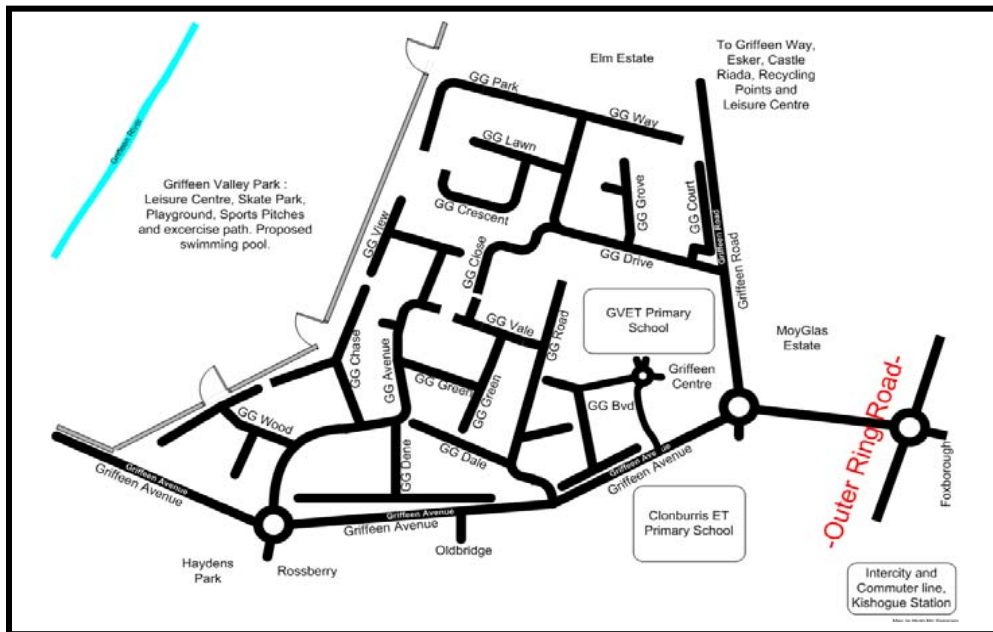




Have you ever wondered how to find the View or the Drive? Have you ever given directions then realised you sent someone to the Crescent instead of Dale? We hope our map will help you out!



Competition Time

Answers by e-mail to info@griffeenglen.org

Prize: €50 Di Bella voucher

Question: What date is our Kiddies Christmas Party being held?

Closing Date: Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Winner will be drawn at random from all correct entries and notified by email and in next newsletter. Competition is only open to paid-up members

Did you know that your Residents Association has some tools for the communal use for paid members of the Association?

The items currently available are:

- 3 Piece Extension Ladder & Hard Hat (suitable for reaching gutters)
• Drain Rod Kit
• 50 metre Extension Cable Reel
• Wheelbarrow

If you have any suggestions for new equipment or if you want to borrow some of the above, contact Sharon at 087 9272457. There is a deposit of €50 required to encourage a prompt return but that will be refunded on return of the item.



Dear Residents,

Christmas time is upon us again so I have pleasure in welcoming you to this seasonal edition of our newsletter. Important upcoming events are the annual Kiddies Christmas Party this Saturday and our AGM which will take place on 26<sup>th</sup> January. As always the committee work voluntarily on your behalf to the betterment of your estate. Your presence is needed at the AGM to have your voice heard so please do your best to attend on the night. Notices will be posted at the four main entrances to the Griffreen Estate at GG Boulevard, Road, Avenue and Drive as a reminder. Our last event was the Pub Quiz in October which was a great success. I would like to thank all who supported us on the night and to our sponsors who donated wonderful prizes. I would like to take this opportunity to thank existing members for their continued support and welcome any new members to our estate. Subscriptions for 2010 will be collected early next year and your support and input would be very much appreciated. Finally from myself and on behalf of the committee of the GGRA I would like to wish all residents a very Happy Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Kind Regards, Chairperson

Kiddies Christmas Party!



Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm the Griffreen Youth Centre

(around the corner from Centra and across from Di Bella Restaurant in the Griffreen Centre)

- Kids Entertainment
• Kiddies Disco
• Drinks and Sweets
• Mulled Wine and Mince Pies (for the adults!)

