

WE NEED YOUR HELP

As we move from pandemic to endemic...

We are looking to the future – and we need your help. We need more committee members. A few of our active members are moving away and some of us are getting a bit past our prime. If we can't augment the committee with volunteers who want to take an active part in our community, we are going to struggle.

This is what we we did last year

- ❑ Kept people informed via the newsletter
- ❑ Ran two outdoor treasure hunts for children
- ❑ Organised an outdoor bake-off and picnic
- ❑ Organised a coach trip to Southwold
- ❑ Liaised with Birdbox Gallery for the Birdbox Festival
- ❑ Ran the BARA book box outside 52 Birdwood Rd
- ❑ Liaised with the City Council to have a 'skip day' in Ancaster Way
- ❑ Kept 'reminding' the County Council about speeding cars and pavements



For this year

We continue to be funded by a City Council grant to run our normal activities and have applied for further grants for specific purposes:

- ❑ an Easter Egg Hunt (see over for details)
- ❑ a summer bake-off and picnic
- ❑ a second Birdbox Festival in July
- ❑ a coach trip in September
- ❑ a replacement book box
- ❑ and our very own Dinky Door.



We have a provisional date for another Community Action day (skip day) 15th October. We hope, this year, to be able to have an AGM in May. This will be combined with another activity (yet to be decided) in St Thomas's Hall.

In normal times we have four or five committee meetings a year. These are always convivial and informal – and followed by a glass of wine and a chat for those who want to stay. We can promise you that it will not be too onerous – and it will be fun!

If you are interested in joining us, but want more information, come and talk to me (Jane) at 52 Birdwood Rd. Otherwise, send us your details via email birdwoodara@gmail.com or at 52 Birdwood Rd.

We do really need some new people who will help us to make and keep our area special.



Speeding

You will have noticed that we now have speed bumps at the St Bede's end of Birdwood Rd – not our preferred choice but it is hoped that this will discourage rat-runners and reduce speed at that end of the road. There was insufficient funding to do the entire length of the road so we will be asking our County Councillor to apply for funding to complete the job next year.

Pavements

At the time of writing, there are markings around most of the worst of the holes. We have told the County Council that they have missed some that meet their criterion of being 2.5cm deep. It is now seven years since we began complaining to the County Council about the state of the pavements. We are on a list and the repairs will be done. Let's hope it happens before we enter our eighth year of asking!

Notice Boards

If you have any activities, goods or services you wish to advertise, we can put a notice in one or both of our notice boards (in Birdwood Rd and St Thomas's Rd). Post copies of your advert in at 52 Birdwood Rd. We do want to encourage people to 'think local'.

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.

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.

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

County Council, Bryony Goodliffe Phone: 07933 772510 Email: bryony.goodliffe@cambridgeshire.gov.uk	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