

# as Westbury mast used as a tree house



The Telecom transmitter known as as the Westbury Tree House. (LL)

LOCAL children around the Westbury area in Corbally are climbing the new 15-metre Telecom Eireann tower near the estate.

And parents concerned that there may be an accident want the tower to be sealed off completely.

The tower, which will eventually house aerials for the mobile phone network, was built on a Telecom site on the edge of the estate.

It was built under a special exemption regulation which allowed work to go ahead without going through the normal planning process.

"There was no consultation. We just woke up one morning and there it was. Work had commenced," said Moire Dillon.

"Children climb it. They go to the top as a dare, and shout and scream when they get up it," he said.

She said that meetings with Telecom had failed to get any satisfactory resolution for the residents.

Tom Geary, one of the leaders of the Anti-Transmitter Campaign, also claimed that the tower is dangerous.

"There is a major risk, as it is being climbed regularly by young people. It has become known as the Westbury Tree House. Telecom say they are going to put a fence around it topped by barbed wire, but kids will get over that."

He said that the residents had a number of other objections to the tower, including that it was devaluing their property, that there would be a health risk from the radiation when it begins transmitting, and that it is an eyesore in an otherwise well developed estate.

He added that he thought that the decision to site the mast in Westbury was taken in Dublin.

Telecom classify the site as being in Athlunkard, and Mr Geary said that, perhaps they thought they were putting it in a rural setting.

"We accept that Telecom need to develop their services, but they could have chosen a site less densely residential for their transmitter," he said.

The Anti-Transmitter Campaign will meet Health Minister, Michael Noonan, shortly to discuss their fears of radiation health risk when the transmitter begins broadcasting, and will step up their campaign to get Telecom to reconsider the siting of the controversial mast.

## Fined £60

ARNOLD Acheson, Grange, Lisnagry, was fined £50 at Newport Court for having no tax displayed last September 29. A charge of having no insurance was dismissed. He was fined £10 for failure to produce it.

## Limerick says: Up the Banner!

By CORMAC LIDDY  
Sports Editor

IT has taken 63 years to get there but it seems that every man, woman and child in Clare is heading for Croke Park for Sunday's All Ireland hurling semi-final against Galway.

And with the sunny weather expected to last to the week-end one wonders will there be enough Clare people left at home to cater for the influx of visitors and particularly those from Limerick who will be flocking to places like Kilkee, Lahinch, Spanish Point and other spots along the coastline.

By plane, trains, buses and cars Clare people will be on the move from Saturday and by kick-off time on Sunday "My Lovely Rose Of Clare" will have been given thousands of renderings as the colourful Clare folk will add a huge touch of colour to the occasion.

Galway folk when I spent an all too brief time in the Kinvara area in advance of the Munster final kept telling me that Galway were "very poor" this year and that the winners in Munster would have an easy passage to the All Ireland final.

Limerick people will be fully out to support Clare. Not only because it may be seen as the sporting thing to do to lend support to those who beat your own side but because Limerick people know full well what a victory at Croke Park can mean.

And, of course, thousands of Clare people work in Limerick and live in such areas as Parteen, Shannon Banks, Clonlara, Cratloe etc.

Many pubs in those areas have organised their own transport for customers and while the memorable celebrations held throughout the county to mark the win over Limerick are now stored in the memory bank of great sporting occasions the scenes at Croke Park on Sunday will be fantastic should Clare make it to the final.

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