

Chairman's Report, 9 October, 2017

Welcome everybody to our second AGM.

Our goal as an association is to build a strong sense of community, while improving our environment.

We have had a very successful year, and this will be reflected in the individual reports from Committee members and others who have been involved in specific projects and events.

All told, we have 7 hard working committee members, who have been meeting about once every six weeks.

We also have another 30 or so key members who have contributed to our success by making things happen in their areas of interest and expertise :

Tidy Districts (4)

Grass-cutters (5)

Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators (10)

Neighbourhood Friendly Initiative (5)

Events (6)

Sportsday/Community Games (4)

Hospice Coffee Morning (3).

Our outstanding achievement for the year was winning first prize (for the second year running) in our category in DLR County Council Competition. Our leader in this endeavour has been Susan Kennedy, and our thanks to her and her team for all of their efforts.

Overall members of the association gathered together 9 times during the year:

3 clean-up days over April, May and June, organised by the Tidy Districts group

3 major "celebratory" events : (1) Christmas on the Green (thanks in the main to Helen Maher and her family), (2) the Mad Hatters Tea Party in June (thanks again to Helen, and Tony Maher, and Anne Reid), and (3) the Autumn Street Party, organised by Janine Billings and Joanne Morgan and their team

The Sportsday, organised by the Community Games Group, for kids from 4 to 11, in Rosemount Field in August

The Coffee Morning in the Farmhill Restaurant, organised by the Neighbourhood Friendly Initiative group, who also circulated a very useful publication of key services for the whole community.

And the most recent Hospice Coffee Morning organised by Mairead Joyce, raising 1,300 euro.

Our events are generously supported by the shops, especially Lynams, Finnegan's Roebuck Pharmacy and the Farmhill Restaurant, and Gandon Law. Spot Prizes were provided by all of businesses, for which we thank them.

The people who make this all possible are the Committee, and this is an opportunity to thank them,

Paddy Ryan, as Secretary, for organising meetings, agendas, minutes etc

Teresa Byrne, as Treasurer for keeping a watchful eye on all our spending, and for collecting subs
Garret Robinson, for liaising with the Council and improving our environment i.e. paths, trees, gullies etc, and the Green

Maire O'Donohue, for overseeing the Neighbourhood Watch, and linking with the Gardai and the Neighbourhood Friendly initiative

Una O'Shea, for looking after Planning issues, the website and communications generally, and for being involved in the Goatstown Playground Group. That Group including residents from Taney, Roebuck and the wider Goatstown area spearheaded a protracted campaign which will finally bring the playground into being in the near future.

All have shown their commitment to their neighbours by the work they do and by their achievements.

Externally, we are "registered" as an association with DLR County Council as participating in their Public Participation Network. Also, we are supporting the work of "Imagine Dundrum", a voluntary group aiming to influence the redevelopment of "old" Dundrum in an innovative modern village-style way.

We need your help if we are to continue to improve our environment and the friendly atmosphere in the neighbourhood, and in this regard we ask that members consider joining the Committee or contributing some of their time to organising our various activities or events.

Those interested should contact us by email at Roebuckresidents@gmail.com. Immediately!!

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Chairman

Roebuck Residents' Association