



ETON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Eton Community Association Meeting on Wednesday, 8th October 2025 at The Hop House, The George Inn, Eton

Attendees:

Ros Rivaz, Anthony Cove, Monaliza Cadwallader, Sylvia Ellis, Ben Whitburn (TVP P2130), John Hunt, Julia Gosnell, Chris Spence, Barbara France, Heidi Knight, Roger Knight, Bryn Lee, Sandrine Cocks, Darren Hayes-Powell, Margaret Hayes-Powell (ETC Cllr), Maggie Waller (Co-Chair Governors, Eton Porny), Anna Pett (Eton Town Council clerk), Peter Eaton, Bridget Bartlett, Amanda Snell, Graeme Read, Deb Martin, Ron Lewandowski, David Waddleton, Stewart Rogers, Katherine Rogers, Mike Walker (part)

Apologies:

Christine Barber, Stephen Gosnell, Theresa Winstanley, Kim Carpenter, Simon Carpenter, Leonie Bryant, Cllr Mark Wilson (RBWM Cllr), Elizabeth McMahon, Hardip Virdee, Theresa Winstanley, Linda Tarbox, Dawn Lee, Dawn and David Palmieri.

1. Welcome and Apologies - RR

- i. The Chair welcomed all attendees and noted the apologies as listed.
- ii. Special thanks were given to the Thames Valley Police team for attending to present current crime and safety updates.

2. TVP Update - BW

- i. Between September and October 2025, there were 13 recorded incidents in Eton, including thefts of laptops, wallets and sunglasses from parked vehicles.
- ii. Criminal damage was reported in the High Street where plant pots were broken; similar issues occurred in Eton Wick with two ball-bearing impacts on property windows.

iii. Burglary at Atherton Court remains under forensic investigation.

iv. Anti-social behaviour (ASB) continues around the Brocas particularly in Summer, during end of exams and school leaving times; incidents are mainly caused by visitors, not fair operators.

v. Community feedback prioritises Anti-Social Behaviour, wrong way cycling down the High Street and problems caused by the night-time economy

vi. Reports of slingshot and catapult use harming wildlife continue; residents are urged not to confront perpetrators but to report details. DW had been shot at (reported 14th August). Residents also reported gunfire near Crown Farm and the Jubilee River; long-term clay-pigeon activity was noted in the area.

Action: e-mail PC Ben cc DW and Chris to give contact details to TVP

RR

vii. Cllr MHP is working with Matthew Barber (TVP and Crime Commissioner) on a PSPO to allow confiscation of catapults but our council are reported to be “dragging their heels”

Action: e-mail or write to Cllr Mark Wilson to support a PSPO to tackle catapults and slingshots

ALL of us

viii. Problems on Brocas Street and on the Brocas are at their worst just after school exams. TVP do try to patrol to move people on but we ask for a more pro-active approach. TVP are setting up a new unit ASB team. It may be an option to apply for them to target the area on known trouble dates

ix. E-scooters and cycling the wrong way on the High Street remain under enforcement, with monthly operations planned.

x. A new PCSO (Danny Colville) joins the team; Street Angels will assist in Eton during weekend night-time hours.

xi. Residents were encouraged to use the TVP online contact form for non-urgent matters and provide as much detail as possible.

Action: TVP – Continue monthly enforcement operations and maintain visible patrols in Eton and Eton Wick.

TVP

Action: Residents – Report ASB and slingshot incidents with specific times and descriptions.

ALL

3. Minutes & Matters Arising - RR

i. The Cockpit planning approval was noted with conditions eg CIL which has already been paid.

ii. Car parking: RBWM to trial 25% discounted rates between October–November 2025 and January–March 2026 to support local businesses.

iii. Litter bins: Request for larger bins remains under review by the Borough.

Action: follow up.

ETCouncil

iv. School lights: Still to be confirmed operational; further checks planned.

Action: Porny Governor MW – Follow up on school safety lighting.

4. Chair's Report - RR

i. High Street shops: 61 High Street (former Beaubelle) becoming an estate agents; 52A High Street (antiques) remains vacant; Cappadocia (former Eton Mess) have stopped responding to e-mails; Windsor Brides residential was refused; Eton Stationers to become a dentist; 109 former Venture upper floors now let, retail needs repair before letting; Gilbey's remains for sale at £1.8 million.

ii. Christmas lights: Funding discussions ongoing working with ETC; installations planned for end October for 13th November lights switch on event.

iii. Community issues: Residents reported wildlife harm (poisoned foxes) and misuse of catapults near the college grounds. – see section 2.

iv. Signage and street maintenance: Broken and faded signs reported to Cllr Wilson for action.

