

## Dart Station upgrade

As a result of the graffiti issue, the committee requested a meeting with Irish Rail officials to discuss the ongoing development of Killester Dart Station. In November 2007 we met with Joe Beardmore – Service Planning Manager for the Dart, and Fergus Murray – Station Manager Killester. They informed us that there is some delay in delivering platform furniture, landscaping, shelters, etc. but it is the intention to complete the development of Killester Dart Station by April 2008.

We are happy to see that the landscaping has been completed. New shelters, seating and litter bins will also be installed on the platforms. Also, the ticket office will be remodelled to accommodate the new ticketing arrangements. Litter is a problem – in particular the 'free-sheet newspapers'. Irish Rail are working to minimise the problem. The committee thanked Irish Rail for the manner in which they are dealing with any graffiti around the station.

## The 2007 Committee

Pete Cummins	20 Abbeyfield	Chairperson
Xavier Timmons	37 Middle Third	Vice- Chairperson
Shay Nash	48 Middle Third	Secretary
Judy Lynam	45 The Demesne	Treasurer
Maeve Freeman	105 Abbeyfield	
Barbara McCann	85 Abbeyfield	
Jimmy Magee	22 The Demesne	
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*Each year the committee needs up to 9 members to carry out it's work. New committee members are always needed. If you feel you can attend a meeting once a month for an hour or so then you should put your name forward - we would like to hear from you.*

## Committee Nomination Form

Nominee\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed by\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*\* Only existing members of the Residents Association are eligible to propose and be nominated.*

**Please leave your completed form with a Committee member – or bring it to the AGM!**

## KILLESTER GARDEN VILLAGE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

### Quarterly Newsletter Spring 2008

*The Residents' Committee of the Killester Garden Village Residents Association has sent this Newsletter to you. The Residents' Association covers the areas of Abbeyfield, Middle Third, The Demesne and parts of the Howth Road.*

*With your help we hope to be able to provide a platform for addressing issues of concern for our members and for our community.*

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### **Residents' Association 2008 AGM.**

**DATE: Saturday 12<sup>h</sup> April.**

**TIME: 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.**

**VENUE: PARISH RESOURCE CENTRE, HOWTH ROAD.**

### **THIS IS OUR COMMUNITY - OUR RESPONSIBILITY**

The AGM of the Residents' Association in March last year was very well attended. The major issue was traffic through the area. Come along and contribute your input to determining the future of our area.

### **THIS IS OUR COMMUNITY, OUR NEIGHBOURHOOD AND OUR FUTURE.**

The Committee will provide a full update on all issues. This is your opportunity to participate in directing the future of our area.

**AS A NUMBER OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL BE STANDING DOWN THIS YEAR IT IS VITAL THAT WE HAVE NEW MEMBERS TO CARRY ON THE WORK OF THE ASSOCIATION.**

## Traffic Petition to Dublin City Council

At last year's AGM, the main issue of concern was the volume of traffic through the area – namely the 'RAT RUN' through Abbeyfield, Middle Third & The Demesne.

The 2007 Residents' Association Committee was instructed to redouble its efforts to address this issue. The Committee decided to circulate a petition to all residents in the area – as part of the 2007 Summer Newsletter - in order to develop a submission to Dublin City Council.

The Petition instructs that **“Dublin City Council undertake all necessary measures to restrict Traffic access through the Abbeyfield, Middle Third & Demesne areas during peak times as a matter of urgency.”**

We are pleased to report that over two-thirds of all houses in the area responded by signing the petition. Your Committee has submitted these petitions on your behalf to Dublin City Council. Also, we have informed our local councillors and TDs that we have submitted this petition, and we have requested that they support this petition.

You can reinforce this now by contacting your local councillors and TDs.

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The points you can make are as follows:

- The route from the Artane Roundabout through St Brigid's Road, Abbeyfield, Middle Third to Collins Avenue *and* through The Demesne to the Howth Road is a 'Rat Run' during peak times.
- There are **serious** safety issues for residents, school children and pedestrians, due to the narrow roads and even narrower footpaths.
- The 'traffic calming measures' – ramps – **do not** deter motorists from using this route.
- These roads were not designed to cater for the volumes of traffic using them.

