

**Director of Services Report
South Central Area Committee Meeting
21st October 2020**

SOUTH WEST INNER CITY ELECTORAL AREA

South West Inner City Area Report

Francis Street Environmental Improvement Scheme

Contractors for Dublin City Council, KN Networks, are currently mobilising to site for a planned 10-month programme of public realm works at Francis Street. The programme will take place in stages with traffic management in operation for the duration of the works. Ongoing communication with businesses and residents will be provided by KN Networks.

Meath Street and Environs Public Realm Improvement Project

A design team led by SCAO, Roads Design and Construction and lead design Haslem & Co Architects is currently undertaking preliminary design work on planned public realm improvements for Meath Street. The aim is to bring a proposal to the Council for consideration under Part 8 in Q1 of 2021.

Bridgefoot Street Park

Construction work continues until the end of 2020. A call for tenders to undertake landscaping work to the central median on Bridgefoot Street is currently underway. It is proposed to complete this work in early 2020.

Oisín Kelly Park/ Basin Lane

The Area Office is working with the local parks team to undertake tree maintenance, landscaping works and boundary improvements to this amenity area. Work will continue into 2021.

St James's Walk Linear Park

A first tranche of work to landscape the section of the linear park at MISA entrance/ Fatima Luas stop will begin shortly. The works are part of a longer term plan to develop the linear park from Basin Lane to Suir Road Bridge.

School Zone

Following on from John Dillon Street, a second school zone has been completed at Basin Lane in the vicinity of schools. The zone features markings and bollards that aim to deter vehicle parking and drop off congestion at the school entrance.

Housing Updates SWIC.

Bonham St .Dublin 8. Volumetric Build

57 26 x 1 bed 26 x 2 bed 5 x 3 bed	On site	Completion of scheme	Q3 2021
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DCC have designated a community liaison (Mark McInerney) to engage with residents regarding their concerns.

Mark can be contacted on 087-7371254 mark.mcinerney@dublincity.ie

Cork Street/ Weaver Street. Volumetric Build

55 32 x 1 bed 10 x 2 bed 13 x 3 bed	On site	Completion of scheme	Q1 2022
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DCC have designated a community liaison (Veronica Hand) to engage with residents regarding their concerns. Veronica can be contacted on 087-0997512
veronica.hand@dublincity.ie

Margaret Kennedy Square, Dublin 8.

54 8 x 1 bed 18 x 2 bed 28 x 3 bed	On site	Completion of scheme	Q1 2021
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St Michael's Estate Emmet Road Dublin 8

Public consultations ongoing.

Tyrone Place D8. Regeneration

Study underway. Report due for completion.

Liberties Cluster Dublin 8

Study underway.

Oliver Bond Regeneration

Dublin City Council met with the Robert Emmet CDP on Friday 9th October 2020 to finalise the next round of consultations with the residents of Oliver Bond. These consultations will include the short and long term proposals regarding the future regeneration of Oliver Bond. All tenants and key stakeholders will have an input into this plan. The Robert Emmet CDP in conjunction with the Oliver Bond residents group will facilitate this process starting on Monday 12th October 2020. This will take about two months to complete and once DCC have an agreement on the masterplan. DCC will present this to the Dept. to seek funding.

Dolphin House Regeneration Masterplan Dublin 8

One consultation meeting has taken place with DCC and Dolphin House Regeneration Board regarding agreement for a Dolphin House Masterplan.
 Status: Ongoing

Kilmainham Mill

A construction team to carry out the enabling works for the mill has been appointed. Following a "cooling off" period, a meeting will be held between DCC and the contractor to agree a start date. Some basic works have been completed in order to assist with the construction process. Thorntons have completed a series of structural surveys on neighbouring properties. MCD Landscaping have also commenced some basic site (scrub) clearance of the mill race to allow for ease of access for workers on health and safety grounds.

Newcomen Bank Building

Five tender submissions were received for the appointment of a Conservation Architect Led, Multi-Disciplinary Design team to commence work on the building. A team from DCC evaluated the submissions on the 15th October and a team will be appointed in due course following the completion of the relevant processes.

