

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

**13<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

**Community Development Section North Inner City**

**Rutland Avenue**

The Area Office provided support to the residents of Rutland Avenue to do up the tree pits on the avenue. Whilst a contractor was engaged to complete the timber work and preparation of the new beds, the residents planted most of the flowers and they are maintaining them to a high standard. This project was funded through the Discretionary Fund.



**Killanne Court / St Mary's Court**

The Area Office continues to support gardening programmes at our Sheltered Housing Complexes including Killanne Court, Tom Clark House, Brendan Behan Court, St Laurence O'Toole Court and St Mary's Court.

Pictured opposite are volunteers at Mary's Court, Church Road, East Wall.

The Area Office is providing assistance to obtain a greenhouse for St Mary's Court.



**Summer Projects**

Summer projects 2021 will begin the 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021. We will have five separate projects in the area with over 400 children participating. Our projects are:- Portland Place and district, St Michan's House, Dominick Street and surrounding areas and Ballybough. The Summer Projects are managed by Cross Care with funding from DCC and local support from the Area

Office. The number of projects throughout the city has been limited with only experienced projects getting the go ahead due to the pandemic.

### **Hugh's House**

Hugh's House is an accommodation centre for parents visiting sick children at Temple Street Hospital. The group have a sensory garden in the grounds of their premises on Belvedere Place. The group sought assistance from the Area Office to clean up their "landing" on Belvedere Place. Old planters and over growth were removed and new planters were installed. The planters will be looked after by the Green Ribbon Project. This project was funded through the Discretionary Fund.



### **Senior Citizens Activity Packs**

The Central Area Office worked with the Council's Social Inclusion Unit to Assemble and distribute 5,000 activity packs to senior citizens throughout the city. The pack contained a jig saw, playing cards, stress ball, note pad as well as an activity book produced by the Dublin City Community Co Op. The pack was funded through the Healthy Ireland funds with a contribution from the NEIC for packs delivered to the NEIC Area.



### **Planters**

The Area Office has provided additional bespoke planter units for Ballybough Road, Annesley Place, Dorset Street Upper and Capel Street. The fifteen units are under a management contract and were funded through the Discretionary Fund



### **North Wall CDP Community Garden**

The North Wall community garden project is located at the rear of the Sherriff St Community Centre and operated by the North Wall CDP. A new online gardening project was set up recently and with the lifting of restrictions, the group are now working outdoors. The Area Office provide plants and materials for the garden. Staff from the area office also assisted with the initial cleaning and preparation of the garden.



### **Henrietta House**

The Henrietta House Garden Project was official opened on the 1st of July. The project was led by the Area Community Team and the Parnell Street Housing Team. They were assisted by many sections of the Council and other voluntary organisations including East Wall Men's Shed and Mud Island Community Garden. Residents of the Complex maintain the garden to a high standard. The garden has been out of use for over forty years. This project was co funded by the Discretionary Fund and the Area Office budget.



### A Concert on Your Door Step

The Dublin Concert Band has been engaged to play a series of concerts on the door step of twelve of our housing complexes in June and July. This project is proving popular and it is intended to repeat it in the early autumn with some new venues. The dates and location of these one hour concerts are as follows:-

26 <sup>th</sup>	Jun	14:00	Henrietta House	15:30	Sheridan Court
27 <sup>th</sup>	June	14:00	Peadar Kearney	15:30	Killarney Court
3 <sup>rd</sup>	July	14:00	Liberty House	15:30	Hill Street flats
10 <sup>th</sup>	July	14:00	Friary Court	15:30	Blackhall Place
11 <sup>th</sup>	July	14:00	St Georges Place	15:30	Hardwick Street
18 <sup>th</sup>	July	14:00	Portland Square	15:30	Sean O'Casey.



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