## Winter 2021 Newsletter



Winter is upon us, with fallen leaves, and an abundance of fungi that can be seen at this time of the year. Nature never stops!

Have a great Christmas holiday - and may 2022 be a more settled year for all of us.

The Board will be taking a break between 16<sup>th</sup> December and 16<sup>th</sup> January, so we will respond to any enquiries when we return.

# **Balancing Ponds**



This is our friend the crested newt – small, protected by law and an inhabitant of the balancing ponds.

As we said at our AGM, we are in the process of overhauling the ponds - long overdue, but problematic until we found a company willing to help us.

The 'spoil' taken from the ponds will be left onsite for a few days so that these little chaps that may be still in there can escape and return to the cleaner ponds. Watch out for changes soon.



#### Fireworks!

A big thank you to the CCDT for the very successful fireworks display this year.

So many of you came out into the public space after so long in lockdown - more than a thousand which was a great surprise.

Happily, everyone was very generous and there is now money in the kitty for next year (this event in the past has always been run at a large loss).

The weather was kind too which helped everyone to have a good evening.

#### **AGM**

Our AGM was successful and we were able to update all who listened on the happenings on Cholsey Meadows in the last year.

Residents also heard about our plans for the coming 12 months, such as replacing parking space numbers and clearing moss on pathways and roadsides, which will be treated in the New Year, so take care when it is damp to avoid slipping.

#### Cricket

Cricket is over for the year, but we now have some very impressive practice nets for use by members.

As usual we had a busy schedule for all those who practise, play and enjoy the active social side.



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# Please be neighbourly

Communities like Cholsey Meadows need rules to make living here a harmonious experience, and we ask you to be mindful and aware of this and the community you live in.

These things we ask you every quarter - please listen to us!

## Dogs

Please do not leave your dog to bark for hours on end in your garden, which irritates us all. Train your dogs to behave and please pick up your dog's poo.



# Do not speed on our roads

PLEASE Drive slowly at all times

Traffic calmers have now been installed where speeding currently causes most problems.

# Parking spaces

Please use your own parking spaces and do not leave your car on streets or in visitors parking spaces.



#### Rubbish

Please put your rubbish in the correct bins to save money and to discourage rats, and use the local tip at Oakley Wood for items that the bin men will not take.

## Sewage!

Very relevant as Thames Water had to come to another sewage overflow in November.

Please be very careful what you put down the toilet - only loo paper, and NO WETWIPES - they are NOT biodegradable and cause serious blockages.

#### **Christmas!**

Christmas is coming with all its pleasures. We hope you have a great time - and remember to be neighbourly.

**Decorations:** outdoors for six weeks maximum time

Christmas tree disposal: leave them behind the Cricket Pavilion before 10<sup>th</sup> January. Nurture will shred the trees and the remains will be used for mulching flower beds. *Please do not put any Christmas trees in the bin areas.* 

# Stay in touch!

Find information on FirstPort's MyHome portal. Contact Hayley Downey, our Site Manager: <a href="mailto:help@firstport.co.uk">help@firstport.co.uk</a>.

Contact the CMMC Board if you wish to include anything on our meetings agenda.

