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Monaghan Community Alerts

Is a new, County-wide service providing garda alerts to people living throughout Co. Monaghan.

It replaces the local text alert services around the county, which are all joining together to provide this unified service.

The new service is supported by An Garda Síochána and Monaghan County Council.

What's Different?

- You can sign up to the new scheme regardless of where you live in Co. Monaghan. It's open to people who live in areas which DO have Community Alert AND areas which DON'T have Community Alert
- In addition to receiving Garda alerts for the county, you can opt to also receive messages from your local community alert group, and Monaghan County Council.
- The service is completely FREE! No more subscription fees to your local text alert group. Monaghan County Council is covering the cost of running the scheme.

How will it work?

1. Sign up to the new Scheme

(If you currently subscribe to a Text Alert scheme, please note that because of changes to Data Protection rules last year, existing groups can't simply transfer your subscription to the new scheme. You may have to re-register. Check with your local group administrator.)

2. Opt to receive messages either:
 - to a smartphone via the KOMEER APP
 - to a regular mobile phone via SMS (text message)
3. Start receiving messages!

Please download and install the **FREE**
Komeer App now!



To receive Monaghan Community Alerts by TEXT, please complete the Form below and return it to any Garda station or branch of Monaghan library

Your Name:

Your Address:

Your Phone No:

I, the undersigned, wish to join the Monaghan Community Alerts service. I hereby give permission for An Garda Síochána, Monaghan County Council, and my local Community Alert* group, _____ (where appropriate), to contact me about community safety-related issues for a period of two years, commencing from the date of my signature below. I understand that the personal details I have entered above will be held by the group I have named above, or where I have not named a group, by Monaghan County Council. I understand that only messages relating to community safety will be sent to me through this scheme. I understand that I can opt out of the scheme at any time by contacting the administrator of the Community Alert group named above, or by contacting the Community Department of Monaghan County Council.

Please tick box to give your consent

Your Signature:

Date:

* A list of the Community Alert groups which are currently available on the service is available overleaf



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How it Works

When you subscribe to the Monaghan Community Alerts service, your contact details will be added to the county-wide database. This is the database to which the Gardai send out their alerts.

If you wish, you can also opt to receive alerts for one or more local community alert areas. You will then receive additional messages from those groups whenever they send out a message to their local subscribers.

You can opt in or out of the additional groups at any time, either by contacting a group directly, or by phoning Monaghan County Council’s Community Department.

If you change your phone in the future and upgrade to a smartphone, we recommend that you download the KOMEER app, which is free. You will need either an email address or a Facebook account to get started, but it’s pretty straightforward after that!

The Community Text Alert groups listed below are currently active on the Monaghan Community Alerts Scheme:

- Annalitten Drumcrew Text Alert
- Ardaghey Text Alert
- Aughnamullen Text Alert
- Ballybay Text Alert
- Broomfield North Text Alert
- Carrickmacross Text Alert
- Castleblayney Text Alert
- Clones Text Alert
- Clontibret Text Alert
- Corduff Raferagh Text Alert
- Donaghmoynne Lisdoonan Text Alert
- Doohamlet Text Alert
- Errigal Truagh Text Alert
- Inniskeen Text Alert
- Killanny Text Alert
- Kilmore Drumsnatt Text Alert
- Kilmore Swanns Cross Text Alert
- Latton Bawn Text Alert
- Magheraclone Text Alert
- Mullaghmatt Text Alert
- Mullyash/ Oram Text Alert
- Rockcorry Text Alert
- Scotshouse Text Alert
- Tullycorbett Text Alert
- Tydavnet Text Alert
- Tyholland Text Alert

Q: How does this scheme fit with my current text alert?

It replaces it. By the end of spring 2019, you will no longer be receiving any Garda alerts on your current text alert service, as the Gardai will be using the new service to send out messages.

If you want to keep receiving texts, you need to sign up to the new service.

Q: I just paid my subscription fee. Will I get it back?

Arrangements will vary from group to group. Keep an eye on your local bulletin as your text alert group is likely to hold a meeting soon to help you sign up and to give the community the opportunity to decide what to do with any balance of funds left over in the old text alert scheme

Q: There’s no Community Alert where I live. Can I still join?

Absolutely! In fact, you’re one of the main reasons we’ve put the new scheme in place—to give people living in parts of the county which have no community alert service the opportunity to avail of a Garda Alert service.

Q: But it’s still basically Text Alert, right?

Yes, but covering the whole county, and with the option of getting your texts via an App, and it’s FREE. If you see suspicious activity, you still phone your local Garda station like before. They will check it out, and then send out an alert through the new system, just like they did through the old one.

Q: Is it open to new members?

Yes. Absolutely. You don’t have to have been a member of a Text Alert group already in order to join the new scheme. The more the merrier. Tell your friends. That how we’ll beat the baddies—with eyes on the ground!

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