



Community Action Day – 28th April – 9am to 1pm

The day with the skips and the rubbish collecting – plus things to do in St Thomas's Hall

Skips will be in Ancaster Way all morning. Please take your items there on foot or by car.

What to do if you want large or heavy items removed from your home:

Make a booking. This is vital! Last date for booking is **19th April.**

Either email birdwoodara@gmail.com or put a note into 52 Birdwood Rd stating:

- your name and address
- what your item is,
- where it will be (inside your house, in your garden or on the pavement outside.) If you can get it to the pavement it would be very helpful.
- If it is inside your house there will have to be someone home as we cannot guarantee timings of collections.
- Please bag any dirty items.

We are working with Cambridge City Council and Cambridge Community Church. There will be volunteers from the Community Church helping with the collection throughout the morning. But they would like your help. If you want to volunteer to help on the day please either email birdwoodara@gmail.com or put a note into 52 Birdwood Rd with the magic word 'volunteer' in there somewhere.

Warning! If you do not make a booking and leave items outside your home after the clear-up has finished, the City Council may deem this to be fly-tipping! So please do ensure that all your items on the pavement have gone by 1pm.

In St Thomas's Hall

Throughout the morning:

Free refreshments and a sit down after all your hard work!

Swap shop – plants, seeds, books, CDs plus any items you want to bring – or take – that are surplus to your requirements but too good to throw away. Do come and look – everything is free – so every one is a bargain.

Raffle in aid of Romsey Mill

Our New Website

11.15 Local poetry

12.00 BARA AGM

- Chair's and Treasurer's reports
- Adoption of committee
- General update on progress including Website
- Your views on what we could / should / might do next year.

And finally, there's a community BBQ at the Community Church (opposite Sainsbury's) from 3pm to 5pm. Everyone welcome.

We have a website www.baracambridge.org

It is still a work in progress so is not yet fully populated, but there is a lot of useful information. Do have a look and tell us what else you would want to see there.

The Lakes

Our local lakes (entrance at the end of Budleigh Close) will be open to the public one Sunday a month. The City Council is looking for volunteer wardens to help on these days. If you think you would like to spend some time in the fresh air beside these lovely lakes and feel that you are being useful at the same time contact Caterina.Dunning@cambridge.gov.uk

Data Protection

There are new data protection regulations coming into effect on 25th May. In order to clarify our use of your data we have produced the following:

Purpose: Birdwood Area Residents Association maintains a list of email addresses and the associated street addresses of those residents who have elected to receive information by email. The purpose of this is to allow us to send out our periodic newsletters by email, and occasionally to share pieces of information relevant to the local area if they are time-sensitive and fall between newsletters. The link between email and street addresses allows us to avoid delivering paper newsletters to those residents who have elected to receive them by email.

Implementation: Currently these emails and addresses are held in the contacts list of our gmail account, birdwoodara@gmail.com The data we hold will not be divulged to any third party without prior permission.

So, if you can, please get this by email

It is much easier for us to send newsletters out by email. 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

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