

# Fitzharry's Manor Estate Residents' Association

## Annual Report - October 2024

### 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, so thank you to everyone who joins in.

### Your committee

The committee met on four occasions again this year (5<sup>th</sup> Dec, 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar, 6<sup>th</sup> Jun, 10<sup>th</sup> Sept). We are:

Name	Role
Nick Pumphrey	Chairman
Matt Franklin	Secretary
Paul Mason	Treasurer
Mike Evans	Archivist
Marion Evans	Member
Andy Pearl	Member
David Pope	Member
Briony Penneck	Member
David Busby	Neighbourhood Watch

We are always keen to have new members, so if you think you might like to join us for any of the meetings next year please let one of us know.

### AGM 2023

Last year's AGM was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November in St Nicolas' School's Community Room. We covered the usual agenda items including reviewing last year's minutes, the Annual Report, Treasurer's Report, Website Update and discussing various topics that affect residents (such as estate maintenance and antisocial behaviour). Also, we were treated to a very interesting talk on The Life of Bees by David Busby.

### Advent Calendar and Carol Singing

Thanks to everybody who decorated a window for the Estate Advent Calendar, and to Rebecca Franklin who organised it last year. It was lovely to see the bright and festive displays counting down the days to Christmas, and we raised £135 for Helen & Douglas House. Sally Mears kindly organised Carol Singing again on 23<sup>rd</sup> December.



### Easter Egg Hunt

Our traditional Easter Egg Hunt was on the Easter Bank Holiday Monday, which this year fell on 1<sup>st</sup> April - but luckily there were no Fools there!



## Summer Party

This year the Summer Party was held on 30<sup>th</sup> June, on the Manor Green. We were lucky with the weather and a large number of residents came to browse the book stall, visit the Swap Shop, share the fantastic assortment of cakes and savoury snacks, and meet their neighbours. Thanks again to everyone who came and made it a great day. Don't forget, our marquee is available for residents to hire for just £5 (plus £2.50 per extra day), and we also have tables, wine glasses and small tumbler glasses (new this year) available to borrow - contact me at [nickpumphrey1@gmail.com](mailto:nickpumphrey1@gmail.com) for more info.



## Litter Picking

There were two litterpicks organised again this year, once in Spring and once in Autumn (2<sup>nd</sup> March and 5<sup>th</sup> October). There was a slight panic when the litter pickers went missing after our Autumn Litterpick, but thankfully they had been taken in for safekeeping and were soon returned. Don't forget you are welcome to borrow one, and we can arrange litter-picking as a Duke of Edinburgh Award volunteering activity if you know anyone who may be interested.

## Estate Footpaths

The various alleyways joining our estate together were never transferred from the UKAEA to the council as they were not deemed in a fit state. After decades of neglect there may be a breakthrough to this impasse as UKAEA are finally addressing this issue. For most other issues on our estate we should continue to report them via [www.FixMyStreet.com](http://www.FixMyStreet.com).

## FMERA emails

Last year we sent 14 Newsletter emails about the events we run. We also sent around 30 Roundabout emails covering a multitude of topics from items offered or wanted, scam alerts, missing pets, upcoming local events, requests for information, advice or recommendations, and a call to join our new Gardening Club. Please get in touch with me if you have anything you'd like to share.

## Facebook and website

The Fitzharry's Manor Estate Facebook site continues to grow, with 108 members, and there have been hundreds of posts over the last year. Join us here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1994018137510006>

We also maintain our website: <http://fitzmanorestate.org.uk/>, which is getting more visitors year on year. Please have a look and let us know (via the Contact Us page) what additions or improvements you would like to see.