Action: Send formal thanks to Cllr Wilson for parking discount progress

RR

Action: Repair/replace signs as requested and sort out Meadow Lane car park as priorities

Cllr MW

v. Acquiring hi-vis labelled jackets for the litter picks. Thanks to Eaten Café for the butties

vi. Sunday 9th November is Wreath Laying followed by the Remembrance Service

vii. The new C of E vicar gets licensed on Monday 13th October. The Catholic priest is reported to be outstanding

viii. Business car parking rates are likely to increase. There may be options for relief for businesses that are struggling. Send information and links to RR for Shout Out:

Action:

Cllr MW

ix. Town Manager Paul Roach is changing jobs to become Civic and Ceremonial Manager. We don't yet know who will replace him

x. Willie Calvert is back involved with Windsor & Eton brewery now that the (former) MD Jon Radford has departed

xi. Top three priorities on the Eton Action List are the sign out of Eton by the Burning Bush, Keates Lane sign difficult to see and Meadow Lane car park – see iv.

Action:

Cllr MW

xii. Plan to repeat the informal Christmas Day lunch get together at a local pub. Location not yet decided

xiii. Location of leaving real Christmas trees on Tuesday 6th January not yet decided

xiv. Pub walk was planned for this Sunday 12th October but few have responded to date resulting in decision to delay.

xv. Huge thanks to Stewart Rogers for an awesome Pub quiz!

xvi. Eton Premier Store is now a Londis

xvii. Diverts have been cut in Brocas and South Meadow causing Safety concerns. Both are College privately owned but it is known that College require a request which they may not accept from potential metal detectorists.

Action: Talk with College

RR

xviii. Thames Hospice are involved in TRUNKS painted elephants <https://trunksacrossthethames.co.uk/>. This is to tackle death being the elephant in the room

5. Treasurer's Report - SR

i. Finances remain healthy with stable reserves and new donations received.

ii. Christmas lighting and community events will require further contributions. More donations wanted – any amounts welcome. Details in 9th October Shout Out newsletter

iii. Donation tiers (£20–£175) were discussed and promoted for inclusivity. Form says £60-£175 which is what traders are asked for.

Action: Publicise donation options in Shout Out

RR

7. Eton Porny Update Governor MW

i. Great start to the academic year. Reception years 1 and 2 are full

ii. New teachers, new teaching assistants, new sensor taps in toilets to save water, new air conditioning upstairs

iii. Various awards including Green Flag ECO award. Strong attendance 96%

iv. There is a weekly newsletter on the school website

v. Being part of a bigger trust (SEBMAT) attracts staff because of the opportunities

8. Doctor Mike Warner from South Meadow Surgery

i. The Dedworth surgery now has a Wellness Centre, named in memory of Dr Katie Simpson. More about it in the Thursday 25th September Shout Out newsletter

- ii. South Meadow surgery has a patient participation group with the option to consider something similar in Eton

9. Eton Town Council Update

i. We need at least two additional CCTVs. Including the cost of connecting to the Tinkers Lane monitoring dept we have a grant which will fund one. We plan to install this near the Watermans Arms and seek further funding for a second camera in Meadow Lane. Council are considering whether to also install dummy cameras.

ii. Pavilion refurbishment works commenced.

iii. Thanks to PE who has identified many plots of land which two hundred years ago were prevented from being enclosed. Looking for ideas on how to celebrate the “Glorious 200”

iv. Next Police surgery is on Wednesday 15th October at ETC. Council Offices also have a bookswap.

v. Next Eton Town Council meeting is 19:00 Thursday 9th October

vi. AP advises that at the Police surgery you can book a PCSO to visit to assess your house security

10. Eton Information Centre

i. Brick cleaning and engraving of new bricks ongoing with October expected installation; one misspelt brick removed to be replaced.

ii. Fifteen summer walking tours completed successfully; more planned for 2026.

iii. EIC Ball: Saturday 21st March 2026 at £85 per person; QR code booking pending update. Email finance@visiteton.info to join

iv. Arts Week: Saturday 23rd to Sunday 31st May 2026; community artists encouraged to take part.

Action: Update Ball QR code and promote Arts Week participation

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9. Business Update

i. New meeting space opened at The Christopher Hotel; discounted hire for local groups.

ii. The ECA Christmas function on Friday 5th December remains a swish, dressy event. A welcome fizz followed by classy food bowls, a further drink and a DJ with the bar open and a quiet seating area all form the fun event. You can book the £39 tickets through the Christopher hotel until Friday 21st November.

10. Events Update

i. The Nora Davison event went really well.

ii. ECA Christmas Dinner: Friday 5th December 2025 at The Christopher Hotel – see 9.
ii.

iii. Glorious 200 Celebration (2026): Initial plans for a May Bank Holiday fair to mark 200 years since Eton's common-land victory.

Action: Promote Christmas Dinner and coordinate ticket sales with The Christopher
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11. Any Other Business (AOB)

i. Wellness Programme: New community health and wellbeing hub launched at Dedworth Practice; partnerships with local organisations developing.

ii. AI workshop: Members shared insights on using AI tools for grant applications.

Action: Contact RR if you may want the local experts to help you.

iii. Crown Farm: Ongoing safety concerns over on-site waste and heavy vehicle movements; continuing dialogue with authorities.

Action: Monitor Crown Farm developments and report any updates Cllr MW/Cllr
MH-P

Next Meeting: Wednesday, 3rd December 2025 – The Hop House, The George Inn, Eton.

Please email AOB for next meeting to secretary@etoncommunity.co.uk