

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

Meeting: 20th October 2020

Item No: 12

PUBLIC DOMAIN REPORT

IBAL Report

The Public Domain Team were pleased with the latest IBAL report in relation to Ballymun, which has jumped 8 places since June 2019. The collaborative approach with Tidy Towns and Better Ballymun and the extra resources that we have extended to the area are proving to show a positive outcome. We will be working to improve this even further with all concerned groups over the coming months.

Ballymun: 32nd out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Moderately Littered.

In these testing times, it is heartening to see Ballymun improve its status and ranking. Top ranking sites included Ballymun Public Library, Ballymun Road and the much improved Main Street, which was well presented and free of litter. There were no very poor sites this time around but some could quickly slide downwards if not addressed e.g. Balbutcher Lane (little change in litter grade since IBAL 2019), Wad River Close / Court and Silloge Gardens and the Car Parking at SuperValu. While there is evidence of maintenance at some areas there was a problem with 'chopped up litter' as grass hadn't been cleared before grass cutting.

Illegal Dumping

There have been 289 reports of illegal dumping during September for the North West Area. Since the beginning of Covid-19 we have been logging every incident of dumping so that we have a precise recording of the situation. This is very similar to the August figure in that it is half the figure recorded in April.

The camera at Ballymun Library is averaging approximately 50 incidents a day of dumping and each case is being followed up with fines from our Litter Management Office.

There is a temporary camera located along Poppintree Park Lane West and one fine has been issued with regard to a vehicle dumping at this location. There were other incidents recorded. However, they were too difficult to identify as most were pedestrians.

Halloween

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

The Public Domain Team will be working as normal up to Friday 23rd October. From Saturday 25th October we will have crews working from 6am to 2pm each day up to

Halloween itself to remove any dumped material or stockpiling that will occur. We have met with Gardai in both Finglas and Ballymun and will have necessary back up where needed. To date we have already removed 150 pallets from the Whiteacre area in Ballymun and continue to clean up after the fires that are ongoing in certain areas.

We will be calling to businesses in both Finglas and Ballymun areas to remind them to secure any pallets/tyres etc.

Please report all stockpiling to nwa.publicdomain@dublincity.ie or 01-2222222

Anti- Dumping Initiative

The 2020 allocation for funding for NWA was €18,300.00. The Mattress and WEEE Amnesty Days were funded through this initiative and organised by the Public Domain Team.

In total, 287 mattresses were recycled and 6 truckloads of WEEE were removed. We are hopeful that this will reduce the number of mattresses dumped and discarded over the Halloween period. It also promotes the recycling message at a more local level. We are hopeful that we can run this project biannually in both Ballymun and Finglas.

Also, as part of the funding, the Public Domain Team located three Large Planters to the end of the Gateway complex on Main Street Ballymun. This area was being dumped on regularly and now, although it is still not perfect, it has improved the visual aspect dramatically and dumping has been reduced to 2/3 bags per week instead of 30/40 bags per week.



Large Scale Clean Up of the N2 (from Charlestown to Lidl Roundabout)

A large scale clean-up of the road and pavements along the N2 took place on Saturday and Sunday 10th and 11th October. Traffic Management and lane closures were necessary but the work was carried out from 6am to 12pm on the weekend to minimise the impact on traffic. Waste Management Crews carried out the work and it was completed to a very high standard.

- All paths were edged along either side of the road and the centre median.
- All weeds removed from the gullies and traffic islands

- All pavements, barriers and traffic islands were power washed.
- Bollards on southbound lane painted.
- Road sweepers removed all debris from around traffic islands and main roads.

We will be conducting a similar clean up in Ballymun in the next few weeks.



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