



# WE are the WINNERS of DLRCoCo's Tidy Districts Competition 2016



The Residents Association would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all residents for their contribution to our win.

We would also like to thank all residents who have volunteered in any capacity with us during the year. Your hard work and dedication to our neighbourhood has paid off and been noticed.

### Our Results...

Judging Criteria	Marks Available	Marks Awarded
Presentation and maintenance of properties	10	9
Neatness of Roads	15	12
Landscaping	10	8
Litter Control	25	25
Graffiti Control	15	15
Community Participation to and by Residents Association	20	20
Raising understanding and awareness of natural amenities that support wildlife	5	3
<b>Total Score</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>92</b>



### JUDGES COMMENTS:

- Wonderful planting around the name stones which are tastefully edged. Flowering plants add a splash of colour, using native varieties could help support our ailing pollinators.
- Properties and gardens are maintained to a very high standard throughout, with few exceptions.
- Plants around the name stones and in the raised areas are exceptional for creating a splash of colour and supporting wildlife.
- Verges are maintained to a very standard in most locations although some still appear unmanaged despite the offer to manage these areas. Even with a weed spraying regime there were still some large weeds growing in road edges.
- Green areas were exceptional with not a single piece of litter. Grass had a small amount of length enabling wildflowers to grow which is great for supporting our ailing pollinators.
- Efforts to deal with graffiti are clearly seeing results, it's also great that you assisted the local school to remove graffiti in the build up to their Tidy Schools competition. These links clearly pay dividends with both communities benefitting greatly.
- Estate clean-ups, call to arms banner, anti-litter poster competition and regular litter patrols are clearly working. The estate was litter free, no small achievement considering its size!
- Efforts to build community links such as those forged with the local schools, the Council, local Councillors, BirdWatch Ireland and others is exceptional.
- Facebook page and website are up to date and full of lots of valuable information. You are also sending newsletters and other correspondence via email whenever possible, something the Environment section are keen to promote.
- Flowering plants around the estate, bird boxes and bug hotels all help to support our natural heritage. The All-Ireland Pollinator Plan contains a wealth of knowledge and may be something you could consider and encourage local residents to take note of.

### Parking on Green Spaces

Our greens provide all of us with large spaces to walk in, play in and generally enjoy. They are not meant to be parked on.

The Residents Association are concerned that parking on our greens blocks visibility to road users and could result in an accident. We would like to ask all residents to be mindful of this, and respect our green spaces.

Watson Killiney Residents Association would like to wish all residents, especially the young children of the estate a very happy and safe Halloween



Motorists are asked to drive with extra care on 31/10/16 in our estate. Expect lots of Ghouls and Monsters trick or treating between 5pm and 9pm

### Halloween

On the 30<sup>th</sup> of Oct DLRCoCo are hosting another **Haunted Forest Walk** in Marley Park from 3.30pm - 8.30pm. If you can't beat the ghouls and goblins join them and dress your worst for the scariest Samhain ever. The event will feature a spook filled walk with Halloween Spirits, Chills, Freaks and Frights. For one petrifying night only, the woods will be alive with freaky fog, ghostly spiders, all seeing eyeballs, and menacing witches and wizards. The walk is approx. 1.7km long on a path suitable for buggies and wheelchairs.

Entry is FREE by WRISTBAND ONLY.

For information on other Halloween events in Dublin see:  
<http://www.bramstokerfestival.com/full-listings/>

### Halloween Bonfires

As they do every year, DLRCoCo have stated that Bonfire burning is a very serious threat to public health and our environment. The Residents Association would like to second this stance, and remind **ALL** residents that bonfires are illegal and dangerous.

**PLEASE REPORT INSTANCES OF DUMPING TO 1800 403 503 or the Environment Enforcement Unit in DLRCoCo on 2047954 or [wasteenforcement@dlrcoco.ie](mailto:wasteenforcement@dlrcoco.ie).**



### Green Dog Walkers

In conjunction with 6 other County Councils, DLRCoCo promotes and supports the 'Green Dog Walkers' programme. The scheme is a positive and pro-active way to encourage and support responsible dog ownership. It aims to increase awareness of the problem of dog fouling which is among the most common and anti-social forms of littering.

When you sign up to the scheme, DLRCoCo will send you a complimentary green dog walkers arm band and a "doggie bone" poop bag dispenser with a roll of bags. By signing up you have "Taken the Pledge" to always clean up after your dog, to carry extra doggie bags and to gladly give others a bag for their dog if they ask for one. By wearing the green armband you are signaling that you are a responsible dog owner participating in and supporting the scheme.

Please follow this link for further information and to join the scheme

[http://www.dlrcoco.ie/sites/default/files/atoms/files/green\\_dog\\_walkers\\_english.pdf](http://www.dlrcoco.ie/sites/default/files/atoms/files/green_dog_walkers_english.pdf)



### Green Bin Litter

With windy weather approaching the Residents Association would like to encourage all residents to ensure their green bin is secure (perhaps with a weighted object on it) in an effort to avoid green waste blowing around the estate on bin days.

Remember - This is YOUR Association

**The Residents Association are actively seeking new members to join us! If you would like to be involved in promoting, representing and caring for our estate please get in touch with Jennifer Moore on 2856240**

There are many ways to get involved: newsletter distribution, committee membership, subscription collection, contributing articles for our newsletter. Please get in touch - phone any of us or send us an email: [watsonkilliney@gmail.com](mailto:watsonkilliney@gmail.com).

### Committee Members

<b>Chairperson:</b> Jennifer Moore, Auburn Close Tel: 2856240	Angela MacMahon: Brackenbush Road Tel: 2856541
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