



Newsletter October 2018

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Our Mission

We live in a beautiful part of the city with the lowest crime figures in the area and we want to keep it that way, so let's be good neighbours by looking out for and talking to each other. Active residents can ensure that we maintain and improve our environment and develop a community spirit.

Next Meeting of Residents

You are invited to attend the next meeting of Allesley Green Residents' Association on Tuesday 23rd October 2018. The meeting will be held at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Luther Way, off Eastern Green Road - commencing at 7.30 pm (please note the different venue and start time):

Agenda items will include:

- ❖ Feedback from a meeting with Coventry City Council Planning & Housing Policy Manager
- ❖ Councillors Report. - Our Woodlands Ward Councillors will be attending the meeting and available to answer your questions.
- ❖ Woodlands Ward Police Report.

Quiz Night / Fish Supper

Another very successful Quiz Night/Fish Supper was held on Friday 21 September 2018 and was well supported by Allesley Green Residents and members of St Andrews' Church. This has become a favourite social event where neighbours, church members and friends can pit their wits against each other.

Carols in the Close

We look forward to welcoming you to our annual 'Carols in the Close' event will be held in Birch Close, Allesley Green on Wednesday 19 December 6.00 pm – 8.00 pm. This event will be run jointly by the Residents' Association and St Andrews' Church. Mulled wine and mince pies will be provided.

Juniper Park

Our second bulb planting event will be held on Friday 26 October. The meeting point for those

wishing to support this event will be the children's playground in Juniper Park. Donations of bulbs will be very welcome.

AGRA have recently received a donation of three bird boxes from the RSPB, via the Coventry Diocesan Environment Group. These will be erected in appropriate spots around Juniper Park.

New Homes Development in Eastern Green

The AGRA committee recently met with Mark Andrews, Coventry City Council's Housing Policy Manager to gain an update on the progress of the development of Site H2:2 Eastern Green. Feedback on this meeting will be shared at the next Residents' meeting on 23 October 2018.

Latest plans for the development indicate an increase from the original plan of 2250 to 3220 an almost 50% increase. We have been advised that up to 25% of these homes will be affordable housing. This includes rental, such as Whitefriars and also shared ownership. Original traffic projections were based on the lower number of homes. We have requested that a review of the impact on traffic is undertaken.

Access roads and pathways from Juniper Drive and Juniper Park?

We understand that applications have been made by the greenbelt developers to have access roads from Juniper Drive and Juniper Park to the H2:2 site. These applications have currently been rejected but we remain concerned that further applications may be made. To ensure that the area is protected we will be seeking Village Green status for Juniper Park –

which if approved would safeguard this area from being an access point.

New grade separated junction from the A45

Government funding of £12 million pounds has been approved to assist in the early delivery of this large junction which is required to provide primary access to the development of the Eastern Green greenbelt. It is anticipated that work will commence on this junction mid 2019 for completion by 2021. We are concerned that increased road traffic and pollution will result.

The grade separated junction is the primary access to the new development - however, two access roads have been approved from Pickford Green Lane. This is to facilitate the development of the first 250 homes in 2019. Developers can commence ground clearance for industrial and commercial units prior to this junction being built.

A45/Pickford Way Roundabout

Work is progressing well to improve the safety and traffic flow around this area. Following the public meetings a pedestrian refuge on Park Hill Drive has been included as well as an additional set of traffic signals on the A45 (Birmingham) exit slip to provide a break in traffic for those using Rye Hill.

Coventry City Council are also looking at providing supplementary signage to the new Amazon site.

The additional works may extend the construction period but it is planned that additional resources will be utilised to pull this back into the original time frame of completion in November 2018.

Crime Status

AGRA committee members meet Woodlands Ward policing team bi-monthly to share community information and crime stats for the area. Information relating to local crime statistics can be obtained from the following link:

<https://www.police.uk/west-midlands/CV09/crime/>

Crime in Allesley Green for the month of September remains low. However, our local police have advised that as the darker nights are drawing in to

ensure that curtains are drawn and lights are on especially when out of the property. Doors and windows should be locked and keys out of sight as car key burglary still remains an issue across the city.

The next meeting of 'Coffee with a Copper' will be on Tuesday 16 October at the Serene Lounge at 10.30 – 12.00.

Boundary Change Plans

The UK's parliamentary boundaries look set to change, with the number of constituencies lowering from 650 to 600. Kenilworth is set to be moved into Coventry under plans unveiled by the Boundary Commission. The biggest local change will impact on what is currently known as Coventry South. The proposals, which still have to have final parliamentary approval would see the formation of a new constituency – 'Coventry South and Kenilworth' which will include the following neighbourhoods: Allesley Green, Eastern Green, Tile Hill, Canley, Earlsdon, Finham, Styvechale, Whoberley and Cheylesmore.

AGRA Membership

The Membership fee for the Allesley Green Residents' Association is £5.00 per household per year.

Membership Forms are available on our website – or can be paid to our Treasurer Ann Smith at 8 Birch Close.

Thank you to Tony Simons

The AGRA Committee wish to formally express thanks on behalf of all the Allesley Green Residents' Association members for the excellent job that Tony Simons had done in his 3+ years as Chair of AGRA and acknowledge that he 'will indeed be a hard act to follow'.

AGRA Committee

Ann Smith has kindly agreed to take on the role of Chair of the AGRA Committee and we welcome Alan Nixon as an ad hoc member of the committee, pending his formal acceptance into this role at the next residents' meeting.