

**Area Manager's Report  
South Central Area Committee  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

## **CRUMLIN/KIMMAGE ELECTORAL AREA**

### **Crumlin Village Environmental Improvement Scheme**

Works to upgrade the public domain of the east side of Crumlin Village from the junction with Windmill Road to St. Agnes Park, i.e. between An Post Sorting Office and the Garda Station commenced on 5<sup>th</sup> March.

The works include:

- The replacement of the existing footpath with cobble lock and slabs similar to the west side of the road.
- The removal of the overhead electrical cables and replacement of existing lamp posts with posts similar to those that were installed on the opposite footpath in 2008.
- Provision of an automated pedestrian crossing at the Crumlin Village/Windmill Road junction.
- Provision of cycle lanes and bicycle stands.
- Additional tree planting.
- Revised car parking.

Works on the east side of the Village continue with excavation of the footpath and replacement of the watermain currently taking place. Paving and kerbing works are also continuing. Expected completion date is the end of October.

### **Stannaway Court, Senior Citizens Complex**

Works to enable installation of external insulation have now commenced. New gas boilers are currently being installed with an expected completion date of mid September. New gas lines will be installed and meters will be moved to the gable end of each block. Insulation of new hall doors is due to be completed by the end of November. External insulation works will commence firstly in block 1 and this block is due to be completed at the end of October. All works are due to be completed by the end of January.

### **CCTV in Benbulbin Road and Lissadel Road**

Funding from the Discretionary Funds 2018 has been set aside for the installation of CCTV in these areas. Under the new General Data Protection Regulations it is a requirement to carry out Privacy Impact Assessments (PIA) and consultation before such works are undertaken. We have now received a Garda report in relation to the anti-social behavior in Benbulbin Road area and this was submitted to the Data Protection Officer. The Data Protection Officer is satisfied, based on the contents of the report, that the installation of CCTV at this location is justified. We have delayed undertaking consultation with the local business's as our contractor is awaiting advice from Electrical Services on some issues which may impact on the location of the camera. Consultation with resident's representatives has already been completed.

Given the increased costs for the installation of the CCTV on Benbulbin Road, along with the substantial increase in workload in order to install CCTV and the proposed redevelopment of the Lissadel Road site, it may not be possible or appropriate to install CCTV at Lissadel Road this year.

### **WALK – Rafters Lane**

Work to remove the Japanese Knotweed has now been completed. Works are underway to divert drainage pipes on the site and construction works will commence once these diversion works are completed.

### **Raleigh Square, Tuath Housing**

As you are aware Tuath Housing are currently building 33 Senior Citizens units in Raleigh Square. 5 of these units will be 2 bed units and 28 will be 1 bed units. The construction of these units was due to be completed in November 2018 but due to unexpected delays the units are unlikely to be completed before the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2019.

## **South West Inner City Area Report**

### **St. Audeon's Park, High Street**

Works to enhance St. Audeon's Park by improving accessibility, permeability and circulation commenced in October 2017 with the park due to reopen in the autumn. The reconfigured western entrance will incorporate a play garden.

### **Bridgefoot Street Park**

Detailed design works are almost complete and it is expected that tender documents will be issued in July/August with construction works likely to commence shortly after the tendering process is complete.

### **Dolphins Barn**

Following agreement at the January Area Committee meeting a Part 8 Planning Application for a Public Realm Improvement Plan for Dolphins Barn was advertised on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June. The Plan will be available for inspection in the Civic Offices and in Eblana House from 4 weeks from that date.

### **High Street/Cornmarket**

Works to 'green' the central median at High Street commenced in May and will mirror the Nicholas Street project of 2016. The existing concrete is being removed and replaced with extensive planting including 16 new London Plane trees which are replacing 14 damaged and diseased trees. Works in High Street should be completed by the middle of July whilst similar planting in Cornmarket will take place later in the year.

### **St. Luke's Church**

The conservation of St. Luke's Church is complete with the building now being used as office accommodation. The City Council is creating a small urban park in the north graveyard (facing St. Luke's Avenue) and carrying out improvements to the south graveyard (access via Newmarket Square). Works to both graveyards commenced in June 2017 and are due to be completed shortly. It is planned that the park facing St. Luke's Avenue will operate with normal park opening hours whilst the south graveyard can be visited by appointment.

### **Islandbridge Court**

A contractor has appointed to install a hard surface MUGA (multi use games area) in Islandbridge Court. Work is due to commence this month and should be completed by the end of September/beginning of October.

