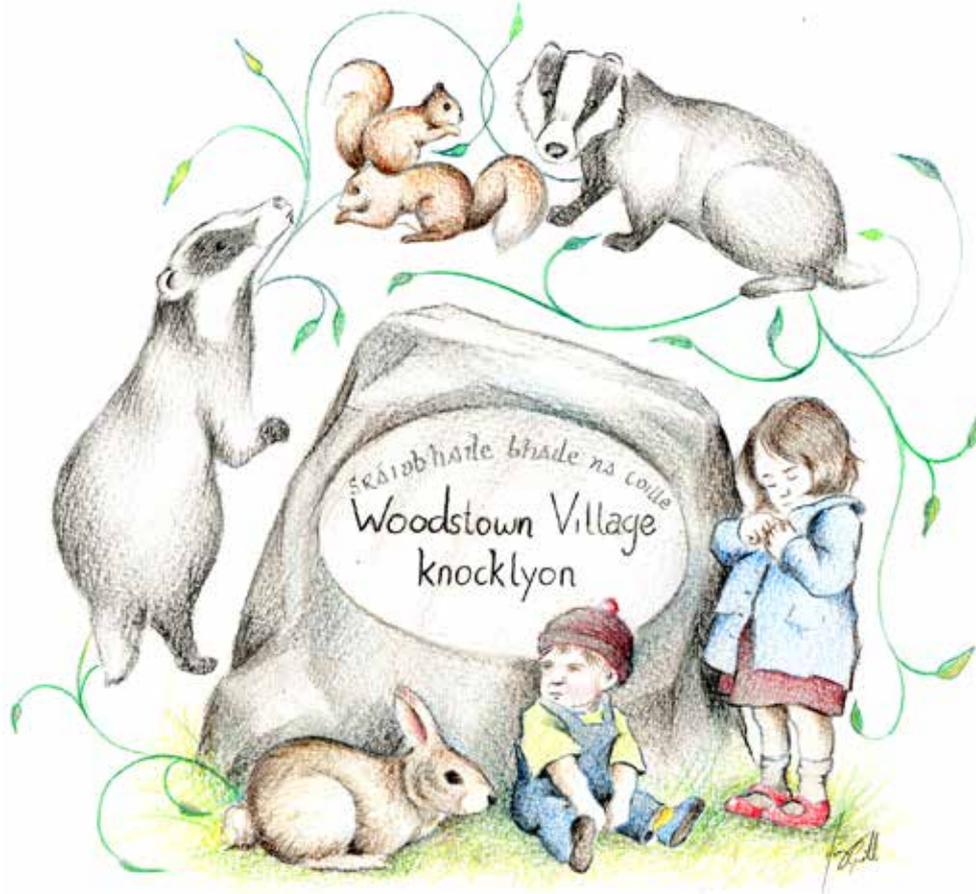


Woodstown Village Residents Association Newsletter

Spring 2018



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Save up to 30% on your heating bills!

ENERGY CREDIT PROCESSING in conjunction with **EMPROVA** are offering
Woodstown Village Residents Association this very special offer:

FREE fully integrated heating controls upgrade

FREE (B.E.R) Building Energy Cert

To avail of this offer please contact
Gerry Brady on **089 473 4115** or email

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Terms and Conditions apply.

Other Services include, CCTV, Security Alarms, Auto Access (PSA Registered).

Solar panels supplied and fitted.

Oil & Gas boilers and all aspects of heating and plumbing (SEAI & RGI Registered).



Woodstown Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given of the 2018 WVRA AGM which will take place on Tues. 6th March in the Iona Centre from 7.30pm. This is your chance to come along and voice your opinion around how you want the WVRA to operate and what you would like to see happen in Woodstown in 2018.

As well as this – WE NEED MORE ACTIVE MEMBERS.
- more volunteers to lend a hand whether it's picking up some litter on Clean Up Days or becoming part of the Committee, new members are always welcome.

