



Welcome to Riverwood

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Summary

Welcome to Riverwood estate. This Welcome document contains information to help you find everything you need quickly.

Brief history of Riverwood & Residents Association

The first phase of Riverwood estate was built in 1995. It now has over 540 houses across 21 roads.

The residents association was established in 2006. We are not affiliated with any political parties. The sole aim of the residents association is to represent the interests of all residents in the area. This generally includes:

1. Maintenance/enhancement of the general environment.
2. Services for residents e.g. website etc.
3. Lobbying of Fingal County Council regarding relevant local issues.
4. Development of tennis courts & other amenities.
5. Monitoring of planning activities.
6. Social events.

The committee meets monthly on the first Tuesday in the nearby Carpenter pub. Residents are welcome to attend.

Riverwood Aware

Riverwood Aware is our **free** text alert system. It is used to broadcast security and other important information to residents of Riverwood.

To register for the service please text **087-760-4369** with your name and address (to allow for alerts for specific roads).

Achievements

Over the years we have built strong relationships with Fingal County Council, the local Gardaí, local councillors and other community groups in the area. We have managed to get a lot done as a result of those relationships e.g.

- Extra Garda patrols
- Regular road sweeping
- Assistance during estate cleanups
- Quick maintenance of damage to playground equipment

Slow Zone



Riverwood estate is a "Slow Zone" where the speed limit within the estate is 30km/h.

We have a lot of children playing and many of the roads within the estate have bends and turns where it is difficult to see clearly very far ahead.

For the safety of everyone, please do not exceed this limit.

Travelling at this lower speed reduces engine noise and emissions, and gives drivers more time to react to situations.

Parking

Driveways in Riverwood will accommodate at least one vehicle, often more. Please park your vehicle in a manner that does not inconvenience pedestrians e.g. do not park on the path; use a nearby parking bay (these are unreserved); do not block the entrance of another driveway. Please ask your visitors to do the same.

Parking on the footpath can force pedestrians onto the road. Younger children often cycle on the footpath as cycling on the road is more dangerous. If the path is narrowed by a car parked on the footpath they may accidentally hit it.

Social Events

A number of individual roads in the estate hold annual street BBQs. These are a great way to meet your closest neighbours.

In June 2019 the residents association organised a number of street BBQs through the estate (with significant help from a number of volunteers). The BBQs went very well and it is planned to repeat this in future years.

Contact Us

If you have any queries you can contact us through the website, Facebook page or by email (riverwoodres@yahoo.ie).

Area Facilities

In the estate

Riverwood has multiple open space areas throughout the estate. The largest area is at Riverwood Chase/Copse at the western end of the estate. It has a small playground, two tennis courts and a basketball court with 2 hoops.

[Parks Tennis](#) holds tennis lessons for children between 5 and 17 years on Saturdays during the year and a month long summer camp in July.

Shops

The nearest shops are in the Carpenterstown Shopping Centre. It has a Spar, Lloyds Pharmacy, Insomnia Coffee shop, Romayo's chipper, [Parks Medical Centre](#) (GPs) and the Carpenter pub.

The Laurel Lodge Shopping Centre has a Centra, Get Fresh (fruit & veg), ODC Pharmacy, Etherson butchers, Castleknock Kitchen Chinese takeaway, Domino's pizza, a chipper, hair salon, bookmaker and Kavanagh's pub.
It is adjacent to Church of St Thomas the Apostle Catholic church.

Tesco on Roselawn Road is the nearest supermarket.

SuperValu is in Blanchardstown village.

The nearest Lidl is on Clonsilla Road, close to the train station. There's other Lidl branches in Blakestown and in West End Retail Park (Blanchardstown Centre).

There is an Aldi branch in Blanchardstown Centre.

The large Blanchardstown Centre is also close by.

Transportation

We are served by the [Dublin Bus 37 route](#) and the Irish Rail Maynooth/Longford/M3 Parkway (Coolmine station)

For those attending TU Dublin - Blanchardstown Campus (formerly ITB), there is a frequent [shuttle bus from Coolmine train station](#)).

Bins

[Panda Waste](#) and [City Bin](#) collect bins in Riverwood.

Please be conscious of the wind direction when you put your recycling bin out as the light materials are often blown around the estate. Either turn the bin so that wind will keep the lid shut or place a heavy item such as a stone on the lid. The bin collectors will place the stone on the ground before they empty the bin.

Please place the bin in such a location as to minimise the impact on pedestrians. The bin collectors will empty a bin that is placed at the edge of your driveway.

For security reasons it is recommended that you take in an emptied bin as soon as possible. A bin left out for a long time can be seen as a sign of an empty house.

Phone/TV/Broadband

Phone/TV/broadband is available from many providers via your landline e.g. eir, vodafone, Sky, Digiweb.

Houses in Riverwood are wired for cable so Virgin Media is an option for phone/TV/broadband.

Schools

Primary Schools

There are a number of primary schools in the area. Riverwood is in the catchment area for St Mochta's National School and Scoil Choilm Community National School.

St Patrick's National School is also in the area.

Scoil Thomais National School is adjacent to Laurel Lodge Shopping Centre.

Secondary Schools

Riverwood is in the catchment for [Castleknock Community College](#) and [Edmund Rice College](#).

Luttrellstown Community College, Castleknock College, Mount Sackville Secondary School and Coolmine Community School are also nearby.

Gardaí

The nearest Garda station is at the western end of Main Street in Blanchardstown, close to the junction with Clonsilla Road. You can phone them at (01) 666-7000.

The Community Gardaí can be contacted at (01) 666-7020.

In an emergency use 112 or 999.

Library

Fingal County Council has a large library in Blanchardstown Centre. In addition to the books it has wifi and computers for free internet access, daily newspapers, magazines, a children's play area and study space.