Community

The theme of The Liberties Haunt 2020 Festival is **STAY HOME, STAY SAFE, THIS HALLOWEEN** All are welcome to tune in to www.thelibertieshaunt.com on Saturday 31st October from 5.30 – 8.30pm.

Viewers will be treated to a variety of performances by local and professional dancers, singers, storytelling, comedy workshops and mask challenge the much acclaimed Theatre on Your Doorstep performers of My First Holy Covid to name but a few. Workshops, recording, and filming will be taking place in Smock Alley prior to the big event.

Local communities will be invited to decorate their windows, balconies, front doors for a best dressed/decorated window.

Activity packs containing quizzes, puzzles and colouring pages will be available online to download. A limited number of hard copies will also be available to the local communities, through their community contact.

A number of schools have been invited to participate in a mask challenge by accepting an activity pack with directions and materials to decorate each mask.

All participants are invited to upload to the Liberties Haunt website.

Follow the links below for regular updates

THE LIBERTIES HAUNT Instagram trailer

https://www.instagram.com/p/CGINjwjHZYt/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link

THE LIBERTIES HAUNT Youtube trailer

<https://youtu.be/rTAIX9wXvmM>

THE LIBERTIES HAUNT website

<https://thelibertieshaunt.com/>

THE LIBERTIES HAUNT Facebook event Page

<https://fb.me/e/70axerDz1>

This event is a collaborated project involving many community representatives from Michael Mallin House, Oliver Bond House, Robert Emmet Close/Walk, Basin Lane, Maryland, Pimlico, along with local community Groups S.W.I.C.N, SICCD, RECDP, Solas Project, Liberties Training Centre, Digital Hub, Joined Up, & Happenings Event Companies and Dublin City Council's Community & Social Development team.

Environmental Enhancement Projects

Rialto Cottages

In recent weeks, the residents from Rialto Cottages and Dublin City Council have come together in an effort to enhance the appearance of their streetscape environmentally. Perimeter walls have been painted, fences have been stained and varnished, beautiful raised beds have been installed and planted in line with Dublin City Council's urban biodiversity plan. In addition to beneficial pollinator loving plants, there has also been a concerted effort to include plants of a culinary nature including rosemary, sage, thyme and mint. Residents are so thrilled with the improvements, they have gone so far as to organise a collection to purchase street furniture including tables, benches and attractive plant containers. Local neighbours and friends have also donated various plants and shrubs. In the coming weeks, additional planters will be installed at the entrance to the street. This project was a joint collaboration between Rialto Street residents, led by Dublin City Council's Community & Social Development Section, Housing Maintenance, Civic

Maintenance, local Parks & Landscapes depot and Public Domain. In the coming weeks additional planters will be installed at the entrance to the street.

Autumn Bulbs SWIC

Local communities who have been working to enhance their areas, particularly during the Covid-19 lockdown, will be preparing their respective areas for some autumnal planting. Deliveries will be taking place before Halloween. All deliveries and planting will be in line with all Covid-19 safety protocol.

St James's CBS Parents, community and environment group 16 October 2020

"Walk a mile to make you smile" 162 students took part in a Covid-19 compliant event aimed at physical and mental health wellbeing. This event also raised funds for the new community group we have set up and their first goal to create a serenity/outdoor garden community space. With the help of Public Domain, we have helped clear out the existing overgrown space and readied it for planting and painting. We will deliver bulbs, winter planting and perennials in the next week and begin the process.

Clanbrassil Close Environment project and residents Group,

Spring Bulb and Winter Planting 26 October 2020

We will have series of planting days in the month of October for the residents to enhance the Close and provide colour in the spring. Socially distancing protocols will be adhered to at all times.

South Inner City Drugs and Alcohol Task Force Community Dialogues

The first of the SICDATF meetings via zoom, to address community engagement and collaboration around the issues with drugs and alcohol locally will take place on Monday 19th October. A member of the Community Development team will be part of the process going forward representing Dublin City Council in the SWIC area.

