



SUMMER NEWSLETTER

THE PARK CABINTEELY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION



AT A GLANCE



Landscaping

Landscaping improvements at various locations in the estate (photos included).



Planning & Development

A quick update on planning and development in and around the estate.



Anti-Social Behaviour

Regrattably, this has been an ongoing issue, help us work together to combat it.

DEAR RESIDENTS

We hope that you are keeping well as we look forward to brighter days ahead and the reopening of more activities over the coming months.

Included in our Summer Newsletter is a brief update on some recent achievements and an overview on what is going on both in and around the estate.

As always, if you have any questions on matters for the Residents Association, please contact us on:

cabinteelyparkresidents@gmail.com

LANDSCAPING IMPROVEMENTS AROUND THE ESTATE

Over the last few years we've carried out badly-needed landscaping improvements to our estate. They include clearing, tidying and planting at the two main road entrances on Cornelscourt Hill, while the green area at the Old Bray Road entrance underwent a major landscaping and planting project in 2018 which has now matured nicely.



Within the past few weeks a new flower and shrub bed has been planted on the grass area near the main roundabout - we think it looks fabulous! (Thanks to our partners at Land Art for their fantastic work in designing, planting and maintaining this and other areas to a high standard.)

In addition, a summer flower bed has also been planted at the bridge near the roundabout – with thanks to Fiona McCarthy for the fantastic work.



Planting of shrub and mulching has also taken place recently at the upper (Sycamore Drive) entrance from Cornelscourt Hill. This makes for yet another big improvement at a key access point to the estate. (With thanks to long-time residents Claire and Alec for their trojan work here!)



TIDY-UP!

Early summer growth is now in glorious full flow and once again we ask residents to keep the areas outside their homes neat and tidy. Overgrown hedges, shrubs, trees etc need to be cut back to avoid obstructing the public paths while grass verges need to be cut and “edged”. There are some fabulous examples of well-kept grass verges– the corner of Park Drive and Glen Lawn drive is one that comes to mind – well done to those residents for keeping it looking so well!

The overall appearance of our estate is greater than the sum of its parts – every little helps us to get there!

TIDY TOWNS

The Tidy Towns team carry out regular (usually weekly) clean-ups around our estate. If anyone would like to assist the team at any time, please contact Gina on 086-6064152.) The Residents Association would like to thank them for their tireless work.

LITTER & GRAFFITI

There has been a noticeable increase in littering in recent months, particularly around the shopping centre area but also along the main entry points to our estate. The Tidy towns team have been doing their best to deal with this menace on their weekly clean-ups. We are pleased to see the installation of a “Big Belly” bin at the shops– hopefully this will help in the fight against this ongoing blight on our estate.



There have been sporadic graffiti attacks around the estate in recent months - which have now been addressed. Our policy is to keep our estate graffiti free at all times and we try to tackle it as soon as it appears.

AGM

We hope to be in a position to hold an AGM later this year – depending on the level of restrictions in place and public health advice. We will keep you informed.

SPEEDING

Currently the speed limit in our estate is set at 50kph – the same speed that applies on Clonkeen Road and only 10kph less than on the N11. We believe that it should be reduced and have been campaigning with local representatives to achieve this.

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Unfortunately, so-called anti-social behaviour has increased over the past year with some serious incidents including an assault on a young girl at the shops. Large groups of teenagers have been coming into the estate, hanging around and intimidating residents and businesses. This is completely unacceptable and we as residents will not tolerate it. We have been in discussions with the Gardai as to how to tackle this and patrols have been increased. This problem however, is not confined to our estate and following recent high-profile incidents elsewhere, we fervently hope it will be taken more seriously. We are advised by the Gardai at Cabinteely to call them at 01-666 5082 to report anti-social or suspicious behaviour in the area. (For emergencies – call 999).

DOGS

The growth in dog ownership has been well documented and has been very evident with a noticeable increase in dog walkers and fouling along our green areas. Constantly barking dogs too are a major nuisance in parts of the estate and this causes annoyance and distress in extreme cases. Most dog owners are responsible but unfortunately too many are not. Please ensure that your dog is not left alone for long periods.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

You will have seen the preliminary work which has begun at the site adjacent to the girl's school and the shopping centre car park. We are awaiting clarity on the future plans for this site but have been informed that it will be some kind of elder care residency (very vague) - with an underground car park. We have been in touch with local public representatives and will keep you informed. Also, it has been reported in the Business Post and the Irish Times that the all apartments at the site in Cabinteely Village (opposite the side of the Garda Station) has been offered to the Council for Social Housing. There are conflicting views on this – but in the light of public concern over the buying up of complete developments by public or private bodies – the net result is that individual buyers are excluded. Similar situation with projects on both Johnstown road and new apartments Beechpark on the N11.



ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

For obvious reasons, door-to-door collections have been suspended since last year and we've been facilitating online payments - which has worked out better than expected. Thanks to all residents who contributed during 2020. We're looking at improving and streamlining the system for 2021 and will communicate this in the coming weeks. As we've said many times in the past, we need funds to function and to carry out improvements. Costs are kept to a bare minimum and we also access grants from local and central government under various headings. (An up-to-date Treasurer's report is available on request – contact: cabinteelyparkresidents@gmail.com).