



## Autumn Newsletter

As autumn moves into winter your committee try to plan events for the forthcoming year. This year is no different and various ideas have been suggested, however, if you have any ideas on what we could do please contact Janet, contact details above, and don't forget the Website! Our new website has gone live with thanks to resident Mark Templeman who is now our official Web Master. The site holds all the details on Eaton Rise Residents Association including how to contact us, our newsletter, clubs, everything to do with the hedge and forthcoming events, why not take a look?

The long awaited new edition of the popular Eaton Rise booklet is now available. After several months of hard research and writing by its editorial team it has arrived looking fresh and interesting, and still at the remarkably low price of £5 per copy. Why not buy one now to read on those grey winter evenings? If you would like one or more copies please contact Janet Bearman or Brian Curtis tel: 01603 452400.

Have you ever thought that you might like to become involved with our committee work, help with our events or perhaps deliver some of our Newsletters? We really could do with the help. New members and helpers are vital to the continuation of our Association; if we don't get this support then we may lose it!

We now welcome Mary-Barnes Clay into the role of Acting Chair since Kathleen has recently stood down as Chair. Kathleen will however continue on committee and remain as Co-Ordinator for the Hedge Scheme. Mary has been on committee for three years and has been Vice Chair for some time. We wish her well.

### Hedge News:

The hedge was designated a Roadside Nature Reserve in early summer. After some delay, posts will soon be permanently placed. In July we were included in the Anglia in Bloom competition. Richard Waterfield explained our project to the judges who were very impressed. This resulted in nominations for awards in three different categories at the Anglia in Bloom Awards ceremony held in St Albans. Kathleen went along to pick up our certificates. In August we were visited by the Britain in Bloom judges, this time Kathleen, Rebecca and Alfie met them to represent our cross generational volunteers. The judges asked many questions about how we began and the type and numbers of plants used. They were keen to hear about our community involvement and how residents rallied in support. Ignoring the pouring rain, they took a good look at the hedge to see all our hard work. Subsequently Kathleen was invited to attend the RHS Britain in Bloom Awards in Cleethorpes on October 12th to collect a 'National Award of Distinction' for our Ancient Hedge Conservation Scheme presented by Bob Flowerdew of Gardeners Question Time.



Sophie Dawson from the RHS said that 'it is an inspirational project, and one we should be proud of'. Which of course we are, but it's great to know that our work has been recognised nationally. Thanks to all our volunteers and those who have generously donated to our Hedge Fund

This autumn marks the final phase of our Hedge Conservation Scheme. Our bid for an 80% Community Grant from Norfolk County Council succeeded and in November 420 free whips will arrive from the Woodland Trust. Firstly we will be completing the planting at the Welsford Road end. This phase includes the section from Broadhurst corner to Constable Road bend. City council workers will be clearing out the dead and diseased trees and reducing the height in places. Our team of volunteers will follow with the clearance of Ivy and debris. This is essential before planting our native hedgerow plants. Work has begun and Kathleen will be calling on our team of volunteers to help with the work. They will be beavering away on various Saturday mornings through to March 2014. In November, weather permitting, we hope to plant 1000 Bluebell bulbs donated by Norwich in Bloom. Watch for our banners to mark a work day, you can't miss them! We always need helpers, so if you can join in please let Kathleen have your details. Contact her on 01603 454168 or check out our new website for up-to date news, pictures of the hedge, various awards and work dates. An historic timeline of the hedge is in preparation and will be added shortly.

### **Homewatch**

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Happily, Eaton Rise is a relatively untroubled area but to keep it that way we must continue to be aware. Winter is approaching with the possibility of slippery roads and paths but some of our less agile residents have pointed out what are, for them, additional hazards on the footpaths such as overhanging trees and hedges and stones from driveways.

### **Useful Contacts:**

Anti-Social behaviour: 01603 212100  
[asb@norwich.gov.uk](mailto:asb@norwich.gov.uk)  
Police non urgent: 101 (calls cost 10p)  
Crimestoppers: 0800 555111  
In an emergency, dial 999

### **Useful Information:**

Problems with Graffiti, Litter Accumulation, Fly Posting on Litter Bins and Utility boxes as well as dog fouling issue, go online to:  
[www.norwich.gov.uk/DoltOnline/Pages/TellUsAboutIt.aspx](http://www.norwich.gov.uk/DoltOnline/Pages/TellUsAboutIt.aspx)



### **Pavement Gritting**

In winter the County Council grits the main roads and the busier footpaths in the city centre. Other footpaths, including those on Eaton Rise, don't get gritted and can become icy treacherous, often for days on end, resulting in some residents becoming reluctant to leave home. Some parish councils in Norfolk have opted to grit their key footpaths themselves - would Eaton Rise residents be interested in doing the same? A hand-push gritter would cost the Residents' Association about £300 and we might be prepared to buy one if there were enough volunteers to push it! Salt/grit could be obtained from the bin already sited on the estate near the junction of Lyhart and Ipswich Roads, which is re-filled by the County Council'

We would need several volunteers per road to cover the whole estate so if you're interested in supporting this venture and prepared to volunteer, please contact Janet Bearman. We can then establish if such a scheme is workable and go into further detail.

### **Macmillan Coffee Morning**

Resident Mrs Jill Gent held a coffee morning at her home at 40 Lowther Road on Friday 27th September in aid of The Macmillan Nurses. With the help of her friends and local residents she was able to raise an astounding £733!

Jill would like to thank all those who attended and those who so generously donated. Also all her kind helpers without whom she could not have managed. She is planning next years event and asks that if anyone has any item suitable for a raffle or stall they would be gratefully accepted. Sadly Cancer strikes at the heart of so many families but it is good to know that we as a community can support Jill in her endeavours to help those who are fighting, and those who offer care and respite. If you can help please contact Jill on 01603 504053 or by email: [jillygent@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jillygent@yahoo.co.uk)

### **Quiz and Chips night**

Book the date in your diary for 8<sup>th</sup> February 2014.