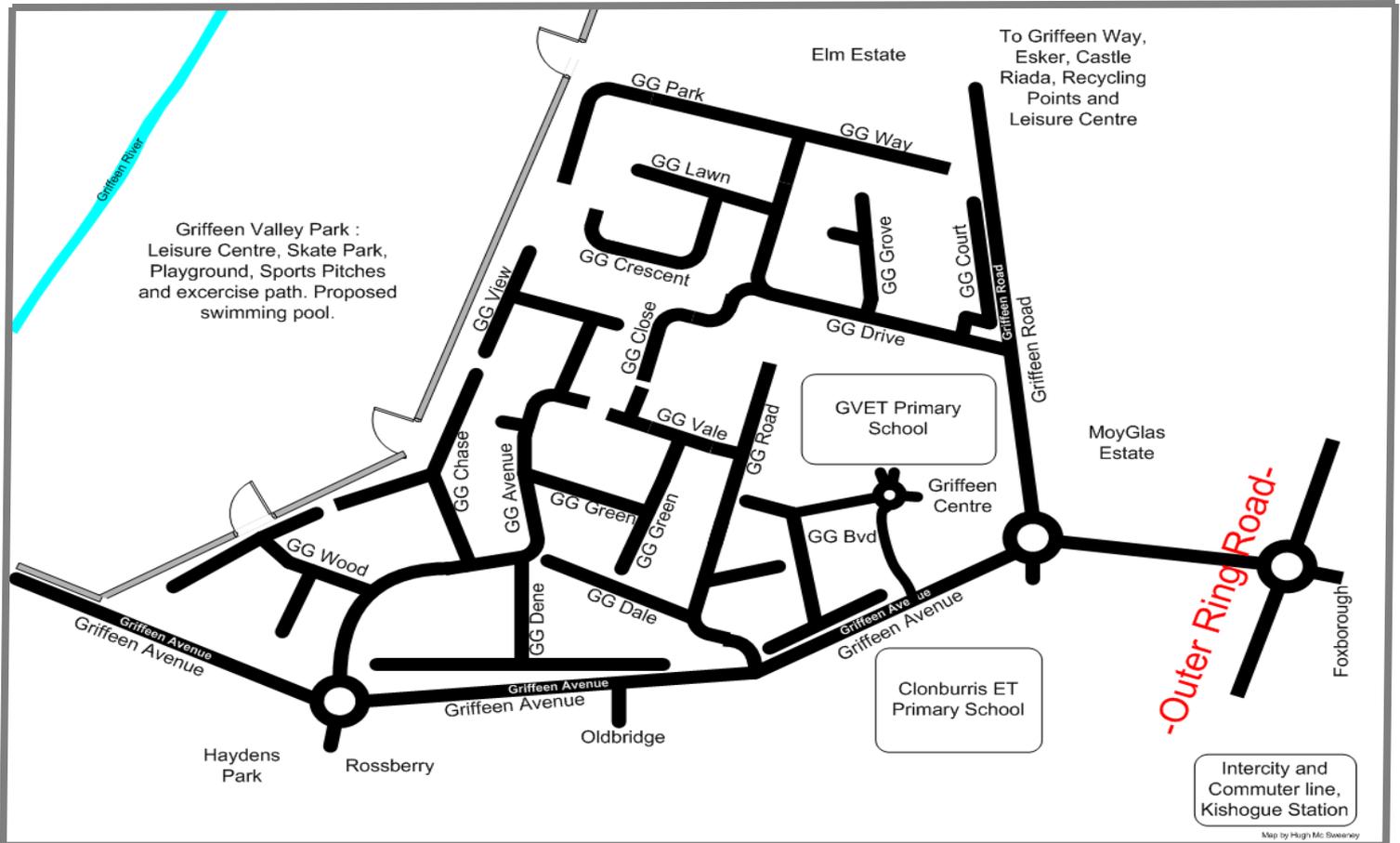




Have you ever wondered where to find the View or the Drive or maybe even the Crescent? Have you ever stood there embarrassed that you didn't know where the Courtyard was? Well, hopefully the map below will help you to resolve those mysteries



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

Prize: Case of Budweiser

Question: What date is our Pub Quiz being held?

Closing Date: 30th September 2009

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.

Congratulations to our last winner Mridul Sharma. of Griffeen Glen Dale! Please contact our secretary Peter Corby to collect your prize.



Dear Residents,

Rain seems to be adversely affecting the amount of BBQ's and outdoor evenings this summer but we hope its not dampening the community spirit too much.

We hope you find our summer newsletter both interesting and useful. The committee put a considerable amount of time and effort into assisting residents, (both property owners and tenants/occupiers) helping them resolve issues within the Griffeen Estate.

