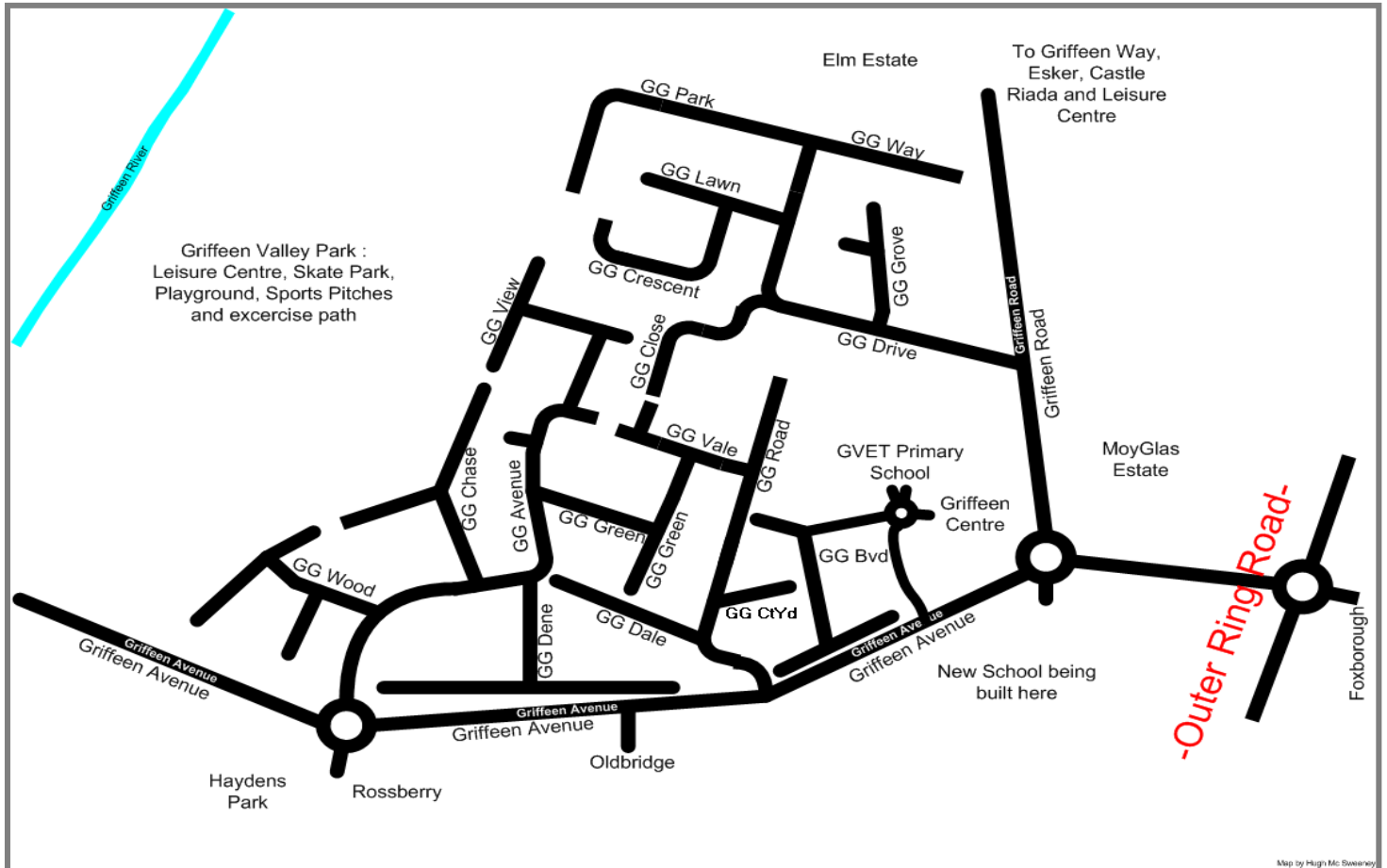




Have you ever wondered where to find the View or the Drive or maybe even the Crescent? Have you ever stood there embarrassed that you didn't know where the Courtyard was? Well, hopefully the map below will help you to resolve those mysteries



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

We would welcome any suggestion for tools that you feel would benefit GGRA members. 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.