The planned ADI 2018 “Keep The Liberties Litter Free” is in its early stages of planning and implementation. This is to reduce the amount and frequency of pedestrian littering and dumping in the area. GDPR compliance is delaying implementation. The Pilot Project is expected to commence shortly. Public Domain will allocate support and some discretionary funds to Park Terrace for the upcoming centenary celebrations with Community Development taking the Lead. Due to water conservation street cleaning has been restricted to hazardous spillages and environmental emergencies. Water conservation has also restricted graffiti removal. Overpainting and removal of offensive, political/racist graffiti is still permitted. The City Neighbourhoods judging for the SCA is complete and the winners will be notified. Presentations will take place on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> August Bulfin Court. The Traffic Signal Box entitled “Click of Mouse” is in progress on Marrowbone Lane. Weed Spraying has been completed in Sector 1 between St John’s Road West and Kilmainham/MountBrown.

### **Crumlin/Kimmage Area Report**

The Crumlin /Walkinstown Forum Family Fun Day on 24<sup>th</sup> June on Walkinstown Green was a great success and the Public Domain funded Dog Show was a big hit with the community. Other community groups are interested in hosting one in their area. Green dog walker packs were handed out to all entrants. The “Pet Parlour” sponsored the prizes. The winner was “Harvey” the boxer and “Buddy” the jorkey came second. Public Domain has been judging City Neighbourhoods in the area and many community groups visited are eager to work with DCC to reduce harm to the environment and provide alternative events for Halloween 2018.

### **Community Report**

The SWIC Community and Social Development Team continue to support new and existing community/residents groups who are actively engaged in their communities’.

The following projects and events will be happening in the Crumlin/Kimmage & SWIC Area throughout July and August 2018.

### **Local Community Development Committee Grant Applications**

Closing Date for the Dublin City Community Enhancement Programme 2018 July 30<sup>th</sup>. Applications from local community and voluntary groups, not-for-profit organisations will be considered.

### **Comhairle Na Nog**

Dublin City Comhairle has launched their “Unseen Behind The Screen” poster campaign online as part of their working topic on Youth Mental Health & Well Being.

The campaign will include 4 different posters

This link <http://www.dublincity.ie/comhairleunseen> goes with the poster when sharing on social media Facebook & Twitter it explains the campaign and shares a listing of the supports services for young people who may need them. The campaign will feature on some of the Metropanels throughout the city and will be active from the 15th July - 11th August 2018.

### **Summer Projects 2018**

21 voluntary and non voluntary summer projects will take place in the Liberties, Crumlin / Kimmage area during the months of July and August.

### **Birds of Ireland Workshop**

The Community & Social Development team in conjunction with the Crumlin Senior Citizens Club will host a Birds of Ireland workshop in Clogher Road Sport Centre on Thursday 26th July at 2 pm.

### **The Secrets of Historic Dublin Pubs Talk**

Stannaway Court Committee will host a talk by Cathy Scuffil, Historian In residence on the Secrets of Historic Dublin Pubs on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2018 at 2.30pm Stannaway Court Community Room, Kimmage, Dublin 12.

### **Crumlin Village Clean up's**

The next Crumlin village clean up's will take place on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2018 and Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> August from 6p.m. to 7.30p.m..

### **Health Fair 2018**

Crumlin Walkinstown Local Forum annual Health Fair will take place on 6h September at 10a.m. in St Agnes Parish Hall, Crumlin Village.

### **History group**

Dublin City Council Community and Social Development team are continuing to meet with and support the development of the Crumlin Walkinstown Local Forum History sub group. Members of the group took part in a tour of Dublin City Council Archives in Pearce Street Library on Tuesday 10th July and following a review of the tour at their monthly meeting the group have agreed to host a photograph exhibition in September, further information to follow.

### **Dog Show and Family Fun Day**

The Community Development team were delighted to support once again the Crumlin Walkinstown Community Forum on the hosting of their Annual Fun Day on Walkinstown Green, this was the first time the event took place in this location.

The sun shone from early morning as preparations got underway for this wonderful event which kicked off on the day with the first Dublin City Council sponsored Dog Show for the South Central Area, this was a collaborated event organised by the Community Development Section, Public Domain Team and the community Forum which also had an element of friendly competition and a focus on education and caring for pets and the responsibility of owners when it comes to dog fouling.

