



# HAPPY NEW YEAR

Wolvercote  
Commoners'  
NEWSLETTER  
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*Wishing everyone in Wolvercote a very Happy and Healthy New Year*

The new year is always a time for new resolutions. How about making one this year to join the Wolvercote Commoners' Committee? Our AGM in the spring is when we ask for volunteers to join us on the Committee as we always have a few vacancies. It's not a demanding role, and it's very worthwhile and rewarding to be part of village life. Our role goes back to the 1920s when the then Parish Council was disbanded, which consequently left the area without any management structure. Ever since then the Committee has overseen Wolvercote Common, Wolvercote Green and Goose Green. If you feel you'd like to be part of our team you needn't wait until our AGM in April. You can be co-opted now and wait until the AGM to join us formally. Just email our secretary (see below) and you can then be put in touch with a Committee member who will give you more information. You would be welcomed with open arms.

## It may not be too late!



Although the Wolvercote Tree Group has sold all of their Orchard Recipe Books there may still be a few of their calendars available. So you don't miss out, pop along to the Port Meadow Convenience Store (née

The Post Box) where there might be some copies left.

*It's that time of the year to look after our hedgehogs. Although they are mostly hibernating, they may venture out on the warmer days. So, if you see one out and about why not give it a little treat? Cat or dog food is perfect (no fish, dairy or bread). Hedgehogs are having a hard time at the moment so they need all the help they can get.*



## Do you know your geese?



Canadian geese

you see a Canada goose it might be Barnacle Goose instead. See if you can spot the difference? Close-up it's easy but on the wing perhaps harder. So here's one of each for comparison. Check out our website, and recognise some of the other 120 different species of bird which visit the Commons during the year. ([www.wolvercotecommoners.co.uk](http://www.wolvercotecommoners.co.uk))



Barnacle Goose

## Jubilee Gate entrance made safer

Last year there could have been a very nasty accident, when the water under the culvert by the Jubilee Gate was in full spate and toddler almost fell in. Although this was a very rare event we have just fitted a



grating over the entrance as a precaution. Hopefully we won't have too much heavy flooding in the future, but at least if we do, things will be safer than last year.

## Don't forget Village Work Mornings second Saturday of every month

Meet outside the Village Hall at 10am (bring garden gloves, wellies and any gardening tools you have). Children welcome



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