... and of course a visit from Santa



The kid's entertainer will start at 2pm sharp, Santa's visit from 3.00 pm sharp. Please arrive on time to avoid disappointment.

It is essential to call Pat on 086 6060678 (no texts please) to confirm attendance of your children as Santa needs to arrange a present for them!

Key Dates for Your Diary

Kiddies Christmas Party - Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
AGM - 26<sup>th</sup> January Griffreen Valley Educate Together School 8 p.m.



### Neighbourhood Watch

#### Top Tips on Seasonal Security

If you are away over the Christmas period:-

1. do not leave your bins out a few days before bin day. Ask a neighbour to put your bins out on collection day and take in when collected
2. if you are taking your car ask neighbours to use your driveway to ensure your house looks lived in
3. if you do not have a timer switch ask a neighbour to turn on lights in the evening
4. leave a contact number or a spare set of keys with a trusted neighbour in the event your alarm goes off

#### General Security Tips

1. invest in a patio door lock/bolt & front door lock (yale type lock to supplement the front door handle)
2. arm your alarm at night and when you leave the house
3. ensure all external windows & doors are locked. Some front doors have been left unlocked and thieves have been seen randomly testing front door handles to see if they are unlocked
4. do not leave valuables in your car e.g. sat navs, mobile phones, presents
5. if you drive an older car use a supplementary lock for steering wheel
6. fit external sensor lights
7. use a good quality lock for your shed & back gate, and always lock ladders away
8. cut down large shrubbery around your doors & windows as this will provide criminals with an ideal hiding space and valuable seconds to break into your house
9. it is a good idea to mark all unique or valuable items so they can promptly returned to you in the event that they are stolen
10. program An Garda Siochana telephone number in to your phone. (Lucan Garda Station ph: 6667300, Ronanstown Garda Station ph: 666 770).
11. report any suspicious activity to An Garda and they will take the appropriate action. You can also report any criminal activity by email to [lucan\\_ds@garda.ie](mailto:lucan_ds@garda.ie). Please remember, if you leave incidents unreported, no matter how trivial, the Garda can not do anything to help.

#### Comments or suggestions?

If you have any comments on this newsletter please e-mail the GGRA Committee at [info@griffeenglen.org](mailto:info@griffeenglen.org)



### Road Representatives

All roads in the Griffeenglen Estate have a Road Representative. Their role is to act as a point of contact for you if you have any concerns or issues relating to your road or the Griffeenglen Estate. Your Road Rep also acts as your Neighbour Hood Watch Representative. If you have any crime related incidents to report please inform the local garda as soon as the incident occurs and then inform your Road Representative. A list of Road Reps can be found on our website [www.griffeenglen.org](http://www.griffeenglen.org). Remember, your Association is working on your behalf; it is the support of all residents that guarantees its success.

### AGM

**The Annual General Meeting will take place on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January in the Griffeenglen Educate Together school at 8 p.m.** It is extremely important that we have a good attendance at our AGM as this is your opportunity to meet committee members representing your estate and have a say in how the Residents Association operates. It is essential that we have input from residents to know what events you would like to see during the year. **This is your Residents Association and its success depends on your protection.** So please make the effort to attend. We look forward to seeing you on the night.

### Subscriptions 2010

Subscriptions for 2010 will be collected by a committee member in February. The money we have collected in previous years has enabled us to purchase a number of communal tools that are available free of charge to all paid up members for use. We have also bought signs to help aid with traffic calming within the estate. It allows us run events such as Clean Up Days, Table Quiz and our Kiddies Christmas Party. Most importantly we have purchased engraved stones for the entrance to the estate which will be erected in the New Year. We issue newsletters throughout the year keeping residents up to date on news for the estate. Your Residents Association works hard on your behalf and is made up of residents who offer their time voluntarily to help make your estate an estate to be proud of. We are delighted with the results we have achieved on behalf on our residents. Since the beginning of the year your committee has:

- secured engraved entrance stones for our estate
- received a guarantee for ramps on key roads in the estate to be delivered by early 2010
- erected new traffic calming road signs
- erected cul-de-sac signs at entrance to GG Road and GG Vale
- kept residents informed through our data base of any incidents occurring in the estate

The committee will endeavour to keep working on your behalf to keep our estate a sought after pleasant estate to live in.

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