Dublin City Council Community and Social Development continue to support the Crumlin Walkinstown Forum in their activities.

### **Celebration Time in the Liberties**

Dublin City Council Community and Social Development section in conjunction with the local residents from Park Terrace, Ash Street and SpittalFields St. Catherines Street and Hanover Street have come together to organise a number of events to celebrate the 100th year's since the houses were built. In the coming weeks, banners and bunting will be erected. The residents with the support of the local Community Development team are planning events/activities in celebration of the areas 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. A number of street parties, local history talks and musical events will be organised. In addition to this there will also be a small parade through the Liberties with residents dressed in period costumes.

### **Liberties Outing to Strokestown House and Famine Museum**

In the coming weeks the SWIC Community Development team will be organising a number of coach tours to places of historical & horticultural interest as part of the South Central Age friendly Initiative programme. The first of these outings will take place on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July. Residents from the Rialto and Liberties area will travel to Strokestown House and Famine Museum in Co. Roscommon. The Famine Museum houses one of the biggest collections of Irish Famine History material in the country and 'Strokestown House' itself is one of the finest examples of a house dating back to that period with most of the original features intact including: fabrics, textiles wall coverings, and furnishings. Next year in Ireland on the 18<sup>th</sup>

May we will mark the first ever National Famine Day commemoration. No doubt The Famine Museum will become a very popular place to visit.

### **Weaver Square – Skate Park.**

Young people and skate park users have been meeting and working on a piece of art work which will enhance the skate area of the Weaver Park Skate Park. The art work will be completed by the end of the July. This project is funded under the 2018 Discretionary Fund.

### **“The Swifts of St. James”**

A presentation on “The Swifts of St James’s” will take place on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> July at the MISA Centre (St James’s Hospital) at 6pm. This promises to be a fascinating talk by one of Irelands leading ornithologists Mr. Eric Dempsey see attached flyer for details.

### **Dublin City Neighbourhood Competition/National Tidy Towns 2018**

The Judging is over, and announcements of the winners will be announced at an award ceremony to be held in August Good Luck to all entrants.

## **BALLYFERMOT/DRIMNAGH ELECTORAL AREA**

### **Cherry Orchard**

The Co-Op Housing Development of 72 three bed units will be ready for letting shortly. Letters of offers have been issued to the first group of applicants and interviews and tenancy training are continuing with the remaining nominations and are expected to be completed by the end of July. All 72 prospective tenants should be in receipt of their letters of offers by early August and be in a position to sign their tenancies. This housing development will have an impact on our waiting lists for Area J as these names are removed once they sign for their tenancies and the Area office can focus on the remaining applicants for other void properties.

The Rapid Build development of 53 2/3 bedroom units in Elmdale is progressing well and still on schedule for completion in November 2018. Expressions of interest for both developments are being collated in Ballyfermot Area office. Furthermore, it is intended to build a further nineteen units adjacent to the current site which will be a mixture of two bed and three bed units and three units which will be completely wheelchair accessible. A meeting will be held immediately with the residents of Elmdale to discuss this new development and seek their views and comments.

Work is progressing well with several environment improvements which are planned in conjunction with the community, with additional tree planting and estate improvements in Barneville and Croftwood Gardens through the discretionary fund. Residents in Croftwood Gardens have requested planters to replace the barrier. This work will commence when we are satisfied that the planters are of sufficient strength to withstand ramming but it requires further investigation at this stage. It is intended to plant miniature trees in the grass areas in front of each house in addition to street cleaning and small painting works. Regarding Barneville, the residents were invited to partake in a community clean up which was very successful with skips being provided free of charge by Thornton’s. Further work involves engaging with the community around planting, provision of play equipment; clean up of the common areas and installing a marker to indicate the estate of Barneville at the entrance.

### **Parks**

Discussions continue with Parks Section to agree improvement works through funding from the discretionary fund for the civic centre park, Spiddal Park and California Hills Park. A further meeting with residents regarding California Hills Park was held on 14<sup>th</sup> June to



discuss progress and improvement works are well underway. To date, the gate at Rossmore Road has been replaced with a 'deadmans gate' which prevents access to the park by horses. There have been no reports of horses in the park for many months. Also, the fence on Kylemore Road is being extended to prevent access by scrambler bikes and will be fitted shortly. Two unused paths have been removed and depressions have been filled and some of the remaining paths which require tarmac will be completed by the end of the year. Shrubbery will be thinned in Sept/Oct for greater visibility and safety and the main stone at the entrance will be cleaned and the lettering repainted. In addition, CCTV has been installed by Waste Management to monitor dumping on Rossmore Road. On request by the residents, timber beams and top soil has been provided by Parks to facilitate a small garden which the residents intend to plant.