Robinsons Court Environment Renewal Project

An environment project began in conjunction with the residents with the replacement of flower boxes and painting and refiling of older ones. When restrictions are lifted, it is hoped to begin a small gardening group with the residents to maintain them.

Dolphin House

Halloween Hampers 30th October 2020

With funding from the Social Regeneration Fund, Dolphin House community development project will provide 95 Halloween Hampers to families in the complex filled with food and activities for the children.

Dolphin Homework Club:

A series of socially distanced and safe activities such as Arts and Crafts will be held in the marquee for children and young people to attend. Supported by the Social Regeneration Fund.

Public Domain

The Dog Warden Service was contracted to conduct patrols in the Pimlico Area, Oscar Square, Weaver Park, Marrowbone, Taylor's lane and general environs on Saturday 16th, 22nd and 30th of August.

Environmental Initiatives with Community Development and Housing took place at Emmet Crescent, Rialto Cottages, Clanbrassil Close, Flanagan's Fields and Gray Street Residents with Public Domain providing funding and assistance.

The City Neighbourhood Awards Local area Competition had applications from 34 groups/individuals/ social enterprises. The Winners will be circulated after the Area

Committee meeting, see attached document. There were entries in 15 Categories, 19 entries from the SWIC and 13 from Ballyfermot/Drimnagh. The Litter Management Office donated €12,000 for prizes and One 4 All Vouchers have been purchased for groups to use across a wide variety of retail sectors. Certificates and vouchers will be made available to all successful applicants. SWIC has 11 winners and all applicants will receive a voucher.

The Weed Treatment Programme is progressing well and operatives are working in Inchicore currently.

A Free Electrical Recycling Day is arranged for Marrowbone Lane on Monday 19th October.

The Halloween campaign is well underway with citywide interdepartmental and local area meetings taking place regularly to ensure all supports are in place and communicated widely. Contact information and operational hours are broadly the same as 2019. City Wide contact information has been posted. The South Central and South East areas will be working together to ensure an environmentally safe Halloween.

Kilmainham Inchicore Network

Inchicore Food Bank were runners up for the Bank of Ireland Bring Together Awards 2020. This interagency initiative (Kilmainham Inchicore Network, Dublin South City Partnership, St Pat's FC, Frontline MC) ran throughout the first 4 phases of Covid, distributing over 1000 food parcels to vulnerable families in the Inchicore area. This initiative made it to the final 20 entries from over 300 applicants nationwide; well done to our category winners in Tramore.

Inchicore Regeneration Consultative Forum

Public Consultation Process. Phase 1 of the Public Consultation Process is ongoing. IRCF administration are now in charge of the consultation process, liaising directly with Bucholz McEvoy Architects and Connect the dots (facilitators for events).

Phase 1 Consultation Process has included:

- Posters erected outside and flyers in local shops and businesses directing people to the various ways that they can contribute to the survey.
- Leaflet drop to 8000 homes informing them of the proposed development and asking for their thoughts through completing the survey.
- The online survey: <https://surveys.connectthedots.ie/emmet-road/>
- Hard copies of the survey available for collection from Inchicore Library (moved to Richmond Barracks).
- A phone line service open during business hours for people to do the survey over the phone.
- Hard copies dropped to 4 local schools in the area for completion by pupils.

The deadline for survey responses is extended until close of business on 6th November 2020.

Please can you share the survey <https://surveys.connectthedots.ie/emmet-road/>

Phase 1 continues:

- Extended deadline of the current survey until 6th November 2020
- Expanded reach of hard copies of survey to those in the community for whom online completion is not a preferred option. This will include to the elderly - Bulfin Court, Bulfin Ladies Club, Alone etc.; Other pick up/drop off points in the community – hairdressers, butchers, shops etc...; Resident's Associations – for distribution to their residents;
- Further media push for online survey completion
- Workshops: BMCEA will host workshops with schools/youths in the area, following Covid-19 restrictions to capture their ideas of about the future development.

Exhibition

Outdoor exhibition on the 10 acres site will commence on the weekend of 21st /22nd November. This exhibition will visually explain the design thought process and key design themes.

