



Loughshinny Newsletter

THE VILLAGE SPEAKS

One of the great entitlements in any democracy is the right to free speech, the right to raise issues and the right to seek information and to be heard. Earlier this year the LCA Committee sent around a Satisfaction Survey Questionnaire to all residents in Loughshinny to ask for your feedback on a number of topics. While the response was quite low, this in itself is a form of feedback and one could assume from the low response that either people are very happy and do not wish to talk about it or that people are unhappy and have given up raising issues or that people are not concerned either way. It is possible, by the way, that some people did not receive the survey.

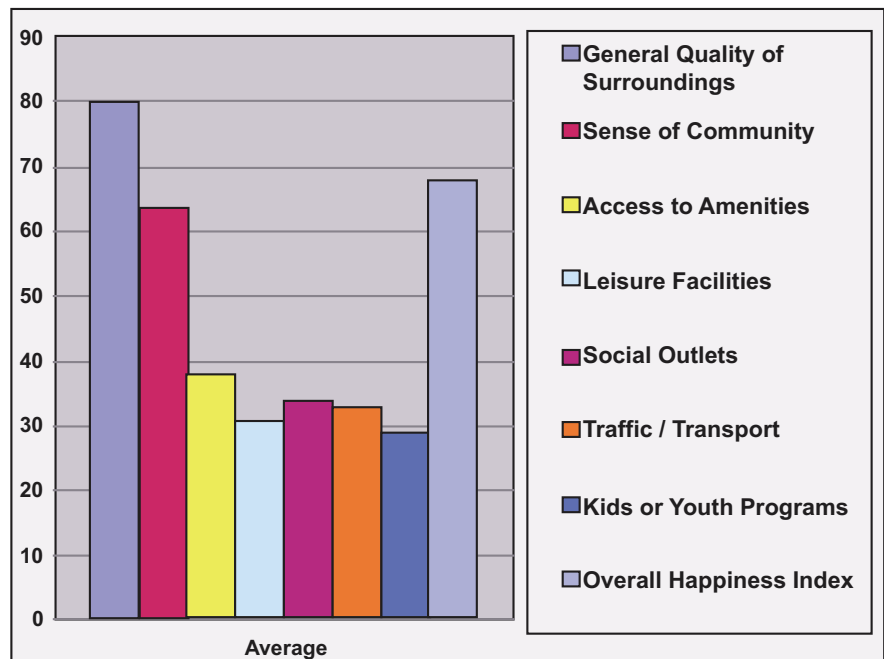
It is however, critical that the committee, in representing the community of Loughshinny, can understand and prioritize the issues and concerns of the community and take these as a form of work to progress throughout the year. It is also important that the committee can report back to the community on the progress and status of these issues.

In any case, we would like to thank all those who did respond, and for those who did not respond, (or those who did not receive one) you can always get a copy of the survey form from any of the committee members, spend 10 minutes completing it and return it to any member.

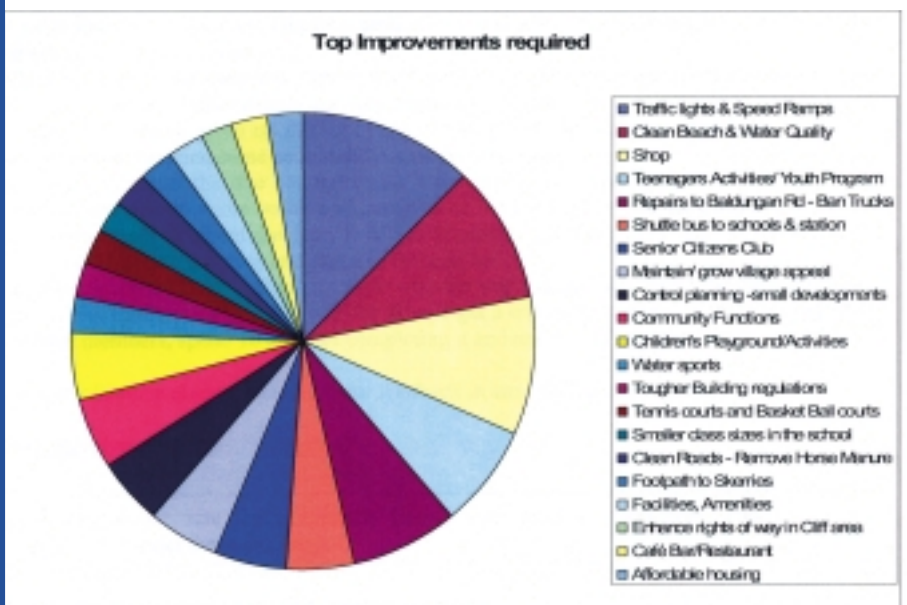
We would of course always welcome your feedback in any other shape or form.

Survey Results

Question: Please rate (in percentage terms) your level of happiness with living in Loughshinny under these headings:



Question: Please describe (in as much detail as possible) the top 5 issues or improvements you would like to see in the area.



NATIONAL HERITAGE WEEK 2007

(26TH AUGUST - 2ND SEPTEMBER)

Loughshinny Community Association in conjunction with the Historical Society is hosting
An illustrated talk

“THE OTHER SIDE OF THE COIN”

(a light-hearted look at collection old coins)

by

Martin Ruigrok

in

LOUGHSHINNY COMMUNITY CENTRE

ON THURS. 30TH AUGUST 8P.M.

