

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

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

Report of the Director of Services, South City

Housing Projects and Local Area Improvements

Grove Road CCTV

The installation of the CCTV is almost completed. We are awaiting permission from An Garda Síochána to install an aerial on the mast at Crumlin Garda Station which will allow direct transmission of CCTV footage from Grove Road flats to Crumlin Area Office.

Armagh Road Senior Citizens complex (FOLD VHA)

The first 16 units are almost ready to let. FOLD VHA have completed interviewing nominees for this units and offers have been made. We are advised that the units should be ready for occupation in early December.

Raleigh Square Senior Citizens Complex (Tuath VHA)

There is a further delay with works and it is now unlikely any of the 33 units will be ready for occupation before early 2020.

Rafters Lane Senior Citizens Complex (WALK/Circle VHA)

Snagging works are completed and interviewing of nominees are ongoing. It is anticipated that the units will be allocated the week beginning 2nd December. The complex will now be managed by Circle VHA rather than WALK VHA.

Mount Argus

13 General Needs units will be completed before the end of the year. These comprise of 4 x 1 beds, 8 x 2 beds and 1 x 3 beds. No decision has been made yet on whether these units will be managed by DCC or a VHA.

Sundrive Mews, (Cluid VHA)

Cluid VHA have acquired 9 newly built units at Sundrive Mews, off Sundrive Road. There are 3 x 3 storey duplexes (comprising 3 x 2 bed apartments and 3 x 1 bed ground floor apartments) and 3 x 2 bed townhouses. The units are complete and interviews are currently being carried out by Cluid VHA.

Stannaway Court

The insulation and upgrading works have now been completed. The complex is currently being painted.

Grand Canal Sub Group

The latest meeting of the Grand Canal Sub-committee was held on 29th October 2019. A letter was sent to Waterways Ireland (WI) on 12th September on foot of a motion from South East Area Committee seeking a meeting to propose a new format for interaction with Dublin City Council. Reply was received on 15th October 2019 from John McDonough, Acting Chief Executive. A further motion was brought before the November South East Area Committee. It was agreed to seek a meeting with John McKeown, Eastern Regional Office, WI, to discuss

ongoing management and maintenance of the canals in the city and to agree a new structure for interaction between Waterways Ireland and Dublin City Council. This meeting has been arranged for 11am on Thursday 16th January 2020 at the Waterways Ireland Interpretative Centre at Grand Canal Dock.

Portobello Harbour Square

An initial meeting was held with City Architects Department on 17th October to examine an outline brief for the proposed redesign of Portobello Harbour Square, bearing in mind the new hotel development on the site which has recently commenced. It was agreed that timeline for hotel completion should be established and redesign process for the public realm to follow soon after. Contact has been made with architects for the developer and works to develop the hotel will run from Feb 2020 to Aug 2021. In the meantime various small scale improvements will be introduced to improve the public realm.

Rathgar Village Improvement Plan (VIP)

The redesign of Herzog Park is the final element of the Rathgar VIP to be undertaken. The Nature Play Area was officially opened by the Lord Mayor on 13th September 2018. Works to construct the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) on the site of the bowling green are now complete and park landscaping has been carried out. The MUGA is rostered for use by local schools and will then be offered to other groups in the area. Works to re-align the bring centre are complete and it reopened to the public in mid-August 2019. The redrawing of the park boundary and its treatment along with the re-alignment of the car park area is the final phase of the Herzog Park project. Roads Construction and Design have costed the car park works now and it is proposed to seek to carry out these works in early 2020, subject to funding being available.

Ranelagh Gardens Park

The installation of new park benches has now been completed. Works to light / enhance the main entrance archway will be considered for 2020, subject to funding.

Ringsend Irishtown Local Environment Improvement Plan (LEIP)

The Ringsend Irishtown Local Environment Improvement Plan (LEIP) was adopted at the June 2017 South East Area Committee meeting. It is now proposed to prepare planning applications under Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, for the redesign of (1) Library Square and (2) Cambridge Road.

