



## Friends of Birthwaite July News

### Table top sale

Our first Table top sale was a great success raising £300 for Friends of Birthwaite charity fund. We understand that the 6 residents with tables were very happy with the money they made too. Special thank you to everyone that attended, helped out, hired a table and gave a generous donation. This money raised will be used to support all future Friends events. **Our treasurer will outline all income, expenditure and donations at our monthly committee meeting and report this in our minutes on our noticeboard.** Our next Table top sale will be on Saturday 18th October, so remember to keep your unwanted stuff for this event.

### Buy, Sell, Swap or Donate

This is a new idea that came from several conversations at the Table Top Sale. The Friends of Birthwaite will help residents, their families & friends to **Buy, Sell, Swap or Donate** their personal property.

**Buy**– so if you are looking for something to add to your flat, maybe a highback chair or that crystal vase.

**Sell**– so you need to declutter your kitchen and want to sell that Air fryer you never used or winter jacket you don't want or those cushions that don't match the new curtains!

**Swap**– Do you have something you want to swap instead of involving any cash? Maybe a potted plant or maybe a kitchen utensil or even a piece of furniture?

**Donate**– Would you like to support our fund raising by donating your unwanted items. These items will be sold and used to support Friends of Birthwaite activities and events.

**How it works?** *Just let us know what you would like us to do? We will promote the details of your Buy, Sell or Swap. We will photograph the item and spread the word. A donation of £1 per item is payable for this new ser-*

### Residents meetings

Don't forget to decide which residents meeting to attend. Either the evening meeting on **Monday 14th July@7pm** in the lounge or on **Wednesday 16th@2pm**. At this meeting we will introduce the new Friends of Birthwaite association and share our vision and answer any questions you may have. If you are unable to attend due to health or other reasons, let us know via your neighbour or carer and we will arrange to visit you in your flat. Refreshments will be provided.

### Friends of Birthwaite Launch Day Tea Party

**Saturday 26th July 2pm-5pm**

This will be a fun open day for residents, their family & friends, where we will show off our excellent facilities including our gardens and event lounge. We will present many of our proposed projects including our annual events calendar. We welcome families with children and weather permitting, have activities on the back lawn. We plan to offer cream teas to all guests. Make sure to invite your family friends and if you could let us know how many that would help us. A list to

### Library

We are currently reviewing our library at Birthwaite. This is currently in the PC Room opposite Flat 16. From our conversations we have had with residents very few people knew that it existed and all thought that it wasn't in a very convenient location. So far with the help from two residents, all the books have been checked and items belonging to the County Library have been returned and we currently looking for a more convenient location. We would like to build up our book library to include DVDs, CDs and magazines. If you have any to donate please let us know.

### Gap Funding

A big thank you to South Lakes Housing for the purchase of the outdoor games equipment for the rear lawn area. This includes Croquet, Swing Ball, Connect Four, Lawn bowling, a Boules set and Quoits. This was made possible through a £300 Gap Funding grant. These will be showcased on our Open Launch Day on Saturday 26th July 2pm to 5pm and then every Wednesday, at Games Night, after that.