



Pavements

We have reported the dangerous state of the pavements in Birdwood Rd to our new County Councillor, Sandra Crawford, and she has alerted County Council officers, Andy Barham and Evan Laughlin. Now that the gas works are complete, they will come and inspect. We may be eligible for the 'slurry seal scheme' which sounds disgusting but, I am told, just means that a thin layer is put over the existing pavements. Would this solve the problem? Who knows? But if this is all there is on offer – we'd like to have it! The inspection will take place at the end of October. Updates will be posted on the notice boards.

If you need to alert the County Council to any highway problems in your road (including pavements), call 0345 045 5212 (charged at local rate) or go to:

http://www4.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/info/20081/roads_and_pathways/10/roadworks_and_faults

Also – there will be a road safety inspection by the County Council in the near future.

Community Action Day – the day with the skips and rubbish collecting

We have asked to be put on the list for next year. Matthew Siggery, a City Council Housing Officer, has said that the City Council will include our request for discussion and consideration. As this event has been so useful for residents who don't have a car, we hope for some good news soon.

Nextdoor.co.uk

If you're into online groupings, you might want to check out <https://nextdoor.co.uk>

There is a Coleridge Group. Free items, events, local classified ads, lost and found, and general local news are all displayed.

World's Biggest Repair Café?

Have you any items that you would like to have repaired? Bikes, electrical items, jewellery, clothes? **Saturday 11th November:** Wesley Methodist Church, Christ's Pieces, Cambridge, CB1 1LG 10 am to 6pm. <http://circularcambridge.org/festival/>

The Cambridgeshire Repair Café Network will be attempting to set a world record by organising the World's Biggest Repair Café. The event will run all day and will include dozens of volunteer repairers (more repairers are always welcome). More details will be on our notice boards, including how to book, but for now, please save the date. The general idea is that people bring along things to be repaired and maybe pick up a few repair skills at the same time. It's free but donations are welcome. The repairers are all experienced and can fix most things but there are no guarantees. If you're interested in helping or booking in an item for repair, contact cambridgerepaircafe@gmail.com or 01223 301842

Or you could just turn up – but you may have to wait. When we have more information, we will put it, and notices about Repair Cafés closer to home, on the notice boards.

Our Next Event

It will be on a Saturday afternoon in the Spring. We're planning to have one or two speakers and to go to the other end of our area and hold the meeting in St Philip Howard church hall.

Cambridgeshire Handy-person Scheme

If you're over 65 or disabled you might find the local Handy-person Scheme helpful. It's run by Age UK with funding from local councils. They'll assess you and will do small jobs. Some are free – some charged at about £25 per hour. Don't be put off if you are eligible but would have difficulty paying. There may be other means of funding.

Phone 0300 666 9860 or 01480 700205 for further information.

A brief reminder about considerate parking. Please!

People are still alerting us to difficulties they are having with their neighbours who are not as thoughtful as they might be about parking. The people who come to us don't want to fall out with their neighbours so won't speak to them directly. Please spare a thought when you park. **Please, please park sensitively, away from junctions, with due respect for your neighbours and not on the grass verges.**

Your memories of the area

Some members of the committee are working on a website. Your memories will be uploaded there so keep them coming! For anyone not online, we will produce some printed copies.

Some other local links online and offline

We'll continue to advertise local charities, events, services, news, articles for sale etc in the notice boards in Birdwood Rd and St Thomas's Rd. If you have anything you want to advertise, put a notice (or preferably two) through the door at 52 Birdwood.

Our email list is growing. If you can, please get this by email

It is so much easier for us to send newsletters out by email. Also, you'll be kept up to date by the (very) occasional email with information that is urgent and can't wait for a newsletter. If you can receive it that way **PLEASE** send us your email address. **Send an email to birdwoodara@gmail.com** with your postal address in the subject. Thanks!

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

County Council, Sandra Crawford Phone: 01223 503061 Email: sandra.crawford@cambridgeshire.gov.uk	City Council, Jeremy Benstead Phone: 01223 351669 Email: j_benstead@live.co.uk
City council, Lewis Herbert Phone: 01223 721027 Email: lewis.herbert@cambridge.gov.uk	City Council, Rosy Moore Mobile: 07709 222026 Email: rosy.moore@cambridge.gov.uk

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 email address is 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.

Our aims:

to promote neighbourliness and a sense of community and to form a conduit to the City and County councils about issues relating to this area. We cover Birdwood Rd and all roads