

# F.A.C.E. Facts!









## FOXROCK AREA COMMUNITY & ENTERPRISE LIMITED (F.A.C.E.)

# Introduction

Foxrock Area Community & Enterprise Limited (FACE), was originally formed in 2002 to focus on planning issues, was restructured and 'rebranded' in 2012 to reflect the broader remit it is responsible for, including:

- Foxrock Tidy Towns: landscaping and maintenance
- Area Conservation: planning, ACA etc.
- Community: Neighbourhood Watch, family events etc.
- Enterprise: promoting businesses in the village

The board comprises five volunteer directors: John Cody (Chair), Jane Bowes, Sheila Moore, Rowena Quinn and David Spicer. In addition, Jeannette Mee manages the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and Denise Kenny steers Foxrock Tidy Towns.

FACE is solely funded by annual subscriptions from residents and businesses together with grants from Dun Laoghaire - Rathdown County Council for environmental projects, community events etc.



John Cody Chairman

The aim of this booklet is to provide information on the role of FACE, particularly for new residents and, very importantly, to encourage new volunteers to come forward to get involved in some of our activities. We need to identify a volunteer representative for every road in the area - see list on Page 2.

If you would like more information, please email your interest to: facefoxrock@gmail.com





Sheila Moore



Rowena Quinn



**David Spicer** 



#### **MISSION**

#### TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE THE LOCAL ENVIRONMENT AND ENSURE

FACE started the Foxrock Tidy Towns (FTT) committee in 2010 with representatives from businesses in the village and local residents. At the start of each year a plan is drawn up for new landscaping projects in consultation with Doyle Landscapes. FACE, with approval from Dlrcc, has assumed responsibility for the appearance and upkeep of the following areas:

•	Beckett	Green -	including	new	landscaping	& seati	ng
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- Joyce Green including bio-diversity planting, landscaping, benches & noticeboard\*
- Foxrock Car Park flowers beds\*
- Westminster Road Junction with N11
- Claremont Road Junction with Brennanstown Road
- The Birches, Tresilian & Hainault Road entrances \* grass cutting by DIrcc

#### **COMPETITIONS**

Foxrock Tidy Towns has entered the National Tidy Towns Competition for NINE consecutive years since 2010 and in 2018 was awarded its highest marks to date – **300**!

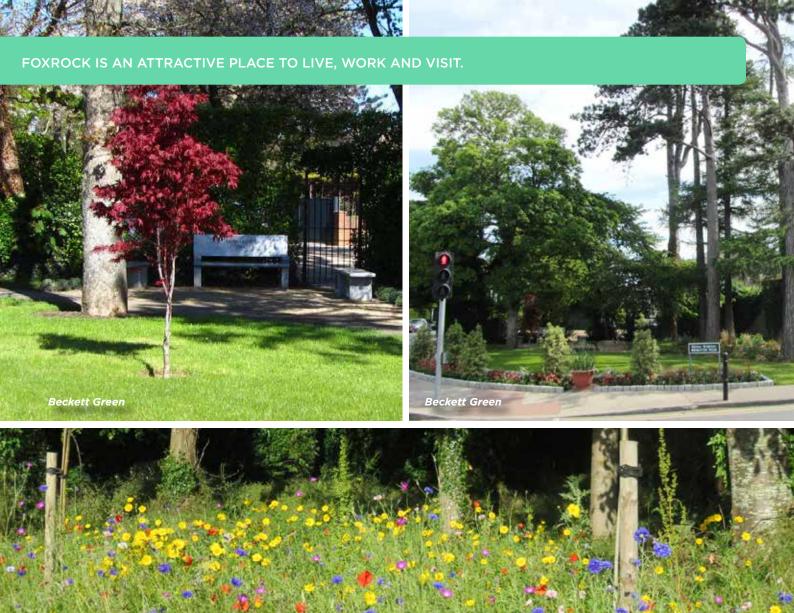
CATEGORY	2018 Marks Maximum	2018 Marks Foxrock TT	2018 Marks Winner
Community Involvement & Planning	60	43	52
Built Environment & Streetscape	50	39	45
Landscaping & Open Spaces	50	39	44
Wildlife, Habitats & Natural Amenities	50	25	41
Sustainable Waste & Resource Manage	ment <b>50</b>	20	23
Tidiness & Litter Control	90	64	59
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	50	36	<i>3</i> 5
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	50	34	40
Total:	450	300	<i>3</i> 39

**Previous years:** 2010 = **211**, 2011 = **230**, 2012 = **241**, 2013 = **250**, 2014 = **273**, 2015 = **280**, 2016 = **290** & 2017 = **293**. *N.B. New marking system was introduced in 2014* 

FTT has reviewed the 2018 adjudicator's report (available to view on www.tidytowns.ie) and is striving to continue to steadily increase points every year. As is visible from the summary above, there are obvious categories where improvement could be made. However, FTT would benefit from more volunteers, ideally one per road (see list below). If you would like to get involved, particularly during the months of May to July, please email: facefoxrock@gmail.com.