### Competition Time

Answers by e-mail to [info@griffeenglen.org](mailto:info@griffeenglen.org)

Prize: Case of Budweiser

Question: Who is the new secretary of the GGRA?

Closing Date: 10<sup>th</sup> April 2009

Winner will be drawn at random from all correct entries and notified by email and in next newsletter

Congratulations to our last winner Rupert Fuller!



**Dear Residents,**

Welcome to our spring 2009 newsletter. It certainly still feels like winter out there and I hope the recent snow was as enjoyable as it was inconvenient. We have a number of events planned this year that I'm sure with your support will enable us to grow the community spirit and to keep the estate looking at its best. We hope the clean up day will be well supported and be as successful as other years. Let's all try to make sure that it's not the same faces doing the lions share of the work. Subscriptions are now due for 2009. All subs collected will allow us to continue towards our goal of having engraved stones at the entrances to the estate. 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. Future events include a Sports Day, Table Quiz and our Kiddies Christmas Party. The committee have put a considerable amount of time and effort into resolving many issues for residents. As always we endeavour to keep you all up to date with relevant information and news bulletins. So it is most important that you complete your e-mail address clearly on the subscription collection envelope. Our website is always a great source for information and we have been complemented several times now from other associations trying to establish their own. We once again respectfully ask all residents and guests to be mindful of our children when parking. Please ensure that cars are parked in a legal and responsible manner, allow pedestrians to pass cross the road safely. Corners are extremely dangerous places to park. Hopefully the summer is not to far away. There is nothing like a good BBQ to get the neighbours together!

Kind Regards,  
Pat Tully  
Chairperson

## Griffeen Glen Resident's Association Contacts

### Committee Officers

Pat Tully (Chairman)	086 6060678
Peter Corby (Secretary)	087 2552383
Shane Stafford (Treasurer)	086 8335728

### Committee Members

Sharon Smyth	Diarmuid Kennedy
Virginia Dooley	Des Kelly
Tina Geraghty	Sally Anne Murray
Hugh Mc Sweeney	Donal Stenson
Gavin Wilson	

### Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator

Diarmuid Kennedy

### Road Representative Contacts

Avenue	Virginia Dooley	31 GG Avenue
Boulevard		
Courtyard	Kiran Shah	14 GG Boulevard
Court	Jacinta Morgan	2 GG Court
Chase	Anthony Brady	25 GG Chase
Close	Peter Corby	8 GG Close
Crescent	Myra Ryan	22 GG Crescent
Dale	Helen Johnson	2 GG Dale
Dene	Diarmuid Kennedy	6 GG Dene
Drive	Peter Corby	8 GG Close
Green	Shane Stafford	12 GG Green
Grove	Pat Tully	3 GG Grove
Lawn	Denis Conheady	22 GG Park
Park	Sally Anne Murray	21 GG Park
Road	Gordon White	11 GG Road
Vale	Gavin Wilson	20 GG Vale
View	Peter Corby	8 GG Close
Way	Claire Gleeson	2 GG Way
Wood	Rep Required	

GGRA web: [www.griffeenglen.org](http://www.griffeenglen.org)

GGRA email: [info@griffeenglen.org](mailto:info@griffeenglen.org)

**We are urgently looking for Road  
Representatives for the Drive, View and Wood.  
If you are interested please contact Peter on  
087 2552383.**

## Key Dates for Your Diary

2009 Subscription door-to-door collection – 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> April

Neighbourhood Watch Residents Meeting – Date in April to be confirmed

Clean up day – Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April



### Neighbourhood Watch

Issue	Sep	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
Burglary	2				1
Unauthorized Taking		1		1	
Theft	1		1		
Theft from Vehicles	1	2		1	2
Criminal Damage	1 (Att. Burg)	2	1		3

Source: An Garda Siochana

As you can see the headline crimes remain reasonably low for the estate. In relation to the burglary in February, entry was gained by removing the patio door from its rails and this occurred during the day. To prevent this from happening you should fit an additional patio door lock/bolt, which are available at any DIY store.

The two cars that were stolen are again older cars and had no immobiliser fitted. A steering wheel lock should be fitted to prevent this crime. Valuables should not be left in your car. Some sat nav's were stolen as they were left visible. Do not leave the suction holder on the window as they could break the window on the off chance that the sat nav is in the glove box.

