

EASTGATE WARD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



AGM

Thursday 9th May 2019

Baptist Church Garland Street

7pm Start

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Please be aware these are your Councillors at time of printing. However there are local elections on May 2nd, please don't forget to vote.

New Committee Members Welcome

Become part of YOUR Community

Are there community issues affecting **YOUR** area where the Eastgate Ward Community Association can help?

We are looking for local people to join the EWCA to represent their areas.

Examples of Past Successes:

Sign on Eastgate Street

Zebra Crossing on Mustow Street

Gas pipe replacement Ram Meadow

Yellow Lines On Barwell Road

Improved drainage in Eastgate Street

Eastgate Weir dredged and monitored

Please come to the AGM and let us know your views or if you are willing to join the committee. We are a friendly bunch and meet 6 times a year and welcome any like-minded people willing to get involved in their local community.

What ambitious plans do the BWMG have for the Eastgate Wards Ram Meadow?

Guest Speaker

Andrew Hinchley

Chairman of the Bury Water Meadows Group

Bury Water Meadows Group (BWMG) was formed in 2013 to safeguard the piece of arable land known as the Leg of Mutton which has been in continuous agricultural use since before the dissolution of the monasteries. As the town grows there is a need to protect and restore the two rivers which run through the town and the surrounding water meadows for the good of wildlife and for the townspeople. The rare chalk streams of the Lark and Linnet are home to many species of plants and animals, some of which are endangered.

BWMG have built up a sizeable volunteer effort to work on maintaining Bury's water meadows and the Lark, working with the Borough (now West Suffolk) Council who own or lease over 100 acres of unique green space in the centre of our town..

The Ram Meadow water meadows are a new area for volunteer work which will be undertaken within a management plan which both the Council and BWMG volunteers will follow. The first stage has been the installation of fencing to allow sheep or cattle grazing, very similar to the successful project in No Mans Meadows between the Crankles and the rugby club. It is hoped that a focus on improving Ram Meadow can lead eventually to a designation as a Local Nature Reserve.

In the last year, BWMG has won a national award from the Wild Trout Trust for river conservation working with the community-based group that looks to improve the whole Lark, the River Lark Catchment Partnership.

Eastgate Ward Residents Association AGM

- Chairman's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Election of Officers

Any Other Business

Your chance to raise issues that affect you.....

- **Close Meeting**



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