

KILLESTER GARDEN VILLAGE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Quarterly Newsletter

Summer 2007

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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Traffic – The Main Issue

The RAT RUN through Abbeyfield, Middle Third & The Demesne needs to be stopped.

The Traffic through our area at peak times is at crisis point, and has become a rat run for motorists looking to avoid the 'car-park' that is the Malahide Road & Howth Road during peak times.

The Northern Fringe Development will bring over 15,000 – yes FIFTEEN THOUSAND – housing units to accommodate 35,000 people, over the next couple of years.

WE HAVE TO PROTECT OUR AREA NOW.

We have written and met with our city road planners and engineers and are extremely disappointed with the outcome.

- *We asked for a reduction in traffic - They said NO.*
- *We asked for improved signage - They said Maybe.*
- *We asked for better footpaths - They said Unlikely.*
- *We asked for another children's crossing - They said NO.*

- *They need our roads to feed the chaos that they have created with their bus lanes and massive housing schemes because they are unwilling to invest in proper infrastructural solutions. We are viewed as a cheaper option. We must say NO.*
- *We are going to push our councillors and road planners for restricted access at peak times. This will require an official survey. We need the support of all residents whether you are a member of our association or not. This affects you and your family. Please sign the petition on the back page of this newsletter and return it to one of our members.*
- *Please do not ignore this. Someone is going to be injured or killed if we do not act now.*

This Newsletter includes a Petition on the back page – please complete this.

The Petition will be collected by a representative of the committee.

If you have already completed a petition please inform the collector.

Anonymous correspondence to Residents

A number of residents have received an anonymous newsletter in the style of Newsletters originating from the Committee. **This Newsletter was titled "Special Edition" and was NOT sent from the Committee.** It was obviously printed and distributed by a person or persons who disagree with our policy of protecting our area from unwanted and unauthorised developments.

The Committee are also aware that a number of residents in the Abbeyfield area have also received an anonymous letter.

These correspondences are derogatory and defamatory of the Committee and the Residents' Association. The deliberate misrepresentation of a duly elected body is an offence.

The Committee wish to inform all residents that these matters are now in the hands of the Gardaí.

Annual Family Day

The Annual Family Day which is organised jointly by the Residents Committee and the Killester Sports and Social Club will take place in the club grounds on Sunday 12th August.

The events will include Bouncy Castles, Balloons, Face Painting and Children's Activities. In previous years we have been fortunate with the weather & hope that the sun will shine again.

ALL are welcome.

Killester Club

Killester Club is our local sports club promoting the development of soccer in the area at a number of levels.

The senior team of Killester United recently won the FAI Junior Cup in Dalymount Park beating St. John Bosco F.C. 3-0. The team has also won the AUL Premier A league.

This year the club has formed under-age soccer teams and provides a necessary sporting facility for the youth of the area.

The Committee are aware that a number of concrete bollards have been placed along the entrance way to the club grounds – Nuns Walk. This entrance way is part of the grounds of Killester Sports & Social Club.

The club have informed the Residents Association that they wish to protect their grounds from unauthorised development.

The club have recently refurbished their premises into a modern spacious facility.

Residents Association AGM update

The 2nd Annual General Meeting took place in the Parish Resource Centre on Saturday 24th March. The meeting was well attended. A number of issues were raised, but the main cause for concern among the attendance was the Traffic issue.

We have therefore made this our priority for the year ahead and urge you to sign the attached Petition.

The AGM also expressed their gratitude for the contributions of the outgoing members – Joe Redmond and Brian Fitzpatrick for all their work during the last two years.

The 2007 Committee is:

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	
Clodagh Whelan	14 Abbeyfield	

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Neighbourhood Watch Scheme update

A meeting of the area Neighbourhood Watch Scheme was held recently. The Community Garda provided some information on incidents occurring in the area since our last meeting.

There have been a number of burglaries in the area.

Follow-up investigation by the Gardaí indicates that most of these have been as a result of a lack of an alarm system or windows left open in the houses affected.

There is a current problem of Satellite Navigation systems being stolen from cars. These should be placed out of sight when not in use.

A number of residents in the back roads in Abbeyfield have contacted the Gardaí to report attacks on their cars in the form of scratching. This has involved the use of keys or screwdrivers and has happened while the cars are parked in their driveway. We would ask our residents to be vigilant and report any unusual activities to the Gardaí or your Neighbourhood Watch Representative.

There have been incidents of youths drinking in the area – around the Legion Hall and in Venetian Hall. This should be brought to the attention of the Gardaí and they will respond.

Speeding cars is a problem in the area, but there is difficulty in providing further measures in an area where 'Speed Bumps' are already in place. If you see this occurring please inform the Gardaí .

The issue of graffiti in the area is known to the Gardaí. Unfortunately Killester Dart station is a target for these 'graffiti artists'. The pumping station on the Clontarf Road is also a target. These 'graffiti artists' are mostly from abroad and gain 'points' by 'tagging' particular buildings or places like Dart Stations. This mainly occurs at weekends. However, it appears that Iarnrod Eireann is aware of this and removes the graffiti quickly, in the case of Killester Dart Station.

There have been a number of occurrences of people with children (dressed similar to Romanian gypsy's) knocking door to door begging. When the door is opened the children enter the house

uninvited, cause confusion & then leave having removed money/valuables from the house. Please be aware of this.
If you have any concerns which should be raised with the Gardaí please ring Raheny Garda at 6664300.

New Initiative for older children.

A new initiative for kids of 15 to 18 has been formed in the area. It is called 'Club4U'.
This is a national initiative supported by the HSE and the Gardaí. The website is www.club4u.ie
There is a club in Killester that meets on Mondays in the Parish Resource centre from 08:00 to 10:00 (during the school year).

Annual Membership Subscription:

It's that time of the year again when we ask you to support our endeavours to look after, and care for the area that we live in. It is easy to leave it to others but you benefit if you live here. A little support goes a long way. Your subscription helps us to help our area.

The annual subscription is 20 Euro per household and 10 Euro per retired household.

We would appreciate if you could drop in your subscription in the envelope provided to your nearest committee member. If not, a member of the committee will call to collect (please ask for ID if you are uncertain). A receipt will be supplied on request.

It's your Association for your Area - your support matters. Presently we have over 50% membership. We encourage those who have not yet joined to do so now. We need your support and we are there to support you.

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Petition to Dublin City Council.

I _____ (Name)

of _____ (Address)

demand 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.

(This will be collected by a representative of the committee.)