Library Square: (Mitchell & Associates) Meetings with internal stakeholders were held during September and October 2018. A meeting was held with local businesses to discuss parking / loading arrangements on 5th December 2018. A presentation was made to area councillors on 13th February 2019 and a preliminary draft design was brought to a public meeting for all stakeholders on Thursday 21st March 2019 at 7pm in the Ringsend Irishtown Community Centre (RICC). Following a period of consultation up to 19th April 2019, submissions were received and have been reviewed by the project team. A revised design was brought before the Public Realm Working Group on 22nd October 2019. Following further consultation with internal departments, Councillors will be briefed prior to holding a second public information meeting and commencing Part 8 process.

Cambridge Road: (Redscape Architects) An initial public workshop in relation to Cambridge Road was held on Thursday 30th August 2018 in the RICC on Thorncastle Street. Meetings with internal stakeholders took place in September and October and designs were drafted based on consultations which were brought to a second public workshop/meeting on 28th November 2018. Further information is required in relation to road design and drainage requirements for the proposal and it is planned to hold a further series of meetings with internal stakeholders before proceeding with the Part 8 planning application. Further discussions have recently taken place with the Road Design & Construction, E & T Department, and they have

confirmed that will take on the completion of the Cambridge Road project to Part 8 during the first half of 2020.

Cabbage Patch

After a successful Halloween Event in the Cabbage Patch, we are hoping to have funding available next year to allow us to commence the refurbishment of the football pitch.

Peter's Place

We are considering a proposal to complete minor works at Peter's Place to deal with anti-social behaviour. This involves removing a fence, securing an old stone structure and some landscaping works at this location.

Bedford Lane / Fleet Street

The Temple Bar Co. is awaiting planning permission to replace the mural on the ESB Building in Bedford Lane / Fleet Street

Markievicz House

Works are progressing in Markievicz House. Due to heavy rain over the last number of weeks the works are now behind schedule. The Area Housing office are in constant contact with the residents.

Harold's Cross Age Friendly Village

The Harold's Cross Age Friendly Draft Plan is now at an advanced stage. Following inputs from a focus group of older residents from the area, as well as the six Kimmage - Rathmines Local Electoral Area (LEA) Councillors and the Harold's Cross Village Community Council, a focussed document will be produced.

The draft plan is now being reviewed by the Harold's Cross Village Community Council, our co-partners in the project following an article about the project being placed in the Harold's Cross Express Christmas edition. It is envisaged the plan will be finalised early next year. In order to ensure progression of the plan, an implementation team should be formed to ensure focus, drive and ongoing support for the actions. While the main recommendations contained within the Plan will be of paramount importance in delivering an 'Age Friendly' Village, the team will acknowledge that the plan itself may be seen as start point for other 'Age Friendly' related projects benefitting the community. Any proposals will require costings and no budget provisions have been considered to date.

The Harold's Cross 'Age Friendly' Village Implementation Team will operate for a period of not less than twelve and not more than thirty months. The team may be formed of two local residents, a designated member of the Harold's Cross Village Council, local public representatives, an official of the HSE and members of Dublin City Council including the Age Friendly Programme Manager, the Area Community Officer and Area Manager for the Kimmage – Rathmines LEA. The implementation team will decide on policies and procedures for all aspects of delivery of the plan and will meet no fewer than six times per year. The team will be free to invite specialised assistance, as required to join the group on an 'ad hoc' basis where this is necessary to deliver aspects of the plan or other agreed initiatives. It is proposed that this committee will be chaired by the Area Manager.

