

The Great Eastbury Treasure Hunt

Sunday 27th June 2021

10:30 – 13:00

Eastbury Farm School

Free for everyone

Please sign up on our website



This event will be dependent on government restrictions, at the time.
Please keep an eye on our website for up-to-date information

Supported by Fruity Fresh, Green Lane, Northwood

See Page 3 for more



Annual General Meeting (AGM)

We welcome you to join our AGM where we will be:

- Electing new committee members
- Receiving a report from ERFAG
 - Discussing COVID recovery
- Engaging with community concerns

Please join us from 8:15pm to 9:30pm
Wednesday 30th June at Eastbury Farm School

Sign up with your details on our website for updates
www.eastburyresidents.com

* This meeting is subject to government restrictions at the time.
If required, we will change to a Zoom meeting. Check our website



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**Join the ERA
Free Membership
for 2021**

Eastbury has
1,300 residences

**Be part of your
community**

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A Note from our Chairman

Well, here is another edition of our new look Newsletter and in many ways, it has been a stressful and disappointing period since our Spring edition. We thought our Easter Egg hunt might actually happen and then the continued lockdown saw it cancelled, though it has happily morphed into the Treasure Hunt to be held on 27th June.

We need to give you notice that our AGM is scheduled to take place at Eastbury Farm School on Wednesday 30th June at 8:15pm. We are starting slightly later than usual to allow for a bit of leeway with the school's open evening. This will be our 67th annual meeting. Our last was held only by Zoom and was poorly attended so we hope to see as many of you there as possible now a real gathering is allowed (and I am assuming no more lockdowns here). All residents are welcome though, of course, only ERA Members may vote.

Who would have believed that pandemic restrictions would still be controlling our lives until now? Well actually, I did, so no surprise to me but whether one was optimistic or pessimistic it has taken its toll on all of us by increasing tension and anxiety. At the same time, we have seen a tremendous "coming together" of community activity and neighbourliness which we all hope will continue.

In this vein I would like to appeal to you take an interest in ERA activities and perhaps you might consider putting your name forward to join the Committee? Several committee members are stepping down after giving us incredible support, in some cases for very many years. Andy Tooley (Deputy Chair) deserves a special 'thank you' for his twelve years of dedicated service holding the various incarnations of the committee together and a special thank you also goes to our wonderful Secretary, Ginny Nevill. After her past years of dedicated commitment, Kamla Patel (Membership Secretary) has to leave us because she has moved out of Eastbury and Craige Coren, having woken us up to many issues, has moved on to the Batchworth Community Council. We sincerely thank them all for their tremendous contributions and wish them well for the future.



David Caiden

Eastbury Residents Flood Action Group (ERFAG)

As reported in our Spring Newsletter, the Eastbury Residents Flood Action Group (ERFAG) Committee continues to work with all relevant authorities to try to reduce the risk of local flooding within our area. The most recent "**All Agency**" meeting (these are generally attended by representatives from the County Council Flood Management Group, County Highways, the Environment Agency, Thames Water and TfL) being held on **18th May 2021**. This was the eighth such meeting we have held. We were told that **the Surface Water Management Plan (SWMP report) will shortly be published**. This will identify the measures that may be taken to **reduce flood risk** in our area to an acceptable level.

This May was obviously one of the wettest on record and the heavy hail thunderstorms were a real worry for us. However, the fact that it was hail may have helped avoid serious flooding as the melt provided a slow release to the drainage system. Of course, recent pipe clearances were also some help.

I mentioned the flawed Permitted Development rules in the last Newsletter and had an article about this published in the on-line edition of New Civil Engineer magazine which can be accessed here: <https://www.newcivilengineer.com/latest/is-proposed-planning-policy-fit-for-purpose-if-were-flooding-our-suburbs-26-02-2021/>

However, while I am not hopeful that we will see any changes in government policy in this regard I am pleased to note that our local planning committees are now more alert to surface water drainage issues and are flagging the issue when referring planning applications to Three Rivers.

