

**The Chairman and Members of  
North West Area Committee.**

**Meeting: 15<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

**Item No: 17**

**PUBLIC DOMAIN REPORT**

Ballymun Community Against Litter

World Clean Up Day took place on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September. The Public Domain Team concentrated on the Ballymun Area to highlight the ongoing issues with litter in the area and to engage with as many people as possible from the Community. There were approximately 60 volunteers on the day. This followed on from the Ballymun Community Against Litter meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> September where again approximately 60 persons contributed to the meeting. The Public Domain Staff gave an update on operations and works that have been put in place to date. Arrangements have been made with the schools in relation to programmes which are due to commence after mid-term.

Subsequent meetings have taken place with BRYR to engage with more young people in the area.



### Amnesty Days

Amnesty Day for Finglas South took place on Sunday the 29<sup>th</sup> September. Estates covered were Kippure, Berryfield, Valeview and Barnamore. The smaller scale of the event and the late notice to the community made operations on the day run smoothly with no Health and Safety concerns. Thirty five tonnes were removed on the day. As the volume was not as large as previous events we re-directed the grab trucks to alternative locations to remove any large items of dumped material from laneways etc. This operation can only be carried out through co-operation with other departments and availability of the plant and staff.

249 Tonnes of household junk removed through the Amnesty Days to date.

*Disposal Costs: €47,472*

*Plant Hire: €26,346*

*Staff Costs: Approximately €48,000 (awaiting charge details from other departments)*

Total spend to date on Amnesty Days is €121,818 (including staff costs).

There has been a noticeable drop in the areas with regard to the dumping of larger household items such as beds, sofas etc. The Public Domain Team will be monitoring the levels of larger material in particular for the Halloween period.

### Halloween

Multi Departmental meetings have taken place over the last number of weeks to co-ordinate the pre-and post Halloween plans for the removal of bonfire material. Housing, Waste Management, Public Domain, Waste Enforcement and Parks Department are part of the multi departmental team. All Departments will be prioritising the removal of stockpiling for the week of Halloween.

Please report all stockpiling to [nwa.publicdomain@dublincity.ie](mailto:nwa.publicdomain@dublincity.ie)

### Probation Services

Probation services have been working alongside Public Domain and completed the following projects:

*Weeding on Glasaree Road  
Clean up of Barry Shops Area  
Clean Up and Weeding on Wellmount Road  
Weeding along the path at Griffith Road.  
Plunkett Avenue, Litter Pick and Weeding  
Cairn Court, Litter Pick and Weeding  
Sandyhill Gardens, Litter Pick and Weeding  
Ballymun Leisure Centre, Weeding  
Gateway, Litter Pick and Weeding.*

### Tidy Towns

Both Ballymun and Finglas Tidy Towns groups had reason to celebrate when the Tidy Towns results were released on 30<sup>th</sup> September. Both groups increased their scores from last year and came **second** in their relevant categories.

#### Category D

Cabinteely	331
<b>Finglas</b>	<b>297</b>
Temple Bar	294
Newcastle	290
Howth	287
Goatstown	218
Rathcoole	216

#### Category G

Malahide	327
<b>Ballymun</b>	<b>297</b>
Balbriggan	296
Phibsborough	280
Castleknock	230
Ballsbridge	214
Cabra	204

The above gives an indication of the calibre of the Dublin groups that were in the categories and makes the 2<sup>nd</sup> places in their respective categories very notable achievement.

**Picker Pals**

Picker Pals is a new initiative for local schools to highlight the importance of litter in Primary Schools. The Public Domain Team have nominated four schools in the NWA to take part. Two schools in Ballymun and two school in Finglas will take part.

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