

A year-long promotion to fill the vacancy of chair in 2022/23 provided an opportunity to reflect on the services we provide and the aims of Eton Wick Village Association (EWVA.)

EWVA was founded in 2014 as a representative voice of residents to both the Parish and Borough Council boards, and a sign-posting organisation for information relevant to our community members from a variety of local organisations, services, and utility companies. From 2014-2023, EWVA met many challenges with enthusiasm. Championed multiple community causes, facilitated meetings to enable residents to have their say on hot topics, and responded to the call to save The Wick for future generations. Eton Wick now benefits from a variety of community interest and support groups that have been championed and sustained by EWVA in one way or another.

As we looked to the future, we identified a need for the community groups of Eton Wick to benefit from charitable status with a single Trustee Board, and a new Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) was created - Eton Wick Youth and Community Centre (EWY&CC). The Trustee Board of EWY&CC includes representatives from EWVA, Eton Wick Youth Club (EWYC) and Eton Wick Waterways Group (EWWG) with all Trustees having equal rights.

## **Structure**

## **Eton Wick Youth and Community Centre CIO**







The Trustee Board of EWY&CC is non-operational, and the roles of Chair and Secretary of EWY&CC Trustee Board are constitutional only. EWY&CC meetings will be annual with public attendance for transparency although these meetings are purely to meet Charity Commission requirements and community matters not discussed.

All parties benefit from a single Treasurer under the EWY&CC CIO, whilst maintaining individual operation in their own right.

## **Thanks**

We take this opportunity to thank former Treasurer Claire Taylor who almost single handedly liaised with the Charities Commission to set up EWY&CC CIO before stepping back from both EWVA and EWYC to focus on Wild Eton Wick and her environment and ecology passions. We also thank former Chair Peter Lawless who was forced to withdraw from several community duties earlier this year due to health issues, and we wish Peter continued recovery.