I do urge everyone to **report any flooding**, however slight to the County. This can be done on-line or on the Flood Incident Hotline which is **0800 807060**. I also urge everyone to report blocked street gully gratings (now called "drains" on the website) to the County Highways department on-line. This can be done at <https://eservices.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/hidden/hfr-flooding?cat=flooding&type=FL09>

Lastly, the ERFAG group can be contacted on eastburyfloodactiongroup@gmail.com

From your ERFAG representative, David Caiden

Neighbourhood Plan



The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has continued to progress the Plan since our last Newsletter with meetings being held on a monthly basis. In addition to the eight Focus Group meetings reported last time, another Focus Group meeting was held via Zoom covering the Moor Park parade of shops. This was a very well attended meeting with some lively discussion and suggestions being made.

Further meetings have also continued with our (BCC) engaged consultant (Troy) as well as the national Neighbourhood Plan consultant (AECOM) who are undertaking a Housing Needs Assessment (HNA) for us as well as drafting some proposed Design Codes.

The next phase of public consultation, which can be regarded as the interim consultation before publishing the Draft Plan for referendum, will start very soon (or may indeed have started by the time this Newsletter gets printed and delivered). A package of data will be available on the website (<https://www.batchworthplan.org.uk/>) for you to peruse. This will present the draft ideas and policies gleaned from the information and public feedback collated so far and will be in a fairly condensed form that should be easy to assimilate.

Meanwhile, Three Rivers has published its updated list of potential 'Sites for Allocation' for the whole of the District and documents can be downloaded from ([local-plan-regulation-18-part-2-potential-sites-for-allocation](https://www.threerivers.gov.uk/local-plan-regulation-18-part-2-potential-sites-for-allocation)).

Report submitted by David Caiden



Let's celebrate the start of Summer!

We here at the Eastbury Residents Association (ERA) are excited to be organising a Treasure Hunt for all the family on **Sunday 27th June 2021**. We bring you this event in partnership with Eastbury Farm School and sponsored by Fruity Fresh.

It has been a long time since any of us have been able to socialise properly so what could be better than taking this opportunity to enjoy the lifting of restrictions and engage in a **free**, fun, family-friendly community event. We are holding a bake sale and are seeking cake donations from the community for Children's Hospice Week supporting 'Together for Short Lives'.

There will be three courses with a range of difficulties for ages 3-6, 7-10 and 11+, all supervised by an adult in teams of six. To register with your team and for future updates, please sign up at <https://eastburyresidents.com/> and follow us on Facebook, NextDoor or WhatsApp.

It would great to have you along to make this a memorable local event. Please spread the word and remember to **sign up to secure your tickets**.

We look forward to seeing you!

If you have any queries or would like to volunteer, please email committee@eastburyresidents.com



Facebook Event Link



Any Staycation plans?

Thinking about Summer? Bored of staying indoors? Want to explore? We at the ERA have come up with a list of local attractions which will make your Staycation all the better!

Some of our favourites are:

- Walking down Ebury Way and The Grand Union Canal
- Cycling or Walking on the London Loop
- Walking and Picnicking at the Rickmansworth Aquadrome
- Exploring Croxley Common Moor
- Trekking through Oxhey Woods and its Sculpture Trail
- Rambling down the Chess Valley Walk

Did you know?

Every year in May, Rickmansworth holds a Festival – the next one is 21st - 22nd May 2022

Perhaps you're not an outdoors person, there are still plenty of events for you. You might find something interesting at Watersmeet in Rickmansworth (a unique venue that offers the chance to watch theatre, films and shows), at the Chorleywood House Estate (a 170-acre estate owned by Three Rivers), Chenies Manor Estate (with its award-winning gardens), or Three Rivers Museum (a quaint view into our shared past).

For those with children looking at <https://www.threeriversleisure.co.uk/> might give you the break you need. There are plenty of art, sport and nature activities to join in. We hope you will have a super staycation summer, these events along with our very own **Eastbury Summer Treasure Hunt** will prove fun for all the family.

What's going on at St Helen's?

The ERA was curious about the banner in front of the school and decided to find out more. The people at St Helen's were more than happy to tell us how there are doing their bit for the community, encouraging environmentally friendly behaviour from students and parents. Below is an article explaining how:

*To see the map of walking distances to school in more detail, go to our website. Perhaps other schools may follow!



