

# The Eaton Village Residents Association

## Spring Newsletter 2023

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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 EVRA were able to hold an AGM in October 2022 and the Committee elected is as follows: 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, Kathleen Westwell, Fiona Bradshaw, Natasha Simpkin, Kristina Everett and Adam Everett. Draft minutes of the 2022 AGM have been posted on the EVRA website under the About EVRA tab. City Councillor Caroline Ackroyd also attends our Committee meetings as a representative of our local Councillors. 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.

**Village Sign Refurbishment Project** – Our 66 year old Village Sign is currently at a workshop in Hingham being refurbished. The work was delayed because of an accident to the workshop owner but the refurbishment has started and should be completed during March. The City Council will collect the sign and reinstall it on the newly painted post. When we know the return and installation date we will make an announcement on the EVRA website and arrange an official unveiling to welcome the sign home. The sign was presented to the City Council in July 1956 and over the years EVRA has taken the lead on raising funds for its refurbishment including raising £2900 for the current major overhaul and refurbishment.

**Speeding around Eaton Village:** EVRA continue to monitor vehicle speeds around the Village via the Speed Awareness Monitor (SAM) acquired by our County Councillor. We now have around 18 months of data which highlights that the speeding hot-spot is Church Lane by Eaton Burial Ground where 30% of vehicles exceed 25mph compared to fewer than 20% in other locations. Here, fifty or more vehicles a day exceed 30mph with speeds of 40 and 50mph not uncommon. The sign is moved monthly through a team of volunteers to locations on Sunningdale, Greenways, Church Lane and Judges Walk. The summary data is posted on the EVRA website at: <https://eatonvillage.co.uk/local-issues/eaton-speed-awareness-monitor/> and is shared with our Councillors, the Eaton Beat Police Officer and officers at County Hall.

**Church Lane crossing:** EVRA is working with our County Councillor to have a zebra crossing/raised table installed on Church Lane to assist pedestrians crossing near the shops. Proposals were included in the implementation of the 20mph Zone and discussions with County Hall have been going on for some years now but still not resolved. Around 5000 vehicles a day use this section of Church Lane making the road difficult to cross at busy times for our residents.

**Friends of Donkey Lane:** In 2015 EVRA signed an agreement with the City Council to assist with the maintenance of the banks and verges on Donkey Lane. Since then, Rosemary Benton and her team of volunteers have done a great job planting 1000s of trees and bulbs and keeping the brambles and nettles at bay. They meet most weeks but eight years on the work has become physically too demanding for the team. EVRA wish to continue to manage the lane as part of the green link between the adjacent SSSI site and Marston Marsh. We know that if we stop work on the lane that the City Council will only do the work necessary to maintain safety and all the hard work of our volunteers to create an attractive area will be wasted. Our thoughts are that we establish a new family friendly "Friends of Donkey Lane" group which meets monthly for a few hours on a weekend to keep the banks and verges under control. The tasks would depend on the season but include managing invasive plants, planting new trees and other suitable plants, clearing leaves in Autumn and litter picking. We already have some tools such as loppers and a wheelbarrow we can use. We aim to make this a family friendly and sociable work session so why not join in and bring the family. You can register your interest by email to: [evra.vc@live.co.uk](mailto:evra.vc@live.co.uk) or phone Chris Stebbing on Norwich 503301. See the EVRA website for more information at: <https://eatonvillage.co.uk/local-issues/donkey-lane-management/>

**Village Environment:** Several residents have contacted EVRA about the increased amount of dog poo around the Village. Can we politely remind dog owners to pick up and bag their dog poo and deposit this in a waste bin and not throw the bags into a hedge! Problem dog fouling can be reported on the City Council website. We have also received emails about the state of some verges along our roads, particularly where contractor's vehicles have been parked on these during building works. Arranging for the repair and reseeded of these on completion of works would be helpful.

**EVRA Subscriptions:** We include an envelope for your EVRA subscription which remains at £1 per household or business but we welcome additional donations to support our activities and projects. Many residents are now choosing to pay their subscriptions directly into the EVRA bank account including 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/cheque 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 projects such as the Village Sign and new Playground equipment for Eaton Green.

**EVRA Events for 2023:** Below is a summary of the forthcoming events organised by the EVRA Events Planning Team. Contact email for EVRA events is: [events.evra@gmail.com](mailto:events.evra@gmail.com) Further information on these and other items in this Newsletter can be found on the EVRA website at: [www.eatonvillage.co.uk](http://www.eatonvillage.co.uk). EVRA also has a Facebook page which is used for posting items of immediate and short term interest and is a great way to keep in touch with local events. You can find us at: <https://www.facebook.com/eatonvillageresidentsassociation>

**Spring/Easter Trail around Eaton Village:** We are holding a bigger and better Spring/Easter Trail around Eaton Village over the Easter week - Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> to Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2023 - with clues to help you solve a Spring/Easter themed anagram. The location of clues will be marked on a downloadable Trail Map posted on the EVRA website nearer the time. Residents can follow the Trail and vote for their favourite display and also enter their answer to the anagram in a prize draw. We thank Smith and Pinching for their support and for sponsoring the prizes of Easter eggs for the winners of the prize draw and favourite display. See the EVRA website and Facebook page for more information.

**Defibrillator Training:** We have an AED outside Waitrose on Church Lane in Eaton Village but do you know how to use this life-saving defibrillator? EVRA and Norfolk Accident Rescue Service (NARS) invite you to sign-up for one of our training sessions on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April at St. Andrew's Church Hall, Church lane, Eaton. We are holding 4 one-hour defibrillator and CPR training sessions at 2pm, 3pm, 4pm and 6pm. Places for each session are strictly limited but can be booked by emailing Vic at: [events.evra@gmail.com](mailto:events.evra@gmail.com) or, alternatively phone 01603 457802.

**EVRA quiz night:** Join us for a quiz on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2023 from 7pm-9pm at St Andrew's Church Hall, Church Lane, Eaton. Entry is £3 per person with teams of up to 6 people - payment on the night. Sign up by email to: [events.evra@gmail.com](mailto:events.evra@gmail.com) or through the EVRA website or by calling 01603 947102. Light refreshments provided and you're welcome to bring your own drinks and food also.

**Table Top Sale:** EVRA invite you to a table sale in St Andrew's Church Hall on Saturday morning 10<sup>th</sup> June from 9am to 1pm. Book a table to sell your unwanted items or come along for a browse and get your retail therapy in an environmentally and pocket friendly way! Early booking recommended as the number of tables will be limited. Cost is £10 per table. Refreshments will be on sale in the Church Hall for sellers and buyers. Book via the EVRA Events email at: [events.evra@gmail.com](mailto:events.evra@gmail.com)

**2023 Scarecrow Trail:** The EVRA Scarecrow Festival has taken place since 2010 and our 2023 festival will celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Disney. This will be held around Eaton Village from Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July to Sunday 23<sup>th</sup> July 2023 and the theme will be "A Character from a Disney Film" but traditional style scarecrows are also welcome to join in our Trail. 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 – 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> July. Please let us know at: [events.evra@gmail.com](mailto:events.evra@gmail.com) if you are planning a scarecrow and/or a garage sale (£5 entry fee) and we will add you to our Trail Map. Further information will be published on the EVRA website and Facebook page.

**EVRA Family Fun Day – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July at the Cellar House from 12 noon onwards.** 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. Please contact Vic Flute on: [events.evra@gmail.com](mailto:events.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. 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.