### **CCTV**

All CCTV installations and upgrades in the Ballyfermot Area have now been completed and all are functioning well. They also comply with the new Data protection legislation.

### **Chapelizod**

At a meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> June with the steering group for Chapelizod, the Deputy CEO for Housing & Community Services outlined the plans for the Springvale site. While the numbers haven't been finalised, the development will facilitate approx. 85 units and will be 5 storey max. in height. The figures for the breakdown of units will be 30% one bed units, 40% 2 bed and 30% 3 bed units. The Scouts will be accommodated on site with the premises integrated into the design. The premises will also be for wider community use. Car parking will be surface car parking with one space allocated per unit. It is estimated that the development will accommodate approx. 200 people which will increase the population of Chapelizod by 8-10%. It is proposed to have a design proposal in 6-8 weeks and to lodge a Part 8 application in 3-4 months time. Construction would commence on site next spring 2019. It is proposed to accommodate the current allotment holders at Liffey Vale. It was agreed that a social impact study be carried out to establish the needs of the community and that a small group would be set up to liaise with Architect/Consultant Architect regarding the design of the scheme.

The Tidy Drimnagh Festival was a huge success and all the community participation and hard work was evident in the high standard of City Neighbourhood entries. Public Domain hope to organize a Dog Show in Drimnagh at a later date as there was no availability for the festival day. The Traffic Signal Box at Goldenbridge is complete with artwork entitled "Drimnagh Swim" Dublin Canvas post regularly to facebook with updates. A survey of the Walkinstown Area to identify graffiti and other public domain issues has commenced. The programme will be rolled subject to water conservation restrictions. Requests for CCTV in illegal dumping blackspots have been delayed due to GDPR compliance issues.

### **Community Report**

#### **Chapelizod Summer Festival**

July saw the hosting of the DCC supported Chapelizod Summer Festival programme of events. This year's event was the biggest and most successful yet starting with a major street party, followed by multiple events for all ages and culminating in an open air film night.

#### **History Talks in Chapelizod/Ballyfermot**

Cathy Scuffil, DCC historian in residence for the South Central Area was also involved in the Chapelizod Festival and gave a wonderful and very well attended talk in St. Laurence's Church on the impact of the 1916 Rising on the Chapelizod/Islandbridge area. Also of note are Cathy's upcoming series of talks in local senior citizens complexes on the *Secret History of Dublin's Placenames*.

### **Junior World Cup /Road League tournament**

As part of Ballyfermot's ongoing 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations, a Junior World Cup /Road League tournament is being organised by the Council in conjunction with Ballyfermot United and the F.A.I. The tournament is being staged in Le Fanu Park on 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> July.

### **Pride of Place**

Ballyfermot's entry in the 2018 Pride of Place competition is gathering momentum as we near the competition's judging stage and preparations are well advanced for the local Dublin City Council supported Inagh Road Street party, with all proceeds being donated to the Laura Lynn Hospice.

### **Bluebell space at the rear of Maisonettes**

The fencing has been replaced and DCC Community Development will host another on-site public consultation with residents of the maisonettes on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July at 4pm. The meeting will be an opportunity to discuss the design of the space for all to enjoy.

### **La Touche Court Communal Room**

Now that the room has been painted, cleaned and fitted with new blinds. Anne Kearney Manager of Older Persons Services with the HSE is working with DCC community development to engage a chiropodist to occupy the small space at the end of the room for the benefit of all older people.

### **Walkinstown Family Fun Day and Drimnagh Festival**

The Family Fun Day and Festival that was supported by the DCC community development team was a huge success with over 2,000 local residents attending both events.

### **Bluebell**

Works to install a new 4g full size floodlit all-weather pitch to replace the grass pitch adjacent to the Youth and Community Centre are due to commence this month. It is expected that the installation will be completed and the pitch available for use by the beginning of November.

Work has commenced on the Tallaght to Inchicore cable project which includes:

- The demolition of the former ABC Hall
- Provision of approximately 36 community allotments
- Construction of a pathway/cycle way linking Bluebell Avenue and the Canal cycle Path

### **Kilmainham Inchicore Network**

#### **Inchicore Shopfront Improvement Scheme 2018**

12 applications received; 6 grants allocated to date (€13k total), 6 applicants - request for further information.