Community Development

Sunday, 1st December at 1pm – Ringsend Christmas Event at Ringsend & Irishtown Community Centre

Sunday, 1st December at 3pm – Ranelagh Active Retirement

Association Christmas Party at Beechwood Community Centre

Sunday, 1st December at 4pm – Donnybrook Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at Donnybrook Plaza

Sunday, 1st December at 4pm – Beggars Bush Christmas Event outside the Credit Union, Bath Avenue

Wednesday, 4th December at 2.30pm – Una Celebración de Navidad at Charlemont Court

Wednesday, 4th December at 5pm – Crumlin Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at St. Agnes Parish Church

Thursday, 5th December at 7pm – Rathgar Village Christmas Celebrations at Christchurch Rathgar

Friday, 6th December at 11.30am – Cóisir na Nollag at Charlemont Court

Friday, 6th December at 2.30pm – Un Petit de Reunion de Noel at Charlemont Court

Saturday, 7th December at 2pm – Salvadoran Latin American Christmas Event at Archbishop Byrne Hall

Saturday, 7th December from 11 – 4pm – ‘Healing Day’ at Stannaway Court Older Persons Complex

Sunday, 8th December at 2pm – Mount Argus Senior Citizens Party at the Mount Argus Centre

Sunday, 8th December at 12pm – Santa in his Santamobile
Visit to Rostrevor House Family Hub, Rathgar

Sunday, 8th December at 1pm – Portobello Christmas Market at St. Kevin’s Hall, Bloomfield Avenue

Tuesday, 10th December at 2pm – Golden Wonders Christmas Party with live music from Past Times at the Carmelite Community Centre

Friday, 13th December at 8pm – Beech Hill Christmas Party at Beech Hill Court Community Room

Friday, 13th December at 2pm – Terenure Christmas Tea Dance at the Evergreen Club, Terenure.

Tuesday, 17th December at 2.30pm – Verschoyle Court Christmas Party with live music from Past Times at Verschoyle Court

Tuesday 17th December at 7.30pm – Garda Síochána Christmas Party for Older Persons at McGowan’s Pub, Harold’s Cross

St. Stephen’s Day Thursday, 26th December at 12 noon – Wren Day at Sandymount Village

Weekly Activities:

- Every Monday from 11am-1.30pm – **Verschoyle Pottery Club** at Verschoyle Court Community Room.
- Every Monday from 2-4.30pm – **Verschoyle Art Group** at Verschoyle Court Community Room.
- Every Monday from 2-4pm – **Rathmines Art Group** at Maxwell Court Community Room.
- 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 from 11.30am-12.30pm – **Chair Yoga** at Beech Hill Court, Donnybrook.
- Every Wednesday at 2pm – **Let’s Walk & Talk in Spanish** walking group, meeting at Kildare Place, Kildare Street.
- Every Wednesday at 2.30pm – **Knitting Circle** at Verschoyle Court Community Room.
- Every Thursday at 10am – **Parent & Toddlers Group** at the Evergreen Centre, Terenure.
- Every Thursday at 12pm - **Autism Support Group Event** at the Hope Centre.
- Every Thursday at 2pm – **Let’s Walk & Talk** walking group, meeting at Sandymount Green.

- Every Thursday from 3-5pm – **Knitting Circle** 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 2pm – **Let's Walk & Talk in French** walking group, meeting at Kildare Place, Kildare Street.
- Every Saturday at 10am – **Parent & Toddlers Group** at the Evergreen Centre, Terenure.
- Every Saturday at 2pm – **Let's Walk & Talk** walking group, meeting at the car park of the Dropping Well Pub, Milltown.

Dublin City Council South East Area Community team thank you for all your support and hard work in 2019. We wish you a very happy and peaceful Christmas and all the very best of wishes for the New Year 2020. Nollaig shona agus Athbhliain faoi mhaise daoibh go leir.

Environmental Services

Providing logistical support to South East Area community groups.

Ongoing communications and support with Dublin Town and the Temple Bar Company.

Waste Enforcement

Door to door campaign in Dublin 8 area: 1,800 door knocks enquiring about the householders' waste management arrangements.

Ongoing dog fouling patrols in South East Area parks and open spaces.

Collaborative patrols with Dog Wardens in parks and open spaces.