Overall timeline DCC Emmet Road Development

The high level project milestones of the design process with estimated timing. Feasibility Stage (Investigating and evaluating the potential of the site - High-level information gathering and research. Review of policy and documentation and assessing overall site constraints and opportunities):

- Phase 1 Consultation – as described above
- Design Team Feasibility Report
- Design Development Planning Application (Translating the design of the project from a realm of ideas into a physical form)
- There will be at least 3 more Public Consultation Engagement opportunities (dates approximate):
- Phase 2 Public Consultation: Initial design layouts - December 2020
- Phase 3 Public Consultation: More detailed drawings - late January 2021
- Phase 4 Public Consultation: Graphic visualisations and in depth designs ready for An Bord Pleanala - late February 2021
- Lodge Planning application to An Bord Pleanala - April 2021

Report from: -

Bruce Phillips,
Senior Executive Officer
South West Inner City Local Electoral Area.

BALLYFERMOT/DRIMNAGH ELECTORAL AREA

HOUSING PROJECTS

Chapelizod/Springvale Site

Work on the site is progressing well with roofing and windows being installed in some blocks by October. Expected completion date is Q4 2021.

3.8 Acre Site at Sarsfield Road

Next meeting of the Sarsfield working group scheduled for Thursday 15th October. An update on Stage 1 application from DCC to Dept. Housing Local Government & Heritage will be given by City Architects, a review of community infrastructure in Ballyfermot and community services to take place at 3.8 acre site will be discussed along with consideration of a public art project (s) for 3.8 acre site.

OLV site on Sarsfield Road

Site investigations have commenced on site on 20th May 2020. The proposal is for six units to be provided by Approved Housing Body Respond with an approximate completion date of Q2 2021.

Cornamona Site

Work continuing on site although at decreased capacity. The expected completion date is Q2 2022.

Crumlin Road/Rafters Lane Site

The demolition and site clearance planning process is ongoing. Part 8 is to be advertised soon and will be available for inspection, by appointment, in Crumlin and Ballyfermot Area offices.

Bluebell

An on-site investigation of the Old Irish Water Site by the archaeology consultant was delayed by administrative issues, but is due to take place in the coming weeks. Funding for the restoration of the CCTV along the canal has been secured from the NTA and work has begun, it should be completed in approximately 3 weeks. Waterways Ireland has removed the 'kissing gate' at DCC's request to help tackle a recent increase of bike theft at that location.

Lissadell Maisonettes

Refurbishment has begun on the vacant maisonettes at Lissadell. Work is being carried out in conjunction with the Public Domain Unit and Housing Maintenance to tackle illegal dumping and improve the aesthetics of the area.

Cherry Orchard Green

A fence has been erected around the swale at Elmdale in order to secure it. Landscaping works have commenced in order to dissuade illegal dumping and anti-social behavior in the area. Consultation is ongoing with residents regarding a collaborative approach to maintaining the area.

Skate Park Le Fanu Road

Parks Services have inspected the playground and have costed the installation of a fence. Consideration is being given to the appropriate location of the fence within the Park at present. The Skate Park and playground continue to attract a high number of users and the youth services have been supportive in running programmes and events.

Kylemore Park

The contractors have not been able to commence the upgrade of the Park due to Covid 19 restrictions with travel. The residents have been updated and will be contacted immediately when a date is agreed.

Ballyfermot Civic Park

Good feedback was received from residents in relation to the proposed People's Park. Costings are being finalised at present. The selection panel has met to discuss the applications for the installation of a sculpture in the park. The applications have been reduced to four possible candidates and these applications were discussed at a residents meeting on 7th October. A further meeting of the selection panel was due to take place on 14th October. Discussions are taking place with Civic Centre manager regarding combined monitoring of CCTV from the building.

Community

The Launch of Ballyfermot Understanding Dementia (BUD) was deferred. The Council with Ballyfermot Family Resource Centre, Ballyfermot Civic Centre and The Bungalow are initiating Dementia Awareness Training with staff and volunteers from these groups. The training will commence on line in early November. The group hope to establish dementia friendly spaces in the resource centre, the Bungalow and the Civic centre and to provide support for family members and carers.

