



Date: 01/10/2022

To: **The chairperson and members of
North Central Area Committee**

Meeting: 01st October, 2022.

**PUBLIC DOMAIN TEAM UPDATE FOR THE
OCTOBER MEETING OF THE NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE**

Waste Management & Illegal Dumping

During the month of September, the team responded to and completed 107 Community Litter Pick requests, 42 Sweep your Street and 26 Illegal dumping requests.

We arranged for illegal dumping to be removed once again from the Primrose Grove open green space which is regularly targeted with burnouts and dumping of household waste but we are happy to report that our anti-dumping project commenced on the site on Monday 26th September 2022. The objective of this project is to enclose and enhance this open green space and to introduce biodiversity by way of trees and rock planting throughout. Sharon Harvey an experienced horticulturalist is onsite working with the locals to create the biodiversity area. Sharon is very focused on social inclusion and develops great working relationships with people in the area to bring them along on the project with her.



A request for a special clean up on Greendale Road at the post box area was submitted to us by the BREG Residents Association and this was actioned and completed by our Public Domain Team in September.

Graffiti

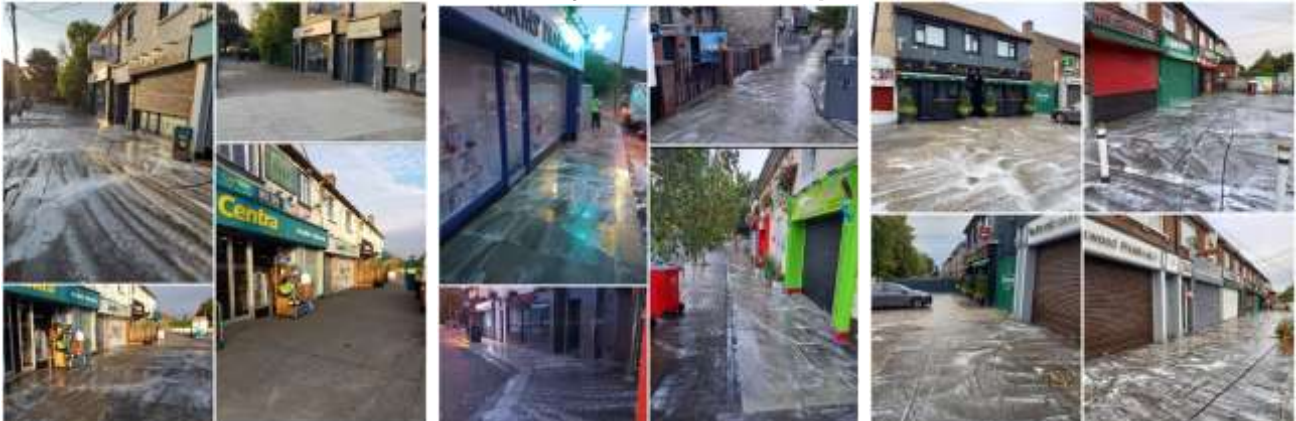
We are pleased to advise that the number of graffiti incidents reported to us in September was much lower than usual. Our Waste Management Graffiti Team responded to 2 reported incidents at Richmond Road & Drumcondra Road and these locations were cleaned up without delay. (Images below show before & after))



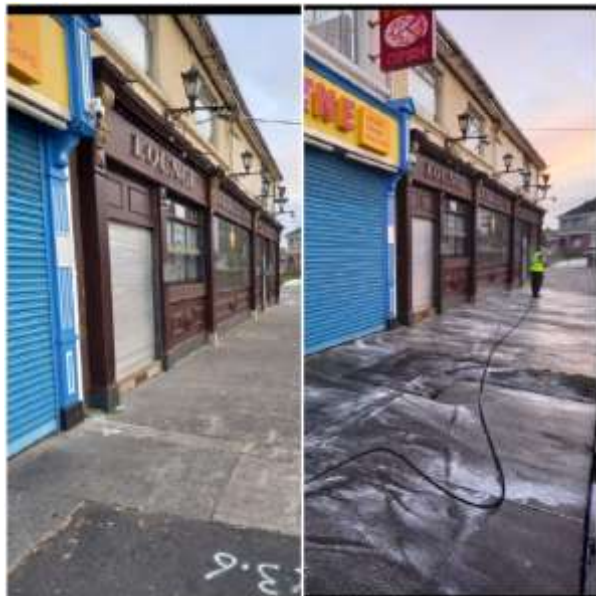
The Power Washing Crew have also been hard at it during the month of September cleaning the pavements outside business premises right across the North Central Area and they also did a special power wash at the hammerhead site in Darndale.

