

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

Meeting: 16th February 2021

Item No: 10

PUBLIC DOMAIN REPORT

IBAL Report

On foot of the latest IBAL report the Public Domain Team reflected on the comments about Ballymun along with the Tidy Towns Committee and Better Ballymun Group and agreed that the findings of the survey are a snapshot in time and not reflective of the overall picture of the work done by DCC, Tidy Towns and Environmental Groups in 2020. The pandemic and the restrictions that it brought to volunteerism has impacted massively on the ability to organise Community Clean ups etc. The results of the survey are not comparable with the results for the previous two surveys where Ballymun improved significantly in both. The survey took place over the Christmas period. The lack of services in the area for the week prior to the survey would indicate the cause for the issues highlighted but not the current norm for the area. In response to the survey the Public Domain Team has collated our own statistics from our CRM reports and have highlighted the areas where dumping continues to be a problem in the Ballymun area. We have discussed tackling the issues highlighted from our own research, and note the IBAL Report. This year we will be working in a collaborative way with both Community Development and Housing in the Ballymun Area to target the areas that have the highest instances of litter/illegal dumping (see map below).

Enforcement/Illegal Dumping

There were 423 incidents of illegal dumping across the NWA in January. Below please see Litter Fines issued for 2020 Citywide.

No door to door calls are possible currently due to the pandemic but we will be responding to all complaints/ non-compliance with Bye Laws etc. as soon as restrictions ease.

Sustainable Gardening Course

The Public Domain Team has teamed up with Aoife Munn, Horticulturalist and developed a FREE online Sustainable Gardening Course for local residents. This Course is based on the ALL IRELAND POLLINATOR PLAN. We had an incredible response to the course with huge demand and a waiting list. A total of 28 out of 30 participated in the first session.

The course commenced on Thursday 4th February and will run for 5 weeks via zoom sessions. Topics covered include reducing your waste, growing your own fruit and vegetables, taking cuttings, planting for biodiversity in your area and much, much more. The course is easy to follow and interactive and after each class, notes are emailed to participants. The course also has a very practical side to it with participants having the opportunity to take cuttings, make biodegradable pots and put into practice many other activities learned during the course.

This practical course with workshops was featured on RTE Nationwide in May 2018 and again in January, 2019.

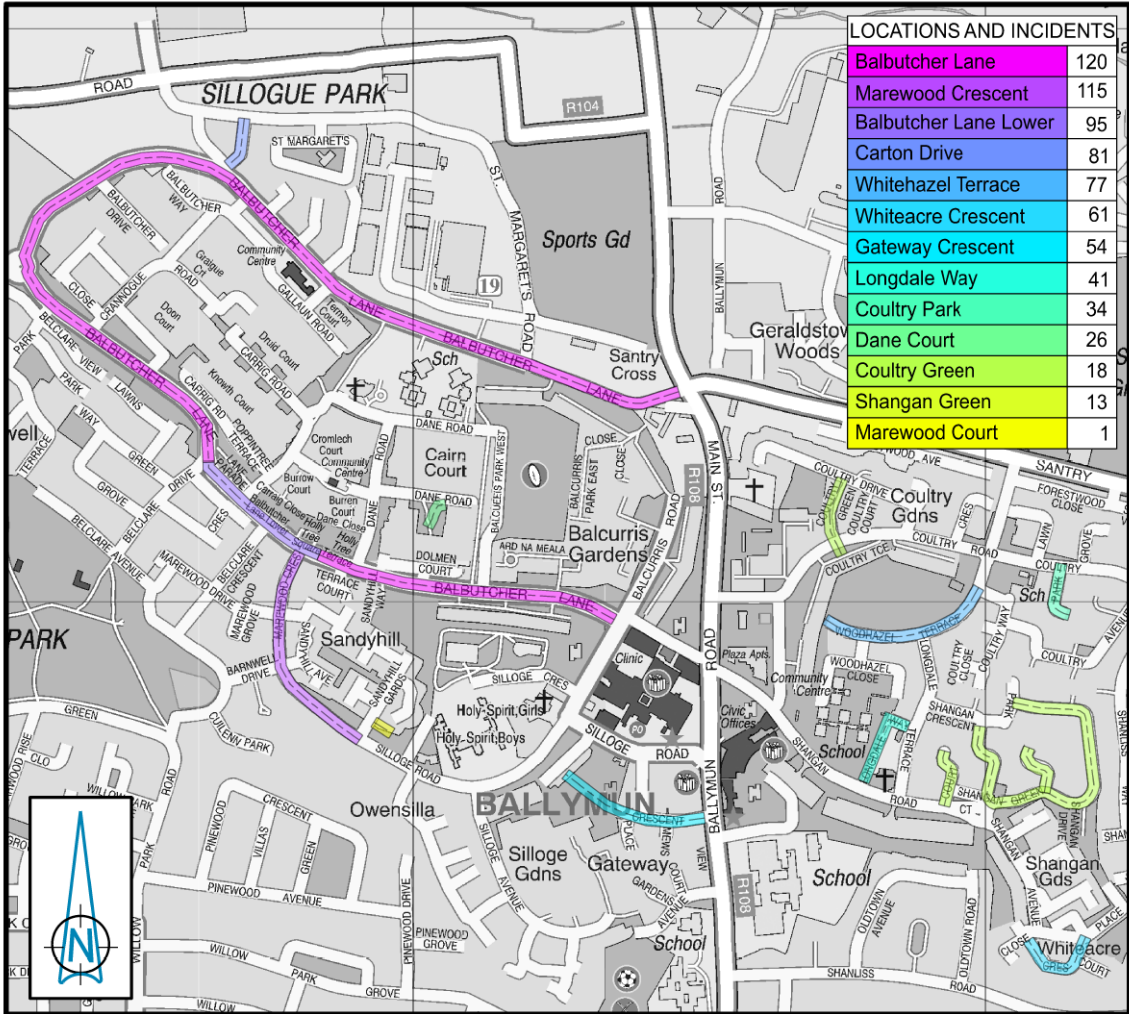
Power Washing

Our power washing crews have been working in the area over the last number of weeks ensuring that our shopfronts and public areas are kept clean and in good condition. They are on hand to tackle any issues that may arise and have been an incredible addition in the area and their work has been widely shared on Social Media with exceptional feedback from the public. Requests for power washing can be logged through the Public Domain Team.

Graffiti

There has been a notable increase in graffiti levels to date in 2021 in the North West Area. There is an emphasis on Anti-Covid vaccine graffiti in all areas of the city and the North West is no exception. We endeavour to remove any offensive graffiti within 24 hours of either noting the graffiti or receiving reports of it.

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BALLYMUN WASTE HOTSPOTS



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4th QT Stats re fines issued 1 Jan to 31 Dec 2020	Total Litter fines issued	Fines issued by Gardai	Appeals Receivedre Litter Fines	Litter Fines Success- fully Appealed	Litter Fines Paid	Prosecutions initiated for non payment of fines	Convictions securedfor non payment of fines	Direct prosecution s initiated	Convictions secured Direct prosecution	Out of Court Settlements	Section 9 Notices
Central	51	0	14	12	17	29	2	0	0	0	0
North Central	78	0	28	12	44	10	0	0	0	1	0
North West	345	0	119	49	130	49	1	0	0	1	0
South Central	110	1	27	12	30	14	2	0	0	1	0
South East	179	0	74	29	81	34	2	0	0	3	0
Total	763	1	262	114	302	136	7	0	0	6	0