

Bird Box Festival - details overleaf

We are delighted to support this venture bringing an art trail to the BARA area (Birdwood Rd and all roads leading off it). It is scheduled for the month of July - all outdoors - and with local artists. The organisers want twenty hosts to have a box in their front garden / space. Contact the organisers if you have space to host a box or are interested in displaying an item of your work. More information overleaf.



Easter Egg Hunt

Forty families took part and it was a roaring success. Lots of happy children with chocolate to eat! Many people wanted to give us a donation but, as we are sufficiently funded by the City Council, we suggested that those donations would be better sent to food hubs and food banks in the city.



Competitions - Sunflower

Yes -it's on! Same as last year, three classes - tallest plant, biggest flower and most flowers on one plant, for adults and the same three categories for children (up to 16 years). There will be an entry form with the next newsletter.

Wine Tasting - Still waiting for clearance from on high before a date can be fixed for indoor meetings.

Coach trip - September, we hope!

Our application for a City Council grant to help pay for a coach trip was successful. Date and destination yet to be decided but it will be a Saturday in September - fingers remaining crossed!



Tommy's Coffee Hub - organised by St Martin's Church

Every Tuesday morning 10 am to 12 noon at St Thomas's Hall, Ancaster Way. Why not drop in for a drink and a chat? It's in the car park to comply with Covid restrictions - so take a warm coat until summer really comes.

Our new and returning Councillors - contact details overleaf

Welcome to our two new councillors, Anna Smith for Coleridge Ward (City Council). Anna was a councillor in Romsey but lives in Coleridge so moved to our ward. Also, Bryony Goodliffe, Cherry Hinton Ward on the County Council. Bryony has promised to try to help us with our pavement problems. And welcome back to Lewis Herbert and Rosy Moore, City Councillors.

Birdwood Road and Speeding - and School Street Experiment

Jane (Chair) had a meeting with Andi Caddy - County officer in charge of the School Street Experiment. It will continue until the summer holidays. There is a university survey about it at <https://tinyurl.com/cleanair-camb> If you want to respond to the County, andi.caddy@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or 0345 045 5212.

The County Council wants to put speed bumps in Birdwood Rd. We have suggested instead they do another experiment with wooden planters as chicanes sited under the street lights with some reflective material. The residents' association is willing to look after the planters so there would be no continuing cost to the County. Residents could even 'adopt a planter'! They would enhance the look of the area and be environmentally beneficial. No response as yet but our new County Councillor is already on the case.

Come and join us - please!

We have a **committee** of nine. In normal times, we meet three or four times a year and are informal and friendly. **We need more people!** We can co-opt members so if you want to join us, do contact us! birdwoodara@gmail.com or put a note or knock on 52 Birdwood Rd.

Newsletter by email

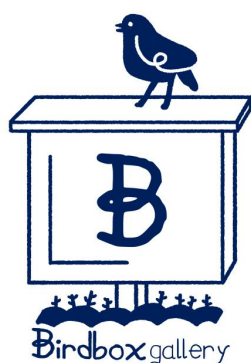
If you can receive this by email, please do. It is so much easier for us! Just send an email to birdwoodara@gmail.com with your postal address in the subject line.

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

County Council, Bryony Goodliffe No contact details on County website as yet.	City Council, Anna Smith Phone: 07474 067882 Email: anna.smith@cambridge.gov.uk
City council, Lewis Herbert Phone: 07748 536153 Email: lewis.herbert@cambridge.gov.uk	City Council, Rosy Moore Phone: 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 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 leading off it. **Email address 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.



The Bird Box Gallery Summer Visual Arts Festival 2021

What is the 'Festival'?

In July we will show 20 artists work in 20 Bird Boxes around the Birdwood residential area to form an art trail of local and national artists work.

What is The Bird Box Gallery?

We are a local community venture that shows the work of all types of artist and creative people of any age or background.

There are no themes, preferences or types of work we favour and we just want to show as wider range of work as possible.

The Gallery is situated in a hedge on St Thomas's Square and can be seen by anyone passing by.

Since May 2020 we have shown work by 17 local, national and international artists.

How can you help?

- If you have space in a front garden you could host a Bird Box Gallery.
- If you are a local artist of any age, experience or background you can submit work to be exhibited.

Contact us at Birdboxgallery@gmail.com or 7 St Thomas's square
Direct Message on instagram www.instagram.com/birdbox_gallery