

Speeding and pavements

Jane (Chair) was invited to join a meeting between Bryony Goodliffe (our new County councillor) and James Toombs (County Traffic officer). It seems that, for technical reasons, ie. too many side roads, driveways, bus route and stops, road too narrow, (plus no doubt cost!) speed cushions (bumps) are the only option available to us to reduce speeding on Birdwood Rd. Rubberised cushions (like these <https://rosehillhighways.com/products/speed-cushions>) is what we're getting, and only between Ward Rd and Walpole Rd. They will NOT be like the ones in Radegund Rd. They are 75 mm high and 1.65 m wide with a 1 metre gap in the middle. There will be a gap at each side for bikes but this varies with the width of the road. Three wheeler bikes (OK trikes!) will have to use the central gap or the pavement! There will be about six sets of bumps – they need to be quite close together to be effective.

There will be an initial consultation, showing where the bumps are to be sited, with those houses impacted, ie between Ward and Walpole – plus later statutory consultations.

The earliest work will be done in Feb half term 2022 and the road will be closed for about 3 days.

Bryony and Andy Caddy (County officer) have surveyed the pavements and there is partial progress. Some holes will be filled but not others. And don't forget the School Street Experiment. If you want to respond to the County, andi.caddy@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or 0345 045 5212.

Sunflower Competition – closing date 15 September

Categories: **Tallest plant. Greatest number of heads on one plant. Largest flower.**

Name _____ Age (if child or young adult up to 18) _____

Address _____

Contact details – email or phone _____

Height of plant in cms _____

Number of heads on one plant _____

Diameter of largest flower (measure across the middle of the flower in cms) _____

Return to 52 Birdwood rd or via birdwoodara@gmail.com



Save the date

Coach trip - Sunday 12th September, to Southwold!

Tick One Option

- ☐ I would like to express an interest to decide later
- ☐ I enclose £10 per adult / £5 per child (non-refundable) in cash or cheque payable to Birdwood Area Residents Assn
- ☐ I would like to have free ticket(s). A limited number are available for those on a low income, courtesy of Cambridge City Council. No proof required.

My name is: _____

My address is: _____

I will be bringing (names required): _____

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The BARA Bake-Off & Picnic took place on Sunday 13th June

Thank you so much to all of you who delighted us with your culinary skills, and to everyone who came to the picnic to help make the day special. We hope you enjoyed it, and we are looking forward to doing it again next year.

In the children's section: The winners were:

Most Original Recipe – Banana & Chocolate Chip Cake by Arthur from St. Thomas' Square, *Best Decoration* – Chocolate Hedgehog by Lucy Ivy from St. Thomas's Square.

Most Popular Entry – Crinkled Cookies by Sara from St. Thomas's Square, narrowly beating the Guinness Cake by Nancy and Samuel from St. Thomas's Square and Eddie's Best Cupcakes by Eddie from Birdwood Road. A big well done to all the junior bakers!

In the adult section:

Most Original Recipe – Vegan Apricot Muffins – Renata and Lukasz who have just moved into Birdwood Road. Well done and welcome to our neighbourhood!

Best Decoration – Lotus Biscoff & White Chocolate Ganache Celebration Cake by Paola from St. Thomas's Square.

Most Popular Entry – Strawberry Lemonade Cake by Daniel and his mum Catalina from St. Thomas's Square.

Vaccine passports - how to get one if you don't have a smartphone

People who have had both their jabs but do not have a smartphone can request an NHS Covid Pass letter by calling 119 or they can go on-line

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/covid-pass/get-your-covid-pass-letter/> .

This will not show test results, only vaccination status, and has no expiry date.

Early warning - Platinum Jubilee Weekend

2-5 June 2022 – does anyone want to think about organising a street party in their road?

The Cambridge Trees for Streets scheme

<https://sponsor.treesforstreets.org/provider/cambridge-city-council>

Trees for Streets aim to 'fill our streets with trees' nationally. All new trees planted through sponsorship from the Cambridge Trees for Streets scheme will help to grow Cambridge's urban forest, building on the work that the [Cambridge Canopy Project](#) are doing, helping to make your city more climate resilient for the future. For more information and regular updates from the Cambridge Canopy Project, follow them on Twitter ([@CamCanopyProj](#)).

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

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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 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.