Foxrock was runner up in Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council's TIDY DISTRICTS COMPETITION 2018 in the category for 'Best Town/Village' with a population under 3,000.







# FOXROCK Area Conservation

#### MISSION

TO CONSERVE THE DISTINCTIVE CHARACTER OF FOXROCK AND SEEK TO INFLUENCE PLANNING TO PROTECT ITS HERITAGE.

#### **OVERVIEW**

Foxrock is a low-density residential area dating from the 1860s and it is characterised by large single-family homes on generous sites in a sylvan setting of mature trees and hedges. This type of suburban development is a recognised urban design type called 'Arcadian'. The essential features of the Arcadian suburb are the low density of development and the use of landscaping to enclose the buildings, creating the illusion of a rural environment in a residential area. As present-day land values and the principles of sustainable development preclude new areas at such densities, it is extremely important that a unique existing area such as Foxrock should be preserved.

#### **COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

The Planning and Development ACT 2000 requires a planning authority to make a new County Development Plan for their area every six years. The current Development Plan for the County of Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown was adopted in March 2016 and covers the period up to 2022.

FACE is establishing a steering group to prepare for the next County Development Plan, engage with residents and businesses for their opinions and formulate a submission in order to inform the Council of the views of the community for their consideration.

#### **ARCHITECTURAL CONSERVATION AREA (ACA)**

The planning legislation gives legislative force to the concept of Architectural Conservation Areas. The Act allows for a Development Plan to include an objective to preserve the character of an area that is of special architectural interest if the planning authority is of the opinion that its inclusion is necessary for the preservation of character of the place – referred to as an Architectural Conservation Area (ACA). The Act obliges a planning authority, or An Bord Pleanala on appeal, when considering a planning application for permission of development on land situated in an ACA to take into account the material effect that the proposal will have on the character of the ACA.

Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council has recognised that the Foxrock area has unique qualities which require



special protection under the planning system and, as a result, the core area of Foxrock - comprising Torquay Road, Westminster Road, Brighton Road, Kerrymount Avenue and their immediate environs - were designated as an ACA in July 2007. This designation has been carried forward into the current County Development Plan.

#### **SUMMARY**

FACE strives to preserve the character of Foxrock and makes submissions to both the Council and An Bord Pleanala on all significant proposed developments. FACE also commissioned a report from Registered Architect and Planning Consultant Feargall Kenny B.Arch., Dip. T.P., RIBA, MRIAI, MIPI which he presented at our Information Evening in October 2018. This comprehensive 30 page report gives full details on the history of planning in Foxrock together with updates on recent and current planning submissions and is available to view/download on www.foxrock.ie under Area Conservation.

# FOXROCK Community

#### **MISSION**

TO ENHANCE THE SECURITY, COMMUNITY SPIRIT AND WELLBEING OF ALL RESIDENTS.

#### **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**





The Neighbourhood

Watch Scheme, led by Jeannette Mee, provides an important service for the area. By sharing valuable advice provided by An Garda Siochana and communicating important messages updating residents on current security issues, residents are fully informed and reminded to be vigilant. Please report anything suspicious to Cabinteely Garda Station immediately on **01-6665400**.

To register with the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in order to receive information and updates, simply email **jeannettemee@gmail.com** and provide your name, full address and contact information.

#### **INFORMATION EVENINGS**

FACE hosts an Information Evening for residents and business owners in Foxrock Golf Club approximately every eighteen months. The aim of the event is to provide information on areas of interest to the community including planning and security in addition to facilitating a forum for residents to raise issues for consideration by FACE.

#### **COMMUNITY GAMES**

The Foxrock Community Games Committee reconvened in 2015, after a five year period without representation and has worked tirelessly every year since to encourage children between the ages of 6 and 16 to enter an ever growing number of events. In addition to swimming and athletics, participants now enter chess, art and model making. FACE is delighted to support the committee and help promote awareness to families in the area.