At the AGM a new Committee will be elected for 2018 and with a few of our long-standing members stepping down, there are lots of openings for new members.

So why not put your name forward and get involved to ensure Woodstown continues to be a fantastic place to live.

The provisional agenda for this years AGM is:

- Opening Greeting & agree Minutes of 2017 AGM
- Chairperson's Report:- followed by Treasurer's Report and Q & A
- Motion: - The following motion will be put to the AGM in the name of the outgoing Committee:
'That the subscription to Woodstown Village Residents' Association for 2018 and succeeding years (subject to annual review) be set at €40 (Forty Euro)'
- Other motions:- properly proposed and seconded and received in writing before the AGM, will be considered.
- Election of 2018 Committee: All paid-up members of the Association are eligible for election to the Committee.
- Any Other Business: - Matters not covered under a specific heading may be raised – please email the Committee at woodstownvillage@gmail.com with any issues you would like to raise by 1st Mar.
- SDCC Housing Programme 2018 – 2020: It is hoped to make time for a short discussion with particular emphasis on the possible impact on Woodstown and our neighbours.
- Quorum: In the event of a quorum not being present at the AGM the following procedure will apply:
 - The informational element of AGM business will be conducted and the AGM will stand adjourned until 7.30pm Wed 14 March 2018 in the IONA Centre when the AGM will be re-convened and the outstanding business transacted.

Summary of minutes from 2017 Meeting

Attendance: The AGM was attended by approx. 30 Woodstown residents

The AGM opened with a welcome from outgoing Chairperson, Brian Good who said that, while he was stepping down as Chair, he would be happy to continue to serve on the Committee. He thanked the members of the outgoing Committee for their work over the previous year.

Minutes of WVRA 2016 AGM: (summary included in Spring newsletter) agreed & signed

Quorum: As the attendance did not constitute a quorum the AGM proceeded with informational business - to be re-convened on Thursday 23rd March for decision making & elections.

Chairperson's Report

Brian introduced the members of the outgoing Committee and outlined their roles, welcoming Neil Reid who had joined the Committee during the year. He thanked in particular the Newsletter team of Olga Gibbs, Rosemary O'Hagan & Orla Dunne, the 'Tidy Towns' team under Gabriel Curtis and the 'Community Involvement' team under Rosemary O'Hagan for all their hard work over a number of years. He said it had been another successful year for the residents of Woodstown Village and outlined some of the achievements and challenges of the past year.

Treasurer's Report

Brian Good thanked Orla Dunne for all her work as Treasurer. A financial summary was provided to the meeting which indicated that our financial situation remains quite good, helped by grant funding from South Dublin County Council as well as residents subscriptions

Reports: on Landscaping, Planning & Biodiversity were delivered and plans for 2017 were outlined.

Brian Good said that we work very closely with SDCC with regard to landscaping. Tree-planting has been carried out in the estate and we are trying to get the overgrown areas in the estate under control.

Q & A session: Time was then made available for questions from the floor and a number of useful discussions took place

AGM was then adjourned to Thursday 23rd March.

Re-convened WVRA AGM Thursday 23rd March 2017 at 7.30pm in The Iona Centre

The 2017 WVRA AGM re-convened on Thursday 23rd March and the only item on the agenda ie election of the Committee for the coming year was completed.

A copy of the full minutes of the 2017 WVRA AGM is available on request via woodstownvillage@gmail.com or any Committee member.

1800 25 00 25
CRIMESTOPPERS

Please take a few minutes to read the accompanying Crimestoppers flyer

How to Protect Your Home Burglary Prevention

It is important to note that if you have been the victim of crime you must report it to the Gardaí. If you have seen anyone suspicious in the area, pick up the phone and tell the Gardaí. If there was an attempted burglary but nothing actually taken or if only something small was stolen, pick up the phone and alert the Gardaí. Reporting of crime is vital in helping the Gardaí actually catching the criminals. If you don't make the call and report it - nothing will change.