The National Office for Suicide Prevention (NOSP) report "Rapid Assessment and Community response to suicide and suspected suicide in Dublin South" will be launched on October 21st. This report makes recommendations for the area based on their examination of the cluster of suicides in 2019. A local implementation group to examine and implement the recommendations has been established called SPACE (suicide prevention and community engagement). The Council will support Ballyfermot Star and SPACE to deal with the recommendations of the report.

Winter Community Newsletter

The Council is working on an information brochure to circulate to residents who may be house bound or not in a position to be out and about and do not have internet access. The brochure will be packed with information on local services, cold weather safety tips and ideas to keep them occupied. The Council is working with the Family Resource centres to set up local lending hubs for books, jigsaws and even a community knitting project. The hope is that local clubs and resident groups will assist with the distribution of books, crosswords, jigsaws on a regular basis as they are best placed to identify residents that might benefit from the information. The Ballyfermot and Walkinstown Library will include information on borrow box and how to sign up as a member of the library.

Environmental Projects

The Following Environmental Projects have been identified by local groups with funding from the 2020 Discretionary Budget.

Tidy Drimnagh supported by Parks Department have identified Mourne Road roundabout as a location for a wild flower display. The roundabout will be transformed from spring to autumn with an abundance of wild flowers and bulbs.

Chapelizod Tidy Towns plan to repair the plastering on the exterior of Bandroom Community Hall and to undertake a redesign of the signage to the Chapelizod Industrial estate, which is an eyesore on the main thoroughfare. The committee are also working with Chapelizod Anglers to preserve the mill turbine on the millrace at the Island Complex.

Bluebell Environmental Group have identified a derelict green area and working with Parks and the local Youth Service plan to replant and maintain it.

Cherry Orchard Stone Soup Project purchased equipment and plants to enhance their garden. Ballyfermot Environmental Group plan to repair the planters along the Main Road and support emerging street Clean up groups with equipment.

Bluebell Allotments

The Council working with the Bluebell Allotment Committee plan to carry out the following works: to increase light to install roof windows in the storage shed, to install unit dividers in the shed so each plot holder has their own designated space and the installation of an additional water tap. There are plans for a beehive, green composter and water conservation. The Council has also provided a skip and put a regular waste collecting routine in place.

Chapelizod Allotments

Work on the Chapelizod Allotments is now complete and they will be allocated in the coming weeks. The location is beautiful, on the banks of the river, and there is great interest in them. Those that held allotments on the Springvale site will be offered a plot first, followed by a lottery of local people, those living in apartments and on the waiting list. There are 41 plots on the site. The Council will work with the plot holders to set up a committee in the New Year.

Halloween 2020

The City Council would like to acknowledge the great input and creativity of the following Youth and Community Groups to plan events for Halloween:

Ballyfermot Youth Service and Candle Community Trust.
Familibase and Cherry Orchard Integrated Youth Service
Drimnagh Residents Community Group and Tidy Drimnagh
Bluebell Youth Project
Saint John Bosco Youth Club and Sing Act Dance Group

The Community Development staff contact details for Ballyfermot /Drimnagh area are:

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The Orchard Community Centre continues to observe Covid-19 instructions and is adapting to current guidelines. Organisations based in the centre have been advised to be Covid-19 compliant at all times as per national guidelines.

The Sports Hall extension is now completed and official opening of it shall be arranged in accordance with protocols at a future date.

The St. Vincent De Paul foodbank continues in the centre and social distancing guidelines have been put in place for this.

The Community team in Cherry Orchard have arranged for each child in St. Ultans to receive an illuminous school bag tag, branded with DCC logo and a safety message for Halloween.

As we move to a socially distant Halloween 2020, the live firework element for Cherry Orchard has been reluctantly cancelled.

Dave O'Donovan and Paul Smyth in Cherry Orchard as part of the wider community team continue to monitor the Covid-19 emergency hotline.

Planning for an LED Christmas tree is in final stages for December unveiling.

Public Domain

The Dog Warden Service has been engaged to Patrol parks and other public areas to address Dog fouling and breach of Control of Dogs legislation. Le Fanu Park has been completed with other locations to follow over the coming weekends and evenings.

