

Dear Residents,

There is no need to remind you of the difficult challenges that we have faced throughout this unbelievable year and we all look forward to a return to more normal and happier times in 2021. In spite of all the restrictions your Committee has continued to meet via Zoom and we have done our best to keep you updated on what we have been up to. As you know, most of our planned activities had to be cancelled or deferred and this, sadly, included our plan to resurface another section of the road this Autumn. However, we have taken advantage of the additional time by planning the much larger road surfacing and pavement replacement project that we announced in our last newsletter. Our detailed planning and the final negotiations with the company are now almost finalised and we are very confident that the project will be successfully completed in the Spring. We will update you and outline our plans for 2021 in the new year.

Meanwhile, keep an eye out for children following the COMMUNITY XMAS TRAIL around the village, from 11<sup>th</sup> onwards, looking at the wonderful light displays. Details and maps from Claytons PTA.

Thames Valley Police and Neighbourhood Watch have recently warned that thieves are active in this area so please take note of their following advice:

- **Thefts of Keyless cars have occurred in local roads so keep keys safe.**
- **Theft of vehicles left unattended with the engine running to warm up has been reported locally. Insurance companies can refuse to pay out if your car is stolen in such circumstances.**
- **Criminals are stealing utility bills and similarly sensitive papers from external letterboxes and paper recycling bins with identity theft being the unfortunate consequence. There is now further evidence that postmen and delivery drivers are being followed by criminals with a view to stealing packages left on doorsteps, as so many are these days. Try to avoid such doorstep deliveries by nominating a safe place or asking for delivery to a neighbour if you know you will be out.**
- **Thieves are also known to cruise areas on recycling collection days. They are on the look out for packaging that gives away the presence of expensive items such as TVs, computers, games consoles and the like. Be sure to cut up packaging and place it in your bin or at the very least cut the packaging and turn it inside out so that the contents are not obvious. Alternatively, take very large items to the tip.**
- **Remember, if you leave your purchases and gifts on open display through windows, or if you share photos of them on social media, potential burglars can also see them.**



### SEASONS GREETINGS

Finally, this being the last newsletter of the year, the Committee would like to thank everyone who has given their support to the CRA in so many ways throughout 2020. We look forward to your continued support in 2021 but in the meantime, 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.