## Planning issues – houses demolished

As you may be aware, two houses have been demolished in our area in recent months.

No. 20 Middle Third was demolished in October 2007 and recently, No. 226 Howth Road was demolished on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March. No planning permission was granted to demolish in either case. Dublin City Council's Planning Enforcement section was contacted in respect of these demolitions. If you are aware of unplanned development in the area, you can contact the Dublin City Council Planning department at 222 2147 or Email: [planningenforcement@dublincity.ie](mailto:planningenforcement@dublincity.ie)

Your Committee met with the Senior Planners and Enforcement Officer last November in order to discuss planning issues, including demolition of houses in the area. Your local Councillors: Bronwen Maher, Deirdre Heney & Naoise O'Muiri also attended this meeting at our request. All of our local councillors are fully supportive of the Zone 2 planning guidelines.

## Neighbourhood Watch Scheme update

Neighbourhood Watch Scheme representatives from your Residents' Association attended the Area Neighbourhood Watch Scheme AGM held recently in Raheny GAA club.

The Garda Inspectors on the Garda panel of the Area Neighbourhood Watch Scheme are: Insp. Eddie Hyland and Insp. Eamonn Murphy (Raheny). All of the community Garda were introduced.

The Community Garda for the Killester and Donnycarney area is Garda Sean Dixon.

The Crime Prevention Officer gave a presentation on current issues affecting all areas.

- Theft from cars is on the increase due to the number of Satellite Navigation systems being installed in cars. These 'Sat Navs' can easily be removed, and users should be aware of tell-tale signs for thieves – display holders on windscreens (even if *they* are also removed – the mark of the suction pad will indicate a Sat Nav is in the car)! Laptop computers are also a target; and they should be taken into the house & not left in the boot - which can be drilled or forced open.
- Burglaries from houses are still a problem. Most burglaries occur between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., where the house is unoccupied and does not have a burglar alarm. Fitting a burglar alarm box on the outside of the house will deter potential burglars. You should make fit a door viewer and door chain to protect against unwanted callers. Mark your valuables and if you can, place them in a small safe bolted to a wall. The motto here is 'Prevention is better than Detection'.
- ATM fraud is a rising problem. If you are using an ATM machine and notice anything suspicious – leave the machine and try another. At all times conceal your pin number entry by placing your free hand over the number pad as you key-in your number.

The Gardaí have increased the number of checks for drink driving and the number of searches for drugs. There have been problems in other areas with workmen calling at houses, looking to check/fix roofs and perform other jobs. Do not allow them to work on your house. You should ask your friend or neighbour's advice if you think you need work done.

***The overriding message is to be vigilant for yourself and your neighbours.***

If you see any activity, which is suspicious – don't be afraid to call the Gardaí. It is, after all, their job.

**So – don't be afraid to ring 999.**

If you have any concerns which should be raised with the Gardaí please ring Raheny Garda at 6664300.

## Graffiti

A number of members of the Residents' Association have contacted the committee in relation to this issue. We have raised this problem with the local Community Garda.

What to do depends on where the graffiti is: if on a public building then you should contact the relevant authority, e.g. Irish Rail or Dublin City Council. If the graffiti is on a private house then the owner has responsibility for its removal. If you need further information on graffiti removal contact Lara Gallagher in Dublin City Council at 2224242.

## Family Day 2007

Last August the Annual Family Day was held for the residents of Killester and the members of Killester Sports and Social Club. The number of bouncy castles, barbecues, various fun races for children, and the DJ ensured that everyone enjoyed the day out. The Residents Association would like to thank all our Sponsors and encourage you to support them where possible:

**Heaven Hair & Beauty**  
**Bank of Ireland Killester**  
**Update Heating (Kevin Finnerty)**  
**Lynch's TakeAway**

*A number of private sponsors also contributed generously.*