM) for Eaton and EVRA are managing this on behalf of the community through a team of volunteers. The sign is regularly moved between Sunningdale, Greenways and Church Lane and also shared with Judges Walk. Data is downloaded prior to each move and analysis shows that while overall average speeds are around 20mph a significant number of drivers (over 12%) exceed 25mph in the 20mph Zone with vehicles recorded exceeding 55mph and 65mph on Church Lane. The sign also counts the number of vehicles providing very useful information on traffic flows around the Village. The data is shared with our Councillors and officers at County Hall and posted on the EVRA website at: <https://eatonvillage.co.uk/local-issues/eaton-speed-awareness-monitor/> The EVRA Committee has considered setting up a Speed Watch group but this requires help from residents to organise and run this. Please get in touch if you can help. Norwich City Council implemented the 20mph Zones across the City in 2019 as a road safety measure to slow traffic, making the area safer and more pleasant for cyclists and pedestrians.

**Village Sign Refurbishment Project** – Our 65 year old Village Sign is in need of a major overhaul to replace the post and refurbish the sign itself. An inspection by a specialist workshop quoted around £3000 for this plus costs for transportation and refitting. The sign was presented to the City Council in 1956 and EVRA has taken the lead on raising funds for its refurbishment. We have raised more than £2000 towards this work through your generous donations and support for EVRA events and from local businesses but still need a little more to reach our target to enable the work to be undertaken in 2022. We also have funds in our general account which we can allocate for the work. Donations can be deposited in the EVRA mailbox in Waitrose or paid into our bank account: account details can be found in the following section.

**EVRA Subscriptions:** The EVRA subscription remains at £1 per household or business but additional donations are very welcome to support our activities and projects. Many residents are now choosing to pay their subscriptions directly into the EVRA bank account via online banking and include additional donations. (The account details are: Sort Code: 20-62-53 Account No. 90029262 Account Name: Eaton Village Residents Association. Please include your address as the reference so that we can note which households have paid.) Payments in cash can be posted in the EVRA post box by the check-outs in Waitrose or delivered to 54 Greenways or 21 Ebbisham Drive. We are extremely grateful for your support which enables EVRA to pay necessary expenses such as insurance and the printing costs of our Newsletters and fund our projects such as the Village Sign and Eaton Green Playground equipment.

## EVRA Events for 2022

**Spring/Easter Trail around Eaton Village:** We are again organising a Spring/Easter Trail around Eaton Village over the Easter weekend - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> to Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2022 - with clues to help you solve an Easter themed anagram. The location of clues will be marked on a downloadable Trail Map which will be posted on the EVRA website by 12th April. We hope that residents will follow the Trail and also display colourful Spring/Easter pictures in their front windows or gardens. You can design and draw your own pictures but there are many Spring/Easter and other free templates to download from the internet. The Trail Map will only list the location of the clues but please tell us if you are having an Easter display and we will add you to a list on our Facebook page. Email: [evra.vc@live.co.uk](mailto:evra.vc@live.co.uk) or phone 503301.

**Eaton ECO Day – Saturday 7th May:** We will start the day with a dawn Chorus Walk around Marston Marsh. St Andrew's Church will hold their Spring ECO Fair from 10 to 12 in the Church and Hall and in the evening EVRA invite you to update your wardrobe, library, and children's toys through an environmentally friendly swapping event run with New-U and PACT, also at the Church Hall. Further details will be posted on the EVRA website and also published in the Just Eaton and Cringleford magazine.

**Queen's Jubilee - Sunday 5th June:** Come and join the Eaton Village "Big Thank you Lunch" 12.00-2.00 at Wentworth Gardens on the wonderful expanse of grass by the playground in Turnberry and Brentwood. Residents of Eaton Village are invited to bring a picnic and join our celebration. We are grateful to Persimmon Homes and the Residents Management Group at Wentworth Gardens for their support for this community event. Further information will be published on the EVRA website nearer the time.

**2022 Scarecrow Trail:** The EVRA Scarecrow Festival has taken place since 2010 and our 2022 festival will celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Queen's accession to the throne. This will be held around Eaton Village from Saturday 16th July to Sunday 24th July 2022 and the theme will be "Highlights of the Queen's Reign". We are hoping to have a bumper year of entries with the bold ambition of achieving 70 scarecrows – one for each year of the Queen's reign. A Trail Map and Voting form will be published nearer to the event so that residents can vote for their favourites with prizes for the winners. We will also run a Garage Sale throughout the final weekend – 23rd/24th July. Please let us know by 2<sup>nd</sup> July if you are planning a scarecrow and/or a garage sale (£5 entry fee) at: [evra.vc@live.co.uk](mailto:evra.vc@live.co.uk) or phone 503301 and we will add you to our Trail Map. Further information will be published on the EVRA website nearer the time.

**EVRA Family Fun Day – Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July at the Cellar House from 12 noon onwards.** We are grateful for the support of Victoria and Grahame for allowing EVRA to hold our Family Fun Day in the Cellar House garden to raise funds for our Projects. As in previous years we will have lots of traditional games all at affordable prices and we hope to see you all again at our great family and community event. In 2021 we raised over £320 towards the refurbishment of the Eaton Village Sign. The Cellar House plans to have a barbecue outside selling hot food but it is advisable to book a table to eat inside. Please contact Vic Flute on: [vicechair.evra@gmail.com](mailto:vicechair.evra@gmail.com) or Tel: 457802 if you can provide any Fete games or can offer help to set up or run a stall on the day.

**Environment Day on Marston Marsh –** Following the success of activities in 2021 to mark the tenth anniversary of the accessible path around Marston Marsh we are planning a similar event for August 2022. We hope to include an opportunity for adults and teenagers as well as children to participate in activities such as dyke dipping, bug hunting and learning more about the flowers and plants on the Marsh. It would be helpful for EVRA to know when would be the best time to run this for adults: A week day, late afternoon/evening or at the weekend? Let Vic Flute know if you are interested and your preferences by 17<sup>th</sup> April and we will see what we can arrange. You can contact Vic at: [vicechair.evra@gmail.com](mailto:vicechair.evra@gmail.com)

**Eaton Village Sunflower Competition:** We have received a donation of Sunflower seeds from Notcutts and you will find a number of seeds in the subscription envelope delivered with this Newsletter for you to plant in your front garden or pots to provide a colourful display. Our Autumn Newsletter in late August will invite you to tell us how tall and wide your sunflowers are and we will judge these and award prizes to the largest in each category. You will find information on supporting the environment on the EVRA website under Greening Eaton with details on how to get involved.

**Donkey Lane:** Rosemary and her team continue to do a great job managing the verges along Donkey Lane. We have a small number of helpers but could do with more. Anyone interested in joining Rosemary and her team will be very welcome. It is a social as well as an active session. Please contact Rosemary on Norwich 452185 or email: [rosesunny@live.co.uk](mailto:rosesunny@live.co.uk) for more information.

**EVRA WEBSITE & FACEBOOK:** The EVRA website is regularly updated with local events and information. Take a look at the website at: [www.eatonvillage.co.uk](http://www.eatonvillage.co.uk) for more information on any of the above items. Our Facebook page is used for posting items of immediate and short term interest and is a great way to keep in touch with local events. <https://www.facebook.com/eatonvillageresidentsassociation> Email contact: [evra.vc@live.co.uk](mailto:evra.vc@live.co.uk)