



Rathcormac Drumcliffe Carney Community Alert

SLIGO GARDA STATION - 9157000

October 2013 Update

RECENT MEETING

At a recent meeting of the Area Coordinators of the Rathcormac Drumcliffe Carney Community Alert Group, it was agreed to publish and circulate up to date information regarding progress to date. This meeting was held in the Old School in Rathcormac on Wednesday September 25th.

SIGNS

To date we have erected 30 new Community Alert signs with more to follow. If you have any query with regard to signs in your local area please contact one of the names listed overleaf. It would be very helpful if people would look after the signs in their own area especially during the growing season.

COMMUNITY TEXT ALERT

Area Coordinators have collected €5 per household as well as mobile phone numbers. All these mobile numbers have been submitted to an organisation

called Grapevine Communications who are SMS text message providers based in Mitchelstown County Cork. This organisation has compiled a database of these numbers as well as other Community Alert Groups throughout the country. When Grapevine receives a message from An Garda regarding an unusual incident in our area, they will text all those registered numbers and hence make us all aware of what is happening.

If you do not have a mobile number, you can inform your neighbour and they can update you on any current relevant information. If you have not registered your number and would like to do so, you can contact any of the Area Coordinators listed overleaf.

HOW IT WORKS

If you see anything that might look suspicious in your area you should ring the Garda Station in Sligo at 9157000, The Gardaí will then investigate the matter and if they decide it warrants

further investigation or public notification, they may then decide to notify Grapevine and they in turn will notify all registered phone numbers in our area.

To date we have 500 registered phone numbers and we can add any extra numbers as required at any time. All our phone numbers registered with Grapevine have a code, and when An Garda contact Grapevine they quote our code and this tells Grapevine which Community Alert Group to text.

The only time the code is used is when An Garda decide to notify Grapevine to text our Group, or when our Group's Committee want to notify everyone registered about a forthcoming meeting etc. If a member rings the Garda station there is no need to use the code. The Garda can check out your call by returning the call to you or by using another means of verification. For this reason it is not necessary for everyone to have the code.

FIRST TEXT ALERT

Our first text alert message was received by all those registered on October 19th at 10:11am. If you did not receive this text message, you may not be (→)

registered, therefore please contact a member of the committee.

FINANCES

The cost per text is 6 cent, therefore 500 texts would cost €30. We estimate at this stage that we would send out 12 texts per person per year at a cost of €360 based on current figures. To date we have paid Grapevine €500. In the near future we will text everybody with a dummy text to ensure that everyone is receiving the texts.

Our total income to date is €2,500. We have paid €700 on the new signs, and €50 to Muintir na Tire for annual membership.

COMMUNITY ALERT OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED

The Community Alert Scheme was officially launched nationally at the 2013 Ploughing Championships by the Garda Commissioner and Muintir na Tire.



GROUP COMMITTEE

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AREA COORDINATORS

The following is a draft list of some of our Area Coordinators:

Cashelgarron / Urlar / Cooladrummon:
Brian McNulty
Michelle McNulty

Castletown / Ballinagalliagh:
John Gilmartin

Pat McDonagh
Declan Carroll
Michael Carr
Mary Mahon
Ian Flanagan

Carney / Coolbeg / Oxfield / Drumcliffe:
Damien Kerrigan
Mary Drury
John Hession
Eamon Bellew
Phillip Gallagher
Jane Hartigan
Cyril Devins
Bernie O'Reilly

Cloonderry / Drum:
Cathal Hopper
Michael Broaders

Cloonmull:
Stephen Kivlehan
Jimmy Stenson

Clooneen / Cloonderry / Collinsford:
Martin Cullen
David McDonald
Margaret Mary Harte
Ann Feehily

Castlegal / Colga / Kinsellagh:
Maeve Prunty
Vinnie Duggan
Maura Garvey

Drum Road:
Gene O'Carroll
Geoffrey Percy
Denis Regan
John Clancy

Glencar / Gortagrelly:
Michael Clancy
Carol Gallagher

Kintogher:
Patsy Gallagher

Kiltycooley / Carncash:
Tom Logan
Richard Patterson

Keelty / Barnaribbon:
Patricia Dunleavy
Noreen Keane

Lislahelly:
John McCaffrey
Sean Gilroy

Rathcormac:
Jimmy Doherty
Eddie Sheahan
Mick Gaughan

Tully Hill / Rahaberna:
Seamus Quinn
Sean O'Hara
Vera Denning
Michael Reynolds
Karl Kelly

N15 (Urlar / Drumcliffe South / Kintogher / Teesan / Lisnalurg):
Kevin McMorro Jnr
Michael Kilcoyne
Patricia Meehan
Paul Currid
Niall McEvoy
Ken Henry

A WORD OF THANKS

A word of thanks to Mick Gaughan, Seamus Waters of Sligo County Council, and David Leydon of Leydon AgriSpares on Drum Road for their help with the new community alert road signs.

COMMUNICATIONS

Information on the Drumcliffe/Rathcormac/Carney Community Alert Group, including copies of all bulletins, can be found on our webpage on the Oxfield website
www.oxfield.ie/communityalert

We will continue to provide updates on this website and through the Oxfield Community Newsletter and the Local Notes section of the Sligo Champion and Sligo Weekender Newspapers.

AND REMEMBER...

If you see anything that might look suspicious in your area, the first thing you should do is contact the Garda Station in Sligo at 9157000.

Sligo Garda Station:
071 9157000