

As 2012 comes to a close it is a good time to reflect. We have had the Queens Jubilee where neighbours got together for street parties. Now we are in a situation where there is a proposal for developing 7500 houses on our doorstep. Everyone I have spoken to is against the proposal. The DCA has reacted to this and produced Q&As, a flyer and a model form on the website, to help with the difficult process of consultation. These are two examples of the community in action. As Christmas approaches it is the time of goodwill within the community.

With the recent cold weather, people are being reminded to look out for each other, especially our elderly residents, to help keep them safe and warm throughout the winter months. If you have any elderly neighbours please check up on them daily to ensure they are keeping warm and give them that extra bit of support.

When roads and footways become icy, some of our elderly residents will struggle to get supplies from the local shops. If you can help get supplies, or assist them back and forward to shops, please do, they will greatly appreciate your help.

Likewise, if you have some spare time, help the elderly residents by making sure their pathways are clear of ice and snow, and if possible help clear some of the public pathways.

Not sure about clearing paths? Here's a very useful link to [Cardiff Council Snow Code](#)

Throughout the year the DCA has been involved in a number of issues and we will continue through 2013. If you would like to play a part in our community, please come and join us at the meetings on third Monday of every month at St John's Hall at 8pm. You do not have to join the committee, but if you feel you could offer your time then this would be welcomed.

Finally I would like to extend my best wishes to everyone for Christmas and the New Year.

