

Fitzharry's Manor Estate Residents' Association

Annual Report - October 2022

Welcome

Welcome once again to the FMERA Annual Report, and an especially big welcome if you are a new resident of the Estate! The main goal of our Residents' Association is to foster a friendly community spirit through the news we share and events we organise, and it has been great to see more of you as we emerge from our COVID bubbles.

Your committee

The committee met on four occasions again this year (9th Dec, 15th Mar, 28th Apr, 22nd Sept), back to our usual routine of sociable meetings in one of our lounges. If you think you might like to join us for any of the meetings next year, please let one of us know. We are:

| Name | Role |
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| Nick Pumphrey | Chairman |
| Matt Franklin | Secretary |
| Paul Mason | Treasurer |
| Mike Evans | Archivist |
| Marion Evans | Member |
| Andy Pearl | Member |
| David Pope | Member |
| Nick Shephard | Member |

At the end of last year Nick Shephard stepped back from his role as secretary, and Matt Franklin kindly agreed to step into the breach. Many thanks to Nick Shephard for all his years as Secretary!

AGM 2021

Last year's AGM was held on 19th October in St Nicolas' School's Community Room. In addition to the usual agenda items of the previous minutes, Annual Report and Treasurer's Report, we discussed various topics that affected residents including the Hazard Survey and the move to make local roads 20mph, and the School Streets initiative affecting school run traffic.

Advent Calendar and Carol Singing

Thanks to everybody who decorated a window for the Estate Advent Calendar, and to Mike Evans who organised it this time. A [link to an online album](#) of all the windows was shared via email, and the winner was window number 1 (93 Bath Street). Carol Singing on Nuneham Square on 14th December helped celebrate the festive season.



Green Initiatives

One idea emerging from our AGM was to hold a series of Zoom calls to discuss environmentally friendly topics. These were very popular, and the first call covered solar power and home batteries. Following the loan of a thermal imaging camera from the Council, another call covered energy conservation, and lots of great tips were shared.

Easter Egg Hunt

The Egg Hunt was back on this year (on the Bank Holiday Monday, 18th April), and was very popular with the growing number of children on the estate.

Jubilee Summer Party Lunch

This year the Summer Party was combined with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Lunch, and was held on The Manor Green on Sunday 5th June. Thankfully the rain held off, and there was an excellent turn out. The bring-and-share buffet had an incredible spread of all kinds of food (including several delicious versions of Jubilee Trifle) and the complementary bar and ice cream stall we ran "sold out" in record time! Don't forget, our marquee and tables are available for residents to hire for their own events, and this year we have bought a set of 48 wine glasses to go with them too!



Litter Picking

We have bought another set of 10 litter pickers this year, free for anyone on the estate to borrow. Several pickers have been loaned out to Duke of Edinburgh Award volunteers, as we offer litter picking as an activity for the Award.

75th Anniversary Tree Planting

Marion Evans polled residents to gauge support for more tree planting on the estate to mark its 75th Anniversary. There was good support for the scheme in general, but consensus could not be reached on specifically where to plant the trees so plans are on hold for now.

FMERA emails

We make good use of emails to communicate our news, through nearly 20 Newsletters and over 30 Roundabout alerts this year. For those who aren't able to receive emails we try to find a neighbour or relative who can help pass on the relevant news. Please let us know if your email address changes, or if you'd like to add another family member to the list. Also, feel free to get in touch if you have anything you'd like to rehome locally, or if you need anything (items, advice, recommendations, tools to borrow, etc), or if there's something (information, event, etc.) you'd like to share with everyone.

Facebook

The Fitzharry's Manor Estate Facebook site continues to grow, with 92 members. There have been hundreds of posts over the last year, covering numerous topics such as:

- Information about local events
- Posts about bin collections, scams, bat recordings, damaged trees and missing pets
- Free stuff such as furniture, nursery items, toys, plants and seeds, doors and tiles
- Items wanted or for sale
- Recommendations sought, e.g. for building work or music teachers

The site can be found here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1994018137510006>