

Newsletter Number 4

October 2014



Community Composting

Now that the grass is almost finished growing for the year, all residents are welcome to make use of the composting facilities. Over the summer we found we were overwhelmed by grass from the estate and there wasn't much room for other garden waste, but now you can add:

- **Grass cuttings**
- **Weeds**
- **Small prunings & hedge clippings**
- **Leaves**
- **Vegetable/ fruit peelings**
- **Tea leaves, coffee grounds, egg shells**
- **Newspapers & plain cardboard (please remove any sellotape)**

Green materials like grass cuttings and weeds need to be layered with brown materials like screwed up / shredded newspaper and cardboard to help them compost properly. So please would you bring some with you each time you add any grass. Over the winter we will be keeping just one bin active, so please check which bin is in use.

A big thank you to our CE workers Martin and Éamon (and supervisor, Jimmy) who have been doing a great job with the compost in its first season. They are turning and mixing the compost every 2 weeks when adding the new grass. They also put in a paved path for better access to the bins.

We always need extra newspapers and cardboard, so donations are very welcome. Please bring any spares you have to Helen or Eileen and we will make sure they get used.

Important - Please do not add:

- Meat/ fish or any cooked food
- Plastic or rubbish of any kind
- Ashes
- Animal waste
- Glossy coloured paper/ magazines/ card
- Large prunings / wood

An on-site composting workshop can be organised for residents next year if there is sufficient interest.

Leitrim Development Company to fund our Composting Sign

We are very grateful to Leitrim Development Company for awarding us a grant of €100 to fund the signboard for our Community Composting Project. This will be similar in design to the one at the Breffni Community Composting Centre in Carrick, and will be constructed of wood by one of the local Men's Sheds. There will also be leaflets with guidelines on the composting available for all residents.

Website: naomhpadraigra.com

Upcoming Events in Naomh Padraig

Residents' Meeting

Wed 22nd October 2014

7.30 – 8.30 pm

in

The Enterprise Centre

All Welcome

Agenda to include:

- Composting scheme
- Estate maintenance costs
 - Skip hire
- As winter approaches

We remember Bertram Wolf from this estate who passed away in Oct 2012



Young Adam activating the compost in early June

Estate Maintenance Costs

The County Council have indicated that the grants allotted to each housing estate may be getting slimmer in years to come, and meanwhile the costs of maintaining the estate are going up.

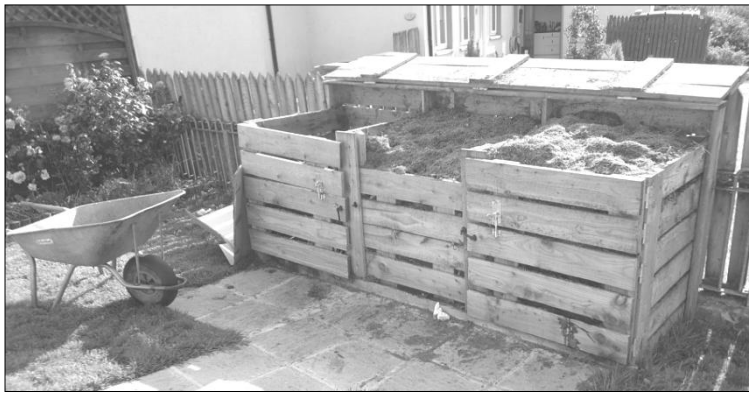
Currently we pay for all the petrol used to cut our grass (which amounts to about €160 per year) and the public liability insurance is €135 per year.

It was suggested at the last Residents' Meeting that each house could pitch in €10 (or whatever you could afford) towards Estate upkeep and / or a special event. This would be a way to build up our bank account should the Council stop the CE Scheme and paying for estate insurance.



Under Construction:

Wayne Frankham from Knockvicar Organic Garden constructing our compost bins



Composting underway with the new paved access path

Skip Rental for Autumn Home Cleanup

Who would be interested in putting in €15 or €20 towards hiring a small or medium size skip for 3 working days? The smallest size costs €255, then it's €315, €325, €380, up to €430 for the largest.

Just asking... if we have enough we can do it. This could happen Oct/ early Nov. And in the spring as well.

Important Contact Nos.

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| • Fire / Emergency | 999 or 112 |
| • NoWDOC (out of hours) | 1850 400911 |
| • Garda Station | 071-9641002 |
| • Leitrim Co. Council | 071-9620005 |
| • Shannonside radio | 043-3349311 |
| • Ocean FM radio | 071-9118100 |
| • Leitrim Development Company | 071- 9641770 |
| • Irish Wheelchair Association | 071-9620811 |
| • Taxi (Gunning's / Conway's) | 087-9408250 |

Naomh Padraig Residents' Committee:

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| • Eileen O'Toole (No. 22) | 086-1565447 |
| • Helen Witts (No. 32) | 087-6546299 |

Our Website – naomhpadraigra.com

Naomh Padraig is the only housing estate in Leitrim with its own website, and this has been great publicity for us. The site was set up in 2012 after Helen did a community website course funded by Leitrim Development Company. But from Oct 2014 we become liable for the hosting fees, so next year we are considering moving it over to the free web hosting site, wordpress.com.

Please help us to keep it active and interesting by contributing posts, short articles and photos. These could be about your life, your garden, pets, community issues, etc. Also, anyone who has an interest in computers and websites might like to help out with the site administration.

Please contact Helen if you can help.



Missing Cat

Many residents will know my beautiful cat Zoë went missing the night of 6th September, and still hasn't returned. She is nearly 2 years old, neutered, dark tortoiseshell with a white tip to her tail. If anyone sees or has any news of her, please contact Helen.

As Winter Approaches...

It's a wise thing to keep an eye out for each other as the colder weather settles in. Though this estate is generally a quiet one it is important that as a community we look out for each other. Remember that trouble shared is trouble halved. Reach out to neighbors. Let's make sure we're all warm this winter.