

South Central Area
Eblana House
Marrowbone Lane
Dublin 8

**The Chairperson and Members
Dublin South Central JPC Committee**

**Parks Health and Safety Sub-committee Report for South Central Area JPC Meeting
on Monday 29th May 2017.**

There have been two meetings held. The first meeting took place on 15th March at the Clondalkin Equine Centre. The purpose of this site visit was to see what had been achieved from funding received from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, the vision of the local community and to consider if a similar project could be suitable for Cherry Orchard.

The second meeting took place on 23rd May and considered the on- going issues relating to quad bikes / scramblers and horses. The meeting heard that the majority of problems associated with quad bikes occur immediately after Christmas with issues diminishing thereafter for the remainder of the year. The meeting learned that the Road Safety Authority and South Dublin County Council have run campaigns on greater awareness on the responsibilities and risks with quad and scrambling motorbikes. It was the view of the meeting that the South Dublin County Council campaign literature could be used as a template by the City Council to run an awareness campaign in the run up to Christmas.

The issue of wandering horses in public spaces was also discussed. It was the view of the meeting that substantial issues continue to exist with horses in Cherry Orchard despite the presence of a first class equine centre. The meeting heard that a suite of measures are needed to tackle the issue and that enforcement alone through the collection of horses will not lead to a sustainable solution. To achieve a greater and deeper understanding on the issue the Control of Horses Section in the City Council have been invited to attend the next meeting.

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