

# houses in which Ireland's most brutal murders people left living next door to killing ground



CHOPPED UP:  
Farah Swaleh Noor  
died in this house

his chest the morning she was killed and he died of a heart attack later. He died of a broken heart.

"We all moved on to this road at the same time. We were neighbours from the start."

And a modest two-storey house at Kilakee Road on the corner of a quiet cul-de-sac in Firhouse, South Dublin, was where a woman stabbed her children to death before turning the knife on herself.

Mary Keegan had always seemed happy before her devastating actions in February last year. The 40-year-old had launched a frenzied attack on her little boys Glen, 10, and six-year-old Andrew.

A garda, called to break into the house by a worried relative, discovered the children's bloody handprints on the walls.

One of the boys had knife wounds on his face, neck and stomach, his brother had several stab wounds in the back. Mrs Keegan had slit her own neck and wrists.

Her husband Brian had been in the US on business and flew home to the horror. Another family has since moved into the house but was not in when we called.

The woman across the road was clearly distressed when we mentioned it. She said: "I don't want to talk about it. Let the people move in peace. It's all over."

Ireland's original house of horrors is in one of Dublin's plush areas where music superstars Bono and Enya live.

But Cynthia Owens claimed that in her former home at White's Villas, Dalkey, her family stabbed her newborn baby to death with a knitting needle more than 30 years ago.

As gardai dug up the garden last summer, Cynthia unearthed more dark secrets, claiming incest and child sex abuse were the reasons her brother and sister had committed suicide.

A neighbour said: "We always knew there was something strange going on in that family but no one could have imagined it was that bad."

"They were always a close-knit family and the children didn't mix much with the others in the area, I suppose now we know why."

"Whatever really happened in that house, who knows? I don't know what to believe, but when two commit suicide and then these allegations come out, it must have been hell on earth growing up there."

"As far as I know new people have moved into the house. But we don't know them and we don't talk much about the house even among ourselves."

In South Dublin, neighbours are still reluctant to talk about what happened at Knocknashee, Goatstown, where Siobhan Kearney was murdered.

The pretty hotelier was found strangled with a vacuum cleaner flex on January 31, 2005. No one has ever been charged with her murder.

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