PARK RANGERS AND THE COMMUNITY

Our Park Rangers are the face of our parks and

sports and play facilities in South Dublin.

The Rangers assist management helping young

and old in our communities and now educating

schools and groups about the wildlife in our parks,

facilities available, biodiversity, wetlands, teen

spaces and playgrounds in our areas.

The Park Rangers are south Dublins front of

house and ensure that the highest standards of

customer service and also are there to ensure

compliance with our bye—laws in our parks and open

spaces. The Rangers ensure that the community are

able to enjoy our facilities day to day.

The Rangers also chat to members of society that

may not have the confidence to use the parks for

walks, runs and this includes members of the

community with both visible and invisible

disabilities. The Rangers presence in our parks gives

these people the confidence to use the parks and

enjoy what our parks have to offer.

South Dublin County council is very progressive with

regard to change and this positivity is evident today.

Todays event is to showcase two years of

background work with schools and a variety of

groups where our Rangers have delivered talks both

in our parks and schools. Last year in particular we

were inundated with requests to deliver talks to our

schools. The feedback from principals and teachers

has been very encouraging. The expertise and

knowledge from our Park Rangers has helped

catapult this service and has encouraged a

conversation between schools and local groups.

It shows how a little open mindedness can lead to

so many groups coming to parks to learn about

wildlife in our parks, playgrounds, new

developments and also getting guided tours on

request. We can tailor talks and tours to suit any

group. The Rangers have information leaflets, copy

of bye- laws, merchandise for the kids after the

talks/tours.

We have also connected with Sports Partnership,

community department. Climate action, An Garda

Siochana. All of the above have stands at various

events throughout the year. These events may be

Farmers markets, sports days, community centre

events and we will now be present at these events

promoting our parks and our guided tours, school

talks etc.

As you can see we have purchased this new Gazebo

and at the events the Rangers will give information

and distribute leaflets, posters at the event to

promote what we are doing across our parks.

The Park Rangers have demonstrated an openness

to learning and also a love of delivering what they

have learned to schools in our community so that

these children learn to cherish, love and respect

what the parks represent. When these children are

adults and have their own children they will always

remember their park ranger talks and will encourage

their children to carry on the cycle of education on

what our parks have to offer society.

We hope to build this service and that it will go

from strength to strength.

I would like to thank all involved and in particular

our Rangers for getting on board and for their

commitment to delivering the program.