



EDWYN RALPH RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Welcome to your very first ERRA newsletter from everyone on the committee!

So far we have only had a couple of committee meetings and so the focus has been very much on getting ourselves organized and all in order as a proper resident's group. We thought that it would be good though to share a brief summary of what we have been doing;

- Agreed our Constitution document – this details the ERRA purpose, values and structure and will be available soon on the website
- Launched a dedicated ERRA website – this will continue to be developed and we are already securing sponsors
- Started to explore how the group can positively influence Herefordshire Council around specific planning issues
- Researching funding opportunities and grants which are available for the benefit of the village

An initial discussion with the Herefordshire Council Funding & Enterprise Officer indicates that grants are likely to be available for projects such as; conservation and wildlife, community watch, support for the elderly, community services and addressing social isolation up to the value of £20,000. We will be consulting with you shortly in order to put a bid together.

In the next few weeks we will be sending out a resident's survey – we want your views and input please around what you want ERRA to be focusing on and ideas for funding applications.



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**Have a look at the
ERRA website;**

www.edwynralph.org

Next Committee dates;

12/3/19 3/4/19

11/6/19 10/9/19

3/12/19

**Annual General
Meeting (AGM) –
Thurs 11th April
2019 7pm, Village
Hall all welcome!**

**There are still
vacancies on the
Committee – please
contact us if you would
like to join the
Committee**

Contact us via;

- The website (see above)

- Email:

hello@edwynralph.org

- Call into Woodhouse Farm /
drop a note in the letterbox
(Carole is ERRA Secretary)

What does it mean to be part of the Edwyn Ralph Resident's Association (ERRA)?

Resident's Associations are organisations formed by groups of people from a specific geographic community who come together to address issues within their local area and act as a voice for their local community. In one form or another they have existed since the mid 19th century.

Although we wish to keep ERRA as informal and approachable as possible we do have to follow some structures and processes to be recognised as a legitimate association. Below is an explanation;

Members

Anyone within the village and nearby can be a member of ERRA. It is free and everyone who is a member (or interested in being one) can attend at least one annual meeting. With your consent, we keep a record of all those who have confirmed that they wish to be a member so that we can keep you updated every so often. You will receive newsletter updates about what the committee is working on and we will consult with you at least once a year on a range of things, such as funding opportunities, issues and any projects. There may also be other events and social activities for members as we get more established.

We welcome feedback from anyone connected with the village and nearby on anything at all – please feel free to contact us at any time.

Committee Members

Each resident's association has a small amount of committee members who meet regularly to work on projects, discuss issues and apply for funding (if available). We are here to take a view of things based on being residents ourselves and also to represent your views as best as possible. If something is really important to you, committee members will discuss this at meetings and try to help if possible – if we cannot help we will be honest and tell you why we cannot help.

The committee meets monthly at the moment and has a few places left unfilled; if you would like to join the committee please contact us. We are all volunteers, learning together and giving our free time to take forward projects and tackle issues for the good of our community.

Committee Officers

Every committee must officially have a; Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. These are also volunteers and nominated from within the committee members. Officers undertake additional duties around organizing meetings and events, producing reports and documents, managing the website and finances, communicating with other agencies.

Everyone is warmly invited to attend the Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Thursday 11th April 2019, Edwyn Ralph Village Hall, 7pm

This is an opportunity to put forward your views and hear what the committee has started to work on

All welcome, just turn up on the evening