



ROADS AND TRAFFIC

Following a lengthy campaign by TRA and Ben Costelloe in particular, many repairs and improvements to footpaths and roads have been completed since September. Repairs have been undertaken in **Wasdale, Greenmount, Rathdown, Templeogue Road and Lakelands Park**. While footpath repairs have been completed, road repairs (notably in Rathdown) have yet to be undertaken or completed. The contractor has assured TRA that that they will return in February 2018 to continue their work.

For the current works it has been agreed with TRA that repairs to roads will be done in concrete where the adjacent road is in concrete and tarmac repairs will be confined to roads which are already in tarmac. This will help to reduce the "patchwork" appearance of road surfaces in many areas.

We have had many representations from residents relating to specific footpath repairs which are clearly required but which have not been included in the current scheme. In response we prepared a list of these works and submitted them to Dublin City Council (DCC). DCC responded that they did not have the budget to do the works under the present scheme and that they would be included in a future schemes or carried out by DCC's own repair crews.

TRAFFIC ITEMS

Following a meeting with the City Manager on 29 June 2017 it has been agreed that pedestrian crossings will be installed in 2018 at (i) Terenure cross-roads on Terenure Road E and (ii) the western end of Bushy Park Road (near the junction with Rathfarnham Road). Furthermore the City Manager agreed to conduct quantitative traffic surveys of rat-running traffic through Rathdown, which is a consequence of the ban on the right turn from Templeogue village into Springfield Avenue. These surveys were conducted on 31 August and on 19 October. The results currently being analysed with a view to a meeting between DCC and SDCC to discuss the increasing traffic problems in the TRA area and to identify solutions.

GARDA LIAISON AND SECURITY

With the darker evenings the advice from Gardai is to Light Up and Lock Up your home and be careful when opening your doors to strangers. "Cold calling" and door-to-door collectors are still a major problem, especially for the elderly.

We thank Sgt Brendan Kelly for working closely with the TRA and giving us his advice during the year. We wish all in our Garda Community Office a happy and peaceful Christmas.

Garda Security Tips

- Don't leave keys on hall tables.
- Don't let strangers into your home.
- Use **Age Action** if you need jobs done in your home. Contact Martin Laffan for advice. T: **01-4059819**

For further information and help:

Garda website: www.garda.ie

Terenure Garda Station: 01-6666400 or 999

TRA website

Terenure Crime Figures

Terenure Gardai recently gave TRA a breakdown of the latest crime figures for the area. Terenure is still a relatively safe area and this will continue with the increase in Garda numbers and foot patrols, especially in the Bushy Park area.

Crime/Offence	No	% difference to 2016
Burglaries	143	- 8%
Unauthorised taking of vehicle	16	-54%
Theft from shops	45	-35%
Theft from person	9	+125%
Theft from vehicles	16	+100%
All other thefts	101	+7%
Unauthorised Taking of bicycles	90	+12%
Robbery from establishments	3	-50%
Robbery from person	2	-67%
Criminal damage	116	-4%
Assaults (minor and with harm)	44	+5%
Public order incl. drunkenness	41	+2%
Trespassing on property	26	+30%

As can be seen car break-ins have increased hugely. We cannot stress enough the need to make sure that people don't leave valuables in their cars, and that cars are locked and alarmed at night. Thefts from person also rose (albeit from a very low base) and again we stress the need to be conscious of your surroundings and not have mobile phones, wallets or purses visible to others except when necessary.



TRA SUBSCRIPTIONS 2017-2018

Many thanks to all who have paid up their membership subs for the current membership year. You can still subscribe by contacting your nearest committee member or email treasurer@terenureresidentsassociation.ie



NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

With the recent retirement of a number of committee members we are urgently on the look out for new members, especially in the Onley, Terenure Road East, Rathdown Ave, Rathdown Park areas. If you can spare -2 hours a month we would love to hear from you.

It is important that we keep the committee strong and vibrant to ensure that Terenure is well represented at local and national levels.

JAPANESE KNOTWEED

At our last meeting the TRA committee discussed the spread of Japanese knotweed and the damage to property it can cause. The best time to spot this weed is in mid-summer and early autumn. In spring, reddish or purple shoots appear from the ground and fat, asparagus-like spears rapidly lengthen from bright pink 'crown' buds. By early summer the mature Japanese knotweed stems are hollow with purple speckles and can reach up to 3 metres in height. The flowers that emerge by late summer are creamy-white in colour, and appear in lengthy cluster or spike formations. Getting rid of this invasive species requires expert advice and expertise.

Please do not attempt to get rid of this plant yourself. Contact DCC at 01-222 3418 or email biodiversity@dublincity.ie

LEAVES AND LITTER

It's that time of year when leaves and litter come to the fore. Just a few reminders:

Please sweep up leaves outside your own premises and help elderly neighbours. DCC will issue bags and collect when requested.

T: **01-2222243** (south-east area)

Don't over-fill refuse bins in windy weather as the contents may be blown away, causing a nuisance to neighbours and polluting the environment.

PLANNING

The application for three large houses at **The Barn, Riversdale Avenue** was refused and a revised arrangement of three smaller houses was submitted.

Permission was granted to increase the number of proposed apartments at **85 Templeogue Road** from 27 to 37.

No decision yet on DCC's proposal for tea rooms at **Bushy Park** (overlooking the band stand).

An application for an infill house in the back gardens of **38 and 40 Rathdown Park** was refused.

Permission granted for a bungalow in the back garden of **35 Rathdown Park** was upheld after an appeal against decision to allow same.

Retention of wall clocks on Cronin's offices granted.

Permission was granted for domestic extensions at:

- **46 Rathdown Drive**
- **30 Wasdale Park (garage conversion)**

Applications awaiting decision:

- Conversion of offices to a crèche at Unit 3, Terenure Business Park, **Beechlawn Way**.
- **Infill house at 9 Rathdown Villas**

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

The village is looking resplendent with its Christmas lights and decorations. Please support our local traders as they need your support at this time of year.

New businesses to the village. we would like to welcome three new traders. **Burrito Bros. Foam**, and new butchers, **The Brown Pig**. we wish them success.

Garden Competition...following a lot of viewing and reviewing over the summer months we finally arrived at a winner for our garden competition.

Winner. 42 Greenmount Rd...Jane Johnson.

Highly Commended. 52 Rathdown Pk...Paul & Kathy Jacobs.

Jane was delighted with her prize of 100 Eur.



We wish all our residents a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

