

**Housing, Community & Emergency Services Department
South East Area Office**

**To the Chairperson and Members of the
South East Area Committee**

Community Development Section Report

7th – 10th Nov: Lets Walk and Talk Tour of Croke Park
12th Nov: Mount Argus Winter Clean Up – 2pm (Harold's Cross)

Christmas Trees:

19 th Nov:	Milltown	1 st Dec:	Sandymount
25 th Nov:	Harold's Cross	2 nd Dec:	Terenure
26 th Nov:	Ranelagh	3 rd Dec:	Ringsend & Donnybrook
28 th Nov:	Rathmines	7 th Dec:	Rathgar

Full details and Deputy Lord Mayor's assigned will be issued in coming week.

Weekly Activities:

Dance for Life Every Tuesday 11-12noon Evergreen Club Terenure
Every Monday from 2 - 3.30pm – Maxwell Court Art Classes at Maxwell Court, Rathmines.
Every Tuesday at 11am – Dance for Life dance classes for older people at the Evergreen Centre, Terenure.
Every Tuesday at 2pm – Let's Walk & Talk walking group, meeting outside the Barge Pub, Charlemont Street.
Every Wednesday at 2pm – Let's Walk & Talk in Spanish walking group, meeting at Kildare Place, Kildare Street.
Every Thursday at 10am – Parent & Toddlers Group at the Evergreen Centre, Terenure.
Every Thursday at 2pm - Let's Walk & Talk walking group, meeting at Sandymount Green.
Every Thursday from 3 - 5pm – Knitting Classes at Beech Hill Court, Donnybrook.
Every Friday at 11am - Let's Walk & Talk as Gaeilge walking group, meeting at Meeting House Square, Temple Bar.
Every Friday at 11am - Let's Walk & Talk in French walking group, meeting at Kildare Place, Kildare Street.
Every Saturday from 11 - 4pm – Terenure Village Market at Bushy Park.
Every Saturday at 2pm - Let's Walk & Talk walking group, meeting at the car park of the Dropping Well Pub, Milltown.

In addition to the above a number of weekly events continue to take place as part of ongoing community work (older persons' activities, weekly walks, yoga, knitting club, weekly events, Friends of Green Spaces, allotment links etc.)

Friends of Green Spaces:

Specific work and projects in: Beech Hill, Dunville Avenue, Heskin Court, Macken Street, Magennis Square, Northbrook Avenue, Pearse House, Ringsend, Verschoyle Court and York Street.

Company Volunteer Clean-up Projects Day in Verschoyle Court and St. Patrick's School garden in June.

Tidy Towns and DCC City Neighbourhood Competition support with village cleaning flowering and greening through main plant sales and direct work in Donnybrook, Harold's Cross, Lansdowne Park, Palmerston Park, Rathmines, Ranelagh, Terenure and Sandymount.

The area did very well in the City Neighbourhood Awards; we eagerly await the Pride of Place results but we are encouraging all residents to keep cleaning, tidying and greening the key villages.

2018 Grants:

The closing date for applications for the Community Grants Scheme 2018 was Friday 27th October 2017 at 5.00pm.

Applications received after that date cannot be accepted. Claims that any application form has been lost or delayed in the post will not be considered, unless applicants have a Post Office Certificate of Posting in support of such claims.

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Environmental Services Unit Report

Leaf Collection

Many residents' groups, associations and individuals are currently involved in helping to manage their own areas by carrying out leaf clearing initiatives. The South East area is providing bags and equipment to these groups and arranging for the removal of the collected bagged leaves free of charge.

Halloween

The South East area coordinated the collection of bonfire material throughout our area up to as late as possible on Tuesday 31st October. This operation was in conjunction DCC Waste Management, Parks, and Housing and in conjunction with the Gardaí. Safety campaigns were promoted through DCC Fire Brigade Services, DCC Media Relations and also by the Gardaí.

Events

VIEW: (Temple Bar Company) Politics, Arts and Ideas Festival 16th to 20th November.
Grafton Street switching on of Christmas Lights, Sunday 19th November (as part of the Dublin Christmas Ceremonies 2017).
10k and 5k Run in the Dark, Wednesday 22nd November.
The Jonathan Swift Festival 23rd – 26th November.

Artwork - Sandymount Promenade

Tests carried out on painting artwork on to one of the containers along Sandymount Promenade encountered difficulties due to its location close to parked cars. However one in a different location is being completed and the situation will be reviewed as regards dealing with the other five containers in this area.