Rathfarnham Garda Station: (01) 666 6500

Rathfarnham Station	2016	2017	% Change	% Detection Rate
Burglary	332	311	-6%	5%
Robbery				
Robbery from the Person	13	9	-31%	22%
Robbery from the Establishment	5	12	+140%	17%
Theft				
Theft from the Person	19	35	+84%	3%
Theft from MPV	231	187	-19%	2%
Theft from Shop	195	224	+15%	49%
Theft (Other)	156	125	-20%	13%
Theft of MPV	49	56	+14%	11%
Property Crime	1074	1048	-2%	16%
Theft / UT of Pedal Cycle	50	75	+50%	7%

How to prevent burglary?

A reminder of advice given by Sgt Mark Redmond (specialist in burglary prevention) at Tallaght Garda Station

- 1 Lock up** - a surprising number of burglaries are 'walk in' where doors have been left unlocked. This is particularly common for the cases where someone has 'just popped out'.
- 2 Don't leave windows open** - window limiters are a good idea where they can be opened to a degree but can't be accessed from outside.
- 3 If you have an alarm use it**, teach your older children / teenagers to use it. Some newer alarms have built in cameras which are triggered by the sensors helping crime detection, and are linked to your phone for text alerts and camera viewing.
- 4 Have a neighbour key holder** for when your alarm goes off and Garda need to gain entry to your home, especially when you are away on holidays.
- 5 Invest in timer light switches**
- 6 Do not keep large amounts of cash in your home.**
- 7 Any valuables such as jewellery should be kept hidden** and not in obvious places such as jewellery boxes.
- 8 Your locks are very important.** Invest in anti-snap locks which act as a major deterrent.

SuperValu Tidy Towns 2018

SuperValu Tidy Towns is celebrating its 80th birthday in 2018, and Woodstown Village is celebrating its 5th entry! Over the past 4 Years we have increased our point's year on year and in 2017 Woodstown Village had the highest point increase in all of Dublin.

The national Tidy Towns initiative was launched in 1958 by Bórd Fáilte (now Fáilte Ireland). It was originally part of 'An Tóstal', a nationwide festival celebrating all things Irish. A step-up from the original National Spring Clean Campaign, which ran between 1953 and 1957, Tidy Towns rapidly developed its own identity and has gone on to become Ireland's most well-known and popular local environmental initiative.

This year we are again facing the challenge of improving on last year's score and we cannot do this without your help by volunteering on Clean-up days or by sharing your expertise and experience in Waste Management/reduction, Water or Energy Conservation etc. Please share your knowledge and skills.



Mobile Library

South Dublin County Council

Woodstown Park
 Every Monday 7pm - 8pm.

"You know you've read a good book when you turn the last page and feel a little as if you have lost a friend"

- Paul Sweeney.

Water is Worth it

Water is precious. Life could not exist without it. Learn how to Conserve Water and Use it Effectively.

Why is water so important

Water is the most important requirement to life and health. It is critical for all body functions such as breathing, transporting nutrients and oxygen to cells, keeping normal body temperature and much more.

Our bodies are 60 per cent water, an essential component of all human tissue. We can only survive days without water but we can survive weeks without food. It is important to drink regularly to maintain your body's vital water balance.

Good hydration helps the cardiovascular system and circulation to deliver nutrients and oxygen to our cells and muscles, and regulates our temperature through sweating. It also functions to carry natural waste away from our cells, dilutes them and takes them to the kidneys to be eliminated.

Some key facts about water

- Water makes up 75% of the planet.
- 3/4 of your brain is made up of water.
- Vegetation such as plants and trees are almost entirely made of water.
- 90% of a person's blood and 90% of the sap of trees is made up of water.
- Water is important for energy absorption. For example Earthquakes occurring under the sea are rarely felt on land.
- Water is also the only substance that can get the dirt and bacteria off of our bodies.
- Without water there would be no life on Earth. Everything from single celled organisms to the largest mammals need water to live. Life evolved from water and it is the only element that can exist in 3 separate states gas, solid and liquid and humans find benefits in each different state.
- It is very easy to take our water for granted. Why is water important? Because without it, we would not exist.