We endeavour to keep you all up to date with relevant information and news bulletins. So if you have not already given your e-mail address or mobile number and would like to be included on our data base, just send us your details through our website www.griffeenglen.org.

Your continued support has already enabled us to implement a number of key initiatives in the estate which are outlined in this newsletter. It also goes towards acquiring items to improve the appearance of our estate, such as engraved welcome stones at the entrances (which are being ordered over the next few weeks).

We hope to see you at our events throughout the year. Enjoy the rest of the summer!

Kind Regards,

Pat Tully
Chairman

Key Dates for Your Diary

Neighbourhood Watch Meeting – 15th September

Fun Table Quiz Night – Thursday 22nd October

Kiddies Christmas Party – Saturday 5th December

Griffeen Glen Resident's Association Contacts

Committee Officers

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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	Hugh Mc Sweeney	17 GG Close
Crescent	Myra Ryan	22 GG Crescent
Dale	Helen Johnson	2 GG Dale
Dene	Diarmuid Kennedy	6 GG Dene
Drive	Valerie Sweeney	24 GG Drive
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	Donal Stenson	10 GG Green

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We are always looking for new residents to join our committee or to assist as road representatives. If you are interested please contact Peter on 087 2552383.



Neighbourhood Watch Garda Meeting 15th September

The Griffeen Glen Residents Association have organised a meeting with An Garda Siochana to give residents an update on activities in the area and offer advise and answer any questions or concerns residents may have. This is a great initiative as working as a community with support from An Garda Siochana will help prevent crime in our area. If you are interested in attending this meeting and having your voice heard **please email your name and address to Peter at peter@petercorbyav.com or text 087 2552383 to register your interest.** The meeting will be held on the 15th September and is to benefit all residents who have paid their 2009 subscriptions. Its success will depend on your participation and support so please ensure you register your interest. When the numbers are confirmed details of venue will be emailed to you. If you have not paid your subs for this year and wish to attend please contact Peter to organise payment.

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. Please remember, if you leave incidents unreported, no matter how trivial, the Garda can not do anything to help.
14. For more information on how to protect your property please visit www.garda.ie.

Nuisance Alarms

We all know how frustrating it is having to listen to our neighbours alarm go off, and off, and off... And what's even more frustrating is that it doesn't have to be this way. As residents we have an obligation to our neighbours to ensure our alarm is not a nuisance. This can be easily avoided if we all follow these simple rules:

- ensure your alarm is serviced regularly
- your alarm may be overly sensitive, check the sensors and alter to an acceptable level
- **leave a key with a neighbour.** If you are not comfortable with this please **leave a contact number** to ring should your alarm go off.

Let's all really work hard on this to cut back on the nuisance alarms within the estate.

Nuisance Dogs

We would ask all residents to be mindful of others when letting their dogs out for a wander on the green areas around our estate. Your dog should be kept on a lead at all times and should not be allowed to wander around the estate. When walking your dog or just letting them out for a loo break please ensure that you always clean up after your dog. Dog poop has become an increasing problem around the estate and is a nuisance to all.



Road Representatives

All roads in the Griffeen 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 Griffeen 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 the front of your newsletter or on our website griffeenglen.org. Remember, your Association is working on your behalf; it is the support of all residents that guarantees its success.

Spring Clean-up Day

Our Spring clean up day held on the 25th April was a huge success. Despite the weather, which did manage to hold off for most of the day, our residents came out in great numbers to help with our event. All those that registered on the day had their names entered into a draw for a €100 Liffey Valley Voucher. Congratulations to George from Griffeen Glen Avenue who is this year's winner. Many thanks to all who participated, the estate certainly looked the better for it. We'd ask that all residents do their best to keep the area directly outside their house clean and weed and litter free. If we all endeavour to do this it would keep our estate looking neat and tidy which benefits us all.

Pub Quiz – Put it in your diary now!

Our annual Pub Quiz is a fun night out and will give you a chance to get out and meet your neighbours in a relaxed social setting and win lots of spot prizes. Date: Thursday 22nd October
Venue: Penny Hill Pub (upstairs)
Time: 8 pm sharp
Cost: €40 per table members

All tables booked must have at least one resident in attendance. To book a table please contact Peter on 0872552383. Get studying!

Subscriptions 2009

Thank you to all residents who have paid their subscriptions. If you are not a paid up member subscriptions for 2009 are now overdue. 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. If you wish to become a paid up resident please contact your road representative or Shane our treasurer. 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 a grant towards four engraved entrance stones for our estate, these will be installed over the coming months
- received a guarantee for ramps on key roads in the estate to be delivered by early 2010
- erected new traffic calming/slow down road signs
- erected cul-de-sac signs at entrance to GG Road and GG Vale

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

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@petercorbvav.com.

**Comments &
Suggestions?**

If you have any comments on this newsletter please e-mail the GGRA Committee at info@griffeenglen.org