



***Dublin City Council
Ballyfermot***

Joint Policing Committee

Monday

26th November 2018.

Overview of Crime Statistics - Ballyfermot

**Report of Ballyfermot sub district to
Ballyfermot Policing Forum to be held on
Monday the 26th November 2018.**

Crime Statistics

Ballyfermot		2017	2018	% Change
Burglary		75	84	+12%
Robbery				
	Robbery from the person	16	7	-56%
	Robbery from Establishment	9	10	+11%
Theft				
	Theft from Person	15	18	+86%
	Theft from MPV	87	40	-54%
	Theft from Shop	100	103	+3%
	Theft (Other)	137	78	-43%
Public Order		143	137	-4%

Crime Prevention Strategies in place

- **Operation Thor – Patrols/checkpoints continue to operate, with surveillance and searches carried out during each tour of duty with emphasis on high volume crime and criminal targets.**

- **High Visibility Policing – Beats / Patrols to target anti-social behaviour, with extra Public Order Patrols at peak times.**
- **Operation Hybrid – checkpoints and associated patrolling to target Serious Crime, Burglaries and associated crime. This patrol is carried out in response to emerging crime trends.**
- **Operation Irene – patrolling to target Anti-Social Behaviour in Parks and Public Areas in Summer time.**
- **Regular inspections of licensed premises remain a priority to target underage consumption of alcohol and the illegal sale of alcohol to minors.**
- **As part of “Operation Irene”, the Community Policing Unit have carried out test Purchasing Operations in the Ballyfermot sub district between July and August.**
- **There have been 130 Juvenile referrals to date this year.**

Community Policing Unit – Ballyfermot – comprises of 1 Sgt and 5 Gardai and the unit have 5 pedal cycles that are in regular use.

There has been a loss of one member from the unit recently due to promotion.

The following are some of the initiatives that they are involved in:-

Operation Thor

Within 24 hours of a burglary occurring the Community Policing Unit are tasked with:-

- **Visiting the property burgled and giving security advice to the injured party and surrounding houses.**
- **Personal call back to victims of crime.**
- **Crime Prevention Advice given to residents.**

5 New Probationer Gardai have also been assigned to Ballyfermot since August 2018.

3 newly promoted Sergeants were assigned to Ballyfermot on 16th October 2018.

Community Engagement:

- (a) Crime Prevention talks are available by the Crime Prevention Officer at the Local Fora meetings**
- (b) Talks at Residents Groups meetings and Old Folks Clubs on Crime Prevention**
- (c) High visibility Crime Prevention patrols**
- (d) Monitoring of known offenders**
- (e) Objections to Bail for persistent offenders**
- (f) Case Management of Juvenile Offenders**
- (g) Monitoring and mapping of incidents so as to target available resources at problems areas**
- (h) Community Police visit all elderly victims of burglary and offer advice and recommend security precautions**

Garda Youth Diversion Projects

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There are 3 projects in Ballyfermot,

- **A.B.L.E.** (About Ballyfermot Learning & Enjoyment), 1 project worker funded by the Dept. of Justice primarily working in Lower & Middle Ballyfermot areas.
- **C.O.D.Y.** (Cherry Orchard Developing Youth), 2 project workers funded by Dept. of Justice, mainly working in the Cherry Orchard area. These project workers are integrated within the Youth service that operates from the Equine Centre in Cherry Orchard.
- **W.H.A.D.** (We have a dream) Funded by the Dept. of Justice and run in conjunction with the probation services. Based in the Cherry Orchard Equine Centre.

There other ancillary Youth Projects operating in the Local Parish areas with dedicated Youth workers allocated to each of these projects. For example, B.S.I.I. (Ballyfermot Social Intervention Initiative) in Cherry Orchard.

The **Garda Schools Programme** is continuing with Gardaí visiting schools to offer advice on the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse, road safety awareness and personal safety.

The main partnerships in Ballyfermot Sub District supporting Garda initiatives:

- Local Drugs Task Force
- Business Watch Scheme (2)
- Hospital Watch Scheme in Cherry Orchard Hospital

There are CCTV cameras at 20 locations in the Ballyfermot, Palmerstown and Cherry Orchard areas being monitored at Ballyfermot Garda Station. This system is an extremely valuable resource to crime prevention and detection in the areas mentioned. An Garda Síochána work closely with Dublin City Council to manage some of these cameras.

Feedback is being provided to victims of crime on the progress of investigations. There are a number of family liaison officers trained to deal with family and relatives of victims of serious crime.

Garda action on issues arising from last meeting

ISSUE	GARDA ACTION
Drug Dealing / Public Order issues in Le Fanu Park	<p>The district drugs unit are continuing to monitor the Lawns in relation to drug dealing activity. The Community Police continue to patrol the park on Mountain Bike when they are working.</p> <p>Inspector Andy Tuite has met again with Clara Geaney Coordinator of Ballyfermot Local Drug and Alcohol Task Force with the intention of developing a plan to co-ordinate a community response to this problem. The intention is to engage persons who are drinking in this vicinity with the Ballyfermot Advance (Alcoholism) Project, based in Le Fanu House.</p>
Youths hanging around shops at Ballyfermot Road	<p>Members from the Community Police office have visited Local Schools spoke to students in relation to anti-social behaviour and</p>

	<p>its consequences for the community. These talks are part of the school programme talks and TAG (Teenagers and Gardai). The problem appears to get worse when the schools are on holidays and it is being monitored closely.</p> <p>Policing Operation targeting this area has commenced. This includes The Sports Complex at Gurteen and Fr. Lemass.</p>
<p>Large groups gathering in the Decies Road Area.</p>	<p>The numbers of patrols have been increased. In this area. There are a number of ongoing policing initiatives designed to target the offenders. Operation Irene has increased the presence of Gardaí, in particular the use of the Garda Patrol bicycles.</p>
<p>Public Order issues California Hills, Rossmore Road Area</p>	<p>Community Policing Unit at Ballyfermot along with regular units are targeting this area. Regular patrols are carried out. There are a number of ongoing policing initiatives designed to target the offenders</p>

All new Sergeants in Ballyfermot have been fully briefed in relation to the ongoing headline issues mentioned above and we are confident that we will now have a greater supervisory presence on the street.

END OF PRESENTATION

THANK YOU.