

**The newsletter of the Board
of St Mary's (Ipswich)
Management Company
Limited and their managing
agent; EWS Limited.**



Welcome to the 16th edition of the Newsletter.

COMMUNITY LITTER PICK

A litter pick is planned for Saturday May 11th. Meet at 10am on the Green and be prepared to spruce the estate up and give it a bit of love! Everybody welcome.

DOG WALKERS

The matter has been raised with the Directors that a growing number of non-residents are walking their dogs across the green and around Simon and Padua House. We would like to encourage residents to take initiative and to speak to non-residents who are dog walking or trespassing and to politely inform them that this is a private estate. Most are unaware of this and are happy to comply once they have had a conversation.

EAST IPSWICH COMMUNITY NATURE NETWORK

Local residents are working to get a new initiative off the ground.

East Ipswich Community Nature Network is an unfunded, ground roots organisation aimed at getting lots of people to dedicate part of their garden, balcony, or locality to nature.

The idea is to work in small ways to make East Ipswich a more nature-friendly place. For example, you might plant insect friendly plants, create ponds (even tiny ones) or provide nesting material for birds.

There are plenty of ideas and links on their new Facebook page!

ESTATE WORKS

Since the last newsletter, the following work has been undertaken around the estate:

- Broken railing repaired on the Simon House car park
- Post and rope fence near the top of the woodland path reinstated following damage
- Drains cleared throughout the estate
- Gardens developed and made ready for spring and summer
- Solar lights along the path from Woodbridge Road repaired or replaced
- Gatepost to the rear of the last row on St Anthony's repaired and the gate rehung
- Shrubs planted near the zebra crossing to thwart pedestrians from creating a new shortcut

PADUA HOUSE BINS

The bins in Padua House are only for the use of residents in Simon and Padua House and are paid for through their service charge.

The bin area is not to be used for unwanted furniture and electrical goods, as they also have to pay for the clearing of dumped items.

Please keep the gate to the refuse area closed so it is not an open invitation!

There is a bottle bank outside of The Duke of York on Woodbridge Road for those that do not live in the flats.

NEW HEDGES

Over the last year or so many householders have replaced their box hedges.

Pruning whilst the hedge is still small is the secret to ensuring a dense appearance quickly and our gardener Nick Nicholson advises the following care for the new hedges:

'I recommend a twice yearly trim at least: once in late April when the first new flush of growth has appeared and then again in August/September to tidy up before winter. In the early stages it's best to treat it as a smaller scale hedge and cut it geometrically as if it's a smaller version of the eventual desired size, which will increase its density as it matures so that the next year you can clip it at a slightly increased height and width and more the following year until it reaches the desired height. If this is neglected, then the hedge may not grow sufficiently dense and uniformly.'

I am prepared to trim hedges for a small fee by agreement with individual residents if required.'

ST MARY'S COMMUNITY NETWORK

- ★ Connect with neighbours
- ★ Forge lasting friendships
- ★ Boost mental well-being
- ★ Create a supportive community
- ★ Have fun!

Would you like to be part of a group of people interested in arranging social events here on St Mary's, bringing young, and not so young, people together? You could participate as much or as little as you liked, and dip in and out as time allowed - no committees involved!

Various socials have been held in the past on St Mary's including Easter egg hunts, picnic on the Green, Guy Fawkes' fancy dress & pumpkin carving competition, charity quizzes, carol singing, litter picking and woodland path clearing.

Let's make St Mary's a place where everyone feels connected and supported!

If interested, please complete the tear off slip and post through the letter box of one of the addresses listed or email your details to: carole4136@gmail.com

A get together will be arranged to share ideas to catch the community spirit and explore possible future social events.

If/we am/are interested in being part of a social events group on St Mary's

Name:

Email:

Please post through the letterbox of 3 Holmwood House,
2 Padua House or 23 St Mary's Road