# College Ward Residents Association

**Spring 2025**

## LOCAL PEOPLE DEALING WITH LOCAL ISSUES

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## Notice of AGM

**Wednesday 19 March 2025 7.30pm**

**At The Queen's Stand, Epsom Downs Racecourse**

**AGM Agenda**

1. Welcome
2. Approval of the minutes of AGM held on 17 April 2024
3. Treasurer's Report and adoption of the accounts for 2024
4. Election of the Honorary Auditor
5. Election of committee members for 2025-26
6. Chairman's Report and Report from Surrey County Councillor Steven McCormick
7. Speaker: Lionel Blackman speaking on "The Importance of Local Journalism"
8. Q&A

## Lionel Blackman, Director of The Epsom & Ewell Times

Lionel Blackman was brought up in Epsom and Ewell and was active in its local politics from aged 16. He was briefly a local councillor after an unexpected victory in a by-election. His career is in the law with much of his time devoted to international human rights projects. Currently he directs The Solicitors International Human Rights Group, "Surrey Stands With Ukraine", The Epsom Jazz Club and The Friends of Horton Cemetery. Like charity, "accountability" begins at home and so he became co-founder, principal promoter and director of The Epsom and Ewell Times.

## THE END OF EPSOM AND EWELL BOROUGH COUNCIL

Central government has now agreed to reorganise Surrey County Council following the release of a white paper on how it plans to reorganise local government. The County Council elections due on the 1 May 2025 have been postponed to May 2026. Both Surrey County Council and Epsom & Ewell Borough Council will get abolished and replaced with a unitary council. The number and size are still to be determined.

**Let us know what you think by scanning this QR code**

Councillor Steve McCormick

## Local Plan

The consultation stage for the local plan has now finished. The local plan needs to be submitted before 12 March to work with the original housing numbers and not miss this pivotal deadline which will certainly mean unachievable housing requirements in our borough.

## Twinning- Epsom and Ewell twinned with Chantilly

In 1995 the Council established a twinning relationship with Chantilly. It was chosen to twin with Epsom because of the horse racing links. The town is also known for Chantilly cream and lace. It is a beautiful place with an impressive chateau. The chateau has the largest collection of paintings in France apart from the Louvre. Chantilly is approximately 35 miles north of Paris and it takes approximately 4.5 hours by car from Epsom to reach the town.

The Epsom and Ewell Town Twinning Association actively supports the Council by arranging a number of events, both sporting and cultural.

For more information about the Twinning Association please email diana@epsomtwinning.com

Chantilly, France

## The Chalk Pit

We are still waiting for the two outstanding planning applications to come before the Surrey County Council planning committee. Councillor McCormick raised a question at the recent SCC planning committee and March 2025 is likely for both applications to be heard.

Councillor McCormick continues to regularly meet with SCC, EEBC officers to get updates on progress and pose questions on items such as planning enforcement activities related to the site. Most recently questions have been raised on water contamination, dust analysis, traffic volume in and out of the site and operating hours. Regular meetings with residents continue.

Councillor Steve McCormick

Councillor McCormick is progressing further work with the installation of a HGV watch scheme in the area and he has requested additional signage at key points to highlight to HGV drivers the preferred routes they should consider.

## Mopeds in the High Street

The issue of delivery mopeds continues to plague Epsom High Street with other areas in the borough being impacted. Despite representations to restaurants and delivery companies there appears to be little respite in the issue. Further meetings are to be held and additional actions to include the Police and enforcement agencies are being considered.

## Subscriptions

CWRA has kept its subs at £3 again this year. Please use the enclosed envelope or give directly via the CWRA website by scanning this QR code.

## Proposed Aldi store – decision time

Aldi's proposed store is at the five-way junction.

As expected, Aldi has appealed the Planning Committee refusal from last July. The Planning Inspector will hold an appeal hearing lasting two days from 18 March and is expected to decide by the end of April.

CWRA has already sent in our objection on your behalf and are pleased that several of you have done the same. If you wish to attend the hearing at the EEBC Town Hall please email planningsupport@epsom-ewell.gov.uk with your name and address and your status within the context of the Hearing.

## Martial Arts Centre Update

Alternative construction options are being considered to replace the Martial Arts Centre in Alex Rec. Due to increases in pricing for the originally planned pre-made unit Councillor McCormick has asked for alternatives to be considered and is working closely with Nam Yang Martial Arts Centre.

## Contact Your SCC County Councillor, Steve McCormick

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**Are you receiving e-Bulletins?**

We send out e-Bulletins every month or two. Our aim is to keep you up to date with what is going on in the Ward and in the Borough. If you are not receiving them, please contact us on cwardra@gmail.com and we will add you to our mailing list.

**CONTACT CWRA:** If you have anything you wish to comment on or query please contact us by email: info@collegeward.org