

Ellens Green and Rudgwick Gardening Association

Press Release



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The EGRGA (Ellens Green and Rudgwick Gardening Association) is determined not to give in to the pandemic!

It has had to cancel its Autumn Show – so there have been no ‘real’ shows in 2020, the Association’s 75th anniversary year. But EGRGA has been at the forefront of keeping communities connected – by organising ‘virtual’ events online. For the Virtual Summer Show there were well over 100 photographed entries, and this August the Association is pioneering a ‘Virtual Open Gardens’ event – the first of its kind – in which members submit videos of their gardens.

Chairman Richard Haigh said “it’s been an extraordinary year – not what we expected for our 75th anniversary. It’s ironic that the year when so many of our gardens are looking spectacular is also the year in which so many of our usual get-togethers have been cancelled. However, we’ve been amazed and delighted at the take-up for our virtual events – take a look at our website (www.gardenreg.org) to see just how popular they are!”

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Background info:

The Ellens Green and Rudgwick Gardening Association (EGRGA) was founded in 1945 and normally organises spring, summer and autumn shows every year. They’re all popular, the Summer Show being a classic village event with several marquees, brass band, dog show and lots of other activities.

2020 is the 75th anniversary of the Association. But because of the lockdown, shows have had to be cancelled – including the 2020’s Autumn Show originally planned for 19 September. The Association is organising ‘virtual’ shows online – more details on the website.

EGRGA brings together communities across the Surrey/Sussex border.