

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

Meeting: 21st September 2021

Item No: 11

PUBLIC DOMAIN REPORT

Waste Management and Illegal Dumping

Illegal Dumping incidents for July	117
Illegal Dumping incidents for August	131

We are monitoring these figures closely and working with Waste Management to remove dumped material as soon as it occurs. We are experiencing difficulties in particular areas and are working along with Housing to alleviate the issues.

Laneway Project Poppintree

The laneway project in Druid Court is moving along with the recent installation of new railings. These railings will be painted black as requested by the residents. This project should be completed in October and we will arrange a launch of the garden around that time. The project has impacted not only on Druid Court but surrounding Courts who are taking on more enhancement projects within the Courtyards supported by the Public Domain and Community Teams.

City Neighbourhoods Awards

As per July report there were 91 Entries into this year's City Neighbourhood Awards. Judging is underway but given the volume of entries this year the results will be released a little later than previous years. Results will be released on social media and all prize winners will be notified individually or through their groups.

Halloween

The Public Domain Team is currently planning for the Halloween period. A multi departmental meeting has taken place where each team (Housing, Parks, Waste Management and all PD teams) have discussed each areas issues and a comprehensive plan for Halloween is in place. Meetings with Gardai have taken place and local arrangements agreed. There has already been a significant amount of bonfire material seized city wide and we will continue to remove it as it builds up.

Contact numbers for bonfire stockpiling will be released in the next few weeks but in the meantime it can be reported to nwa.publicdomain@dublincity.ie

The team will be calling to all businesses in the area over the next number of weeks to ensure that they are not allowing potential bonfire materials to be removed from their premises. Waste Enforcement will also be auditing and calling to non-compliant businesses.

Dublin Community Clean Up

The North West Area had 36 groups engaged with the Dublin Community Clean Up 2021. NWA had the second highest number of groups citywide to register and take part in this initiative. Given the size of the area this is indicative of the volume of work undertaken by the teams (both Public Domain and Community). The Public Domain Team distributed all the equipment and arranged for collection of bags from the clean-up. Congratulations to all our Environmental Groups for their efforts in this initiative.



Weeding

The weeding contractor has completed their contract for this year in the North West Area. The use of Foam Stream and its efficacy will be reviewed by the Public Domain Officers citywide and recommendations will be made to improve the service in 2022. In the meantime some areas that are particularly overgrown with weeds will be serviced by Waste Management with manual removal.

Illegal Collections/Enforcement

The Public Domain Team noted an increase in the number of reports of illegal collections in the area. On foot on this they recently requested Waste Management to investigate these reports. Waste Management's investigation was successful and they are currently taking legal action against the offender.

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