



# Terenure Residents' Association

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## NEWSLETTER

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### Terenure 2030

The objective of **Terenure 2030** is to develop a Community Framework for the medium and long term enhancement and sustainable development of Terenure. After some preliminary preparation with involvement by "I Love Terenure", the Terenure traders and residents' associations, Terenure 2030 was launched at a public meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2013. Around 180 people attended and the meeting took the form of a brain storming session where hundreds of ideas for the future of Terenure were tabulated and volunteers enlisted. At a follow up meeting of those approx. 80 volunteers, project teams were formed and these are now active in such areas as environment, planning, energy, helping the elderly etc. Fuller details are in the "I Love Terenure" Newsletter which was recently circulated. If anyone would like to be involved and missed the setup meetings, contact [terenure2030@gmail.com](mailto:terenure2030@gmail.com)

### Dublin City Neighbourhoods and Tidy Towns Competitions

Our own area was entered in the Dublin City Neighbourhoods competition but we were not placed. This is the first time for some years that we did not get even a commendation. One reason is, possibly, that we do not engage in a special project. Let us have some suggestions. The City Council was not prepared to go along with one suggestion which was to landscape the roundabouts in the Rathdown area.

In the national Tidy Towns competition, Terenure won a highly commended award in the South Dublin area. It received 277 marks out of 400. The overall winner, Moynalty, received 316.

### Website

Our website continues to develop and receives many hits. Items and events of local interest are published on it. We are developing a data base of residents' E-Mail addresses so that we can automatically send out notices of events etc.. To get

these notices, it is necessary to register. If you supplied your address with your subscription you should have got an E-Mail requesting you to click on a link to confirm your request. If you are not on our list and would like to be, please visit the website and follow the instructions there. About 100 of our approx. 750 residents are registered.

### On Line Photographic Competition

We are running a photographic competition which will be open to residents of the area we serve. Full details, including an entry form and competition rules are on the website at the top of this page,. There will be two €50 prizes, one for adults and one for under 16 years. The competition will not be open to professional photographers. Entries must reflect some aspect of Terenure and must be the work of the entrant. Digital images will be submitted via the website entry form. We don't want to exclude residents who are unable to access our website so it will be possible to submit a printed hard copy entry. To do so, please call Jim Dowling on 4905019 and we will post you an entry form and rules, together with details of how to submit an entry..

### Planning

Apart from the Lidl and Aldi developments there have been almost no applications for planning permission in our area since our last newsletter..

Lidl was due to open on 13<sup>th</sup> December. We have been regularly in touch with the builders during the construction period.

Work on the Aldi store is due to start in about six months time. It will involve demolishing the old tram sheds but the new building will keep the same profile and reuse the stone from the old sheds.

A proposed extension to No. 5 Cormac Terrace was refused permission.

An application was submitted to extend a lapsed permission to develop the Tayto/Cape Insulation site at Mount Tallant Avenue. The application was for 152 apartments and some business units. It was refused.

## **Security Issues**

The Gardaí have asked us to alert our residents to a number of issues.

Burglary incidences are down but there are still too many. We are asked to be very careful about the security of our doors and windows. If you are installing new windows or doors, get ones that have maximum security features. Be careful about front door locks. It is very easy for a burglar to use a thin card to push back the tongue of a Yale type lock. It is best to have a deadlock as well but, at least, put the snip on the Yale lock

Mobile phone thefts are up and we are asked to be careful and we are also asked to watch out for potential thieves in Bushy Park.

Bogus callers are still a problem. Never deal with anyone coming to your door offering services unless you know where they come from. Never give strangers the names of your neighbours.

## **Roads and Traffic**

Detailed studies were carried out by the City Council on the performance of the junction at Terenure Cross. These followed a conference of officials and councillors organized by the Lord Mayor, Oisín Quinn in July. The studies found that the ratio of inbound traffic volume is approximately 60%/40% from Templeogue Road and Terenure Road West and 55%/45% between East West and North south traffic at Terenure Cross. The traffic lights cycle length is 130 seconds except at quiet times. With adjustments made, the Council is satisfied that the junction is operating effectively most of the time but it will be kept under ongoing review. The pedestrian lights at St. Joseph's Church have now been linked to the lights at Terenure Cross.

The lights at the Rathfarnham Road/Bushy Park Road/Rathdown junction also operate a 130 second cycle, reduced at off peak times.

We have asked for a large yellow box to be provided on Rathfarnham Road at the Beechlawm Way entrance to help traffic exiting from Lidl..

A request for a yellow box at 25/27 Templeogue Road was refused as was a request for extra right turn arrows on Rathfarnham Road in advance of the turn into Bushy Park Road.

We have noted some cases of opportunist clamping e.g. cars slightly on the kerb in very quiet places where there is no obstruction. Watch out.

We have requested attention to sections of roadway and footpath requiring repair but very little has been done due to lack of money. A large section of the Templeogue Road was resurfaced because of defects in the work done in early 2012. This was done at no cost to the Council.

## **Bushy Park**

Work on upgrading the football dressing rooms is expected to start in January. There is also a proposal to refurbish the tennis pavilion. Public toilets will be provided in both these locations.

There is no movement yet on the provision of two padel courts but the proposal is still alive. These courts will be located near the skateboard arena. The plan also includes the rebuilding of two of the existing tennis courts to a high standard.

The hedge along Rathdown Avenue was recently pruned to a much lower height. This seemed rather drastic but the Council assures us that this level of pruning is necessary to promote growth at the base of the hedge as gaps were beginning to develop. We asked that a large gap beside the gate near the Rathdown Crescent roundabout be repaired..

## **Leaves**

Outside of the central village area, Dublin City Council will only manually sweep footpaths once every three months. It is important that leaves are not allowed to lie until they are completely munched and we would encourage residents, as some have been doing, to sweep them up outside their own houses. Where car parking is not a problem, small quantities can be swept into the gutter for picking up by the motorized sweeper. If larger quantities are involved, the Council will issue bags and collect them when filled. Call 01-2225200 (South Central Area) or 01-2222243 (South East area). Only leaves from public areas should be dealt with in this way. The Council has given us a small petrol driven leaf blower to assist anyone prepared to gather leaves in public areas. It weighs only 4.3kgs. Contact Jim Dowling at 4905019 if you would like to borrow it..

## **Environment**

There are still problems caused by dog owners who do not clean up after their pets. Offenders can be reported to the City Council help line on 1800 251500.

Residents are asked not to leave bins on footpaths in such a way that they could obstruct wheelchairs or prams.

Hedges overhanging front garden walls should be cut back to a minimum and we should be considerate about trees overhanging our neighbour's property.

We have asked the City Council to consider reducing the amount of signage on the roundabouts in Rathdown.

## **Miscellaneous**

There is a proposal to put pay and display parking in the avenue on the east side of St. Joseph's church.

At our request, the public lighting poles in Rathdown were painted. 14 new lighting standards were recently erected in the village area. The Council will not be putting in any more of these and we have asked to have the old ones repainted.

The annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony was held on 6<sup>th</sup> December. The switch on was performed by Cllr. Henry Upton and it was very well attended. Congratulations to Fionnuala Blake who has been organising this event for many years.

Many thanks to John Gillespie of Lakelands Park who resurfaced, with gravel, the lane between that road and Greenlea Grove and has been keeping it tidy.

*Keep Terenure Village Alive - Support Your Local Traders  
We Wish All Our Residents a Very Happy Christmas*