I am the School Travel Plan Champion for St Helen's and work closely with the London Borough of Hillingdon, not only with their School Travel and Road Safety team (STARS), but also with the Parking Services Team (Traffic Wardens) to encourage parents to always adopt the "Park and Stride" approach. The School takes part in the STARS team's various initiatives, such as "Independent travel training", "Bikeability", "Road Safety", "Personal Safety", "Using Public Transport, etc. to encourage safe and sustainable travel. The School installed many bike and scooter racks, and we held a "Bikers' Breakfast" in 2019 for everyone who adopted this method of transport to travel to School. Sadly, due to the pandemic we have not been able to organise another breakfast, but we will definitely do it next summer!

With a large all-through (3-18) school like St Helen's, with pupils coming from far and wide, we do as much as we can to promote sustainable travel. Being so close to the tube station, the older pupils are encouraged to use this method of transport and the School runs coach services picking up from as far away as Beaconsfield, Ealing, Enfield and Elstree and families with children in Year 3 and up are encouraged to use this service, which is subsidised to keep costs down. If parents have to drive, then the "Park and Stride" or "Skip your ride, take a stride" message is constant, and families are encouraged to do all they can to adopt sustainable travel and healthy initiatives.

I run the Youth Travel Ambassador (YTA) team and it was they who came up with the catchy "Skip your ride, take a stride" strap line for the Walk Zone Map, which is displayed on the fence on Eastbury Road, the gates on Green Lane and also in the Prep School. Parents are asked to park between 5-10 minutes' walk away to reduce congestion on the roads surrounding St Helen's at the very busy dropping off and picking up times.

The YTA's are currently planning a whole School assembly to highlight "clean air, sustainable travel and the benefits of incorporating a walk every day". The pupils themselves worked out that if their parents dropped them off in the Green Lane car park and they walked to School, it was less stressful for all than sitting in their mums' car while she tried to find a parking space outside the school gates!

The digital version of the Walking Zone Map is on the parent portal and it will be sent to all new parents in their starter packs ready for September, along with the attached "Travelling to School" flyer.

The majority of parents are listening to the persistent messaging, but we know there is still a long way to go. I want to reassure the Eastbury Residents Association that St Helen's School is doing absolutely all that it can to encourage its parents and pupils to "Skip their ride and take a stride"!

Karen Campbell – St Helens School Travel Plan Champion (karen.campbell@sthelens.london)

Staying Connected

We have pulled together as a community over the last year and the ERA wanted to acknowledge the hard work people have made in looking out for each other. We want to appreciate some of these WhatsApp groups.

Eastbury Residents Association (official group)

The best group to find out all ERA related events and keep up to date with communications - to join scan the QR code on Page 1 or follow this [link](#) in the online version

Batchworth Neighbourhood Watch

A very active community concerned with the safety and character of the Neighbourhood working closely with elected representatives to bring change – to find out more speak to Shikha Bhatia

St Mary's Avenue

An extremely supportive community focusing on shared interests from flooding to health – to find out more speak to Suchira Peiris

Ardross Avenue

A close-knit community keeping communications clear and constant from security to road works – to find out more speak to Raj Patel

Davenham Avenue Issues

An invested community concerned with issues of parking, litter and development – to find out more speak to Chetan

If we missed out your group or you want to speak to one of the above group leaders, please let us know. Write in to committee@eastburyresidents.com

We need you

As we recover from this crisis it is a time of new beginnings to forge stronger ties amongst members of the community, to organise events, address common problems and support each other.

We are looking for new, invigorating members to join the committee to help us respond well to community concerns. Without enough members we will not be able to effectively represent you.

We are an important conduit between the residents and governmental authorities. The ERA is a voluntary apolitical, residents association with close ties to our elected representatives; we will support the community where we can, challenge councils and other organisations where we must, and build a resilient, connected society together.

If you would like to help, please send an email or chat with any of our committee members. We look forward to seeing you at our AGM on the 30th of June.

