

EAST MALLING CONSERVATION GROUP

East Malling Conservation Group (EMCG) has now been in existence for over 30 years. Formed in July 1986 by a group of residents who wanted to protect the integrity of the village and natural environment of the locality. Since that day in 1986 the membership has grown steadily and the group has grown in strength.

The group is basically concerned with the (real and perceived) ever-increasing urbanisation of our landscape and the insensitive nature of many local developments. This does not mean that EMCG object to all change and development but looks to balance the needs of modern life with that of the value of the local heritage. The watchword of EMCG is **Conservation not Preservation**.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

EMCG exists to promote the following objectives

1. To conserve the village heritage, it's buildings, rural character and natural environment.
2. To contribute to the management of change in a way which will benefit the village as a whole.
3. To seek to improve the infrastructure of the village in terms of public services.
4. To work with the Parish and Borough Councils towards the achievement of these aims.
5. To increase the sense of community by consultation, communication and social events which shall be available to **all** residents of the village and surrounding areas.

WHAT DOES EMCG ACTUALLY DO?

The committee meets on a monthly basis to discuss local activities and concerns. It considers the implications of proposals and makes representations to the appropriate bodies, local authorities and private companies. Members of the Committee have knowledge and experience of 'the system' and how it works. It has established credibility with local contacts who listen to its views.

The Committee publishes a newsletter on a regular basis detailing all EMCG's current activities and concerns.

There is also a social side to EMCG.

A number of social events are held in the village each year. Every summer the AGM is held during a social function. There is also a Christmas celebration held in the East Malling Institute Hall. Additionally, there are a number of social evenings with guest speakers presenting topics of local interest and quiz nights. Members and non-members alike are entitled to attend all of the above, although there may be small charge for non-members.

Amongst EMCG's many achievements are:

1. The production of a 'Village Design Statement' for East Malling to express the direction that the community wish any future development to be guided. (Every household in the village is entitled to a free copy).
2. EMCG has worked in conjunction with TMBC on its Parking Review and Traffic Management plans for the village.
3. Negotiations with, for example, Hillreed, Clarendon Homes and Russett Homes, so as to reduce the impact on the surrounding area of their respective developments in the village.

WHAT NEXT?

The major concern is that the threats to our community will continue to grow and that the South East of England, Kent in particular, has become the focus of many very ambitious proposals to solve a number of the UK's housing problems.

EMCG recognises that it is a small organisation operating against far more powerful and well-funded forces and in this context expectations must be set at a realistic level.

However, our members believe that our concerns reflect the concerns of the village and that we should all work together to make our voice heard.

EMCG does not expect to win every case but when knocked down will get up again and resume the fight.

Why should you join EMCG?

Join EMCG and help protect and conserve your village. Your contributions will support the committee in it's work to maintain the village's integrity. EMCG is there in order that the community's voice is heard on important issues and to promote the community spirit. You can contact the group through our website or any of our committee members (see list over leaf).

If you would like to join us the annual membership rates are:-

Household	£10.00
Individual	£6.00
Life	£200.00

An application form is attached.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

I should like to join EMCG as a:

Individual Family Life member

(Delete as appropriate)

And enclose my remittance accordingly.

Name

Address

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.....Post Code.....

Telephone

Mobile

Email Address

Date

Please return this form together with your membership fee directly to:

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I would / would not be willing to help at events / leaflet distribution if required (delete as appropriate)



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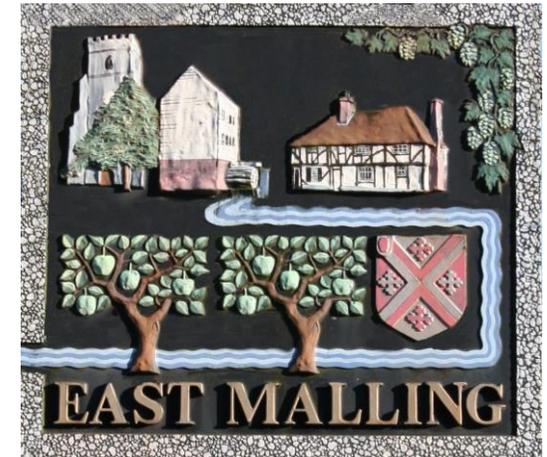
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Note: By completing this form you are confirming that you are consenting to the East Malling Conservation Group holding and processing your personal data for the purposes of keeping you informed about:

- EMCG meetings and events;
- Local developments / proposals for development which in the opinion of the EMCG Committee are of interest to the community;
- Local events which might be of interest.



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