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Housing Projects and Local Area Improvements

Grand Canal Sub Group

The latest meeting of the Grand Canal Sub-committee was held on 11th October 2017. Canalaphonic Festival took place on Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th September in Rathmines and Portobello and was a great success. This year the festival was very kindly sponsored and supported by: South East Area Office, Clancourt Group, McGarrell Reilly Group, Green Properties, Dublin City Council Arts Office, Dublin City Council Events Section, Fáilte Ireland and Waterways Ireland. The next meeting of the Grand Canal Sub-committee will be held on 16th November 2017.

Rathgar Village Improvement Plan (VIP)

The finalised Rathgar Village Improvement Plan (VIP) was approved at the January 2015 South East Area Committee. The Part 8 was approved at the meeting of the City Council on 9th January 2017. Implementation works will commence shortly with re-alignment of the bring centre by Waste Management Section. Consultation was carried out with three local primary schools in relation to providing a nature play area in the woodland area. Tenders have now been returned and initial tree works have commenced and works to play area will start in November 2017 on site.

Ranelagh Gardens Park

The Part 8 was approved by the City Council in July 2015. The playground has now been completed. Other elements of the Part 8, including bird garden, planting, works to pond edging and island will be carried out in November and December 2017.

Ringsend Irishtown Local Environment Improvement Plan (LEIP)

The Ringsend Irishtown Local Environment Improvement Plan was adopted at the June South East Area Committee. Work will begin on preparation of Part 8 planning application in relation to Library Square and Cambridge Road in 2018.

Terenure 2030

In 2016 six new lamp standards were provided in the village along with cycle parking and new litter bins. A further five new lamp standards have now been identified and Public Lighting Section has placed an order for same, to be installed in late 2017/early 2018.

Charlemont

Practical Completion of the new apartments, French Mullen House has been achieved ahead of schedule. Residents commenced moving on the 6th of November. A well attended community parade commemorating past and present tenants, bidding fair well to the old and looking forward to new beginnings was held on Friday 3rd. The Project Office continues to support the residents in this time of transition.

Crampton Buildings

The Law Agent has been instructed to complete the legal formalities for the acquisition of the courtyard by Dublin City Council and to complete the new lease between the landlord and Dublin City Council in relation to the residential element of Crampton Buildings; the redevelopment of which has been recently completed.

GB Shaw House.

1. Feasibility Study

At the request of City Librarian, City Architect's Division has carried out a feasibility study, including a preliminary schedule of works, into the adaption of the house as a residence for writers.

The study concludes that the proposed interventions and the reinstated use are appropriate to, and will enhance the Heritage significance of, the house as a Protected Structure.

The feasibility report sets out the necessary work, with a programme, to sensitively conserve, restore and alter the building for use as a dwelling suitable for medium term occupancy. The works will not have an adverse impact on the historical fabric of the building

1.1 Proposal Synopsis

It is proposed to provide the following accommodation in the existing 8 rooms:

- Living/Reception Room - Shared
- Kitchen (new installation) - Shared
- Bedroom - Writer 1
- Bedroom - Writer 2
- Writing Room/Study - Writer 1
- Writing Room/ Study - Writer 2
- Bathroom 1(new installation) - Shared
- Bathroom 2 (new installation) (option) - Shared/Visitors

This room arrangement enables the building layout to remain unaltered and for the historic circulation pattern to be reinstated, while providing the writer(s) in residence with suitable private spaces for working and living. The layout also provides for small scale gatherings for visitors at readings/workshops.

1.2 Conservation Principals

The works will adhere to the principals of 'repair rather than replace', minimum intervention' and 'reversibility of alterations' while also providing comfortable living conditions to a modern standard with high quality, robust materials. Interventions will be kept to the minimum necessary in order to preserve the original character. Selected rooms will be maintained as exemplar 'period pieces' with appropriate Victorian colour schemes and finishes.

1.3 Statutory Consents

Planning/Part 8 consent will be required due to the buildings Protected Structure status.