101 – Non-emergency
(Report a crime/incident)

111 – Non-emergency (NHS)

999 – All Emergency services

Mind – 0300 123 3393
(Advice and support to empower anyone experiencing a mental health problem)

TRDC Domestic Abuse Support –
01923 727141

Samaritans – 116 123
(Offers a safe place to talk about whatever's getting to you)

NSPCC – 0800 1111
(Help for children and young people)

NSPCC – 0808 800 5000
(Help for adults concerned about a child)

Cruse Bereavement Care –
0808 808 1677

Refuge – 0808 2000 247
(Support for women and children trying to escape domestic abuse)

Alzheimer's Society – 0333 150 3456
(support and advice on living with dementia)

Have you got a story to share? Or want to bring something to the attention of the Eastbury community? Let us know and we can add an article into our Autumn Newsletter!



Crime & Safety in Eastbury (the following information was found on <https://www.police.uk/>)

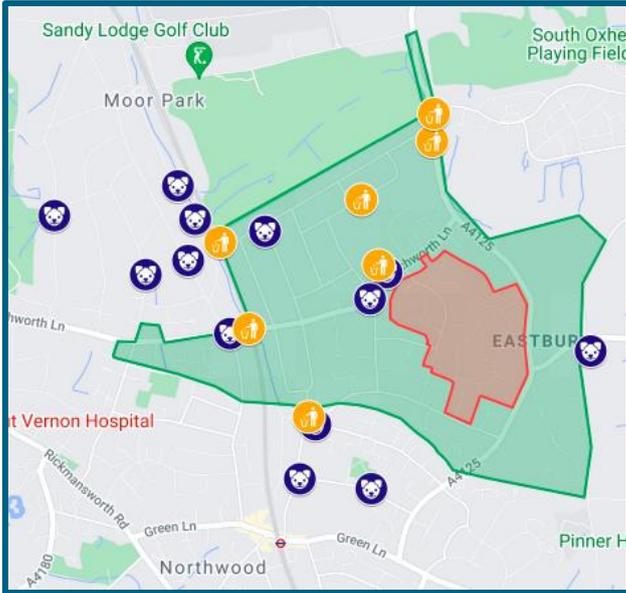
April 2021, 3 Crimes reported: 2 Vehicle crimes and 1 Public Order crime

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

The Community have raised concerns that there has been an increase in collisions on "The Woods" as you approach from Sandy Lane driving towards Prestwick Road. The community feel that due to the road layout, bus stop, and parking for the woodland area, they feel worried about crossing the road. Our second location will be Westbury Road and the aim will be to provide high visibility patrols and speed enforcement to reinforce the speed. We will do this mainly in daylight with a focus on School drop-off and pick-up times.

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Keeping Eastbury Clean



The majority of dog walkers responsibly dispose of their dog poo bags. A small minority unfortunately don't follow the rules.

TRDC Public Spaces Protection Order states that *dog fouling, where those in charge of the dog(s) do not remove the faeces from the land are guilty of a criminal offence.* See TRDC website "Space Protection Order"

An interactive version of the litter (orange litter, blue dog bins) map can be found on our [website](#), where you can zoom in on location.

We know many of you are responsible members of the community and strive to keep the place we live clean and tidy. In fact, there is an organisation called [Keep Britain Tidy](#) who are doing amazing work led by active communities across the country.

Let us know if you want to start this initiative.

Also, it appears that a rival, Eastbury of West Berkshire has organised a clean-up last year 😊

Encourage wildlife to your garden by adding water

The easiest way to add wildlife to a garden is to install a pond.

Preformed plastic ponds are available. But a large pot or even an inverted dustbin lid in an out-of-the-way spot will do.

Specialist garden centres have the expertise to advise on pond options and water plants. Make sure ponds have at least one sloping side, or a ramp to allow creatures an easy way out. Most wildlife, including amphibians such as newts and frogs, like shallower water than is generally thought.

We installed our pond a year ago and have been delighted as each new occupant arrives to live in our garden. We have a young granddaughter, so we have placed a grid over the pond for safety.

Fiona and Ian Cristol

Rubbish Removal

I recently helped a local resident to choose a company to cut down a tree and remove the wood. I used the government website environment.data.gov.uk to check whether these companies were registered to remove waste as required by law.

Out of the five companies we looked at only two were registered with the Environment agency to remove waste.

How you can prevent fly tipping?

Everyone has a legal 'duty of care' to ensure your household or business waste is disposed of correctly.

You can be prosecuted even if your waste is fly tipped by someone else on your behalf.

If it's YOUR waste, it's YOUR responsibility.

