

Woodstown Village Residents Association Newsletter

Winter 2017

20 Years



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MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

Slow Down, Save Lives...



Earlier this year Woodstown Village implemented a new 30km speed limit. The 30km/h limit has been made visible by the use of 'Slow Zone' signage that was placed at the entrance points to all residential and school areas across South County Dublin. The objective of this approach was to improve safety for pedestrians, cyclists, older people and children, and is in keeping with SDCC recently launched Road Safety initiative.

It is important that we keep the momentum going and with this in mind we kicked off the second Woodstown Village Knocklyon **SLHO SLHO SLHO DOWN CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN** on Saturday, November 25th.

With so many children in Woodstown Village riding bikes around especially in the evenings we advise they ride bright and be seen.

The majority of crashes between motorists and cyclists occur because the motorist is not proactively looking for the cyclist. One of the easiest ways for a cyclist to be seen is to wear light and bright visible clothing. Brightly coloured or Hi-vis clothing with reflective straps and lights makes cyclists easier to spot and therefore avoid.



On YER Bike!

Bleeper Bikes come to Woodstown

Bleeper Bikes rental bikes have now come to Woodstown. Bleeper Bikes are available for everyone in Woodstown to rent. You simply unlock the bike (kept at the Changing Rooms) with an App on your phone and away you go. Only pay for the time you have the bike.

Why not use the bike to pop down to Supervalu or when bringing the kids to school, or just take it for bit of exercise.

This will allow everyone in Woodstown to ditch the car and take the healthier option for those short trips. Remember to wear your helmet & brightly coloured clothing to make sure you're visible to motorists.

The lads at Bleeper Bikes have kindly given every resident in Woodstown a free 1 months subscription to get us all started - so now there's no excuse to take the car! To avail of the free trial simply download the BleeperBike app, set up an account and email hugh@bleeperbike.com! To get more information on the scheme, please go to www.bleeperbikes.com



Santa Arrives In Woodstown

To help celebrate our 20th Anniversary, Santa and Mrs Claus with dozens of their Elves are coming to Woodstown Village.

Saturday December 2nd, from 3pm - 5pm

We will have outdoor laser Christmas Lights, Snow Machine, Photographers, Santa's Grotto plus Selection Boxes for the kids! So why not wrap up warm and come join us for some festive cheer!

So let's hope you've all been good this year helping out your residents association because he's making a long list and he's going to be checking it at least 5 times!!

And don't forget to bring your letters for Santa! We will have a post box for all those letters destined for the North Pole!



Woodstown Village 20th Anniversary Celebrations

On Thursday 27th of February 1997 the first phase of Woodstown Village, Knocklyon went on sale with prices starting at IRE92,950 (€118,000 approx.)

Built by Ellier Developments and designed by Anthony Reddy the original selling agents were Ross McParland – later Sherry Fitzgerald, and there were 7 different types of houses built (see photos below)

First in the queue was Philip Phelan and Niamh Roche who arrived on the Monday and got the 4 bedroom semi they set their hearts on at 9am on the Thursday Morning.

Others queuing early were Damien and Linda O'Brien from Rathfarnham, Brian Richardson and Margaret Morrissey from Donnybrook, Deirdre Bytyqi and daughter Sachali, (do they still live in Woodstown Village?)

Here's a newspaper clipping that might bring back some memories from 20 years ago.



Woodstown Village Recognition Awards

On Friday, November 17th over 100 residents came together in Scholars for the Woodstown Village Knocklyon Recognition Awards. These awards were part of our 20th Anniversary celebrations to recognise the residents who have contributed to our community over the last 20 years. Our compere for the evening was Neil Reid, current Chairperson of the WVRA and introduced Clive Sharp who presented the history of the WVRA over the last 20 years. Clive's presentation was informative, interesting, in depth, and at times very funny. The committee would like to thank Clive for this fantastic trip down memory lane. Local historian Michael Brennan gave a talk to the residents on local history which was very much appreciated by the large crowd. Awards on the night were presented by Gabriel Curtis, Brian Good, Clive Sharp and Neil Reid.