1.4 Timetable/Programme

Appointment/Part 8:

City Architects:

- Agree Brief
- Preparation of Part 8 Application Drawings incl. detailed Historical/Fabric analysis
- Carry out forensic inspection of existing fabric
- Planning Permission

Duration: 20 weeks

Tender Preparation:

- Appoint consultant ; Services Engineer
- Preparation of Tender Drawings and Specification incl. 2no. client body presentations

Duration: 6 weeks

On Site Works:

Contractor Duration: 10 weeks

Loose Furniture Installation

Duration 2 weeks

Total programme estimate: 32-38 weeks

1.5 Investigative /Consultant works

Investigative Works (e.g. Chimney CCTV Survey; Drainage CCTV Survey) and consultant advice (e.g. Fire Safety Audit; Services Engineer input, including BER Assessment) will be required before the tender stage commences.

2. Ownership

At the request of the City Librarian, the City Law Department undertook a review of the lease and a title search of the property. A full report on this will be available shortly.

Margaret Hayes

City Librarian

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Dublin City Sport and Wellbeing Partnership (DCSWP) Report

Men on the Move

This is a FREE physical activity programme aimed at adult men who have been inactive for a sustained period and want to get back to exercising and improving their fitness levels. It involves twice weekly exercise sessions made up of a combination of aerobic, strength & flexibility components.

The 12 week programme (finishes mid December) is currently running in St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Terenure Road East, on Tuesday evenings at 7pm and also in the Evergreen Centre, Terenure Road North, on Thursday evenings at 7pm. This programme is a joint initiative between the Health Services Executive (HSE) Health Promotion & Improvement Officer, David Phelan, and the local Dublin City Sport and Wellbeing Partnership (DCSWP) Sports Officer, Michelle Malone. For further details or to sign up please contact David on 222 7734 / 087 6525 001 or david.phelan6@mail.dcu.ie

Couch to 5K

There are a number of Couch to 5K programmes running in the South East Area during November. Two of these sessions will take place in Ringsend Park and Herbert Park respectively. The participants are local parents that will meet after dropping off their children to school. It is envisaged that they will continue on to participate in local Parkruns which operate every Saturday 9.30am.

A further programme has also commenced in Ranelagh. The runs are open to the general public and set off from Ranelagh Village. Again, it is envisaged that participants will progress to participate in their local Parkrun on an ongoing basis.

The programmes are a partnership between the DCSWP Sports Officer, local schools or organisations, Parkrun and Athletics Ireland.

GAGA (Getting All Girls Active)

This is a six week sports programme for teenage girls from local schools. The programme content will be decided in consultation with the girls in an attempt to optimise participation. Suggested activities may include fencing, boxing, fun games, rugby, basketball, biking etc. There will be a citywide promotion of the programme on 13th December which will involve social media activation.

Dance for Life

Dance classes for older adults take place at the Evergreen Centre in Terenure every Tuesday at 11am. Classes are €4 per session and a great way to meet new people and keep fit.

Forever Fit

Chair fit classes continue every Thursday morning at 10.30am in the Enterprise Centre, Terenure and every Monday evening at 7pm in Mount Drummond Court, Harold's Cross. Classes are aimed at older adults in the area and generally run for six weeks.

Two further Forever Fit programmes will operate each week in the Ringsend / Irishtown area. The programme involves a range of physical activities for older adults. Activities include Go for Life Games, Tai Chi etc.

The programmes are run as a partnership between the DCSWP Sports Officer and the active retirement groups.

After School Programme

An after-school sports programme will begin this month and continue into December with St. Patrick's National School. The programme will run on Thursday afternoons and will encourage pupils to get more active.

Thrive

Thrive is a programme geared towards engaging people with mental health difficulties. This can range from people who suffer with anxiety or depression right through to people who may have suffered an acquired brain injury and need assistance in re-integrating into their communities from a personal independence, social & general wellbeing viewpoint. The programme will link with participants from Headway Ireland and introduce Yoga over eight weeks so that participants can gain a basic understanding. Classes can contribute towards an improvement in the participant's mobility & range of motion and also help increase confidence levels.

Sports & Fitness Markievicz

Learn to Swim: Children's swimming lessons have re-commenced. Classes will take place each Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday at 3.15pm & 4.15pm. A Swimming Gala will be held on Wednesday, December 20th, from 3pm – 5pm for all the young people who participated in the swimming lessons.

Aquaphysical Classes: Sports & Fitness Markievicz proudly announce the roll out of these classes, the first fitness centre in Ireland to do so! Classes take place on Tuesday lunchtimes & Wednesday evenings. Please contact the centre directly for more details.

Pilates: New classes now taking place every Tuesday, Thursday & Friday. Please contact the centre directly for more details.

