

To the Chairperson and Members
Of the Central Area Committee

29th October 2021

Public Domain/Environmental Services Unit Report

Litter Hotline/CRM

In the period 1st October – 29th October 2021, **391** incidents were reported via Litter Hotline/CRM for the Central Area.

Incidents - Central Area Office

Type of Request	Count of Incidents for September
Abandoned Bicycles or Trolleys	2
Bonfire Materials	65
Community Clean Ups	19
Electoral Poster Complaint	1
Homeless Materials	1
Illegal Dumping	269
Overflowing Skips	2
Report Graffiti	14
Report Litter Offence	4
Street Cleaning Sweep Your Street	2
Weed Control	12
Total	391

In addition to the CRM incidents, the Public Domain crew carry out inspections of their assigned routes on a daily basis. They will collect any dumped bags/materials which is not reflected on the above figures.

The total tonnage of collected illegally dumped items by our 5 outdoor staff members was:

- **54.44 tonne** for 1st – 29th October.

For reference, the average tonnage rests in or around 39-40 tonne for every other month.

Halloween 2021 – Bonfire Material

The Public Domain Unit is working in conjunction with Waste Management, Housing & An Garda Síochána to remove reported bonfire materials from around the area. To date the Public Domain has received **65** requests (approx.) to remove bonfire material from different locations. The Public Domain Crew also worked the weekend before Halloween diligently removing any bonfire material and other dumped items from the area.

Over the weekend of 24th -25th October **3.86 tonnes** were removed by the Public Domain Crew. Please note this does not include tonnage removed by Waste Management Crews or Breffnie, (private contractor working on behalf of Dublin City Council), those stats will be included in next month's report.





Staff Appreciation

The Public Domain Unit would like to show some appreciation for one of our hard working staff members, Thomas Smith has worked in the Public Domain for 18 years. Thomas is always most obliging and will often have a joke or two to tell during the course of his day.

Within in the last month Thomas has single handedly removed **29.46 tonne** with 32 visits to the tip which we felt should be highlighted.



Over time – Public Domain

As mentioned above, the Public Domain crew have continued with the weekend overtime, over the past 3 weeks a total tonnage of **4.71** was removed during the month of October. (This is not inclusive of the overtime completed as part of the Halloween preparations. If it were to be included the total would be 8.57 tonne). Please see images below:



Community Clean-ups

Large amounts of Community Clean up equipment was distributed on **26** separate occasions to Community Groups throughout the month of October. Requests for the removal of bags from community clean ups were looked after by Waste Management and Public Domain staff.

Items included: blue bags, litter pickers, scutchers, gloves, hi-vis vests, bag hoops, shovels, brushes.

A special mention must go to the **Glasnevin Village Clean Up Group**, (a project of the Glasnevin Village Residents Association GVRA). They performed a fantastic clean up this weekend removing 35+ bags of leaves from the area with just 12 volunteers. They consistently perform huge clean ups on a regular basis, making a serious difference to their area.

All pickers, bags etc. were provided by the Public Domain team. Please see photos provided by the group below:



Dublin City Council are now providing bio degradable bags for leaf collections, please contact Waste Management or Public Domain for your supply.



Public Domain Washer Vehicle

The Public Domain Washer Crew continue to be hard at work in the area:



Before & after images taken at Smithfield Plaza

Graffiti

Graffiti has been removed from the following 4 locations covering (128m²) from 1st -29th October 2021 by graffiti removal specialists PMAC:

Almond Place
Gardiner Street Upper
Abbotstown Drive
Capel Street/Abbey Street junction

Please find **13** locations of graffiti referred to Waste Management Services for removal during the month of September:

Finglas Road Old, Glasnevin
Glasnevin Hill, Glasnevin X 2
Griffith Avenue, Dublin X 3
Arran Quay Terrace, Smithfield,
Moirá Road
Clontarf Road
Oxmantown Road

Weeding - Ossory Road

Weeding was completed along Ossory Road by Waste Management crew on request of the Public Domain Enforcement Officer. Please see images below:



Greening Strategies

The Parks Department, in association with the Public Domain current projects:

- Work on the Bio diversity garden, Ballybough Road was completed early October, please see before and after photos below:



- Work was unfortunately delayed again on the Poplar Row Island, it is hoped to will to begin in early November.
- The Public Domain staff are also pleased to note the wonderful work currently being carried out on Annesley Close/ Avenue:



Brass Plaque Restoral, Luke Kelly Bridge

Work was carried out on two brass plaques situated on the Luke Kelly Bridge, Thursday 21st October by a specialist contractor, please find before and after photos below:



Signage

The Public Domain have requested “No Dumping” signage be erected at the following locations:

- Seville Terrace.
- Ostman Place, Stoneybatter near electricity box.

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