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## Newsletter

### **Radioactive Waste in Santry Woods?. By Seamus Kelly.**

Dumped radioactive waste is claimed to have been buried in Santry Woods over a nine year period and Councillor Sean O' Cionnaith of the Workers Party is demanding answers from government Environment Minister Mr Noel Dempsey. In a press release issued by the Workers party, it is alleged that Trinity College are responsible for the dumping of the waste material during the period from 1972 to 81.

Councillor O' Cionnaith (W/P) said Santry Woods is neither an approved landfill site nor a specialised waste treatment plant. "It is an amenity which the people of Ballymun and Santry have been fighting for many years to have preserved as a people's park," he claimed.

Clr O' Cionnaith said his party is calling on Mr Dempsey to make a public statement in response to the allegations that radioactive waste is buried under Santry Woods. He also says despite the fact that the Radiological Protection Institute has suggested there is no need for concern: "the fact that radioactive waste was dumped at 10 separate locations in Santry Woods over a long period without any public knowledge is a matter of major concern.

"The Workers Party is demanding an immediate statement from Minister Dempsey on this most serious issue and simple assurances are not enough. We want to know how much waste was dumped, how long it will

remain radioactive and most importantly, who authorised the dumping of this hazardous waste a few hundred yards from our homes," he said.

### **Hero Garda receives going away presents.**

Gifts of crystal glassware were presented to community Garda Joe Everard at a going away celebration party at the Senior Citizens community centre in Burren Court Poppintree this week. Gda Everard as reported by the Ballymun Concrete News and Sunday World, was recently promoted to Detective at the immigration section in Dublin Airport as a result of his bravery at the shooting incident in St Joseph's Church last year.

Gda Everard received glassware gifts from the Over 55 Poppintree swingers, Dublin Corporation and both principals of St Joseph's national school. Bouquets of flowers were presented to Joe and his wife Joan by Ivy Jenner of the over 55 swingers. Tributes were paid to Gda Everard by Dublin Corporation Principal housing officer Mr Brendan Kenny, school principals of St Joseph's school and others invited guests. Garda representatives from Whitehall, Santry and Ballymun stations were also present. The Poppintree Environmental Project committee also

attended. The whole evening was summed up in one sentence expressed by St Joseph's school principal Maura Sheey as she paid

tribute to the guards bravery on the day of the shooting incident. "We are very grateful to Joe for being in the right place at the right time last year," she said. The evening was organised and co-ordinated by Anita Byrne, Ivy Jenner, and Frank Keogh of the Poppintree Swingers committee.

Only a week earlier the local community at Ballymun East community centre, gave Gda Everard a celebration party and a going away present. Gda Everard is to take up his new position at Dublin Airport on February 23rd.

### **Having a Party**



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