

# Waki News

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Newsletter of Watson Killiney Residents Association

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## Family Fun Day Oct 2014



## Tidy Districts 2014

Unfortunately Watson Killiney Residents Association did not feature in the prize giving for 2014, as the marks awarded by the judges were lower than they have been in the last few years. However, the association would like to thank everyone involved. From those who helped with the estate clean-ups; routinely pick the litter; weeded and maintained the road signage flowers; to all those householders who kept their frontage neat and tidy. We would like to extend a special note of thanks to Angela Mac Mahon, who led by example and maintained the Brackenbush Green area free of litter! Please see the back of this page which gives full details of the marks awarded to Watson's and the judge's comments.

## Halloween Bonfires

Please note that DLRCoCo indicate that they will use existing byelaws to take action against persons supplying waste for use in bonfires (fine of €3,000) and those involved in building bonfires (dumping waste in open areas - fine of €150).

**You can report instances of dumping or stockpiling to DLRCoCo on 1800 403 503**

## Neighbours

Spare a thought and sometime this winter for any of your elderly or disabled neighbours who are living alone.

The winter can make it even for some to get out, and loneliness is no fun at any time of the year. Taking twenty minutes out to call to a vulnerable neighbour and have a chat or offer to run an errand can make a huge difference. It may make more of a difference to you than you'd expect.

## Website/Facebook

Our new website is now up and running with many thanks to Fran Malone for her time and dedication in ensuring that the content and layout are of the highest standard. The website address is [www.watsonkillineyres.ie](http://www.watsonkillineyres.ie). Please take a look and e-mail us any comments or helpful suggestions for improvement. If you would like any photos added to the gallery please send them to the email address for the Residents Association above.

**Also please join our Facebook page. We trying to achieve 500 likes.**

## Committee Members

**Chairperson:** Jennifer Moore Auburn Close Tel: 2856240  
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**Treasurer:** Lorcán Brennan Brackenbush Rd. Tel: 4451399  
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**Éadaoin O'Keeffe:** Churchview Drive Tel: 5374075  
**Paul Clarkin:** Watson Dr

## News Updates

### Watson Drive & Road

The committee have contacted the traffic section in DLRCoCo re: the increase in traffic on Watson Road / Watson Drive.

### Shrub Areas

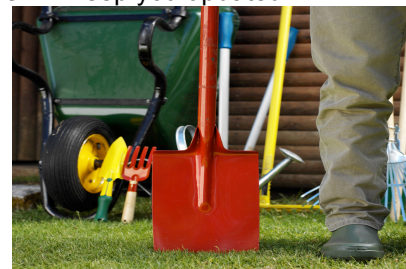
The committee are awaiting a reply from the parks dept in DLRCoCo re: the overgrown shrub areas at the junction of Church Road / Churchview Road, and also the area on Church Road near the roundabout.

### Community Employment Scheme

Unfortunately the community employment worker has withdrawn his services from Watson's Estate. We are now awaiting a replacement!

### Gardening Allotment Facility

The committee is perusing the possibility of getting a gardening allotment facility established somewhere in our local area. We will keep you updated!



### Estate Clean Up

The autumn estate clean-up is taking place on Saturday the 8th of November. Committee members will be available to hand out refuse bags, gloves and litter pickers. We will also be available to collect the filled sacks.

**Meet in the Church Car park at 11am  
Sat 8<sup>th</sup> of Nov**

**Remember - Just an hour of your time can make a big difference to the quality of your neighbourhood.**



## Neighbour Watch



The committee is currently in the process of setting up a **Neighbourhood Watch and Text Alert System** for our area.

The Community Gardaí and volunteers will meet soon to finalise the arrangements. Details will be posted to each resident and placed on our website & Facebook page.

Residents are reminded to take extra care during the dark winter evenings as there are reports of an increase in the number of break-ins in the area. Remember to turn on your alarm at night, reset timers on your lights and report all suspicious activities to the Gardaí.

Judging Criteria	Marks Available	Marks Awarded
<b>NEATNESS AND APPEARANCE</b>		
Presentation & maintenance of all properties-maintenance of frontages gable end walls etc.Gardens,where applicable, should be presented to a good standard	10	8
Grass Verge/ Road/ Street (weeds, grass cut, edging, path clean & swept etc)	15	13
Landscaping, planted features, etc	10	8
<b>LITTER / GRAFFITI</b>		
Litter on roads, paths and open spaces	25	20
Graffiti Control : Absence of graffiti, evidence of graffiti control strategy, including regular patrols and promotion of anti graffiti awareness throughout the community	15	13
<b>COMMUNITY participation &amp; effort in environmental improvement</b>		
Numbers involved on your committee. Level of voluntary commitment ( no of Tidy Districts meetings, clean ups, planting days etc Communicate with the community ( newsletters, newspapers, email social media, website etc) Engage with local schools, youth clubs etc. Youth involvement in the Res Association	20	15
<b>Wildlife, habitat &amp; natural amenities</b>		
Raising understanding and awareness of the natural amenities in the area and initiatives that support wildlife	5	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>79</b>

### **JUDGES COMMENTS:**

#### **Neatness and Appearance**

- Majority of houses and gardens kept to a high standard
- Kerbs need weeding
- Very nice floral displays at the rock signs at every corner
- Small amount of graffiti and litter

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