Graffiti

Graffiti removal is being carried out using direct labour (DCC) teams and contractor. Sites considered identified for "GraffStop" trial (awaiting quote).

Abandoned Bike Removal

49 bikes removed for month of November.

Weed Control

Citywide manual weed control due to cease week ending 1st December. All south side requests for weed removal have been processed.

Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership

The Lord Mayor's 5 Alive Challenge 2020

Lord Mayor of Dublin, Paul McAuliffe has announced the 8th year of the Lord Mayor's 5 Alive Challenge! The 5 Alive Challenge encourages people to make a commitment to improve their health and fitness by taking part in some of the great road races held around Dublin.

Every year the challenge aims to inspire people to take up regular exercise and find the encouragement to stick to what may be a New Year's resolution through to the end of March and beyond.

Over 450 participants have signed up for 2020 and will be supported by our wonderful team of mentors who had completed the challenge in previous years. The mentors run every race alongside the participants pacing and encouraging those who are struggling giving the 5 Alive experience a unique feeling of camaraderie.

In previous years we've found that participants have gone on to join local athletics clubs and have continued with a regular active and healthy regime.

"I am a beginner runner and am looking forward to taking on this challenge and improve my physical fitness with other 5 Alivers. I really believe in the benefits of regular exercise on both my physical and mental health. So many people have told me how previous 5 Alive Challenges kick started them to take up a regime of regular exercise and the difference it has made to their lives."

Paul McAuliffe, Lord Mayor of Dublin

The races which form the Lord Mayor's 5 Alive Challenge 2020 are:

Wednesday 1st January 2020	Liffey Valley AC Tom Brennan 5k 12 noon in the Phoenix Park
Sunday 26th January 2020	AXA Raheny Shamrock 5 Mile 3pm in Raheny
Saturday 1 st February 2020	Garda / BHAA 2 Mile & 4 Mile Cross Country Race. 11am and 11.30am in the Phoenix Park
Sunday 15 th March 2020	Metro St. Brigid's St. Patrick's Festival 5k. 12pm in the City Centre. Start on St. Stephen's Green
Saturday 28 th March 2020	Dublin City Council / BHAA 4 Mile Road Race. 11am in St. Anne's Park, Raheny

Change for Life 2020

Change for Life is an 8 week programme that aims to improve the health of local communities through a partnership approach designed to support people to become more physically active on a regular basis and adopt a healthier diet. The programme runs in tandem with the RTE Operation Transformation TV show.

The programme was first developed in 2013 when a partnership was developed between Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership, Fatima Groups United, Health Promotion & Improvement, HSE Dublin Mid-Leinster and Dolphin Health Project. This partnership identified a need to tackle the issues of obesity and low physical activity levels in a new and innovative way

While weight loss has always been considered an important aspect of the programme Change for Life also aims to address other health indicators that could be improved through participation such as aerobic fitness, body fat percentage and blood pressure. Improving the psychological well-being of participants was also considered an important outcome of the programme. Following planning and consultation meetings between the partners it was decided to run a diverse health & fitness programme aimed at having a positive impact on the overall health and wellbeing of the participants.

The 2020 Change for Life programme will commence in early January. The programme will provide fitness assessments, a 5K timed walk (repeated at week 8) and nutritional / dietary advice. Independent nutritionists will also deliver a series of talks on healthy eating habits and dietary information such as portion size and calorie counting. Weekly weigh-ins to assess progress will also be provided.

1. DCSWP CORE Programmes December 2019

Below are details of highlight core programmes during the next period. DCSWP are currently in the planning period for the winter period. For full details please contact Dee O'Boyle in the DCSWP office at 222 5433 / sports@dublincity.ie

Couch to Parkrun (CORE) Underactive Adults

The October / November Couch to Parkrun Programme continues over the period and takes place on the grounds of St. Vincent's Hospital;

- **Programme:** Couch to Parkrun Mount Merrion
Dates / Times: Tuesdays 4.30 – 5.30pm
Location: Mount Drummond Sheltered Housing Complex, Harold's Cross.

