# **GRA** Newsletter

**Enhancing Community Spirit** 



You may have noticed a note in your door looking for people interested in setting up a Residents Association for Greenfields. There was an overwhelming response to this request which has led to the establishment of Greenfields Residents Association. It is the aim of the Residents Association to promote the interests of all residents and to ensure our neighbourhood is a well maintained and enjoyable place to live.

#### GRA Noweletto

The Greenfields Residents Association (GRA) Newsletter is circulated to all residents regularly to keep you up to date regarding the work of the Residents Association. I hope you enjoy the first edition of the GRA Newsletter.

John Power
GRA Chairperson



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## Tips for Residents

The first Greenfields Residents Association meeting was held on 22nd September last. Thirteen representatives from all areas of Greenfields were in attendance. During this meeting a number of concerns were expressed. The committee felt it necessary to bring to the attention of all residents such concerns and offer some tips to ensure everyone can live in a great neighbourhood.

#### LITTER & MAINTENANCE

Litter is unsightly and offers a negative impression of our estate. Litter has become a problem in some areas of the estate. Therefore, residents are asked:

- To keep the front of their premises litter free and well maintained
- Not to leave bins open or in front of your house for long periods of time

#### CHILD SAFETY

As Greenfields is a new development there is naturally a large number of children playing in the estate. Child safety is a top priority for parents but should be a top priority for all residents and visitors to the estate. In order to ensure the children of our estate are kept safe

and well at all times and to ensure that all residents can live in an enjoyable community we ask residents:

- To not speed when driving in the estate and to be aware of young children at all times
- To not park in areas that could obstruct the view of other motorists which in turn could impede young children's safety when playing
- To ensure children are supervised at all times
- To know where your children are at all times
- To ensure your children do not leave toys, bicycles etc. on roads as this is extremely hazardous for motorists
- To ensure your children are behaving in an appropriate manner at all times as a number of instances have occurring where children and teenagers are loitering on green areas, breaking trees, vandalising property, acting in an aggressive manner toward residents and damaging cars

#### NOISE LEVELS

All residents are asked to be mindful of their neighbours regarding noise levels especially at night. Residents are asked:

- To ensure dogs are not barking late at night
- That noise after 10pm be curtailed to a minimum as ongoing noise / parties will not be tolerated



## Contact Us

Got a news item or something you want the Residents Association to look into for you? Then let us know today. You can e-mail us at greenfieldswaterford@live.com or alternatively you can use the contact us form on the website.

## **New Members**

New members are always welcome to come and join the Residents Association. If you are interested in coming along to our next meeting then keep a look out on the website for the next meeting date or contact a member of the Residents Association for more information.

### New Website Launched

In order to keep all residents of Greenfields even more up to date and to encourage discussion amongst residents a new Greenfields Residents Association website has been launched.



The new website features a discussion / homepage where news items, community information and outcomes from GRA meetings will be posted. Here residents can comment on items and enjoy leaving feedback for others.

The new website details the members of the Residents Association and their roles. Over time it is hoped to expand the website to meet the needs of the community. So if you have any suggestions please make sure you tell us.

Go to www.greenfieldswaterford.com to visit the new Greenfields Residents Association website.

## Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

The Residents Association have contacted the Garda Community Liaison Officer for the area to seek advice about setting up a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme for Greenfields.

Neighbourhood Watch is a crime / anti-social behaviour prevention programme intended to enlist the active cooperation of the community by observing and reporting suspicious or unacceptable activities. In Neighbourhood Watch a community accepts a certain responsibility for crime in its own area. A partnership is established between Gardai and the community, which is designed to prevent crime and to help create a better environment in which to live.

Over the coming weeks all residents will be contacted to indicate the level of interest in partaking in this scheme. If there is sufficient support then the scheme will be established for Greenfields. If you interested in becoming a Coordinator for your street then please contact us.