

REDESDALE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER August 2021

A WORD FROM OUR CHAIRPERSON

As the days begin to shorten we'll soon be looking back on the summer of 2021. Our area has been experiencing a renewal in the last couple of years with so many young families taking up residence here - a warm welcome to them. The green areas in our estate have provided the children with safe places to play and the rest of the community have enjoyed these amenities too, even more so in 'locked down' times.

Well done to those picker uppers who continually keep the lid on wandering rubbish. It's like old times in a way. We hope to have a community clean up in the autumn and a Christmas event like last year is also planned.

Sadly, we have lost many of our neighbours in recent times, many who were stalwarts in the community. Bill Semple, Lily Lyons, May Canny, all served on past RRA committees. Also recently deceased Jim Browne, Mary Carpenter, Rathmore Ave, Gerry McLoughlin, formerly of 5 St. Kevins Park who passed away recently in Gloucester, Gertrude Eustace, also from St. Kevins Park, go bhfanfaidh siad i suaimhneas.

Tom Daly - Chairperson

NEWS BITS

Cllr Maeve O'Connell informs us the trial closure of Eden Park is to go ahead. We will keep you informed of any further developments with regards to road closures.

Construction of cycle lanes on Lower Kilmacud Road will not be complete until the end of September, so expect traffic delays until then.

It appears DLRCCO are handing out parking fines for vehicles parked on the Lower Kilmacud Road between the entrance to Redesdale and South Avenue where there are no double yellow lines. Unconfirmed reports indicate tickets are being issued to vehicles that are half parked on the footpath. We contacted local councillor Barry Saul about the matter who told us he is looking into it.

We heard the sad news of the passing Katie Kahn Carl on 2nd August. Katie was the long serving secretary of Marsham Court Residents Association and was always at the centre of all activities. She will be missed by her friends and neighbours, go bhfanfaidh sí i suaimhneas.

PHOTO COMPETITION WINNERS

Entries for our amateur photographers have been judged by Redesdale Residents Association Committee.

The winning entry in the under 12 category 'Pigeon in Nest' was won by Jamie Rapple, and the over 18 / adult category 'The Dark Side of the Sun' was won by Emily Loughran. Both winners have received their prizes. The winning photos can be viewed on our website and Facebook pages. Thank you all for participating,

WHO KNOWS WHERE THE STEPS ARE?

Steps are an exterior means of linking lower to higher levels and vice versa.

Between Dale Road and Highridge Green there is a pedestrian link - shortcut of 12 concrete steps constructed in the early fifties when Redesdale Redesdale Estate was developed. The Steps as they became known has served residents for decades. Utilised for trips to the local shops - Tennysons, Fitzgeralds hardware and Mullens Sweet Shop in days gone by.

Countless prams and buggies have been pushed up and down giving the occupants a bumpy ride. Followed by toddlers with bikes, trikes and scooters. Fun filled games of chasing and hide and seek were and are played there. Not to mention a quick get away for those brave or bold enough to do a few knock and runs /tick tack on a dark evening!!

Joggers, dog walkers, school going children shouldering heavy school bags and sauntering strollers have all passed this way and continue to do so. In latter years one can hear the sound of the luggage cases rolling along with wheels being pushed and manouvered up and down on route to and from the air coach.

Recently a splash of white paint defines each step for the safety of its climbers and some flowers have been planted to add colour.

The Steps are very useful and well used by all the community and hopefully a visually more attractive space for years to come.

By Nuala Casey

MAKE SURE TO VISIT OUR WEBSITE and FACEBOOK PAGES for UPDATES

BIN COLLECTION ISSUE

The committee recently became aware of issues, when Panda Waste bin collection vehicles were unable to gain full access to certain roads in Redesdale, mainly cul-de-sacs and roads with green areas. As a consequence some green bins were not collected because of parked cars causing an obstruction.



We got in touch with Panda's Customer Care - Domestic Dept to establish what their policy was if bins could not be collected because of obstructions. They informed us that their crews often report cars parked in a way that causes an obstruction in certain areas. They said if access is blocked, the crews have no choice but to abandon collections in that area. Where possible they will try at a later stage in the day, however this is not always feasible.

In similar circumstances and of greater concern to all our residents is accessibility for emergency vehicles such as fire tenders or ambulances. The committee would therefore ask all residents in Redesdale to **be mindful of where they park to ensure ease of access for emergency and service vehicles.**

RETIRED

After 24 years service under various owners, Mary Casey from St. Kevins Park called time on her days of working as she reached pensionable age, or 'bus-pass age'. The store on Lakelands Road saw many changes during her time. She started when the it was a Londis franchise, then under Clarke's (Kevin Higgins) independent ownership and finally working for the Today's franchise.

A popular person with the customers, always had time for a chat and a laugh. Great banter also with suppliers especially delivery staff. She retired Friday, 2nd July and celebrated her 66th birthday on Saturday the 3rd. Mary has lived in St Kevins Park since the early 50's.

TECHNOLOGY AT OUR DISPOSAL

To make use of the technology available to us we once again invite residents to register on-line with RRA and in so doing provide us with an email address for the purposes of keeping you instantly informed. Redesdale Residents Association does not collect any personal data about you, apart from information which you volunteer by emailing us (committee@redesdaleresidents.org), or subscribing to our newsletter. Any information you provide in this way is not made available to any third parties and is used solely by RRA for contacting members as outlined above.



Many thanks to Dave and his crew for the supply of Two Mugs coffee cups for our social events.

DOG FOULING - SCOOP IT, BAG IT, BIN IT

Dog ownership has dramatically increased in recent times probably due to the ongoing Pandemic and the wonderful company a dog can bring to family life. Unfortunately our local green and public areas have seen an increase in dog poo in recent times. While ninety nine percent of dog owners clean up after their dogs, it only takes the remaining one percent to leave an unpleasant problem for the rest of us.



DLRCOCO is continuing to take the lead in the fight against dog fouling.

Dog fouling is unpleasant and can carry disease. It is particularly unpleasant for people with buggies / prams and for wheelchair users, as it is easily transferred from wheel to hand. This also included dogs fouling the pollinator areas in Mullens field and all areas of the field. Children are particularly at risk from toxocarasis spread through infected dog faeces.

Dog fouling is litter and anyone identified not picking up after their pets will be issued with a DLRCOCO litter fine of €150 or possible prosecution in court, which can incur a fine of up to €4,000. To report incidents of dog fouling, please contact the Council's Environmental Enforcement, Litter and Animal Control Section at 01 2054700.

A request has been made to DLRCOCO for the instillation of a public bin in the Mullens Field supported up by Maeve O'Connell our local Councillor.

COMMUNITY EVENT

Given the continuing challenges with organizing large gatherings it was decided not to run a community summer event this year. However, on a positive note, we have heard from a reliable source that Santa will return in December and repeat his very successful 'walk about' again. Now that's something to look forward too!

GARDENING TEAM - Redesdale/Rathmore

It is hoped to start a fortnightly Gardening Team to meet up by the rocks in Mullens Field.

The initial intention is to focus on areas needing a tidy up with some planting, but also with a social dimension in mind. All residents are welcome to attend. Do come along, even if it's to avail of a cup of tea or coffee and a chat. Next gettogether - 7pm, Monday, September 6th. Looking forward to seeing as many as possible. All Covid protocols will be in place and with that in mind bring your own Brush and Shovel etc. Should you have an area in mind needing attention please inform any committee member. See website for details of next meeting.

We welcome feedback from residents. Please feel free to send us stories, local news or articles for inclusion in our newsletter to: mike@redesdaleresidents.org