

Chairman's Report
CRA - A.G.M.
13th May 2008

Introduction of the committee and thank to those for coming on board and giving of their time and effort throughout the year.

Praise for the subcommittee successes and efforts;

- Gazebo
- Maintenance
- Open space area - woods

This year the emphasis has shifted to now not involving the Taking In Charge Process but now to finding our way around what is and is not available from the KCC regarding the estate.

A quick summary of the year's activities include a host of various items which we undertook including;

Liaising with OPW and KCC.

Maintenance issues - Extra items that we undertook or tried to extend are for example;

- Graffiti removal
- Extra planting
- Regeneration of some areas - Orchard walkway, Woodview.
- More detail of this within the next section of the meeting.

New initiatives - Garden competition

- Drugs Awareness night

A special thank to the two very committed women who strived to make sure the last two items happened. They were both first attempts which have received very positive feedback and with the first turn under the belt, we can use their experience gained to improve on these in future. The Drugs awareness night was a catalyst which led to other groups undertaking their own nights on this issue - (Parents association etc) Thank to Julie from the Abbey Project for helping Anita in her efforts.

Thank to the sponsors of prizes for the Garden Competition which Sheila worked so hard to attain.

Thank to all the councillors who gave advice, took our enquiries and submitted motions on our behalf throughout the year.

Outlook for 2008;

We will continue to liaise with relevant bodies regarding woods area and access issues

We will continue to tackle more maintenance issues - more planting, more regular upkeep - revolving cleanup crews, Tree maintenance by KCC, Try and organise an Interest estate cleanup of the woods entrance areas - volunteer to help with any of these?

Garden Competition - try to gain more points on Tidy estates competition - 2007 - 67 points. (@midtable - see sheet provided)

Update and improve website and information contained.

Progress Traffic issues within the estate - especially Road markings which we can hopefully achieve by working through KCC.

Liaise further with local Garda regarding antisocial issues - they are currently doing regular drive bys - need to find way to deter activity at night around entrance to the woods.

We want to make efforts to provide more social interactivity - St Patrick's Day Parade/Night party?/Estate Quiz night? - Any ideas from the floor?

We need people to make all this and more happen - people come and go within the committee so the more we have the better the workload can be shared and continuity can be achieved.