



Caro Wilson is well known to those who live around Mill Road, Cambridge – not least because of her work with a host of local charities and organisations including the Mill Road History Society and Lifecraft.

My Lock Down Cambridge Thank-you's

1. I'd like to thank Gioconda, Monica and all the team who organised Scrubs for Cambridgeshire, an initiative that brought together lots of people throughout the county to sew PPE for the NHS and care homes. My sewing isn't good enough to make uniforms but I could and did make lots of laundry bags so
2. I'd like to thank my neighbours in Willis Road and elsewhere on Mill Road for all the bed linen they gave me so I could do this. It helped keep me sane.



Bag lady with bags

3. I'd like to thank Graham at Cam Cycles in Mill Road for all the work he's done over the years to keep my bike in working order. When I originally bought the bike, I was told it was a Raleigh dating from about 1950, so it's not much younger than I am. It has no gears, it's heavy and I just love it. During lockdown I went out with it every day, sometimes just to go through the city to where the walk I planned properly began, sometimes further afield because the lack of traffic made the roads much safer.
4. Thanks to Cambridge for being beautiful and to the weather for often being so glorious. To the birds and the blossom and the river.
5. I'd like to thank everyone in Spice Gate, my local shop in Mill Road where all the staff coped magnificently with new stresses and strains. Their supply chains held up all the time, no one was grumpy and there was always time for a smile and a bit of a chat. And this bit of thanks extends to all the other traders on Mill Road who adapted their stores or came up with innovative ideas of how to carry on their business. And to everyone who queued uncomplainingly, indeed, usually cheerfully.



6. I'd like to thank the staff and residents at Ditchburn for their idea of brightening their railings with ribbons, or drawings or whatever. It was always fun to see what was new there.



7. Many thanks to Sophie and the Glimmer Theatre for organising the county wide Quarantine Quilt <https://www.glimmertheatre.co.uk/the-quarantine-quilt>. When this is finished it will be on display in libraries throughout the county. I stuck to the idea of sewing and cycling but it made a nice change from laundry bags.



8. Thanks to Kay Blayney for her creative writing ideas. I never did as many as I hoped but I really enjoyed thinking about them
9. Thanks to Kim and Lee for making the VE party in Willis Road so special, and to everyone for the waving and greeting at the Thursday claps for the NHS
10. And of course thanks to family and friends. I spent happy and memorable times walking with friends, or meeting in people's gardens or on the dreaded Zoom.

A final thanks to Mark, Jenny and Katie for this lovely website

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