Kilbarrack Road Shops

Raheny Main Street Shops Harmonstown Road Shops



Maryfield Avenue Shops



Hammerhead Site Darndale



Signage/Planters/Equipment

Signage:

Albert College Estate granite nameplates were delayed but will be installed on Tuesday 4th October 2022.

The Briarfield Grove & Villas sign was installed in September and residents are extremely happy with it.

A sign has been ordered from Cast It for Greendale Road as per request from Councillor Barron.

Planters:

The planter audit in the North Central Area is ongoing. Community Groups are still submitting information about their planters to us. We will start to relocate planters that are not being maintained over the coming weeks.

The new sustainable Ecoplastic 100% recycled plastic planters are now in situ in Raheny Village. Raheny Tidy Village Group are receiving great feedback about them from people in the area.



Equipment

We continue to provide equipment to groups on an ongoing basis to support the valued work they are doing in their communities.

City Neighbourhoods

The Local NCA City Neighbourhoods Awards night was a great success. There was a great turn out and everyone really enjoyed the night. We celebrated all of the amazing work being carried out by the amazing community/environmental/volunteer groups in our area. The winners will be attending the City Awards night on Thursday 6th October 2022 and we have our fingers crossed for great results.

Autumn - Leaf Fall

The Public Domain/Environmental team have started distributing the new DCC compostable leaf bag to groups in the North Central Area. The benefit of the compostable bag is its ability to completely break down into natural components, rapidly speeding up the decomposition process to as little as 90 days in some cases. These bags will be collected by our Waste Management Public Domain crews and will be forwarded to a composting facility instead of landfill or incinerator. It is important that groups use these bags and **not** blue bags for leaves. Blue bags are sent to landfill or incinerator.

The following groups have received bags from our first consignment for local distribution:

- All Hallows Residents Association
- Griffith Avenue & District Residents Association
- Raheny Tidy Village Group
- Clontarf Residents Association
- Ard na Greine Residents Association
- Furry Park Road Autumn Leaf Enviro Group
- Albert College Estate Residents Association

We await our second consignment of bags before releasing an email to all remaining groups. We plan to set up a collection point in the car park of the Northside Civic Centre in Coolock on two Saturdays during October & November to make it easy for groups to collect their bags.

We have been liaising with both All Hallows and GADRA to ensure a successful response to leaf clearance on Griffith Avenue this year. We are working closely with the two waste management inspectors that cover Griffith Avenue and its environs and are happy to report that the team have already started the leaf clearance there. (See images on right)

Finally we have organised leaf composting workshops with Dr. Compost Craig Benton at the following locations to teach people how to put their leaves to good use and make free compost for their areas. It is hoped that by educating and guiding groups that we can reduce the amount of leaves being bagged and sent away for composting. This environmental initiative is being funded by Councillor Dearbháil Butler.



Area	Exact Location for workshop	Date	Time
Greenwood Dublin 13	Entrance to estate on right	22-Oct-22	10am
Rockfield Park Beaumont Dublin 9	DCC Parks Area	22-Oct-22	2pm
Kilbarrack Dublin 5	Thornville Park Green Space	05-Nov-22	10am
Springale Road Dublin 5	Adjacent to the Sensory Garden	05-Nov-22	2pm
Coolock Village Dublin 5	Scout Den	12-Nov-22	10am
Tuscany Downs Raheny	Area of trees on the right of entrance	12-Nov-22	2pm

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