



ROEBUCK

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Neighbourhood Watch Report for AGM 2016

Following on preparations in November December and January we were ready to launch the Roebuck Residents' neighbourhood watch scheme in early February with the help of the community Gardaí.

N W. is where the residents in an area report any suspicious activity. If it is current, it should be reported to Gardaí. If it is of other concern it is then reported to your street coordinator who in turn reports it to the area coordinator and he/she reports to the Gardaí.

Our community Garda is Garda Emma Woodlock. There is a street coordinator on each road in the area. (If you don't know yours ask me at the end of the meeting) Máire O'DONOHUE is the area coordinator. We meet 4/5 times per year.

The N W depends on you the road residents for its success. We have had some serious reports and some false alarms. False alarms become obvious after a while so don't be afraid to make a report. The important thing is to get a culture of noticing and reporting going for all our safety.

The text alert was set up in April. This is a separate function where the Gardaí text the area coordinator if they want a message to go to the community. The area coordinator then distributes the text to all residents. At the moment this is funded on a pilot basis by the Residents' association until April next

Both systems work well together The Gardaí tell me that as a result of a text alert about a white fiat van checking out houses in Kilmacud some people were caught. The text was as a result of a report from locals.

In May we put a sign up at each entrance to our area and at the shops to announce our presence. This again was funded by the Residents' Association so thank you to you all.

Our plan More vibrant communication between street coordinators and street members and a conscious attention to vulnerable neighbours e.g. People living on their own or older people.

A safe year to you all. Thank you

Máire O'DONOHUE