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## Two events for Autumn

**HALLOWEEN Treasure Hunt.** To take part you need to register by filling in the form overleaf (or visiting the website <https://www.baracambridge.org/2021-halloween.html> ) and returning it by Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October. The week before Halloween we will put up some decorations around our neighbourhood and you will receive a quest sheet. Find all the decorations on your quest sheet and come to 45 St. Thomas's Square on Halloween afternoon to collect a Spooktacular reward!

## Community Action Day – 13 November 9 am to 1pm – Skip Day in Ancaster Way

After a Covid break, the 'skip day' is returning! Now is your chance to relieve yourself of all those things you have accumulated in lockdown. **This time, it is being organised differently.** We have attached a flyer from the City Council. Please read it carefully and follow the instructions or your items will not be collected. Anyone who can is expected to take their items themselves. BARA will run a swap shop and provide refreshments in St Thomas's Hall from 10.30 am to 1pm. Do come and see us!

## Speeding in Birdwood Rd

The police are taking this seriously – reproduced below, the email sent to BARA of findings from recent police action in Birdwood Rd.

**“08:50-09:30** – Birdwood Road – This is most DEFINITELY a problem area.

Within the 40 minutes we were present 3 persons were given TOR's for excessive speeding. (We may issue a traffic offence report (TOR) instead of a fixed penalty ticket to allow us to offer [driver education courses](#).)

One driving at 26 MPH – Excuse given that there was nobody on the road so believed it was okay.

One driving at 27MPH – Excuse given as 'didn't realise it was a 20', which as we all know is ridiculous considering the road is full of speed awareness signs.

One driving at 29 MPH – No excuse given, was late dropping his child at nursery.

This area, as you have flagged, has all of the relevant signage regarding the speed limit the public just appear to be showing sheer disregard. I have been in contact with the road safety partnership regarding radar speed signs on Cherry Hinton Road however they are currently not allowing any further applications due to struggling resources. Likewise there are no current speed watch groups in the area. I am going to make our neighbourhood teams aware of this, and request they continue to conduct proactive speed patrols and high visibility patrols in that area.”

And our response:

“Thank you for taking this so seriously and for doing what you can to help. The rat-runners ignore the speed limit and the school street signs too. In addition to the 'day speeders' we have evening and night speeders doing far in excess of 20mph. So, if you could catch some of them – we'd be delighted. If they are not policed in some way, I'm afraid some motorists will continue to flout the law and drive dangerously down Birdwood Rd.”

So there will be intermittent action – and residents will need to be aware of this so as not to be the ones caught speeding in Birdwood Rd!

## Coach trip to Southwold on 12<sup>th</sup> September

Another successful event. The sun shone all day. Thirty-four neighbours enjoyed a day out at the seaside. It was especially welcome as some people had not left our immediate area for nearly two years!

## Birdwood Area Resident Association

### Halloween Treasure Hunt

We are organising a HALLOWEEN Treasure Hunt!  
To take part, please fill in this form and return it to  
45 St. Thomas's Square by  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October.



Name.....

Road and House number.....

How many children? .....

Email.....

### Dinky Doors

We have applied for funding to have a Dinky Door in our area. If we are successful – you will hear more. <https://www.dinkydoors.co.uk/>

### 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](mailto: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.

### Come and join us – please! We need more volunteers.

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](mailto:birdwoodara@gmail.com) or put a note or knock on 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 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.

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

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