



*Merry Christmas*

Dear Residents,

Well, another eventful year is coming to a close.

You will have noticed that we now have a solar illuminated Christmas tree on our roundabout. The Jingle and Mingle Team – Liz, Jo and Pam – organised mulled wine and mince pies (and hot chocolate for the children) and music and carol singing around the tree on Tuesday(20<sup>th</sup>). They should be congratulated for encouraging so many residents to come out for such an excellent and enjoyable event.

As we have previously said we are extremely grateful for your patience around the current roadworks. We are aware that this affects all the residents and, with the changeable weather, this work has suffered delays and will now continue into 2023. The pavements / drives that have been completed look superb and will add substantially to the safety elements in these areas. We will continue to keep you updated on this huge project.

#### **Please Note**

The police always see an increase in burglaries at this time of year. So here are a few simple, commonsense checks that the police advise to keep our homes safe:

- **Lock all doors and windows even if you are just “popping-out” for a short trip**
- **Check that side gates, sheds and garages are locked**
- **Ensure ladders and tools are not accessible**
- **Store all house, car and window keys safely out of sight of windows and doors**
- **Do not leave laptops etc in full view through windows**
- **Make your home look occupied with timer switches for lights and TV simulators**
- **Timer switches are £3.50 from Neighbourhood Watch**
- **If away ask a neighbour to park on your drive to create occupancy**
- **Keep an eye on neighbours' house if they are away over holidays**
- **Look out for strangers and suspicious vans cruising the road**

The committee would like to thank everyone who has given their support to the CRA during 2022 and look forward to working with you in 2023.

In the mean time we wish each and every one of you in our Chalklands community a safe and joyous Christmas and a healthy and very happy New Year.

*Thank you for your continued support.*

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