The Anti-Dumping initiative was completed in Cherry Orchard Green and to date Illegal dumping has been cleared, the SWALE has been fenced off, landscaping and litter picking will continue until Jan 2021. Trees will be planted in November and other landscaping will follow. The illegal dumping has greatly reduced. A clean up along the perimeter of Barnville Park development site and along Park West was also completed. A Waste Bye Law compliance initiative in response to weekly illegal dumping on Lissadel Road was very successful and was followed up with some shrubbery trimming and removal of litter and dumped material from the undergrowth in the maisonette gardens greatly improving the area. The Housing and Public Domain units are working together on this and a number of initiatives that affect the public domain to include Rafters Lane.

The City Neighborhoods' Competition received applications from 13 groups/individuals in the Ballyfermot/Drimnagh Area securing six winning entries. All applicants will receive a certificate and a voucher once the results have been posted on social media. See attached list. Each Area received funding from the Litter Management Office for €12,000. The Ballyfermot Civic Centre hosted a local community free electrical recycling day on Friday 16th October. Public Domain are funding a name stone for Camac Park in recognition of the great community achievements in Camac Park a subgroup of Bluebell Environmental Group.

Public Domain and Parks Dept. have agreed to share the cost of replacing the Muskerry Road name stone that was recently removed as it was beyond repair.

Tidy Drimnagh received planters from Community Development and Public Domain. The local community have agreed to maintain these planters. The Halloween Campaign is progressing well and all departments and local area offices are working together to provide every available resource to remove hoarded bonfire materials from the public spaces.

Report from: -

Kay Noonan,
Acting Senior Executive Officer
Ballyfermot/Drimnagh Local Electoral Area.

South Central Area City Neighbourhoods Competition 2020

Category	Winner	Location	Placement
Residential 151-300	Maryland	Rialto	1 st
			3 rd

Category	Winner	Location	Placement
Residential 300 plus	Chapelizod Tidy		1 st
	The Tenters	D8	2 nd
			3 rd

Category	Winner	Location	Placement
Residential Flat/Apt	Michael Mallin	D8	1 st
	7 Oaks	D10	2 nd

Category	Winner	Location	Placement
Senior Citizen Complex	Memorial court/Annamore Ct	Inchicore & Ballyfermot JOINT	1 st
	Dolphin House		2 nd
			3 rd

Category	Winner	Location	Placement
Garden	163 Herberton Rd		1 st
	433 Ballyfermot road		2 nd
	161 Herberton Rd		3 rd
	120 Curlew Road		3 rd
	191 Cherry orchard Green		3 rd
	179 Cherry Orchard Green		3 rd

Category	Winner	Location	Placement
Open Green Space	Camac Park (bluebell Environmental)		1 st
	St Laurence's grove		2 nd

Category	Winner	Location	Placement
Community Environment Initiative	Bluebell Environmental & Inchicore Environmental	JOINT	1 st
	Bridgefoot street Youth Group/Robert emmet close		2 nd
	Cherry orchard environmental group		3 rd

Category	Winner	Location	Placement
Allotment	Ladys Lane	Kilmainham	1 st
			2 nd

Category	Winner	Location	Placement
Community Garden	Cherry orchard Community Garden		1 st
	Cherry Orchard Family Resource Centre		2 nd

Category	Winner	Location	Placement
Urban Village	Rialto	Rialto	1 st
	COVA	Chapelizod	2 nd
			3 rd

Special Categories

Category	Winner	Location	Placement
Individual	Ken Murphy & Joan stapleton (Inchicore)	Inchicore Env	1 st
			2 nd
			3 rd

Category	Winner	Location	Placement
Best New Entry	Clanbrassil close		1 st
	30-45 rialto cottages		2 nd

Category	Winner	Location	Placement
Endeavour	Tidy Drimnagh		1 st
			2 nd
			3 rd

Business/Social Enterprise Competition

Category	Winner	Location	Placement
Business environmental	Stillgarden		1 st
	Frontline Bikes		2nd

