



TERENURE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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Our Website is Live

Our website is now live at:

www.TerenureResidentsAssociation.ie

where we have posted information of local interest, including details of public services, elected representatives, planning and waste collection (including a bin calendar) and much more.

Of particular note is the Noticeboard page which will show details of upcoming events and news of local interest. You can also subscribe to our Noticeboard via RSS feed or E-Mail (see website for details), or on Twitter at @TerenureRA. If you would like to contact us or request us to post details of a local event with which you are involved, you can do so via the website.

The website has some lovely pictures of our area which are well worth having a look at. We would also welcome any interesting photos you have of Terenure for possible inclusion on the site.

We are indebted to our committee member, John Grant, who designed and built the website. You will agree that he has done a magnificent job.

Tidy Towns and Dublin City

Neighbourhoods Competitions

All of Terenure was entered through Terenure Village Network in the 2012 National Tidy Towns competition organised by the Dept. of the Environment, Culture and Local Government. The main sponsor is Supervalu. Terenure received two awards, highly commended in the County Awards category and commended in the Endeavour Awards category. 277 marks were received out of a possible 400. This was an increase of 5 on last year. The national overall winner was Abbeyshrule Co. Longford with 312 marks. The report was very positive - it included a statement encouraging waste minimisation. Well done to all concerned.

Our association's immediate area was entered in the Dublin City Council's Neighbourhoods competition for the Dublin South Central area. We received a commendation but were placed lower than our two neighbouring associations, Terenure West and Association of Residents of Terenure. (ART). We would like to do better than this next year and would welcome any suggestions for improvement.

Our Environment

The serious rash of graffiti is one of the biggest factors damaging the environment of our area. It is by no means unique to Terenure. We have engaged with the City Council and supplied them with list of affected locations. They have removed some in their South East Area but indicate that they will only do it on some private property and this does not include business premises or side walls on lanes. They will remove graffiti from Council owned property but expect other authorities such as An Post and ESB to deal with their own structures and installations.

We have asked the Gardaí to do what they can to discourage the perpetrators. If an opportunity arises, please report such individuals to the Gardaí.

We can all improve our environment and help improve our position in next year's competitions by sweeping up leaves from outside our houses, by cutting back hedges and shrubs which overhang front walls and by picking up litter from outside our houses. The Council can collect leaves only once or twice a year.

Planning

The application by Aldi for their store at the old tram shed site, 82 – 84 Terenure Road East has been approved by An Bord Pleanála after a redesign to replicate the outline of the existing building and to reuse the old stone.

The application by Lidl to develop a store on the Sunday World site was granted permission by the City Council but this decision was appealed. An Bord Pleanála indicate that it will make a ruling by 19th December. In the meantime, Noel O'Gara, who claims he owns the freehold to the site, attempted to occupy it. Lidl got a temporary injunction against him in August and there will be a full hearing in the High Court in mid December.

Other Planning Permissions granted recently are:

Extension at 9 Olney Grove

Extension for another 5 years of permission granted in 2007 for rebuilding of 30 Rathdown Avenue. The original permission was granted by An Bord Pleanála after an appeal.

Attic conversion and extension at 29 Wasdale Park

Garage conversion at 16 Rathdown Crescent and demolition of garage and single storey extension at 18 Rathdown Crescent. In both these cases, applications to widen entrances were refused.

Constituency Boundaries

The findings of the Constituency Commission www.constituency-commission.ie have been issued and Terenure will now be all in one constituency, Dublin South East, to be renamed Dublin Bay South. We will no longer have the boundary line running through the middle of our village. This was made possible because the combined number of seats for our two constituencies was reduced from 9 to 8 and South Central was reduced from 5 to 4 seats. To get a balance of population ratio, electoral areas Terenure A,B,C and D and Kimmage C, now in South Central, are to be transferred to Dublin Bay South. The new western boundary will be Fortfield Road, KCR and Lower Kimmage Road. We hope that the City Council will realign its boundaries to coincide. This is of more importance to us as we have now to deal with two administrative areas of the Council.