The area around the Griffeen Shopping Centre is continuing to get a lot of attention from An Garda and a number of arrests have been made. Discussions with the management company have been very positive and certain steps have been taken to prevent anti-social behaviour occurring around this area. It is still essential that all unusual or suspicious activity within the area be reported to An Garda and they will take the appropriate action. It is essential that the report is done in person by the individual who witnessed the event to enable the Garda to take further action.

Since our last newsletter some residents have taken preventative action by placing Yale type locks on front doors. However, we recognize that one of the best means of crime prevention is a good neighbour. This is someone who will keep an eye on your house when you are away. As we are approaching the holiday season please ensure that you leave a key with a trusted neighbour or leave a contact number of a key holder with at least two neighbours should the need arise.

There will be a meeting organised in April with An Garda Siochana and the Griffeen Glen residents where further advice may be obtained. This is a great initiative as working as a community with support from An Garda Siochana will help prevent crime in our area. An e-mail will be sent to all GGRA members informing you of the date and venue of this meeting. Email addresses will be collected from our subscription envelope so please ensure you do this in when returning your subscription. If you are not a member and would like to attend this meeting please contact us on [info@griffeenglen.org](mailto:info@griffeenglen.org) or view our website for further details.

### Top Tips for Keeping you & your Property Safe

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
5. If you drive an older car use a supplementary lock for steering wheel
6. Buy a timer switch for your lights for when you are away from your house.



7. Leave a contact number (or spare set of keys) with a trusted neighbour in the event your alarm goes off
8. Fit external sensor lights
9. Use a good quality lock for your shed & back gate, and always lock ladders away
10. 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
11. 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
12. Program An Garda Siochana telephone number in to your phone. (Lucan Garda Station 6667300, Ronanstown Garda Station 666 770). Please remember to remain calm and give the exact details of the/your location. It would helpful if you left your name & number
13. 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.

For more information on how to protect your property please visit [www.garda.ie](http://www.garda.ie).

### Spring Clean-up Day (Win a €100 Liffey Valley voucher!)

An Taisce's National Spring Clean is Ireland's most popular, well recognised and successful anti-litter initiative. Now in its 11th year, the campaign encourages every sector of society to actively participate and take responsibility for litter. We have therefore joined forces with An Taisce for our **Spring Clean-up Day on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April**. We are calling on all residents to get out and help make Griffeen Glen a better looking estate. By doing only a few jobs the appearance of your estate could be greatly improved. Weeds, rubbish and general dirt needs to be the responsibility of all residents in order to maintain standards in the estate. We ask that all residents participate by:-

- Sweeping the path and road in front of your house
- Cutting back hedges/bushes that are blocking or growing over paths, or blocking driver's views as they come around corners
- Picking up litter from hedges, path and roads in front of your house
- Picking up weeds etc growing in front of your house or along your walls

All those who register and participate on the day will be entered into a draw to win a €100 Liffey Valley voucher. To be entered in the draw all you have to do is make contact with your road representative (details on front page of newsletter) between 1 pm and 3 pm on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> to register for the clean up day. Your name will go in the draw and you will receive your free An Taisce clean up goodies (limited to first come first served). If you cannot make it on the day perhaps you can do your clean up on a different day, just let your Road Rep know. It's that easy! If you have any questions about our Spring Clean Up Day Virginia Dooley, our organiser and committee member, will be able to help you out, ph: 086 1986496. We look forward to seeing you all on the day!

### Email Database Update

The Griffeen Glen 'Newsflash E-mail Database' continues to grow. This is used from time to time to remind residents of upcoming events, missing or found pets, security issues, or any other problems that can be resolved quickly. Our database is available to paid up members only, if you have paid your subs and would like to be included please email our secretary Peter at [peter@petercorbyav.com](mailto:peter@petercorbyav.com).

### GGRA Website

Visit our new and improved site on [www.griffeenglen.org](http://www.griffeenglen.org) to find out about your estate. If you wish to advertise a service in the area just contact us on [info@griffeenglen.org](mailto:info@griffeenglen.org), the cost of this is free to paid up members.

**Comments &  
Suggestions?**

**If you have any comments on this newsletter please e-mail the GGRA  
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