Football

Sprog Soccer: This initiative for 4 – 8 year olds takes place every Friday morning in Sports & Fitness Irishtown (currently 60 participants) and every Wednesday at 9.30am in YMCA Aungier Street (currently 80 participants).

Men's League: Ongoing every Monday & Wednesday evenings from 6pm to 8pm in Ringsend Park.

Football for All: This programme is aimed at young people with learning difficulties and/or physical disabilities and takes place in Irishtown Stadium on Fridays 5pm – 6pm. There are currently 15 participants.

Late Night Leagues: Ongoing every Friday evening in Irishtown Stadium from 6pm – 8pm for boys & girls aged 10 to 15 years. The programme runs on Friday nights as a means of reducing anti-social behaviour at this time. The finals event will also be held in Ringsend

Stadium in December which will be supported by the Gardaí, FAI and DCSWP Sports Officers.

Soccer Sisters: A 6-week intro programme for girls from various primary schools. Ongoing.

Rugby

Our DCSWP / Leinster Rugby Development Officer is continuing to deliver Primary & Secondary School Programmes in the South East Area. The Primary Programme consists of weekly tag rugby sessions and is aimed at 4th, 5th & 6th class pupils.

The Secondary Programmes (targeting both boys & girls schools) commence with tag sessions for TY students, eventually leading to full contact 7 or 10-a-side matches. This transition will occur once participants have familiarised themselves with the rules, skills & tackling technique etc... required to be able to play the game in a safe manner.

The annual Metro Blitz (Primary Schools) is scheduled to take place on Monday, November 20th at 10am in Irishtown Stadium (date to be confirmed). Over 400 school children from across the city will attend.

Rowing

Get Going... Get Rowing

This initiative, jointly supported by DCSWP, Sport Ireland, Healthy Ireland, Active School Flag & Trinity College, has been successfully rolled out for a number of years by Rowing Ireland's Leinster Women's Development Officer, Michelle Carpenter. This is a 4/6 week school's programme for girls (second level). Rowing Ireland provide rowing machines and a community coach to the schools.

A further Transition Year Programme gives students the opportunity to get on the first step of the coaching ladder and enables them to be involved in a youth leadership role, working in a fun and interactive environment with younger students and hence, bringing value to the school.

Olympic Values Education Programme (accompanies above programme)

Students will be taught values such as fair play, respect, dignity etc... through rowing. Get Going... Get Rowing will be the first programme in Ireland to roll this out. School's partaking in this include -

- *Presentation College, Terenure*
- *Our Lady's School, Templeogue Road, Terenure*
- *High School, Rathgar*

Boxing

The DCSWP / Irish Athletic Boxing Association (IABA) Boxing Development Officer for the area has now commenced the rollout of the 'Startbox Gold' programme in the following schools:

PRIMARY

- *St. Louis National School*
- *City Quay National School*
- *Star of the Sea Boys National School*
- *Scoil Chaitríona, Baggot Street*

TRANSITION YEAR

- *Marian College*
- *Good Counsel*

The Gold Sessions are exclusively for students who have shown a talent and enthusiasm for the sport throughout the Bronze & Silver phases. They will have the chance to train at the High Performance Gym in the National Stadium and then take part in the Showcase Finals in December.

Weekly fitness sessions are ongoing for a teenage girls group and a young men's group aged 18 - 25 years that currently engage with the local youth service. During the planning stages of the programme, participants decided that boxing would be the activity of choice. The facilities at St. Andrew's Resource Centre are used and participants are able to benefit from the expertise of the DCSWP / IABA Boxing Development Officer. The programme will run as a partnership between the DCSWP Sports Officer, St. Andrew's Resource Centre, local youth service and the IABA / DCSWP Boxing Development Officer. It is an aim of this programme that participants may progress to join 'the Ringer' Boxing Club, which was recently established.

The Boxing Development Officer is continuing to work with Roslyn Park College (for people with learning difficulties) and the Spellman Centre (for people with addiction issues) up until Christmas.

Cricket

Our Cricket Development Officer is liaising with DCSWP Sports Officers in the area to plan programmes for the coming months.

School coaching visits continue in Star of the Sea B.N.S. on Wednesdays and St. Matthew's National School, Sandymount, on Mondays.

Provincial cricket sessions continue on Friday nights from 5pm - 9.30pm in North County Cricket Club, where we have a number of players from the South East Area involved in these sessions. Players are between 10 and 18 years of age.

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