Always use a registered waste carrier to collect your rubbish. Follow the **S.C.R.A.P** code.

Suspect all waste carriers. Don't let them take your rubbish until they provide proof of registration and you have checked this on the government website. Also note their vehicle's registration plate.

Check that a waste carrier is registered with the [Environment Agency](#).

Refuse any unexpected offers to have your rubbish taken away.

Ask how your rubbish will be disposed of - seek evidence of this.

Paperwork must be obtained: a proper invoice, waste transfer note or receipt, including a description of the waste being removed and the waste carrier's contact details.

Ian Cristol

FLY TIPPING IS THE ILLEGAL DUMPING OF ITEMS



Batchworth Community Council

Eastbury - Moor Park - Rickmansworth

Changes to the BCC

Since the last ERA newsletter four new councillors have taken seats on Batchworth Community Council (BCC). The new councillors are Andrea Fraser, Mike Sims & Stephen Mander (all for Rickmansworth Ward) and Craige Coren (MP&E Ward). At the first new Council meeting these roles were allocated:

Chair Person, Andrea Fraser; **Vice Chair Person**, Craige Coren; **Finance Chair Person**, Alan Moss; **Planning Chair Person**, Craige Coren; **Staffing Chair Person**, Mike Sims.

On behalf of everyone in the community we would like to thank Alan Moss for his diligent work and in particular for restructuring the organisation to enable the new committee to proactively progress.

Some plans are still being affected by COVID but with light at the end of the tunnel and local elections completed we can now progress our aims for your benefit. Working with TRDC we are developing the final specifications and budgeting for the Rec "Outdoor Gym" and will undertake public consultation before implementation. Our Operational Plan for the forthcoming year was approved and will help with all aspects of the Council and we continue with the evaluation of the potential Batchworth Community Hall.

BCC is here to enhance and support the community of Eastbury, Moor Park and Rickmansworth. If you have any ideas and thoughts to help do this then please reach out to us. We look forward to hearing from you. (Our details are on the last page)

To help us please subscribe to our latest news by email from our website: <https://www.batchworth-ecc.gov.uk/contact-us/>

Cllr Craige Coren, Batchworth Community Council

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a BT Group business



Open Reach Update

Many of you will recall three to four months ago responding to an exercise Pankaj Anand and I were undertaking (initially separately) on behalf of the Eastbury Community to gain a better understanding as to when it would be likely that we would have access to fibre connectivity. We had seen Openreach laying cable throughout Eastbury in the 12 months prior but had yet to see any opportunities to purchase the service via one of the service providers. Investigations lead us to the need to complete a wider request document and with your help Pankaj completed this and submitted it.

We were then advised that it would take a few weeks for a proposal to be provided. When this was received it was clear that it was incomplete as it only covered 307 houses. For your information to get the fibre to go live the estimate was over £900 per house and we need 100% commitment. We undertook further investigations and had a telephone call with Openreach, and they committed to provide as with a further proposal. When this eventually arrived, it was for a reduced number of houses but at increased amount of money.

We have advised Openreach that their proposal is still covering the incorrect area (estimated to be c. 1350 homes) and they have apologised and are now working on a further revision. This is likely to be only Phase One of the work / investigations as we will still need to understand why we as residents have to pay fibre install fee (rather than the third-party suppliers with whom we will have to contract) and we would need Openreach to engage with third party suppliers and to obtain indicative contract prices.

If any of you have any form of fibre connection, then please do reach out to me. It has been rumoured that a few do and that could be helpful. As soon as we have any more updates or news, we will reach out to you. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me on cllr@corenhome.com

Cllr Craige Coren, Batchworth Community Council

WHO'S WHO?



Eastbury Residents Association's role

Our residents' association plays an important and active role in contributing to the welfare of our neighbourhood. We are in regular contact with councillors from Three Rivers, Hertfordshire, and Batchworth Community Council

Please get in touch with us to share your thoughts on any aspect of the Eastbury Community



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- Policing, Fire and Rescue
 - Schools and education
 - Building control
 - Roads and highways
 - Social care
 - Street lighting
 - Verge tree planting & maintenance
 - Grass verge maintenance
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 - Planning & environment
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 - Watersmeet
 - The Aquadrome
 - Eastbury Rec
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