Forever Fit (CORE) Older Adults

The Forever Fit programme is aimed at older adults and focuses on activities to improve balance, increase mobility, strength and coordination and prevent falls.

Details of Forever Fit programmes running in the South East Area during the next period are outlined below:

- **Programme:** Chair Fit, Mount Drummond
Dates / Times: Mondays 7pm – 8pm
Location: Mount Drummond Sheltered Housing Complex, Harold's Cross
Participants: Older Adults – 55+ years
- **Programme:** Chair Yoga, Woodstock, Ranelagh
Dates / Times: Tuesdays 3 – 4pm
Location: Woodstock Sheltered Housing Complex
Participants: Older Adults – 55+ years
- **Programme:** Chair Yoga Beech Hill
Dates / Times: Wednesdays 11.30am – 12pm
Location: Beech Hill Court, Donnybrook
Participants: Older Adults – 55+ years
- **Programme:** Dance For Life
Dates / Times: Tuesdays 11am – 12pm
Location: Evergreen Centre, Terenure
Participants: Mixed Older Adults - 55+ years

Youth Fit – Youth at Risk 10 – 21 Years

The following Youth Fit wellness programme will take place in the area over the next period. The Youth Fit programme is targeted at youths potentially at risk in the area aiming to provide support and viable outlets for young people to get involved in sport and physical activity and look after their health and wellbeing.

- **Programme:** Ringsend College Wellness Programme
Dates / Times: Mondays 9 – 10am
Location: Ringsend College, Irishtown
Participants: Mixed 14 – 17 years

2. General Programmes 2019

- **Programme:** Men on the Move
Dates / Times: Tuesdays / Thursdays 7 - 8pm
Location: Evergreen Centre, Terenure
Participants: Male - all ages.
Partners: HSE Health Promotion Officer
- **Programme:** After-school programme
Dates / Times: Wednesdays 5 - 6pm
Location: Charlemont Street Community Centre
Participants: Mixed Primary School Children

3. Co-funded DCSWP Programmes December 2019

Boxing Development Officer Update

The **Startbox** Initiative, a partnership between the Irish Amateur Boxing Association (IABA) and Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership (DCSWP) will be recommencing during the school year. The programme is an ideal way for young people (10 – 17 years) to first engage with amateur boxing, Ireland's most successful Olympic sport. It is delivered by our five dedicated IABA / DCSWP Development Officers via local schools (primary & transition year (TY) level) in communities across the Dublin City area. Approximately 2,000 young people take part each year in the programme.

The programme is structured into Bronze (non-contact), Silver and Gold phases. The first phase focuses on general strength and fitness, method and technique. The Silver Programme consists of higher intensity sessions and limited contact and the Gold phase takes it on to another level again.

- The Boxing Showcase 2019 finals took place in the first week of December. In the lead up to the finals the participants experienced eight weeks of non-contact and then limited contact boxing training. The 2020 Startbox programme will re-commence in schools in January.

Cricket Development Officer Update

The Cricket Development Officer will be liaising with local officers to deliver Schoolyard Cricket Sessions in December in the following schools in the area:

Schoolyard Cricket Sessions	Star of the Sea NS	Wed- 1.00pm-2.30pm	Ringsend	Primary School Children	Male
Schoolyard Cricket Sessions	Cricket- Strathford NS	Wed 11.00am-12.30pm	Rathgar	Primary School Children	Male / Female
Schoolyard Cricket Sessions	Cricket-St Matthews NS	Thurs 1.00pm-2.30pm	Sandymount	Primary School Children	Male / Female

Football Development Officer Update

Football programmes in October / November will continue to target schools in the local area. Other initiatives will include football racial awareness programmes, grassroots programmes, and DCC specific initiative and football sessions for females in local clubs.

Rugby Development Officer Update

For details of rugby in December / January programmes in the South East Area please contact Dee O'Boyle. Details are outlined below.

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