

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



Welcome to the 18<sup>th</sup> edition of the Newsletter.

## **BLANKET BROCANTE**

It was lovely to see so many neighbours gathered on the Green on Sunday 22nd September and to re-connect with familiar faces and welcome new residents. While the blanket brocante element of the afternoon turned out to be surplus to requirements, the tea and then wine flowed along with the conversation and there were some delicious food offerings to share too. Despite the drizzle, the last few hardy souls were out until it became too dark to see what we were doing! It was a really lovely afternoon and many thanks to everyone who came along.

We hope to do a Christmas Quiz in December, the details of which will be distributed by flyer to residents later this month, but you can start gathering a team that covers a wide range of trivia!

*Eleanor Legg*

## **COMMUNITY ADVENT CALENDAR**

Hi Everyone,

For the last year or two I have organised the St Mary's Community Advent calendar and am happy to do so again this year.

During Advent, every evening the window or balcony of a property that is decorated on a Christmas theme is illuminated for others to enjoy. The effect is cumulative; on December 1st just one window is lit up, but by Christmas Eve there are lots to see and enjoy.

If you are interested, please contact me at [jcventon@outlook.com](mailto:jcventon@outlook.com) as soon as possible, giving your name and address, and I will allocate you a day. (If there are any days that are unsuitable please indicate.) Thank you!

*Jane Venton* 🤗 🎄 🧑🏻‍🎅

## NOVEMBER WORKING PARTIES

As autumn progresses, the woodland path becomes slippery with leaves. The litter dropped by people passing through shows up more as the foliage dies back, and this year's rain has had a detrimental effect on the appearance of St Mary's estate. There are weeds along walls and kerbs, growing in the gutters of garage blocks, in front of garages, in the gratings and on the edges of the car parks. Everywhere is looking a little bit tired and in need of a spruce up! What can we do to be good neighbours and to help to turn this around?

Following the success of the annual path clearing activity and this year's litter pick, we would like to suggest a community clean up event on November 24th from 10am in a bid to encourage residents to participate in some (not) spring cleaning around the estate! As well as the regular team of stalwarts clearing the woodland path, it would be great if as many people as possible were to get involved. Maybe you'd like to participate with friends and neighbours and work together to look at the shared spaces and the features and frontages that everyone can see?

If you would like to help to clear the woodland path, we will meet there at 10am with brooms, spades and wheelbarrows. If you like the idea of doing a litter pick, please meet on the Green. If you want to help to tidy up a part of the development and the date doesn't suit you, please choose a different one! If it is raining hard on 24th, we can postpone until December 1st. If we work as a community, we can make a difference!

### NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

St Mary's estate has been part of the Neighbourhood Watch scheme ever since building was completed. With the departure of the most recent coordinator there is nobody currently at the helm. The scheme operates independently of the Directors and relies on community minded volunteers. Participation in Neighbourhood Watch is a reliable way to reduce crime in an area, to raise awareness of things to look out for and to relay information.

If you are interested in becoming involved but don't want to shoulder responsibility alone, please email the Directors through EWS and they will put you in touch with others who have expressed an interest. Sometimes it's good to do things as part of a small team!

### REPORTING MAINTENANCE ISSUES

If you see something that needs fixing, please contact Fixflo using this QR code, or contact EWS Ltd via their website, [www.ews.co.uk](http://www.ews.co.uk). Thank you!



### NOTICE BOARD

The notice board on St Marys Road is a facility for all. It is unlocked so that everyone can use it and will be checked every now and then to make sure that the posters are still relevant.

A copy of the current newsletter will be posted there, as well as information about any upcoming social events.

### GROUPS MAINTENANCE MEETINGS

The dates for the next few regular walks round the grounds with the gardener, EWS and a Member of the Board are November 22nd, February 14th and May 9th. If you wish to come, please join us at 9am on the green. Everyone welcome!