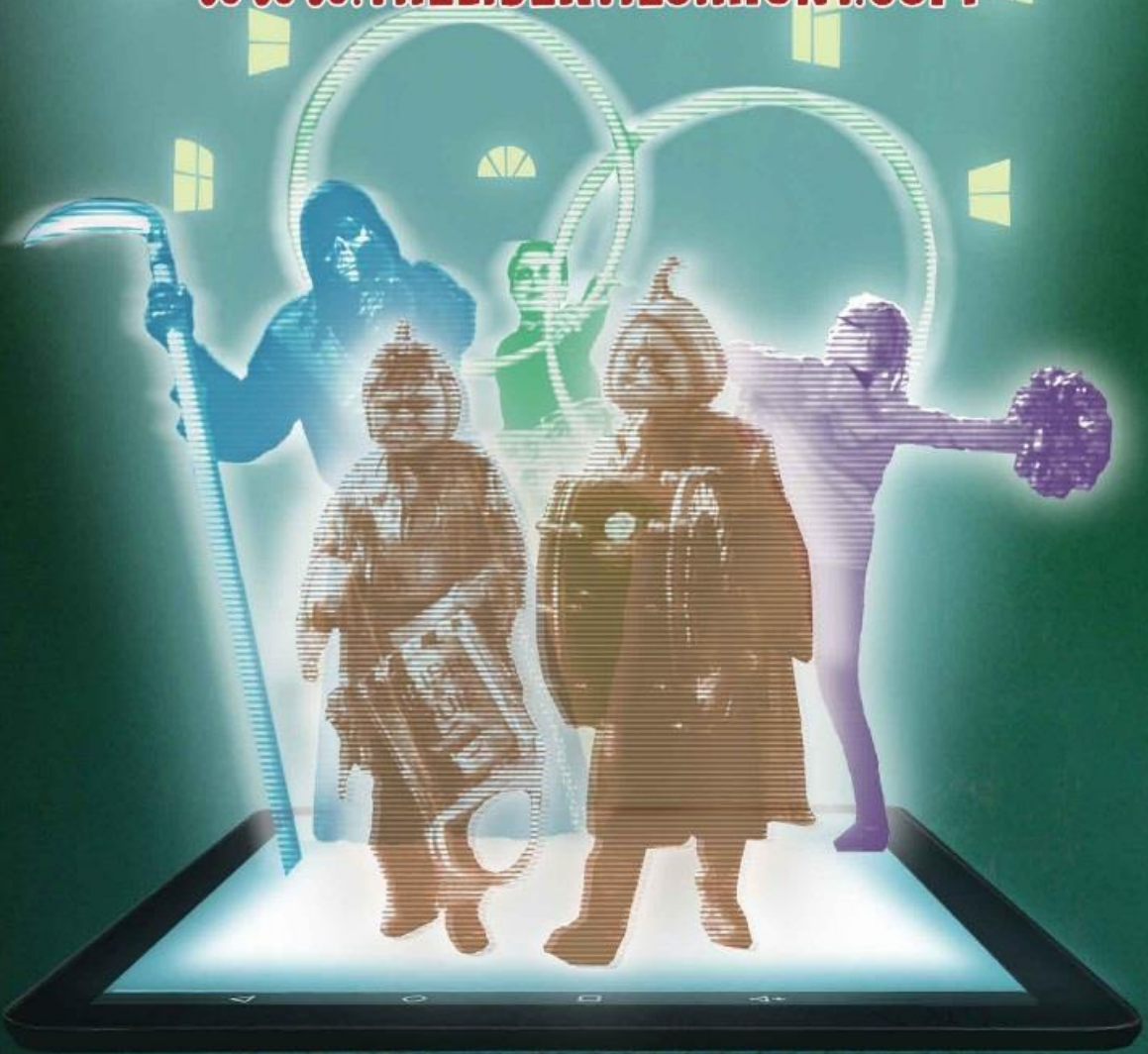


THE LIBERTIES HAUNT 2020

A VIRTUAL COMMUNITY HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL

TUNE IN ON 31ST OCT 5:30PM

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