



Heaton Manor Residents' Association

7th May 2021

Dear Resident,

Formation of the Heaton Manor Residents' Association and a request for contact information

As many of you are aware, there has been an appetite and overwhelming support to set up a Resident's Association (RA). The RA will give us a collective voice and enable us to work together to resolve any mutual concerns residents of the estate have in relation to concerns around safety, security and the communal areas in general.

We hope that the soon to be appointed managing agent, Greenbelt Management UK, will voluntarily recognise the RA. They would be required to consult with us and we would have the right to audit their accounts to ensure our management fee is being used efficiently and effectively.

Previously, leaflets have been posted through every door to gauge interest. Returns showed almost 65% of residents in favour of creating a group. As a result, eleven resident volunteers have met on Zoom to discuss the best way forward.

Following these meetings, we have decided to go ahead with plans to set up an association, which will work to benefit everyone on the Heaton Manor estate.

To date the volunteers have contacted:

- Local councillors and the Local Authority to raise specific issues and ask for support
- Bellway and the council with regard to street lighting and communal bin emptying
- Greater Manchester Police about the car crime and antisocial behaviour taking place in and around the estate
- Other Residents' Associations to understand how best to operate effectively

We have also:

- Activated an email account for the Residents' Association business - (heatonmanorra@outlook.com)
- Created a website (<https://e-voice.org.uk/heatonmanorra>) to use as a form of communication - this has a lot of information on it already
- Drafted a proposed RA constitution - a document that sets out the scope and structure of the RA - which is also on the website

We believe that, collectively, we can positively influence what happens on our estate, from reducing crime and antisocial behaviour to improving street lighting and communal areas.



In addition, we expect to be able to work closely with the management company (Greenbelt Management UK) to make sure that fees are not raised without challenge and that contracted work is carried out properly and in line with the scope of the contracted services.

However, to move forward we now need everyone's help.

We are very aware that a large number of residents are not members of the Heaton Manor WhatsApp group and may be unaware of many issue. So (whether you previously filled in a form or not), if you are interested in becoming a member of this new association please:

- Please email your contact details to heatonmanorra@outlook.com (This is so that we can maintain an up to date record of resident members of the RA and so that we can communicate with you from time to time via e-mail, your details will not be used for any other purpose nor will be shared)
- Let us know if you have any skills or expertise that you think could support the RA in its aims

Our Initial Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 25th May at 8.00pm via Zoom (the room will open from 7.45pm). At this meeting, we will agree our constitution and vote to elect the committee members. Logon details of this meeting are:

Meeting ID: 306 648 4304

Passcode: 9JqJWc

If you are interested in being on the committee, please email your name and contact details to our email address, together with the name of another resident to "second" your nomination.

The closing date for nominations to the committee is Wednesday, 19th May 2021.

In line with the draft constitution, the committee will consist of at least 7 members including the posts of Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. These will be decided upon at the Initial Meeting.

We look forward hearing from you and to, at last, being able to set up our association.

All the best,

The Heaton Manor Residents' Association volunteer group

(Anna - Kensington Close; Peter - Kingston Grove; Cathy, Claudia, Kerrie, Yvonne - Merton Crescent; Ros - Newham Lane; Jon and Ruth - Harrow Drive)