



# Watson Killiney Residents Association Newsletter



Winter 2015



## Happy Christmas



The Resident Association would like to wish every resident a very Happy Christmas. The estate is looking very festive, and we thank everyone for the effort of making your houses look great with Christmas lights. Some of the lights on the external trees look fantastic this year.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has volunteered with us during 2015 as a Neighbourhood Watch Volunteer Coordinator, assisting with estate clean ups, annual collections, attending the AGM and picking up litter etc. Your support and commitment to volunteering is essential in the running of our association.

We are aware that Christmas might be a particularly difficult time of the year for some of our neighbours and friends. We are thinking of you, and are here to offer support in any way we can.



## Neighbourhood Watch



Neighbourhood Watch is in existence again in our estate for the last year and a half. To date we have 203 members. As you are all aware by now, membership means that a Volunteer Coordinator has called to your home, given you a Neighbourhood Watch Pack and you are in receipt of text messages.

Neighbourhood Watch is a service designed to share important information that will ultimately improve all of our safety. It is your responsibility to ensure you are included. The texts have created awareness, conversation and have reminded us all. Residents are advised to be vigilant about safety plus that of neighbours and to report all attempted break-ins to the Gardai.

## Watson Traffic Action Committee

A sub-committee (WTAC - Watsons Traffic Action Group) has been formed to tackle traffic-related issues in the estate. WTAC will report to the Resident's Association and will interact directly with DLR Co. Co. until a satisfactory solution to traffic issues (currently excessive speed and traffic volume in Watson Drive and Watson Road) will be implemented.

Should you wish to join WTAC, provide any feedback or request more information, please email [watsonstraffic-action-committee@googlegroups.com](mailto:watsonstraffic-action-committee@googlegroups.com) or contact the Chairperson directly at [wconway2@gmail.com](mailto:wconway2@gmail.com).

E-Mail: [watsonkilliney@gmail.com](mailto:watsonkilliney@gmail.com)

Join us on Face book: Watson Killiney Residents Association

Website: [www.watsonkillineyres.ie](http://www.watsonkillineyres.ie)

## Local Business

Our Local Business section on the website has been launched. It is open to anyone living in the estate who has a business based locally they would like to advertise. Please send an email to [watsonkilliney@gmail.com](mailto:watsonkilliney@gmail.com) if you would like the details of your business added.

Please note by listing businesses the Resident Association does not take any responsibility for services offered...

## Website / Facebook

Our website has been re-vamped and is regularly updated with information relevant to us all. The Residents Association would like to encourage everyone to check it out. If you are on Facebook we would also like to encourage you to 'like' our page, as photographs and information are regularly posted....

## Wildlife Project 2016

The project involves the purchase and erection of dedicated types of bird nesting boxes at selected suitable locations within the Watson Estate Area. The type of boxes and location of these boxes will be selected based on a survey by the Res. Assoc. in conjunction with Bird watch Ireland. The boxes will then be erected by the Res. Assoc. in conjunction with the Parks Dept DLR Co Co. The aim if the project is to encourage a greater variety of wildlife into the green areas within Watson's Estate. Suitable frame mounted display boards will then be erected at various locations indicating the most common type of birds in the area. The cost of the project would involve the purchase of the nesting boxes, the purchase of the display boards and the cost involved in mounting these boards to limit anti social behaviour e.g. graffiti etc. The Committee have submitted an application for Funding for this project to Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Co Co under the Universal Grant Scheme 2016

## Creative Corner

**We are seeking submissions from residents for our Spring 2016 edition.**

If you, or any of your family or children have a poem / article / photograph / drawing / painting you would like added to the newsletter please email it to us for consideration on [watsonkilliney@gmail.com](mailto:watsonkilliney@gmail.com)

## Remember - This is YOUR Association

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

**Planning permission is being sought for the biggest housing development in the area since the Watson Estate was built nearly 50 years ago.**

This development is planned to replace the strip of bungalows and the Kylemore clinic on Church Road.

The initial application is for 44 new houses and 34 apartments including a 4 storey Apartment Block. However, there is ample land available to double this number should planning permission be granted.

The property developers propose **to tap into the existing Watson Estate drainage and sewerage system, which is already overloaded and damaged.**

Having been refused access to Church Road, the developers also propose to have **all** traffic enter and leave the new development through the **middle of the Watson Estate via the small narrow cul de sac on Watson Road and a new road onto the main Watson Road itself.**

Should this application be successful it will result in:

- Very significant additional problems with our sewerage system which will have to be fixed and funded by the residents
- The Estate will become highly congested with traffic at peak times adding to the existing traffic jams at these times in the Estate and on Churchview Road resulting in additional “rat-runs” throughout the Estate
- Given the number of schools and crèches in the Estate, it represents a real health and safety issue
- The Estate becoming a building site for the next 2 to 3 years

The application totally ignores the right of the Residents of Watson Estate to retain a safe and attractive living environment

Plans are available on DLRCC web page and Site layout on Residents Association Face book. Page and website: [www.watsonkillineyres.ie](http://www.watsonkillineyres.ie)

**Given the above, your house will be greatly devalued!  
This development in its current form must be stopped**

<b><u>How</u></b>	<b><u>Submit a planning objection before the deadline of 16<sup>th</sup> January 2016</u></b>
<b>How can we help</b>	A meeting is scheduled for <b>THURSDAY 7<sup>th</sup> January in the Pastoral Centre Johnstown Killiney Parish, Churchview Road at 7.30</b> where the plans will be on display and support material will be available

**Committee Members**

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