

#### **Watson Killiney Residents Association Newsletter**



Autumn 2017



# We have won a Community / Business Engagement Award in DLRCoCo's Tidy Districts



We won this award as a result of our co-working with numerous local services and groups, and the idea to list businesses on our web page. If you live in the estate and/or have a local business you would like us to list please do not hesitate email us at watsonkilliney@gmail.com.

The Residents Association would like to thank everyone who contributed to this win.

#### Our Results...

Judging Criteria	Marks Available	Marks Awarded
Presentation and	10	9
maintenance of		
properties		
Neatness of Roads	15	14
Landscaping	10	8
Litter Control	20	18
Graffiti Control	10	10
Community Participation	25	24
to and by Residents		
Association		
Raising understanding	10	8
and awareness of natural		
amenities that support wildlife		

#### **Judges Comments:**

Although we didn't win Tidy Districts, we scored well with judges comments including:

- praise for our pollinator friendly planting at all granite stones
- the islands on Churchview Road having an all year display and offering refuge to native wildlife
- · excellent litter control throughout the estate
- top notch web and Facebook pages which are a huge asset to the association
- suggested 30KPH speed limit is a great idea
- commitment to local wildlife and attendance at sustainable gardening courses are first rate.
- praise for our links with the local schools and businesses.

All in all we should be 'immensely proud' of our score in the 90's. We enter into their most competitive category.



#### Spring Bulb Planting



In conjunction with Johnstown Girls School the Residents Association are planning to extend our spring bulb planting project at the green areas beside Auburn Road and the entrance to Our Lady of Good Council Church. A mixture of 1,500 mini daffodil and 1,500 bluebell bulbs will be planted by members of the residents association and children / teachers from the girls school with assistance from the Parks Dept of DLRCoCo.

Over the coming months we are also planning to extend our bulb planting project on the green areas at Churchview, Brackenbush and Watson Drive. A mixture of 1,500 mini daffodil and 1,500 bluebell bulbs will also be planted at these locations.

#### **Dumping in Green Spaces**

Dumping on our greens remains an ongoing problem for us. We are asking all residents to please be vigilant if you live near a green and use the following number:



### <u>Planning Submission for Watson Road</u> Number D17A/0868 - 42 houses with traffic and services access to Watson Road

As you may be aware, a new planning application has been submitted for the site comprising of 19 Watson Road, San Michelle & Arranmore of Church Road.

This application is for 42 units which is 3 times bigger than the application previously refused by DLRCoCo and An Bord Pleanála. It proposes access to the site by way of new road exiting on to Watson Road.

While this application has been submitted on its own it is clear that the outcome will be used as a precedent for the sites comprising 43 Watson Road, Rockwinds, Smallacre, Woodlawn & Kylemore Clinic on Church Road as well as farther developments adjacent to the current site.

The additional impact on the residents of Watsons will be enormous in terms of:

- Pressure on currently problematic surface and foul sewerage systems
- Increased traffic exiting through the estate. This is in addition to the access for Culgrenagh and sites being purchased behind playing fields at the church through Fairhaven onto Churchview Road.

• The introduction of 4 storey high - rise buildings into an estate comprising our low rise homes.

	Current Proposal	Previous Proposal	Increase
	No of Units	No of Units	No of Units
19 Watson Road with San Michelle & Arranmore	42	14	28 (300%)
43 Watson Road, Rockwinds ,Smallacre, Woodlawn and Kylemore Clinic **	195	65	130 (300%)
Site adjacent to current site **	50		
Total No of car journeys per day	278 1400	79 400	199 1000

We are holding a meeting to discuss this application on Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> of October at 7.30pm in a function room upstairs in The Graduate. All residents are invited and strongly encouraged to attend.



#### **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.

#### Thank You

The residents association would like to thank all the volunteered who watered our plants this summer. In particular we would like to thank the crèches and families located near the granite stones who kindly supported us in keeping our plants hydrated for the summer.



#### <u>Estate Clean Up</u>

Our next estate clean-up 'Autumn Clean' is taking place on the 4<sup>th</sup> of November. Committee members will be available to hand out refuse bags, gloves and litter pickers, tea and coffee! We will also be available to collect the filled sacks.

## Meet at the junction of Church Road and Churchview Road on

#### 04/11/17 at 11am

Just an hour of your time can make a BIG difference to the quality of our neighbourhood



#### **Garden Safety**

Following a recent spate of shed break-ins we are reminding everyone to ensure your shed is locked at all times (especially at night time), and you double check your side gate is locked before you go to bed. This will hopefully act as a deterrent to theft from your shed (bikes especially).

#### We are YOUR Association

Chairperson:	Jennifer Moore, Auburn Close Tel: 2856240	Michael Jenkins:	Watson Road Tel: 2857122
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	Could this be you??		Could this be you??