



## WINTER SOCIAL SUCCESS

**We are delighted to confirm our social event on 30/11/19 in The Graduate was a great success!! The bingo, quiz, raffle prizes and food all went down a treat!**

There was a great turn out of residents, friends and local Cllr's who all enjoyed the activities on the night. Most importantly everyone was committed to and generously contributed to the fundraising.

**Our goal was to raise €1,500 and donate it to Shankill & Ballybrack Community First Responders who have committed to using the funds to purchase and install an AED in the vicinity of Killiney Shopping Centre. Thanks to the generosity of many residents, those present on the night and a number of local businesses we are delighted to announce we raised €1,408 on the night. Our Association is topping this up to €1,500 meaning we have met our goal!**

**We would like to sincerely thank the following businesses for their commitment to and support of the event:**

**The Graduate, Café Solo, Green Dragon Well, Masala, Haven Pharmacy Murray's, Rushe's SuperValu, Deerings Butchers, Killiney Travel, Peter Mark Killiney, Shades Hair Studio, Shankill Tennis Club, Lloyds Pharmacy Donnybrook, Authentic Energy Management Services and Windyridge Nurseries.**



### Christmas Planting

Hopefully you have noticed that all our granite road name signs have been pruned and prepared for winter. We planted 40 red and white cyclamen between the two big Watsons granite stones on Churchview Road. We also planted approximately 24 seasonal cyclamen in the hanging baskets at the top of Churchview Road (with the assistance of our brilliant hanging basket volunteer). We hope you enjoy these plants.

Keep your eyes peeled in the spring for the 2,000 crocus and bluebell bulbs that were planted this autumn with the assistance of DLRCoCo – see if you can find them!!

### **f Our New Facebook Page f**

Our new Facebook page is the quickest and easiest way for us to keep you up to date on association and local activities. We hope you are now following us on Facebook, we post almost daily sharing information, news and pictures. If you are not following us please search for *Watson Killiney Residents Association* like us and follow us to be sure you don't miss out on updates!



### Security at Christmas Time

Thankfully Garda statistics have shown that the national burglary rate is lower this year than it was last year. In a recent survey the Gardaí noted that the most common items to be stolen continue to be cash, jewellery, computers (iPads), phones, TVs and game consoles. To avoid a break in or theft happening to you, in an *Irish Independent* article on 08/12/19 the Gardaí and Phonewatch listed a number of home security tips for this time of year. They included:

- Not displaying gifts under the Christmas tree as it can be an attraction for burglars.
- Make sure to secure all windows and doors are locked when going out.
- Use light timers to give the appearance that someone is home.
- Cut back bushes / hedging to ensure criminals can't scope out your house easily.
- Consider CCTV cameras or other overt things that would allow somebody to think this house is being watched.
- Wait until collection day before discarding packaging, as leaving the boxes of a new phone / iPad in the top of your green bin can attract thieves.
- Avoid leaving keys on hall tables / near doors, as they could be fished out through letterboxes.
- Do not leave house keys under pots in your garden.

### Wheelie Bins

With windy weather occurring more frequently at the moment, please remember not to place your bin on unstable ground where it can easily be blown over. On the footpath next to your garden wall / hedge is the ideal (and most sheltered) location. We want to make sure we aren't looking at wrapping paper etc in trees for months!

### 'Tackle it Tuesday'

We are thrilled with how our 'Tackle it Tuesdays' have taken off! We have achieved so much and met lots of lovely people who have joined us. Why not consider joining us too? It's a great way to spend a Tuesday afternoon. Contact Olivia to be added to our weekly contact list.

### DLRCoCo Road Gritting Service

With frost, ice and possibly snow approaching, did you know that DLRCoCo have a Road Gritting Map for the borough that can be viewed on line? It highlights all the roads that are treated with gritting machines in an attempt to manage dangerous road conditions. The roads local to us that are treated include Churchview Road, Church Road / Wyatville Road, the N11, Rochestown Avenue, Johnstown Road and Pottery Road - to name a few.



## Christmas 2019



**The Residents Association would like to wish every resident a very happy Christmas. The estate is looking really festive again this year! We would like to thank you all for your efforts - the lights and decorations look fantastic again this year.**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has volunteered with us during 2019 as a Neighbourhood Watch Volunteer Coordinator, volunteer during a clean-up, annual subscription collector, 'Tackle it Tuesday' volunteer and those who attended our AGM. We would like to also thank Caoimhe, Séan and Conor who deliver the newsletters and all other notices for us throughout the year.

**Your support and commitment is essential in the running of our residents association.**

We are also mindful that Christmas can be a difficult time of the year for some of our neighbours and friends. We are thinking of you, and are here to offer support in any way we can.

# On the Agenda

## Our Agenda

Did you know that as residents if there is **ever** anything you would like us to discuss at our monthly committee meeting you can contact us and ask for the issue to be added to our agenda? Any member of the association can be contacted by telephone with such a request, or you can email us at [watsonkilliney@gmail.com](mailto:watsonkilliney@gmail.com). We are always interested and willing to address anything that we can to improve the quality of life for us all.

## Our Achievements in 2019

- Neighbourhood Watch text alert scheme monitored and updated
- 4 newsletters, 1 AGM notice and 1 planning permission notice circulated to all houses
- 2,000 crocus and bluebell bulbs planted within the estate
- 3 clean up days took place along with a number of litter collections
- We re-planted the granite road name signs with pollinator friendly perennials
- In conjunction with DLRCoCo plans are being created for designated wildflower areas in the estate
- We hung and planted a number of hanging baskets along the railings at Church Road
- Watson Drive / Watson Park lane has been cleared of graffiti
- The flower bed at Watson Drive / Watson Park has been re-planted
- A list of our top priority trees in breach of DLRCoCo's Trees Guideline was submitted to the council for urgent action
- We held our second winter social during which €1,408 was raised and donated to Shankill & Ballybrack Community First Responders
- We entered the Tidy Districts 2019 and were runners up in our category winning €300
- We submitted an observation about the proposed and approved development for the site known as Culgrenagh
- We changed our logo and re-launched our Facebook page
- We made a submission to DLRCoCo regarding the retention of our LPT rate
- In conjunction with our Traffic Subcommittee a submission was made to DLRCoCo regarding the speed limit and 'rat runs' in our estate.
- We have responded to all resident queries and advocated where possible on any issues raised.

This is just some of the work that has been completed this year. We have also facilitated the annual subscription collections, held an AGM, attended all DLRCoCo PPN meetings representing our association, advocated with all local TD's and Cllr's re: the Culgrenagh Development and attended an extraordinary DLRCoCo meeting re: the proposed development and maintained ongoing liaison with the Parks and Roads Departments in DLRCoCo.



## Welcome to New Residents

To date in 2019 five houses have been sold in Watsons. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all the new residents to Watsons whether you are a new home owner or tenant. We hope you will be very happy living in our community.

## We are YOUR Association

### Committee Members

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