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St. Mary's Newsletter

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



Welcome to the 20th edition of the Newsletter.



SEPTEMBER PICNIC

Everyone who attended will remember last September's Blanket Brocante on the Green! It was a great social event, with tea and wine flowing and neighbours coming and going, having the chance to meet and talk.

There will be a similar event this year on Sunday September 21st, starting at 3pm. Reminders will be posted on the community noticeboard and in the flats. We have Eleanor Legg to thank for organising this once more. If you are able to help, please contact her, eleanorlegg@yahoo.co.uk

All welcome, please come!

EV CHARGING QUESTIONNAIRE AND FOLLOW-UP

Thank you to everyone who responded to this. There were thirty-four responses, more than half of whom said that they would find a Q&A session useful, so we have arranged for this to take place with Steve Cant from Sun Smart following the AGM on Wednesday September 10th. *This session is expected to begin at around 7.45pm.*

An electric vehicle will be on hand for attendees to look at, and the charging process and options explained. Please remember to submit your questions to joanne.collins@ews.co.uk ahead of this meeting. No doubt, though, Steve will cover many FAQs at this event.

PLAY AREA

We are fortunate to have a designated play area adjacent to the Green. This is often used for ball games, as these are not permitted anywhere else in the public areas on the estate. All dogs should be kept on leads. A quiet and polite word is usually all that is necessary when non-residents mistake our lovely amenities for parkland and public areas.

SAFE AND CONSIDERATE PARKING

Pavement parking should be avoided along St Marys Road and contractors instructed not to do this, and likewise residents and their visitors should be mindful of the free movement of vehicles along St Anthonys Crescent. Questions have been raised about the ease with which a fire appliance or ambulance could get along the roads, as well as problems on footpaths for pushchair and wheelchair users.

When parking in spaces other than your allocated parking place, please do so economically to allow others to use the available space.

Several cars have recently received tickets from the parking warden when parked against dropped paving, so please be aware of this!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Annual General Meeting for the St Mary's (Ipswich) Management Company Limited:

Wednesday September 10th, 7pm at the Church Hall. The AGM will be followed at around 7.45pm by a Q&A session about EV charging with a local contractor.

Community Picnic:

Sunday 21st September, 3pm. Bring a chair, a rug, and your picnic!

Grounds Maintenance Meetings:

Please meet on the Green at 9am if you wish to come:

Fridays: 5 September, 7 November, 16 January and 13 March 2026.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The Neighbourhood Watch notices are being taken down as St Mary's currently does not have a Coordinator.

If you're interested in supporting your community—whether across the whole estate or just your local area (such as a mews, a row of houses, or a block of flats)—you can get involved by registering here: <https://suffolknwa.co.uk/join-us.html> To learn more about what the role of a Coordinator involves, visit: <https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/support-our-work/volunteer-us/>

THE HERB GARDEN

Many herbs grow in the flower bed by the cedar tree opposite Simon House. There are thyme, sage, oregano, fennel and rosemary plants, as well as the ornamental bay trees, whose aromatic leaves are so useful. The garden has been designed for residents to use, so please make the most of it! If you have any suggestions for other herbs you would like to see there, please let us know!



WILDLIFE AND CONSERVATION NEWS

The recent rainfall will have been welcomed by the trees. We know that during dry weather, some residents regularly water young and vulnerable saplings close to their homes - thank you! However, the dry spring and summer have benefitted insects and there has been an abundance of butterflies, including red admirals, meadow browns, peacock butterflies, commas and large whites. More swifts were visible over the estate, perhaps due to the presence of a greater number of insects. The swifts have finished nesting and will be returning to Africa in early August. Would you like to see more bird boxes around the estate? A north or east facing wall or a shady spot is good for these, and the birds are happy to use them on garage walls which are less open to squirrel attacks than those on trees and fences.