

# The Drimnagh Residents Association

*Working together to help each other.*

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## Spring 2023

Dear Member,

Hoping we find you and your family well as we move from 2022 to 2023. We know the Pandemic isn't over so we must continue to use common sense and look after ourselves and our loved ones. In general, though, we are as back to normal as is possible taking all things into account.

And so, we begin the Annual Subscription Collection for 2023. The approach we adopted in 2021 & 2022 was, by-and-large quite successful with a few hiccups but a reasonably successful outcome.

**How to Pay On-Line:** If you have Internet access, we suggest you pay On-Line as follows:

- ⇒ Open Website [www.drimnaghresidents.ie](http://www.drimnaghresidents.ie)
- ⇒ Along the top 'click' on [Membership Payment](#)
- ⇒ Please enter your details and proceed to Payment
- ⇒ Payment is processed automatically.
- ⇒ You will receive an email confirmation within 15 minutes.
- ⇒ Membership card will be delivered to you in as soon as possible.

**For those of you who prefer not to pay On-Line:**

We will, for 2023, return to a more traditional approach:

- Our Road Reps, most of whom you know well by now, will call to your home. If there is no answer, this call will be repeated twice after which we will write to you to remind you and also to work out a suitable time to call or to provide an alternative method of payment.
- If you have already paid On-Line you will be given your 2023 membership Card.
- If you haven't paid On-Line you will also be given your Membership Card as well as this circular.

## Door-to-door collections will resume asap weather permitting.

- ⇒ If you are not in when your Road Rep calls, a card will be dropped into your letter box advising you of the call.

For the 15<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, membership remains at just €20, but the allowance for 'work done' has been increased to €40 per annum. If you have any

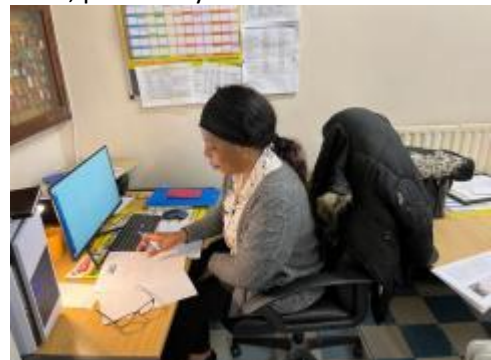


repair bills, pass them on to us and you will receive the €40 allowance. (For further information on this allowance, please see back of Membership Card).

**Throughout the year,** your committee has continued to work on your behalf liaising with City Council, Gárdai, various Government Departments, HSE and other bodies in the usual efficient way but bearing in mind the limitations imposed by the Pandemic. Many requests for help are of a personal nature which were difficult to deal with during the Pandemic unless they could be managed by phone and / or email but we did everything possible in the circumstances. If you have receipts for work done last year, pass them along to us either in person or into the Office and we will deal with them as quickly as possible.

### **DRA OFFICE**

**Our Office,** in Our Lady's Hall, has worked well since its inception and is used well by you. You can also pay the annual subscription by calling to the Office, preferably in the afternoons.



(Irene, our current Administrator hard at work)

We urge you to please give your e-mail or mobile phone number to us (445-4581) or to [info@drimnaghresidents.ie](mailto:info@drimnaghresidents.ie) and we **guarantee** we will not be passing it on to any other organisation. Your details will be used only to pass information quickly between the Committee and yourself.

## ROAD REPS / COLLECTORS

The Association has always been outward-looking, representing Drimnagh at Dublin City Council development meetings, Drimnagh Task Force, and with other organisations such as the D12 Policing Forum and Our Lady's Hall Mgmt. Ctte. Manpower is stretched to breaking point, so we are appealing to you to come forward and volunteer to participate by becoming a committee member / Road Rep / distributor of circulars, etc. We look forward to hearing from you by using the contacts listed above. Remember, we are all in this together, as our motto says:

*Working together to help each other.*

For a variety of reasons

- Retirement
- Increase in membership
- Some being over-worked

we find ourselves in need of some additional Road Reps in order to continue to operate efficiently. We are inviting you now to consider taking on this role. This is a voluntary position but backed up with a 15% Commission which is both 'an incentive' and 'a thank you' for giving voluntarily of your time.

If you have any questions, call or text Peter on 087-236 6997 or email:

[treasurer@drimnaghresidents.ie](mailto:treasurer@drimnaghresidents.ie).

If you think you'd be able to help us in this or any other way, please contact us now.

## REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS

You will be aware Drimnagh has been subjected to some outrageous behaviour by a small minority of anti-refugee / asylum seeker people who have been spreading false information. Positive pro-refugee demonstrations have been held and we are also involved in behind-the-scenes activities to help diffuse the situation and restore order and normality to the situation. It is important you do not allow yourself to be misled by the false information going around. If you have any queries or doubts, contact us please.

## DYNAMIC DRIMNAGH FORUM (DDF)

This is a new collaborative initiative set up by the various organisations in Drimnagh, including DRA, with the back-up support of both Dublin City Council and Dublin South City Partnership.

The idea is to have one single strong voice representing Drimnagh but with the backing of all the organisations in Drimnagh. A lot of work has gone into its establishment which was overseen by a strong Steering Committee which has laid the foundations for what should be a real asset to the community for many years to come. DRA is happy to give its full support to this very worthwhile project.

## PRIMARY CARE CENTRE

We've been keeping the pressure up on the development of Drimnagh Primary Care Centre in close cooperation with DDF. Preparatory work has been carried out during '22 and we understand the detailed design process is continuing apace and project is ready to go to tender.

This Health Care facility is badly needed in



*(This is an Artists impression of what the Primary Care Centre, was supposed to look like).*

Drimnagh and we in DRA have been working hard to make sure it happens. Our thanks to the TD's, some of whom were not re-elected, who helped us along the way. We look forward to the day the project is finally completed and providing a much-needed health service to all the residents of Drimnagh.

## DRIMNAGH LIBRARY

As members, you will be aware we have been fighting for a Library for over 50 years and there were many false dawns. However, last year came the good news, finally, that the development of the Árd Scoil Éanna site will include the long sought-after Library, and we understand funding has now been allocated for this project so there is some progress at last. Don't forget you can use the Library Locker in Our Lady's Hall from 10am to 9pm.

**We thank you for your continued support through your membership of the Association. If you have some small amount of time to spare, please volunteer to help in one of the several possible options outlined in previous paragraphs.**