Many thanks to all the residents who turned out on the night, the atmosphere in the room was electric, it was probably Woodstown Villages best night ever and definitely one to remember.

Thank you also to our local representatives John Lahart TD, Cllr Pamela Kearns, Aileen Carberry and to our neighbouring estates and Tidy Towns groups who came to support us and present the awards.

Awards on the night were presented to:

Woodstown Village Junior Committee
Gloria and Adrianna Curtis
Knocklyon United Football Club
Billy Farrell, Joe and Alan Power, May Lynott,
Wendy Vahey, Aileen Stack, Michael Lally,
Clive Sharp, Brian Good, Orla Dunne,
Elaine Cudden, Gabriel Curtis

Suzanne Curtis was presented with a bouquet of flowers for the support she provides (and for putting up with Gabriel over the last 30 years).



WVRA AGM 2018 Advance Notice

Tuesday 6th March 2018 at 7.30pm

The AGM provides an opportunity for residents to comment on WVRA activities, to express new ideas and to generally influence the affairs of the association.

The management committee which runs the association on a day to day basis is elected at the AGM and we are always trying to encourage residents, particularly those who may have experience or a particular skillset to consider running for election.

It is so important that residents have the opportunity to have their voice heard so please make a note of the date and make a special effort to attend!

WVRA Annual Subscription 2018

The current committee will table a motion at the AGM proposing an increase in the subscription to €40, thus restoring it to pre-2014 levels. This modest increase, which was flagged at the 2017 AGM, is necessary to maintain the balance between grant and locally generated funding.

Thank You

As we come to the end of another year, we would like to take the opportunity to express a sincere 'Thank you' to our public representatives, sponsors and partners who continue to support and encourage our activities and we look forward to working together again in 2018.

Mayor of South Dublin County - Cllr Paul Gogarty

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Cleansing Dept.

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John Lahart TD

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SuperValu TidyTowns Competition 2017

AND THE RESULTS ARE IN!

A big congratulations to Birdhill in Co Tipperary has been named Ireland's Tidiest Town for 2017. Woodstown Village, Knocklyon increased its points for the 4th year in a row receiving an additional 16 point this year. Finishing with an impressive 253 points, Woodstown had the biggest points increase in South Dublin County - a fantastic result for us in our 20th Anniversary Year. In addition to the above we finished 2nd in our Dublin Category, only 3 points behind the winner, Chapelizod.

Neighbouring Tidy Towns entries received the following results:

Templeogue 235 Points, Brittas 250 Points,
Ballyboden 213 Points

Well done to all our volunteers who worked their socks off all year round and congratulations to everyone who got involved. You are all a credit to Woodstown Village, Knocklyon.

As we progress further in the competition it is becoming increasingly difficult to gain additional points each year and with this in mind we have already started planning for our 2018 Tidy Towns entry. How can we all play a part? Get your lawnmower ready, start picking weeds and, most importantly improve waste management and energy conservation practices as we prepare to make it FIVE in a row in 2018.

A record 870 towns and villages across the country entered this year's National Tidy Towns competition. Birdhill, Co. Tipperary claimed the award of Ireland's Tidiest Village. Other winners included Clonakilty, Co Cork which received the award for Ireland's Tidiest Small Town.

Westport, Co Mayo, received the award of Ireland's Tidiest Large Town, while Ennis, Co Clare was again declared Ireland's Tidiest Large Urban Centre.

Here's our Woodstown Village Knocklyon Tidy Towns record for the past 4 Years


2014 = 209 Points

2015 = 229 Points

2016 = 237 Points

2017 we were awarded an impressive 253 points

By working together let's see what we achieve next year!

 **Tidy Towns**[®]