

**To the Chairperson and Members
Of the Central Area Committee**

North Inner City Community Update December 2020

Spring bulbs:

Spring bulbs have been distributed to our environmental groups in the area for planting in containers in the public domain including Ballybough, East Wall Men's Shed and Mud Island Community Garden.

Christmas trees:

A new Christmas tree has been arranged for Dorset Street. The site has been provided at the St Frances Xavier Hall by the Jesuits on Gardiner Street.

The Area Office facilitated ICON with the filming of their "lighting up" Ceremony for the Christmas tree at the junction of Buckingham Street and Killarney Street. This event will be "streamed" at www.iconnetwork.ie on the 3rd of December.

Gazebos:

Gazebos have been provided to the three groups working from the Lourdes Parish Centre. Lourdes Day Care Centre, Francesca Arkin's Dance Group and the Taekwondo Club. This is to allow for reduced activities to take place outdoors during lockdown as Covid regulations allow.

A Christmas Concert on your Doorstep:

Arrangements are in place for a series of concerts in twelve flat complexes across the area. Each concert will consist of a short performance by MaSamba Samba School and a 45 minute recital of Christmas music by either the Dublin Concert Band or the Artane Senior Band. All performances will be completed in accordance with Covid 19 regulations and are weather dependent. Performance locations have been selected to allow for safe social distanced viewing.

Dates as follow:-

5 th December	13:00	Blackhall & Marmion
		Georges Place
	14:15	Henrietta House
	15:30	Hardwicke St. Flats
		Wolfe Tone Close
		Sheridan Place
12 th December	13:00	Killarney Court
		Portland Place
	14:15	Patrick Heaney
	15:30	Fitzgibbon St Flats
		Liberty House
		Alfie Byrne House

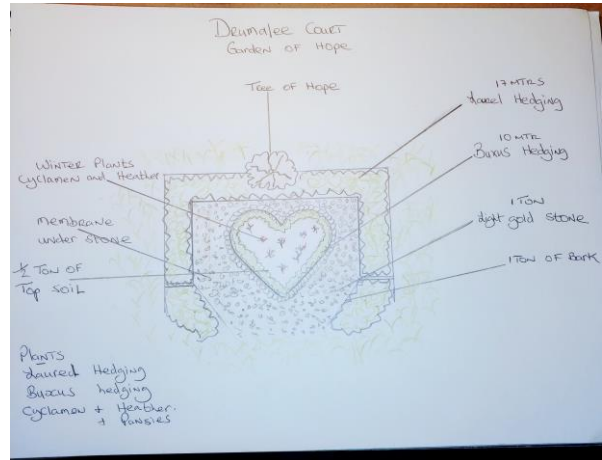
Drumalee Estate Remembrance Garden:

The refurbishment of this gardening project commenced on 9th November following consultation with local residents.

The garden was originally laid out by young people from the Stoney Batter Youth Project.

The installation contract includes a short maintenance period to allow for the new planting to establish itself.

The project was paid for through the Councillors Discretionary Fund.



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