



WATSON / CHURCH ROAD DEVELOPMENT

Regrettably DLRCoCo's planning department approved the planning application submitted regarding Watson Road / Church Road. As a result of the approval the Residents Association in conjunction with the Watson Road Action Group appealed the decision to An Bord Pleanála. In making this appeal we engaged the services of Declan Brassil & Co Ltd – Chartered Planning Consultants and Clifton Emerson Associates - Consulting Engineers who provided us with documentation strongly objecting to the proposed developments.

With support from these documents we once again highlighted our numerous concerns including deficiencies in the Foul and Surface Water systems with no remedial work conducted by DLRCoCo over the past 48 years and added traffic movements within our Estate. We believe that the Planning Department of DLRCoCo has failed in their duty to recognize these problems, and have not taken any cognizance of previous An Bord Pleanála rulings on these issues.

The Residents Association would like to strongly encourage anyone who can to submit a €50 appeal to An Bord Pleanála regarding this proposal by the 9th of April

We are stronger together.



Annual Subscription



Collection for our annual subscription will take place during the month of April and **we are seeking new volunteer collectors**. Please place the subscription in the attached envelope, and a collector with ID will call to collect it. A receipt can be issued for any subscriptions paid.

Our fee remains the same as it has for the last number of years - €20 per household. Last year 68% of houses paid. Thank you to everyone who contributed. All the money collected goes directly back into our estate.

Please do not expect your neighbours to pay for you!

AGM

Annual General Meeting

Our Annual AGM is being held on Wednesday the 23rd of May in Johnstown Pastoral Centre at 7.30pm

All are welcome. Committee members will present annual reports and updates on work completed in 2017-2018. Similar to recent years numerous environmentally friendly raffle prizes will also be given out on the night.



Traffic Management Subcommittee

The flashing speed sign has been in place in our estate for a number of months. It has been on Watson Road, and is currently on Churchview Avenue. Provisional results from Watson Road indicate an average speed of 40km/h. With the sign turned on and flashing speeds reduced to 38km/h.

A more detailed assessment will be undertaken on completion of the project, however the results are expected to be similar to those above.

Spring Bulbs

At the end of 2017 we planted 6,000 bulbs around the estate, specifically on the Brackenbush Green at Tesco, the link greens from Watson Park to Brackenbush Park and the green at Auburn Road. The bulbs planted were a combination of daffodils and Irish bluebells. We hope you are enjoying them. We plan on doing the same every Autumn for years to come.



We are also planning on planting some poppies, verbena and wild garlic this spring which will add lovely colour this summer. We won't disclose the location, you will have to find them!

Bird Sign

The Residents Association are delighted to announce that we have created and designed a wildlife sign which is being installed on Brackenbush Green in the coming weeks. The sign will feature birds and give information on birds local to our estate, all from a location where we are likely to see them. We believe that this sign will add to the estate, encourage learning and be of interest to those who pass it. We received grant funding from DLRCoCo toward the cost of the sign, and they are kindly securing it in place for us. Keep your eye out when you are next passing through the area!



Spring Clean

In conjunction with the An Taisce National Spring Clean and Johnstown National Schools, the next estate clean-up is taking place on Saturday the 14th of April. As usual, committee members will be present to hand out refuse bags, gloves, litter pickers and motivation! Tea / coffee and snacks will be provided for all volunteers.

We will also be handing out some seasonal RAFFLE PRIZES to lucky winners at the tea break after clean up!

Meet in the Church car park on 14/04/17 at 11am

Just an hour of your time can make a BIG difference to the quality of our neighbourhood

Car Safety

We have noticed that most of the 'Text Alerts' Neighbourhood Watch has sent in recent months have been about car break-ins. We would like to remind everyone (residents and guests) of the importance of locking your car at night. If your car is broken into and not locked, you may encounter issues with your insurance company paying out on claims. Also, if you have a driveway space use it at night for extra safety.



Neighbourhood Watch

In comparing the same number of months in 2016 and 2017 we have noticed a drop in the level of crime in our estate. As a result there has also been a decrease in the number of *text alerts* being sent to members of Neighbourhood Watch. We are delighted with this decrease, but are conscious that we all need to continue to be vigilant. We encourage anyone who is not a member of Neighbourhood Watch to join!

The Residents Association would like to wish all residents a very happy and healthy Easter.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all residents for supporting each other during the recent snow episodes, and acknowledge all the hard work that went into keeping our footpaths clear of ice and snow and as safe as possible for pedestrians.

Garda Vetting

The Residents Association are always conscious to keep up to date with policy regarding the protection and safety of children and vulnerable adults. In recent weeks we have been in contact with the Gardaí's *National Vetting Bureau* and *Volunteer Dún Laoghaire* to clarify if the members of the Residents Association should be vetted. We have received clarification that we do not meet the threshold for vetting at this time, but we will ensure we keep up to date with any policy changes.



'ICE' - In Case of Emergency

In case of emergency 'ICE' is a program that enables first responders such as Paramedics/Firefighters/Gardaí to contact the next of kin's of people who are seriously injured to obtain **important medical information**. The idea is you enter emergency contacts in your mobile phone address book starting with the letters "ICE" ie: *ICE, Joe Bloggs*.

The ICE contact should be someone over 18 who can be reached 24/7. The idea is they speak to emergency services on your behalf if you are sick or injured to such an extent that you are unable to communicate.

Spring Word Search

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| FLOWERS | THAW |
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