If you would like more information, please email foxrock@communitygames.info

#### SAMUEL BECKETT



Above shows President and Mrs Higgins with the cast of 'All That Fall' in Tullow Parish on 23rd March this year.

The naming of the village green after Samuel Beckett in 2014, following its refurbishment and installation of two granite benches engraved with the name of two of the playwright's best-known plays 'Waiting for Godot' and 'Come and Go', led to Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council including a series of Foxrock Beckett Country Walks in its Summer Heritage Programme every year since.

Tullow Parish has organised a series of Beckett plays and anthologies in the church including:

- Beckett in Foxrock in March 2016
- The End in March 2017
- First Love in March 2018
- All That Fall in March 2019

#### **FOXROCK CUP**



FACE continues to support the Foxrock Cup which is run every year at the National Hunt Finale, Leopardstown Racecourse following its reinstatement in 2016 after an absence of over 25 years. The magnificent silver cup was originally presented by Mr. R. T. O'Hara, the uncle of Foxrock resident Des McGrane and the support of Pat Keogh, Chief Executive, Leopardstown Racecourse and his team has ensured that the Foxrock Cup will continue for many years to come.



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**Medical Centre** 



Restaurants



**Dentist** 



Fine Food & Wine **Emporium** 



Pharmacy



Serviced Offices



## VILLAGE EVENTS

To show their appreciation for your custom, the businesses in Foxrock, supported by grants from Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown Council, host annual events including the Halloween Outdoor Cinema Evening and Santa's visit to the village.







## **FACE VALUE!**

Support your local businesses and save time, petrol and expensive parking fees.

**Bistro One** 

Tel: 01-2897711 www.bistro-one.ie

**Cassini Boutique** 

Tel: 01-2894242

www.cassiniboutique.com

**Fagans of Foxrock** 

Tel: 01-2070041 www.fagans.ie

**Flowers Made Easy** 

Tel: 01-2897048

www.flowersmadeeasy.ie

**Foxrock Dry Cleaners** 

Tel: 01-2897599

**Fox Framing** 

Tel: 01-2896510 www.foxframing.ie

**Foxrock Golf Club** 

Tel: 01-2893992

www.foxrockgolfclub.com

**Foxrock Medical Centre** 

Tel: 01-2896155

www.foxrockmedicalcentre.com

**Foxrock Pharmacy** 

Tel: 01-2893270

**Foxrock Post Office** 

Tel: 01-2894098 www.anpost.ie

**Pat Hall Plumbing** 

Tel: 087-2515550

**Hunters Estate Agent** 

Tel: 01-2897840

www.huntersestateagent.ie

**Iconic Beauty** 

Tel: 01-2070757 www.iconicbeauty.ie

**Brendan Just Builders** 

Tel: 01-2893385

Daphne L. Kaye & Associates

Tel: 087-2560269 / 01-2899034 daphne@daphnekayeandassociates.ie

KerB Café / Restaurant

Tel: 2897550 www.kerb.ie

**Leopardstown Racecourse & Golf** 

Centre

Tel: 01-2890500

www.leopardstown.com

Reaus

Tel: 01-5662588

www.regus.ie

**Santanna Hair Studio** 

Tel: 01-2891111

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Tel: 01-2894386 www.sherryfitz.ie

South Dublin Dental

Tel: 01-2899772

www.southdublindental.ie

**Texaco Service Station** 

Tel: 01-2893881

The Gables Restaurant & Wine Bar

Tel: 01-2892174 www.thegables.ie

**The Guinness Gallery** 

Tel: 01-2897955

www.guinnessgallery.com

**The Scarlet Heifer** 

Tel: 01-2897676

www.thescarletheifer.com

**Thomas's of Foxrock** 

Tel: 01-2894101

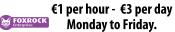
www.thomasoffoxrock.ie

**Unleashed Dog Grooming Studio** 

Tel: 085-1924781

www.unleashed-grooming.com











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### **USEFUL CONTACTS**

Cabinteely Garda Station
Gas Network Ireland
Foxrock Church
Tullow Church
Foxrock Medical Centre

**Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council** 

Tel: 01-6665400

Tel: 1850-205050 (If you smell Gas)
Tel: 01-2893492 (Parish Office)
Tel: 01-2893154 (The Rectory)

Tel: 01-2896155

Tel: 01-2054700 (01-6778844 after hours)

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