#### **Derelict Premises Inchicore Village**

Letters have been sent to owners of derelict buildings in Inchicore Village; request for derelict site registration of some premises being sought.

#### **Temporary markings of 7 aside pitches on SME site**

Discussions ongoing with collaboration between DCC, ICFE, FAI on marking and use of 2\* 7 aside pitches on SME site for the summer months.

### **A Sense of Place Talks –Kilmainham / Inchicore**

A Summer Series of 5 talks took place over Four Tuesdays in June and July 2018. This was a collaboration between KIN, DCC and the OPW.

Cathy Scuffil – 12<sup>th</sup> June “ SCR South Dublin Union to Islandbridge”

Vincent Hourican 19<sup>th</sup> June, “Community Policing – A Personal Perspective”

Liam O Meara 26<sup>th</sup> June “Who Remembers Keogh Square?”

Maeve Casserly 3<sup>rd</sup> July “Relics of war – the complex history of Irish War Memorial Gardens”.

There was between 15 and 55 people in attendance at these talks. An Autumn/Winter 2018 Series will be organized.

### **Liffey Siphons Upgrade Works (Irish Water) at Turvey and Devoy Rd**

The work at Devoy Road will begin Friday 31st August 2018 and continue until Monday 3rd May 2019 (172 days)

(The works at Turvey Avenue will begin Wednesday 18th July 2018 and continue until Friday 30th November 2018 (97 days).

Kilmainham Inchicore Network and Public Domain are working together to deliver jointly a number of improvements in the area. Painting and minor public realm/environmental enhancements are being considered along Vincent St. West and the village areas of Inchicore. A substantial amount of graffiti has been removed from Emmet Road, Tyrconnell Road, along the Canal and James Walk.

### **The City Neighbourhoods South Central Awards**

The City Neighbourhoods South Central Awards will be hosted by Bulfin Court on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2018 TBC. Kilmainham Inchicore community groups are well represented. This has a very positive impact on local communities and the environment. The new category for Team Dublin clean-up seeks to acknowledge the unsung heroes who commit to cleaning up their local area on a daily basis.



### **14 Henrietta Street : Georgian townhouse to Tenement dwelling**

Henrietta Street is the most intact collection of early to mid-18th century houses in Ireland. From aristocratic beginnings to tenement living, 14 Henrietta Street tells the story of the lives of the people who lived there, and how social change impacted on them over time. Built as a townhouse for the elite of Dublin in the 1740s, the house was split into tenements in the 1880s as the need for housing for poor working class families in Dublin grew. It remained a tenement house until the last families left in the late 1970s.

14 Henrietta Street is now a museum which will officially open in September. **Ahead of that, Dublin City Council Culture Company is inviting city council staff & councilors to a pre-launch guided tour (one free ticket) on Fridays and Saturdays in July and August between 10am and 4pm.**

Tour guides accompany you through three floors of the house and its many stories, told through the walls of the house itself, recreated immersive rooms, sound and film.

Pre-booking is required at <https://14henriettastreet.ie> using your @[dublincity.ie](mailto:dublincity.ie) email address, quoting the special booking code DCC14HEN.

And please

### **SAVE THE DATE - 14 Henrietta Street Official Opening Event**

Lord Mayor Nial Ring and Minister for Culture, Heritage & the Gaeltacht Josepha Madigan TD will officially open 14 Henrietta Street at an event 10.30am on Friday 14 September 2018. Please save the date in your diary.

The museum is officially open from 15 September 2018

Wednesday - Saturday 10am - 4pm

Sunday 12noon - 4pm

€9.00 adult; €6.00 concession (OAP, student, child aged 5-18)

€20.00 family (up to 2 adult and 3 children)

Tickets from [www.14henriettastreet.ie](http://www.14henriettastreet.ie)

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# The Swifts of St James's

*Apus Apus - The Common Swift*

A presentation by Eric Dempsey  
Thursday 26th July 6.00pm  
At the MISA Centre  
(St. James's Hospital)



The common swift is very much a part of the biodiversity  
and heritage of St James's Hospital.

Come along to this fascinating talk by one of Ireland's leading  
ornithologists and hear some amazing facts about these  
incredible birds.

This is a joint collaboration between  
The MISA Centre (St. James's Hospital),  
Dublin City Council  
and the Dublin Swift Conservation Group.

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