

# The vote was **YES** for the Neighbourhood Plan. So, what's next?

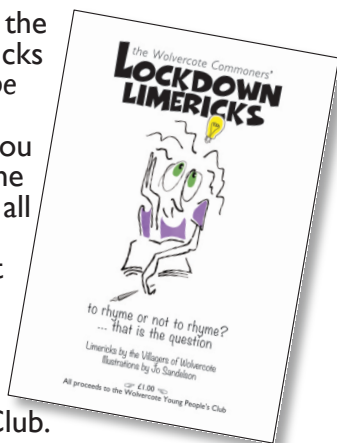
**Wolvercote  
Commoners'**  
**NEWSLETTER**  
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What happens after the referendum? Recent experience suggests getting a referendum done is only the start! Implementing the plan is an ongoing challenge. We will make sure that our plan is taken seriously when planning decisions are made. Government proposals to streamline planning and increase permitted development would reduce local democracy and weaken protection for green spaces. This is unwelcome to Neighbourhood Forums and Local Councils alike, and we will continue to protest. The community must also maximise the benefits of a made plan. A Neighbourhood Plan means more infrastructure money to spend (25% rather than 15%). It is public money, so projects have to demonstrate they have substantial local support and are properly developed. We are firming up the draft application procedure already on our website. We must engage more people and have more participation from a wider section of the community. In particular, many of the aspirations we know about would especially benefit younger members of our community, so we need their input. One of our first tasks is to sort out with the Council the amount of infrastructure money available to the community from Wolvercote Mill. You will hear more about this very soon.

*Christopher Hardman, Chairman, Neighbourhood Forum*

## Wolvercote Lockdown Limericks

You can still buy your copy of the Wolvercote Lockdown Limericks from The Post Box, (*Carl will be only too pleased to take your money!*). It will be something you can look back on years to come and think, did we really spend all that time locked up in our houses. Although you may not want to remember it, the limericks show the funny side of it at least! Remember all proceeds go to the Wolvercote Young people's Club.



## Wild flowers on the Commons

As the buttercups spread across the Commons it's just the beginning of the amazing abundance of wild flowers we see each year. If you ever wonder what a particular plant is you can check out our website ([www.wolvercotecommoners.co.uk](http://www.wolvercotecommoners.co.uk)) and see if it's there. If it's not there, why not photograph it, and then email the photograph to us at:

[wolvercote.commoners@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:wolvercote.commoners@yahoo.co.uk)

We can then identify it and add it to the site. We've added three plants this month, so let's try and make it the go-to site for plant identification.



*Recently added: Lady's smock/cuckoo flower*

## Your help is needed!

Last month we reported on an initiative set up by Rob Whitty to raise money for a sound survey of the A34. Highways England won't help so the only alternative is for the village to undertake its own survey. However, it costs £8,300!



So Rob set up a Just

Giving site to help achieve this goal.

Go to: [www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/a34-sound-barrier-survey](http://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/a34-sound-barrier-survey)

To date **only** a third of the money has been promised. So please please contribute now, whatever you can, to get things rolling. Remember how silent the road was during lockdown – let's try for a return of that peace. And don't worry if insufficient funds are raised, your money will be returned.

*Thank you in advance*

## Wolvercote Commoners' Committee

Following the Commoners' AGM last month the membership changed. Below is the new list.

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**Work Mornings have been suspended until further notice**



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