

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Edenderry Residents' Association

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Newsletter

This is the first Edenderry Residents' Association (ERA) newsletter. We will use it to communicate with village residents and tell you about things that are happening in the village and the local area. We're not sure how often we will produce it but at the moment we're thinking about once every three months. If you would like to suggest an item for the newsletter please contact:

Cathrin at T: 90 646584 or

E: cathrin.schofield@btopenworld.com.

If you would prefer to receive the newsletter by email then please forward your email address and house number to edenderry.ra@gmail.com.

If we have your house number it means we can print and deliver fewer paper copies.

ERA Committee

The ERA committee was formed for the benefit of Edenderry Village and its residents. It has 8 members and we meet every two months.

If there's anything you want to let the committee know about then you can contact us at number 76 (Front Row) and number 102 (Wee Street); or by phone 90 640396 and 07765 543897; or by email edenderry.ra@gmail.com.

Volunteers

The committee is always looking for other volunteers to help share the work around, e.g. help with delivering the newsletter, organising events, etc. If you would like to volunteer and help out then contact:

Pat Boston at T: 90 492158 or

E: pboston@hotmail.co.uk.

Community Picnic in the Park Saturday 30 July, 1-3pm on the village green

We hope to have a village get-together, a 'Community Picnic in the Park', on Saturday 30 July, 1-3pm on the village green. We invite you to bring a picnic and join YOUR community in celebrating the lovely village we live in, share some cake have some fun, everyone is welcome. There'll be a bouncy castle and face painting for the children, a cake competition, a plant and produce stall and some music. The cakes, plants and produce will be for sale and all money will go towards something for the village – possibly a tree or decorations for Christmas. So come along and join in the fun.

Things we need help with:

- people to manage the three stalls
- a face painter
- a bouncy castle
- people to judge the cake competition
- someone to design a treasure hunt/ orienteering
- a flier to advertise the event
- music

If you can help with any of these please contact Rachel at number 54 or

E: rachelsmithuk@gmail.com.

Litter

In our village survey a number of people mentioned that they would like to see something done about the litter around the village. So on Saturday 18 June, with the help of some excellent litter-picking equipment from Lisburn City Council, 10 of us walked the village and up to the T-junction at the top of the hill collecting litter. We bagged 20kg of litter! Hopefully, the next time we do it there won't be so much! Thanks to everyone who helped.

Bins

A number of people used the village survey to raise the matter of wheelie bins being left out for days and sometimes weeks. It would be really appreciated if everyone could make an effort to make sure their bin is only out on the street on bin collection day. Thanks

Flowers

Making the village look prettier was a big issue for many people on the survey. So, we hope you've noticed the lovely flowers that are now all round the village square. They were donated by Lisburn City Council but John White and Pat B were responsible for planting them so nicely. Our next target is to get some flowers around the entrance to the village, St Ellens and the T-junction. Thanks to Lisburn CC and everyone who helped.

Village Survey

Quite a few people suggested different activities that they would like to see happening in the village - these will need organising by those people who are interested in taking part.

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- a book club
- a dog walking service
- a nature walk club

Plenty of other ideas and issues were raised – some of these we will be addressing ourselves and others we'll be taking up with our local councillors and LCC officials.

Please let us know if you are willing to organise any of these activities and we will help spread the word.

Group purchase of heating oil

A number of residents are grouping together to buy heating oil at a better price. If you are interested in joining the group or finding out more you can visit:

<http://edenderryresidents.org/useful-info/oil-buying-group/>

or leave your name and phone number with Gavin, number 57 (gable end Big Street).

Fundraising

ERA has received some community funding from Lisburn CC and this will help us do some of the things you've asked us to do. However, LCC and other funders expect us to raise some of our own funds ourselves so all donations will be gratefully received at anytime. As well as any donations, we will also be raising money in other ways, e.g. raffles, cake and produce stall, sponsored walk, fun run, etc, etc. We know that not everyone can afford to give and won't be offended if you politely refuse. If you can help, thanks – all money will be gratefully received and put to good use in the village.

We also know that it is important to be transparent in how we deal with any money we receive. Each year, the association's finances will be inspected and audited by LCC and anyone in the village can ask to see these financial reports.

If you would like to make a donation please contact Gavin at number 57,

E: gavin.millington@btopenworld.com .

Emails and web site

If you would like to be on our email list then please forward your email address and house number to edenderry.ra@gmail.com .

Web site: ERA now has an information web site for the village <http://edenderryresidents.org/> .

If you register with this blog you will automatically receive an email when information is posted on it.

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Does anyone have the score or music for this? Here are the first two verses of "My Lagan love."

*Where Lagan stream sings lullaby
There blooms a lily fair
The twilight gleam is in her eye
And, like a love sick leanan-sidhe
She hath my heart in thrall
Nor life I owe, nor liberty,
For love is lord of all*

*Her father sails a running-barge
'Twixt Leamh-beag and the Drúim;
And on the lonely river-marge
She clears her hearth for him
When she was only fairy-high
Her gentle mother died;
But dew-love keeps her memory
Green on the Lagan-side.*