



Welcome to East Dean and Friston Residents' Association

I have the privilege to be the current Chair of the RA I would like to take a few lines just to introduce myself to you.

I have always loved East Dean and Friston having discovered our beautiful Sussex Villages on holiday visits. When retirement as a Secondary School Science teacher became a reality in 2016, my husband Steve and I moved here from outer London. Even now we still cannot quite believe that we live in such a beautiful location.

I have a lifelong passion for biology and the natural world and play an active role within our Residents' Association Environmental Group. All sharing similar interests, members have volunteered their time and expertise freely and continue to work across the parish on several environmentally based projects. Hopefully you have seen, and will continue to see, the fruits of their work.

One thing that became crystal clear during the Covid lockdown years has been the need and benefit of living where a strong community spirit thrives. The RA Committee is committed to expanding this sense of community, to becoming the voice for all residents and to being the glue that binds us all. This is particularly true as the Neighbourhood Plan for our Parish progresses.

We are really fortunate to have creative and enthusiastic Committee members and they and I are excited and keen to get on with plans for the forthcoming year, fulfilling our commitment to support our community.

We always welcome ideas and suggestions from our members and I look forward to meeting you in person over the coming months and hopefully hearing from you with your thoughts.

Kindest regards

Lesley Durso

Chair of East Dean and Friston Residents Association