

# The Eaton Village Residents Association

## Autumn Newsletter 2022

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Welcome to this EVRA Autumn 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.

The Committee elected at the EVRA Annual General Meeting (AGM) in October 2019 has continued in post throughout the past two years during lockdowns and other restrictions which prevented EVRA holding a public meeting. We are pleased to announce that we will hold an **AGM on 19th October 2022 at Eaton Golf Club at 7.30pm** where we can again meet and formally conduct the business of the Association including presentation of reports and accounts for 2022 and election of the Committee. We will also formally present for adoption the Annual Reports and Audited Accounts for 2020 and 2021 which were distributed to residents with the Autumn Newsletters for those years. For the second half of the AGM we will have a presentation on the History of Eaton from Vivien Humber. Vivien has a wealth of knowledge about old Eaton and writes articles on the history of Eaton for the Parish Magazine.

We would be pleased to hear from you if you are interested in helping with the work of the Association or interested in joining the Committee. Contact Chris Stebbing at: [evra.vc@live.co.uk](mailto:evra.vc@live.co.uk) or phone 503301 for further information. 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.

The current EVRA Committee 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); Kathleen Westwell, Bernard Godding, Sharon Atkinson, and Carol Plunkett. 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.

**Speeding around Eaton Village:** It is a year since the Speed Awareness Monitor (SAM) sign was first installed on Sunningdale at the beginning of August 2021 and we now have twelve months of data on the number of vehicles and their speed around Eaton. The sign is regularly moved between Sunningdale, Greenways and two locations on Church Lane and also shared with Judges Walk. The sign is moved every four weeks by Eaton volunteers and the data is shared with our local Councillors, Highways Team at County Hall and our Neighbourhood Policing Team. A summary table of the data is posted on the EVRA website at: <https://eatonvillage.co.uk/local-issues/eaton-speed-awareness-monitor/>

The summary table shows that the overall average speed for all areas is just over 20mph but that the average speed for 85% of vehicles exceeds 25mph. The section of Church Lane by the Eaton Burial Ground has the highest percentage of speeders with speeds of 55mph recorded in the 20mph Zone. The data shows that some 5000 vehicles per day use the section of Church Lane between Greenways and Eaton Street with Eaton Primary School traffic accounting for around 800 of the vehicle movements per day during term time. For the past few years EVRA has been working with our Councillors and Norfolk Highways to provide some form of traffic calming or Zebra Crossing to assist pedestrians crossing Church Lane near to Waitrose. A raised table was included in the original 20mph proposals for Eaton Village but has not been taken forward by the County Council Highways Department.

**Village Sign Refurbishment Project:** – Our project to raise funds for the refurbishment of our 66 year old Village Sign reached its target and the sign has now been delivered to the workshop in Hingham ready for a major overhaul. 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 £2900 towards this work through your generous donations and support for EVRA events and from local businesses. An inspection by the City Council determined that the post did not require replacement which saved several hundred pounds but we will incur a charge for Vat which we had hoped to avoid. The sign should be refurbished and ready to resume its place on Eaton Street in October. Further information can be found on the EVRA website at: <https://eatonvillage.co.uk/local-issues/eaton-village-sign/>

**EVRA Events:** It has been a busy time for your Committee who have organised several key events during the summer.

**The Big Picnic** celebrations for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June had to be hastily re-arranged to an indoor venue following forecasts of heavy rain. The 34<sup>th</sup> Norwich Scouts allowed us to use their premises which enabled attendees to have their picnic indoors while being entertained by local singer Kyle.

During a very hot week in July we held our annual **Scarecrow Festival** with 22 entries on display around the Village with a theme of "Highlights of the Queen's Reign". As usual, we had a lot of inventive and interesting scarecrows. Our **Family Fun Day** at the Cellar House was on another sweltering day but attendees helped to raise £240 for EVRA projects. The week was rounded off with a number of garage sales around the Village. Money raised from cake sales and garage sale donations contributed a further £240 towards EVRA funds. Photos of the scarecrows can be found on the EVRA website at: <https://eatonvillage.co.uk/events/groups-clubs-activities/eaton-scarecrow-photos-july-2022/>

The very hot and dry summer also impacted on our **Sunflower Competition** which we had to bring forward because of blooms reaching their peak earlier than expected. The sunflowers were grown from seed distributed with the Spring Newsletter. A couple of Committee members visited and measured the flowers with the tallest so far on Greenways reaching a height of 290cm (9ft 6ins) with a flower 36cm (14ins) across. See the EVRA website and Facebook page for the final results.

**Pumpkin Trail:** We plan to organise another Pumpkin Trail around the Village on Monday 31st October. This will be a family friendly event where you follow the Trail Map, collect clues and try and solve the Halloween themed anagram. Trail maps and further information will be published on the EVRA website and Facebook pages towards the end of October.

**Community Event:** We are looking at holding a community event probably in the New Year and will provide further information on this on our website once plans are in place.

**Future Projects:** Over the past few years EVRA has raised funds for new equipment for the Eaton Green Playground and for the refurbishment of the Village Sign. The Committee would welcome residents' thoughts on what new projects we might do next for our community. These could be environmental projects to support local nature or new facilities to aid our residents such as benches. As well as ideas and suggestions we really need your help and assistance in taking forward our projects. We have some funds to support small projects but for larger scale projects we would need help in planning and fundraising activities. You can send your ideas via email to: [evra.vc@live.co.uk](mailto:evra.vc@live.co.uk) or leave a message in the EVRA postbox behind the check-outs in Waitrose. Or, come along to the EVRA AGM on 19th October and tell us about your ideas. You could offer to join the Committee and help take the projects forward. The EVRA Committee meets alternate months and forms sub-committees to deal with particular projects so membership is not too onerous. The EVRA Committee will consider each idea submitted and determine which should be taken forward and how.

**Donkey Lane:** The hot and very dry weather has taken its toll on the great work that Rosemary and her team does managing the verges and banks along Donkey Lane. There will be a fair bit of work needed to recover from the drought and Rosemary would welcome more volunteers to help with this. You don't need to be a gardener to help out as Rosemary and team will provide guidance and equipment. It is a social as well as an active session and an opportunity to help maintain a natural area within our community. Please contact Rosemary on Norwich 452185 or email: [rosesunny@live.co.uk](mailto:rosesunny@live.co.uk) for more information.

**EVRA Subscriptions:** Thank you to all residents who have paid their EVRA subscription for 2022 – it is never too late to pay! The EVRA subscription remains at £1 per household or business but additional donations are very welcome to support our activities and projects. We are extremely grateful for your support which enables EVRA to pay necessary expenses such as insurance and the cost of printing Newsletters and also fund projects such as the Village Sign Refurbishment and Eaton Green Playground equipment. More residents are now choosing to pay their subscriptions directly via online banking and many include additional donations. (The EVRA bank 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.

**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)