

# **Wheatfield Prison Visiting Committee Annual Report**

A Dhuine Uasail,

We the members of Wheatfield Prison Visiting Committee are pleased to present our Annual Report. The committee held 12 monthly meetings and members made themselves available for mid month visits when necessary.

The average number of prisoners requesting meetings with the committee was ten. We met the prisoners on an individual basis and their requests covered many areas but thankfully none of a serious nature.

Areas identified are as follows ;

1. Transfer to another prison.
2. Problems in relation to family visits and visiting conditions in general.
3. Medical treatment.
4. Temporary release applications.

The prison authorities dealt with our requests as speedily as possible given the limited means at their disposal.

The committee met with Mr Brian Purcell, Director of Prisons in December 2010.

The prison authorities have been very successful in their detection of mobile phones within the prison with 76 found in 2010.

The committee note the very high standard of all aspects of the catering department and the cleanliness and hygiene throughout the prison.

The committee are very happy with the numbers of inmates gainfully employed and using the educational facilities.

It is hoped that the new wing which was officially opened by Minister Dermot Ahern on 29th October 2010 will go a long way in solving the overcrowding in the prison.

We compliment and thank the Governor, his assistants and all the staff. Their unfailing comitment, industry and cooperation is noteworthy. We look forward to working with them in the year ahead.

Is sinne,  
Le dea mhein,

Pat Rohan  
Chairman

Sadie Jordan      Eddie Kirwan      William Loughnane      John O'Neill

Marty Rohan      Paddy Summers      Tom Lillis