

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



Welcome to the 21<sup>st</sup> edition of the Newsletter.

**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 

**FLOWERBED REFRESH**

Our gardener, Nick Nicholson, has been very busy recently, removing straggly shrubs from a planting area along St Marys Road and replacing the shrubs with fresh planting. You may be interested to see the amount of thought and care that goes into gardening on the estate. Impressive!

*'The proposals seek to integrate with the adjoining bed and key areas of the estate, repeating the formal elements of tall Italian cypresses (now well-established around Holmwood House) and low Lonicera hedges, which have largely replaced the former box hedges destroyed by pests. The design also features the structural shapes of 3 Phormiums against the wall, with Boston Ivy in the gaps which will cling tightly to the brickwork without causing any damage. Variegated goldenleaved irises will provide a show of tall purple flowers, succeeded by shell-pink penstemons, with the rose-pink plates of sedum flowerheads, seen against a backdrop of mauve/blue Perovskia spikes in late summer/autumn. During the winter, there will still be plenty of structure provided by the evergreen components.'*

*'The area will be completely cleared of vegetation, before being thoroughly prepared for planting, incorporating plenty of organic matter (composted in the compound) and using mycorrhizal supplement to aid establishment of shrubs.'* NN.



## COMMUNITY PATH CLEARING AND LITTER PICK, DECEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>

Bring your spade! Bring your yard brush! Bring your gloves and litter picker! Don't have them? Please just come and there is sure to be equipment to borrow!

Everyone is welcome to this community tidy up. We can clear the path of slippery leaves and pick up litter along the public footpaths at both the front and the back of the estate.

Meet on the woodland path at 10am on Sunday 7th December, and we will work for an hour or two. Families welcome!

If it is raining hard we will have to cancel.

## WINTER MAINTENANCE

During the November Grounds Maintenance walk, it was noticed that a number of garages have blocked guttering.

This is quite a problem on an estate that enjoys so many trees! Guttering is each householder's responsibility, and gutters may need replacing if overloaded.

A further concern is that blocked guttering can exacerbate drain problems, and drain problems are a nuisance and incur community expenses for all of us. If you have a garage, please check the guttering, front and back, and clear it of pine needles, leaves and other debris to ensure that it is free running. Please check that any drains in your forecourt are free of weeds and other potential blockages.

Thank you!

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Path clearing and litter pick

Sunday 7 December, 10am on the woodland path leading to Trafalgar Close.

### Grounds Maintenance Meetings

Please meet on the Green at 9am if you wish to come: Fridays: 16 January, 13 March

## EV CHARGING

The Directors hope that the proposed talk about EV charging can be rescheduled, and will look for possible dates early next year.