Followed by a short “Leargas” film on the Eucharistic Congress of 1932.

Admission free with light refreshments – Everyone Welcome!

RUSH HORTICULTURAL SHOW

Loughshinny overall winners in Rush Horticultural show

Junior Section – Up to and
including 7yrs
The Susan McGee perpetual
challenge cup

The section was won by Alex
Plunkett aged 6 yrs, for the
second year running.
The runner up was also from
Loughshinny Roisin Sherry
also aged 6yrs.

Junior Section Ages 8 to 12
The Dalmac Perpetual
Challenge cup.
This section was won two

years running by Rachel
Plunkett aged 11. Her sister
Julie Plunkett aged 9 was
runner up for the last two
years. Cian and Ronan
McNally won other rosettes
for the categories they
entered.

In general the children did
very well with nearly every
category in each section
won by Loughshinny.



GARDEN SHOW 2007

Winners all round at the Rush & District Horticultural Society 60th Annual show. The Colonel Palmer Perpetual Challenge Cup was awarded to Marian Bentley for the best Flower Garden. Maeve Mc Nally came third in this section.



LOUGHSHINNY & RUSH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Historical Society was founded almost twenty years ago in order “to compile, research, record and correlate the history, folklore and traditions of the Loughshinny and Rush area of North Fingal” and since the first meeting in the Yacht Bar on the 17th November 1988 the association has gone from strength to strength. Series of lectures have been held in both Loughshinny and Rush throughout the various seasons and every year outings are arranged to places of interest with very enjoyable social events each Christmas. Members also attended seminars, exhibitions and events hosted by other historical societies, *Archaeology Ireland* and Dublin City Libraries.

During the past year lectures covered subjects as diverse as “Shipping and Shipwrecks on the East Coast”, “Fingal's Turnpike Roads” to “Jimmy O'Dea – His life and Times”. There were four outings; firstly to the Blascka Glass exhibition in the National Museum, next the Christmas social event to the Andrew's Lane Theatre, then the very enjoyable summer outing to the Ulster/American Folk Park at Omagh and finally to Lambay Island on the 30th July. On the island the society were given a conducted tour of the castle and gardens and treated to tea by the proprietors.

So far, four members of the society have completed the Diploma in Local History at NUI, Maynooth, but for the most part, for people who are just curious about our past, attendance at the lectures is an enjoyable and light-hearted way to spend a winter's evening with some outings and social events thrown in for good measure. Membership is open to everybody for a yearly fee of €12 (to cover insurance, lecture fees etc.) and new members are always welcome. *Contact: Cepta Butler at 8491686 or Vera Stone at 8491616*

Lambay Castle

Picture show part of the extension to Lambay Castle which was designed by the famous architect Sir Edwin Lutyens for Lord Revelstoke (Cecil Baring or Barings Bank) in 1914.

The gardens on Lambay were designed by an equally famous garden designer, Gertrude Jekyll



BLESSING OF THE BOATS

Everybody Welcome!

To the Annual
BLESSING OF THE BOATS
at Loughshinny Harbour
&

Dedication of seat at the
harbour to the memory of
Christy Plunkett 1933-2007

26TH AUGUST 2007
after 11 o'clock mass at
St. Brendan's school

Parade with Saint Maur's Pipe Band

**Complimentary Refrestments
in Car Park**

(Weather permitting, otherwise in
Community Center)



ITEMS OF INTEREST

Loughshinny Cross

Following a recent survey by the Traffic Dept it was decided to upgrade the markings at the cross. We have been put on a priority list for a ramp each side of the cross and down to the Harbour. We will continue to lobby for an effective solution to this problem.

Recycling Bins

Recycling bins are now located at the Community Centre. We would urge all residents to use them.

VEC Classes

We will run VEC classes in the Community Centre commencing in October. If interested in these classes contact: Breda Gibson on 8493068 or Marian Bentley on 8490930

Taekwon-Do Class Schedule at the CYMS Hall - Loughshinny

CYMS Hall	Class Time	Monday	Thursday
Monday	6.30 - 7.20	Under 12 yrs	Under 12 yrs
Thursday	6.30 - 7.20	Over 12 yrs	Over 12 yrs

Littering

Fingal Co Co have recently introduced a "Free Phone" number to enable residents to contact them regarding Littering. *Phone: 1800 201 093*

Donations

If you would like to make a donation of money or equipment please contact any member of the Committee, or money can be lodged to *AIB A/C No: 068-52020 Sort Code 93-22-48*

Shuttle Bus to Skerries Train Station

As traffic in Skerries train station is worsening by the day and it is now difficult to find parking anywhere near the station at peak times, a number of commuters have asked if a shuttle bus from Loughshinny to Skerries Train Station in the morning and a return in the evening could be implemented. While it may be difficult to arrange a particular schedule to meet all requirements it certainly is worth exploring the possibilities. If you are interested in such a service please contact any of the committee members or e-mail info@loughshinny.com and let us know what you think. In the meantime, we will check with private operators in the area and revert back to you in the next newsletter. If there is enough take up on this I'm sure there is a business opportunity for someone in the area.

Thanks

Finally, thanks to all members of the committee and residents of Loughshinny who have contributed to our achievements over the years.

Loughshinny Community Association

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