



Wild Bird Sign

We hope many of you will have noticed the above *Irish Wild Garden Birds* sign which was erected on Brackenbush green the weekend of the 9th of June. This sign was designed by members of the association based on birds seen in our estate. We are delighted with the finished product and have already noticed many residents stopping to have a read. The sign contains the English, Latin and Irish names for 21 birds, details the sound of their song and their diet. We will be hanging a number of extra bird boxes in close proximity to the sign in the coming weeks, so hopefully we will see as many of the birds as possible!

The committee would like to thank all those involved in producing the sign, and DLRCoCo for kindly installing it for us.

Summer Planting



Our 20 road name signs and 5 planters have recently been planted with a variety of colourful summer plants. This year following research and liaison with DLRCoCo we have planted plants that are hardy and survive the heat with minimal watering. Hopefully they will add great colour to the estate when they are in full bloom. We hope that you enjoy them ☺

Although the plants we have chosen are hardy we still need your help in watering them so they don't die.

If you live near any of the road name signs or planters please help by watering them, so we can enjoy them for as long as possible.



Wildflower Areas

Most people appreciate the beauty wildflowers bring to our landscape. Local communities can lead the way in driving a better and more sustainable balance bringing more natural, flower-rich pockets back into our landscape. See *All Ireland Pollinator Plan 2015 - 2020* www.biodiversityireland.ie/pollinator-plan for details.

You may have noticed that a number of areas in our estate have been chosen by DLRCOCO as designated wildflower areas in support of the above pollination plan. The grass areas on some green spaces is purposely not being cut as often as usual and is not being cut at all under some trees to support the prosperity of pollinators such as bees and other insects.



These two photos were taken under some trees in our estate recently...



The photo on the left contains a wealth of wild flowers including: *Stellaria media* (common chickweed), *Betula* (birch seedlings), *Ranunculus repens* (buttercup), *Taraxacum sp.* (dandelion), *Veronica spicata* (spring speedwell) and *Lamium purpureum* (red dead-nettle). These flowers are all valuable for native pollinators particularly bees which are in decline.

The photo on the right shows the result of dumping nutrient rich grass clippings on top of the wild flowers. The only thing that can survive is the grass.

These photographs speak for themselves! We would ask that all residents to help us in protecting our wildflowers.

Dumping garden waste is illegal, carries a fine, kills wild flowers and negatively impacts pollinators.





News Updates

1. We have been in contact with DLRCoCo about replacing trees that are missing from verges throughout the estate and replacing dying trees. If the verge outside your house needs a tree please contact any committee member so we can add you to our list.
2. The Developer has recently responded to our observations with An Bord Pleanála re: the development on Watson Road. We will keep you updated with all developments.
3. Two of our committee members have completed DLRCoCo's 'Sustainable Gardening Workshop' and will be advising us going forward on all of our planting endeavours.
4. As part of the DLRCoCo's Age Friendly strategy 2016-2020 a member of the committee has also completed their 10 week course on Age Friendly Communities which was delivered by Age and Opportunity.
5. We have recently hung 15 number of bird, bat and bee boxes at locations requested by you throughout the estate. We hope to see activity in them throughout the coming months.



2018 Subscriptions



Collection of the 2018-2019 Residents Association Subscriptions has ended. This year we collected almost the exact same as last year.

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to the collection this year. As our committee and initiatives have grown so has our need for funding, so thank you.



Estate Clean Up

Our next estate clean-up is taking place on Saturday the 30th of June. As always committee members will be present to hand out refuse bags, gloves, litter pickers and motivation! We would love to see you there.

Tea / coffee and snacks will be provided for all volunteers afterwards.

**Meet in the Church car park on
30/06/18 at 11am**

Just an hour of your time can make a BIG difference to the appearance of our estate

DLRCoCo Tidy Districts

Judging for DLRCoCo Tidy Districts 2018 takes during the month of July (we don't know when).

We are hoping to win again this year! Please support our participation in this competition, by picking up and binning any litter you happen to walk past. Every bit helps. Fingers crossed we do well!



Wheelie Bin Clips

With Autumn approaching we are conscious that we might be getting a bit more wind. Last year the amount of waste that blew out of green bins into the estate during wind was remarkable. We are hoping to avoid this happening again. Bin Minder (www.binminder.ie) have developed a bin strap that clips onto your bin holding the lid down to prevent rubbish blowing out. The strap costs approximately €12. It will do two things 1) help with managing litter in the estate 2) stop passers by using your bin if it is on the kerb.



DLRCoCo Summer of Heritage

DLRCoCo have released their 2018 *Summer of Heritage* Booklet. It can be downloaded from <http://events.dlrcoco.ie/sites/default/files/Summer%20of%20Heritage%202018.pdf>. *Summer of Heritage* events are a series of FREE guided tours run by the Heritage Office in DLRCoCo. They are suitable for schools, students, families, community groups, active retired, historic groups, and tourists. They are a great way of informing and educating people about the true historical value of an area, building, or object.

There is a guided tour to suit everyone, because they take place in Churches, Burial Grounds, Obelisks, Castles, Museums, Country Houses, Martello Towers and Nature Trails.

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