



*A Happy New Year to you all*

The winner of our letterhead competition is Tim Morley of Birdwood Rd. Thanks Tim.

**Email – PLEASE – a New Year's resolution easy to complete in just five minutes!**

It takes committee members at least six person-hours (we're mostly female) to distribute newsletters to the near 700 houses and flats covered by the association. We know that some people don't have email and we are more than happy to continue to deliver by hand to those people. But we are all volunteers with other lives to lead!

**So can you please send an email to [birdwoodara@gmail.com](mailto:birdwoodara@gmail.com) with your postal address in the subject (number and road). We don't need to know your name and you don't need to write anything else.** Then we can send your newsletter by email and this will help to keep costs down and make the workload manageable.

**Events**

We held our table-top sale in St Thomas's Hall, Ancaster Way on 1<sup>st</sup> November. It was not very well attended but those who came certainly had a good time. Lots of tea and cake and lots of chat. Next event will be in St Thomas's Hall is on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March**. We're not yet sure what it will be but at the moment we're thinking chocolate.

**Community Notice Boards**

Things are moving ahead. We have applied for a grant for two free-standing lockable notice boards in hardwood, one for the grass area down the centre of St Thomas's Rd and the other for the grass area on Birdwood Rd between the roundabout and Tiverton Way. Both will be made to a high standard. How would you like these to be used? Suggestions so far are for small ads, information from local community groups and networking between neighbours.

**Neighbourhood Watch**

You may have noticed new signs on the new street lights. Does anyone know who is / was the local neighbourhood watch co-ordinator? The police don't seem to know who you are.

**Lakes Project**

This has gone quiet. There is nothing happening at present but we are keeping an eye on it – as are local Councillors.

If you think you need to contact our local Councillors, here are their details:

County Council, Noel Kavanagh  
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If you think there is a general problem for the area, do contact us. And if you have ideas for future events or anything to increase neighbourliness, we'd love to hear from you.

Our aims:

to promote neighbourliness and a sense of community

to form a conduit to the City and County councils about issues relating to this area.

We cover Birdwood Rd and all roads leading off it. Email address [birdwoodara@gmail.com](mailto:birdwoodara@gmail.com) This is our preferred contact point but if you would rather you can put a note through the door at 52 Birdwood Rd.