Greyhound Bin Collection

In early October you will have received a letter from Greyhound telling you that they were reducing their annual service charge from €100 to €59.95 for 2013. The lift charges will be €6.50 for the black bin and €3.60 for the brown bin (up from €2). The green bin will remain free. This looked like very good news but in very small print in a "further information" section on the back page of the letter, and in such a way that it might not be noticed, they announced **additional charges based on the weight of each lift. This is very sharp practice as these weight charges could be very high.** The charges will be 33 cents per kg over 25kg in the black bin and 24 cents per kg. over 20kg in the brown bin. It would not be very difficult to put 50kgs in one of these bins, thus doubling the stated price of the lift. If you check your account on the Greyhound.ie website, you can get a history of your bin lifts and a few of these have recorded weights. You will know where you stand and one of the other three payment options offered on the letter referred to above may be better. Our website has information about service providers other than Greyhound.

Greyhound continue to be very careless about returning bins after lifting to where they got them. Please report any instances of bad practice to customercaaredcc@greyhound.ie. Include a photograph if possible. The more complaints they get, the more likely they are to do something about it.

Terenure Traffic

Volumes of traffic at peak times may be down because of the recession but delays in getting through Terenure seem to be as bad as ever. This problem and others were discussed at a meeting on 30th November attended by public representatives, the Gardaí and the Dublin City Traffic Dept. with local interests, including ourselves. The meeting also focused on the likely impact of the two new supermarket developments on pedestrian safety and traffic flow. There will be further meetings.

There have been no developments in implementing the Rathfarnham Bus Corridor enhancement but we are told it is still going ahead.

Business in Terenure

We are sorry to note that Rathdown Motors has closed after many years in the village. We will miss our AIB branch and have recently lost a café and bakery. It is always sad to see a business close but we welcome three new ones and wish

them every success. Noonan's Checkout has taken over the shop beside Terenure Pharmacy on Terenure Road East and Terenure Bookshop has opened on Terenure Rd. North beside Marlowe Cleaners. The long vacant premises on Terenure Road East, formerly Little Caesar's will be a Persian restaurant. It will be named Anar and will also have a wine bar. However, there are still too many vacant shops in our village, many of them former financial houses.

Miscellaneous

We send our best wishes to **Rosaleen Sharpe** of Rathdown Park who retired from our committee after 22 years.

We hope to run a **social event** next March. It will include a talk, with question and answer session, by a local solicitor on **legal matters** of interest to householders

Some of us use **Rights of Way** to access back entrances etc. There will be a requirement to register these but the date has been extended to 2021. See an article in the Irish Examiner of 29th November at: <http://www.irishexaminer.com/farming/agribusiness/rights-of-way-claim-can-be-made-up-to-2021-215370.html>

You can also address queries to the Property Registration Authority (webmaster@prai.ie)

The Gardaí have again asked us to be careful about leaving keys etc where they can be easily fished out by a potential intruder using a rod and lamp through a letter box. Deadlocks should always be used on front doors where available. We should at least put on the snip on the Yale type lock if that is the only option.

Barking dogs can be a very serious disturbance to neighbours, particularly when they bark continuously and at night. If you own such a dog, please keep it indoors except for short supervised periods. We have had complaints about a dog in the Templeogue Road end of Rathdown Park..

Terenure College Rugby Club has written to us to say that they are taking steps to ensure that there will be no repetition of bad behaviour by some patrons going home from a late night function at the October weekend.

It now seems unlikely that **An Post** will arrange a new **Post Office** in the Terenure area. We are still pursuing them about their **address data base** and its description of parts of Terenure as Templeogue

We have had correspondence with the City Council about **overlarge roadside trees** and those damaging footpaths.

Some month ago **Rathgar Residents' Association** circulated invitations to join their association in some of the Terenure area. They assure us this was a mistake by their leaflet distributor.

New **roadside signs** designating **Terenure Village** have been erected. They are smaller than we would have liked but they had to be ground mounted and fit on the available footpath space without causing obstruction.

We were sad to note the death of our former committee member, **Jim Martin**, of Rathdown Avenue.

Keep Terenure Village Alive Support Your Local Traders
We Wish All Our Residents a Very Happy Christmas
and New Year