The Dirty Dozen
These items should never be flushed down the toilet

When these items are flushed down the toilet they can cause problems in our homes, wastewater treatment network and the environment

Cotton Buds	Baby Wipes	Facial Wipes
Cleansing Pads	Toilet Roll Tube	Medicines
Cigarettes	Plasters	Nappies
Tampons	Tampon Applicator	Sanitary Pads

Please put these items in the bin and not down the toilet

Join the campaign at www.thinkbeforeyouflush.org

Help to beat the Dirty Dozen & support Think Before You Flush

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Think Before You Flush is operated by An Taisce's CleanCoast programme and is supported by UK Water

TOP TEN TIPS FOR SAVING WATER

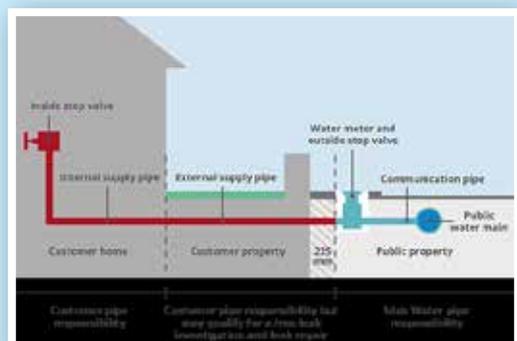
- 1 Water plants with pre-used water, eg water used for washing the veg
- 2 Use a water butt outside to collect rainwater for cisterns and plants
- 3 Don't run the tap while brushing your teeth
- 4 Check leaky taps and cisterns
- 5 Install a 'low flow' shower head and 'restrictors' on your taps
- 6 Don't fill the kettle up unless you have to
- 7 Don't use the dishwasher or washing machine unless they're full
- 8 Cool drinking water in a fridge jug to avoid running the tap to get a 'cool' drink
- 9 Use a 'displacement device' in your cistern, eg a filled plastic water bottle
- 10 Get out of the shower as soon as you are clean!

ALSO

- Use unused pot's water for plants
- Learn how to turn off your water at the stopcock
- Use a bucket to clean windows and cars
- Use watering can where possible
- Use mulch or bark in flower beds to suppress weeds and improve efficiency of watering

First Fix Free Scheme

Irish Water's First Fix Free Scheme offers customers a free leak investigation on their external supply pipe and the repair of identified leaks. First Fix Free is available to domestic customers with a water meter installed for their property, who have registered with Irish Water and who have a working and accessible inside stop valve. Customers will be notified by Irish Water when their meter indicates a potential leak.



The nation's flushing behaviour



Clean Coasts commissioned a survey of the nation's flushing behaviour

1,033 adults aged 18+ were surveyed by REDC

The most common items flushed are...



The frequency of sewage related littering is higher in younger age profiles

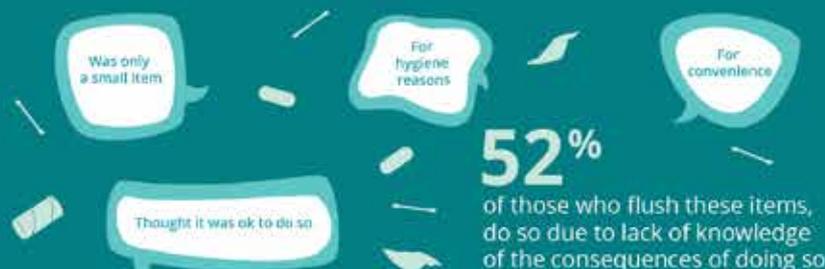
41% are aged 18-24

43% are aged 25-34

Where do people think items like baby wipes and cotton bud sticks end up when flushed down the toilet?



