

## Welcome to our Spring 2025 Newsletter

As we step into the vibrant season of spring, the Highfield & Westbrook Residents Association is excited to share some fantastic events and updates with you. This season is all about renewal and community, and we invite you to be a part of it!

### Upcoming Events

#### Spring Clean Up and Wine & Cheese Event - April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Join us for a fun-filled afternoon of tidying up around the neighbourhood, followed by an on-street wine and cheese gathering starting at 4pm. This event is a wonderful opportunity to meet your neighbours and contribute to keeping our community beautiful.

#### Annual General Meeting (AGM) - A Quick 20 Minutes!

During the wine and cheese event, we will hold a brief 20-minute **AGM at 4pm on April 6<sup>th</sup>**. This meeting is crucial as it helps us confirm local desire to have a Residents Association (we don't have to have one!).

We encourage all residents to attend and show their support for the continuation of our residents' association. It's also a great chance to meet like-minded neighbours and consider joining our committee. Being part of the committee is a low-commitment, socially driven role that's a fantastic way to get involved in your community!



Please submit any topic suggestions for Agenda of the AGM by emailing [residentsassociation@highfieldwestbrook.ie](mailto:residentsassociation@highfieldwestbrook.ie) ?

#### Street Feast 2025 - Save the Date!

Mark your calendars for Sunday, **May 25<sup>th</sup>**, as we prepare for another fantastic Street Feast event. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with your neighbours over food and conversation. (<https://streetfeast.ie/> )

#### Halloween Street Entertainment

Get ready for some spooky fun on **October 31<sup>st</sup>**! We're planning more street entertainment for Halloween, so keep an eye out for updates.



### Local Events

- **Tidy Dundrum Litter Picking:** Tidy Dundrum, our local Tidy Towns group, hold clean-ups twice a month in the local area (*once a month in Windy Arbour and the other time in Dundrum*). Bags, gloves, and litter pickers are provided.

Follow them on Instagram @tidydundrum for more details.

Or join their mailing list by sending an email to [tidydundrum@gmail.com](mailto:tidydundrum@gmail.com)

- **Imagine Dundrum Webinar:** On Monday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, at 8pm, Imagine Dundrum will host a webinar about Dundrum's planned Library/Civic Centre. Visit their website for more information.
- **Dundrum Windy Arbour Men's Shed Weekly Meetings:** The Men's Shed group meets every Thursday from 1:00pm to 3:00pm in Rosemount. Open to all men, regardless of age or ability, these sessions offer a chance to socialize and work on various projects.

### Local Information

#### Your Local Councillors

In the 2024 local elections held on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the Dundrum Local Electoral Area (LEA) of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council elected the following councillors:

Shay Brennan (Fianna Fáil)  
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Anne Colgan (Independent)  
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Sean McLoughlin (Independent)  
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Daniel Dunne (Green Party)  
[ddunne@cllr.dlrcoco.ie](mailto:ddunne@cllr.dlrcoco.ie)

Anna Grainger (Fine Gael)  
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Jim O'Leary (Fine Gael)  
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Peter O'Brien (Labour)  
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### Traffic Calming

The Committee continues to pursue ideas for traffic calming with DLR Council. Engagement from DLR has been very slow over the years and we continue to pursue them for proposals within the estate.

We received communication from Councilor Shay Brennan about our request to have the yellow box extended across both sides of Dundrum Road at the entrance to the estate. Unfortunately, this has been declined with local area engineers due to relatively low traffic volumes coming from the estate. Below is the response from the DLR Traffic Advisory Group (TAG) which considered the representation.

*The representation was discussed at the most recent meeting of the Traffic Advisory Group (TAG) which was attended by the Area Traffic Engineers and members of the Garda Traffic Corps.*

*The TAG did not recommend the provision of a yellow box at this location. A yellow box is usually installed where there are constant and significant flows of traffic coming from the side road. Visits to this location during peak traffic hours did not indicate that high volumes of traffic constantly emanate from Highfield Park.*

We will continue to highlight this as an item of desire on future traffic-related representations, albeit the advice from Cllr Brennan is that the TAG is unlikely to reverse its decision unless there is a significant change to the circumstances

## Pests

If anybody needs any guidance on how to deal with pests or rodents in their garden, they can contact HSE Pest Control. Their contact details are: Ph: 1800 211 774 Or E-mail: [pestcontrol.south@hse.ie](mailto:pestcontrol.south@hse.ie)

More information is on the DLR website:

<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/environmental-health/hse-pest-control-0>

## Water

There have been ongoing water issues reported in the neighborhood, with brown or silty mains water coming from people's taps. It seems this is a local issue just affecting Highfield and Westbrook due to poor condition piping at the front end of the estate. We encourage everyone to get in touch with the councilors listed above and/or to Uisce Eireann to report any issues. By making a collective clamour, we may get quicker resolution.

Call 1800 278 278 / international +353 1 707 2828 (lines open 24/7).

For our chats with DLR It would be very helpful if we had some good metrics about the scale of the water issue on the estate. Therefore can we ask that you let us know when you've issues. You can do this by emailing [residentsassociation@highfieldwestbrook.ie](mailto:residentsassociation@highfieldwestbrook.ie) OR by posting to the Facebook group ("Highfield and Westbrook Residents Association").

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## Local Planning Updates

### *LDA Development at Dundrum Central*

In September 2024, the LDA lodged a new Planning Application for 934 homes, including 753 affordable and cost rental homes and 181 social homes.

The development will include amenities such as a community center with sports facilities, a medical center, retail units, a café, a creche, and public green spaces. It aims to transform the former Central Mental Hospital site into a socially integrated urban community.

The project remains in the planning phase, awaiting resolution of legal issues before construction can commence.

### *Old Dundrum Centre Planning Application*

A €500 million proposal to construct 881 apartments on the site was rejected by An Bord Pleanála (ABP) in January 2025. Future development proposals for the site will need to align with specific local objectives.

## Subscription Fee

Voluntary subscription fees are necessary to meet the modest expenses associated with running the residents' association. For households who can, we would be grateful to collect €20.  
<https://highfieldwestbrook.ie/contribution/>

The Committee would also like to acknowledge the grant support from DLR Co.Co. which helps us meet the cost of community activities and running costs.

## Stay Connected:

Share your thoughts and ideas with us via email at [residentsassociation@highfieldwestbrook.ie](mailto:residentsassociation@highfieldwestbrook.ie).

Website: <https://highfieldwestbrook.ie/>

Also, reminder for those on Facebook – there is also a neighbourhood Facebook page ("Highfield and Westbrook



Residents Association") (not administered by the res association). A good place to stay connected with your neighbours and hear about local events.