What reasons did people give for flushing these items down the toilet?



Flushing Behaviour

Who was surveyed?

1,033 adults aged 18+ were surveyed. Quotas were set and final data weighted to known national profiles of adults aged 18+ on age, gender, class and region to ensure that the sample is representative of the total Irish population.

What did we find out?

- 3 in 10 Irish adults have flushed items down the toilet. This figure is higher among those under 35.
- Lack of knowledge is the primary reason for sewage-related littering among those who do so. The destructive nature of such behaviour is not common knowledge.
- 1 in 4 believe these items are chemically broken down
- 1 in 2 think they just disintegrate following flushing.
- Females are more inclined to flush baby products and female hygiene products down the toilet.
- Males are more likely to flush cotton buds, cigarette butts, plasters and condoms.
- When it comes to encouraging people not to engage in sewage-related littering, 1 in 4 of the total sample suggest demonstrating the consequences of such behaviour is the way to go, with 1 in 3 who have done so endorsing this option.

Recycle IT Electrical Collection

for Woodstown Village will take place on Monday and Tuesday,
February 26th and 27th

Monday 26th :

Heath, Park, Meadow, Dale,
Heights, Close, Road, Rise,
Place, Way, Vale

Tuesday 27th :

Crescent, Court, Lawn, Hill,
Drive, Gardens, Parade, Walk,
Green, Abbey, Lane



Electrical & Electronic

Reduce Reuse Recycle
Make a difference to everyone's future
with a little help from Recycle IT

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About Recycling

Recycling is an important way for people in communities, schools, charities and business to reduce waste and have a positive impact on the environment. Recycling helps conserve natural resources so why not Reduce, Reuse and Recycle, three great ways YOU can eliminate waste and protect your environment! Don't just Bin it, Bring it!

About WEEE

Waste electrical and electronic equipment is known as WEEE. It comprises of old or damaged appliances or equipment which is no longer suitable for use.

Items includes

Printers, cables, phones, laptops, computers, copiers, toasters, hairdryers, refrigerators, TV's, DVD players, stereos, cameras, smoke detectors, monitors, batteries, toys and much more.

About Our Work

Recycle IT offers free or cost-effective recycling services. Our award-winning team dismantle and destroy electrical and electronic equipment as part of the recycling process.

This supports the principles of reuse, recycling and recovery and helps create worthwhile training and employment opportunities for people in our community.

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Our Award Winning Recycling Services includes:

- Free WEEE collections from schools, community groups and charities.
- Free WEEE drop off for individuals, schools, community groups and charities.
- Free community and resident's association collections.
- Cost effective personal collections for houses or apartments.
- Cost effective business collections in Dublin, Kildare and Wicklow.
- Physical destruction of electronic equipment.
- Certification of recycling and/or equipment destruction.



Recent Recycle IT Awards:



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About Recycle IT

Recycle IT is the only Community Electronic Recycling Social Enterprise in Dublin, Kildare and Wicklow providing a neighbourhood, community and business collection service for all types of waste electrical and electronic equipment.

Recycle IT started as Clondalkin Community Recycling Initiative in 2002 with a collection service added in 2007. Each year collection services are offered to approx. 100,000 homes and organisations. In 2016 we collected a range of WEEE including kettles, TVs, dishwashers and computers. Income generated through collection and breakdown of this waste is reinvested in developing training and employment and promoting environment awareness.

Our services are provided in partnership with WEEE Ireland and with the cooperation of South Dublin County Council and the National Waste Collection Permit Office. Recycle IT are part funded through the Community Services Programme operated by Pobal on behalf of the Dept of Social Protection.

Our Partners:



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Recycle IT is the trading name for Clondalkin Community Recycling Initiative a Company Limited by Guarantee (CLG). Companies Registration Number 365139.

Waste Collection Number: **NWCPD-08-01140**. Waste Facility Permit Number: **WFP-05-10-0010-05**.

Battery Recycling Initiative 2018

We are delighted to report that the response to the battery recycling initiative in aid of the Laura Lynn Foundation has been so good in Ballycullen/ Knocklyon that Spar Woodstown have asked that the Battery Drum remain in their store right throughout 2018.

So you can continue to recycle your batteries for Laura Lynn all year around. Between local schools, Spar Woodstown and the Park Community Centre there was almost 160kg batteries recycled so thank to all especially our neighbouring estates in Parklands, Beechdale, Ferncourt, Woodstown Village, Oakdale and Orlagh all who seized the opportunity too.

If your school or workplace can take some battery boxes, please operations@weeireland.ie or via your residents' association.

Are there other green initiatives or charity Fundraisers that we can run in 2018?

A Tug of War or football match between estates perhaps? All suggestions welcome



Barking Mad!



AGAIN! can we ask residents who have dogs to please take them in at night time, residents with young children and babies are regularly contacting us about dogs barking day and night and the message doesn't seem to be getting through to certain dog owners, so here is some information below regarding your legal rights and obligations.

Contact SDCC, the Garda or the Dog Warden for further information.

Dog Poo

If your dog fouls inside your home, you would not contemplate for a second not cleaning it up, yet so many owners around the Woodstown, for some reason, simply do not apply the same logic when they are walking their dogs in public.

The committee of WVRA would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the continuing support for all our endeavours on behalf of our community received from South Dublin County Council.

And thanks to our partners:



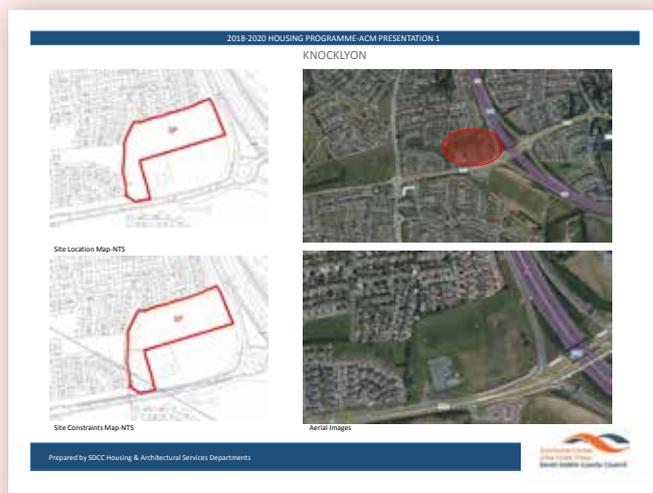
2018 – 2020 Housing Programme

South Dublin County Council has announced their intention to seek planning permission for 3 different social housing projects in Knocklyon. (See pictures below). The most relevant of these to the residents of Woodstown are SDCC's proposed plan to remove the Knocklyon United Senior pitch across from Woodstown and replace it with 42 social housing units.

The council held a meeting to discuss these plans on Tuesday 13th of February and our Committee member with responsibility for Planning, Keith Keliher, attended this meeting on behalf of the WVRA. Keith has prepared a report which will be discussed in full at our next Committee meeting.

Given the potential impact of this development to Woodstown the WVRA has already began the process of engaging with the SDCC, local Councillors and TDs in order to understand the full details of this proposal.

For updates please visit our Facebook page.



Date for the Diary!

Estate Clean-up day & Easter-Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 24th from 12pm to 2pm.



Lost & Found

A small child's 'superhero' bicycle was found on the corner of Woodstown Green in early December.

To claim, please call: 087 928 6407

For Sale or For Free...

Looking to sell a piece of furniture or baby equipment you no longer need? Then why not join our very own Facebook page dedicated to items for sale or for free?



Christmas Event 2017

What a magnificent Christmas event Woodstown Village had again in 2017

Congratulations to Santa and Mrs. Claus, all the wonderful Elves and the 300 children who came to see them. A special mention goes out to all the residents who helped in so many ways from early morning to make it a day to remember.

