

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

Meeting: 18th October 2022

Item No: 12

PUBLIC DOMAIN REPORT

Waste Management and Illegal Dumping

There were 189 incidences of illegal dumping recorded on CRM for September which were dealt with by Waste Management Services. 112 community clean-up were supported by the Public Domain Team for the month.

An increase in illegal dumping is expected for the month of October with Halloween approaching. Additional resources will be in place over the next few weeks to handle the extra volume of work.

Halloween

The Public Domain Team is liaising with the Gardaí and other departments within DCC, to arrange collection of bonfire material prior to and on the day of Halloween itself. Additional resources have been secured to assist in bonfire clearances in the NWA over the Halloween weekend. Social Media Posts from the NWA will be issued regularly over the next few weeks and reminders will be posted daily to report stockpiling in the few days before Halloween.

The following channels for reporting can be used:

- **Finglas Area please call: 01 2225457/01 2225412/01 2226754**
- **Ballymun Area please call: 01 2225715/01 2225742**
- **Email nwa.publicdomain@dublincity.ie/Customerservices@dublincity.ie**
- **Bonfire material can also be reported after hours to 01 – 6796186.**

Teams will be on the ground from Saturday 22nd to Monday 31st to remove any stockpiling of bonfire materials.

Anti-Dumping Initiative

The 2022 allocation for funding for the NWA was €11,000. The Mattress and WEEE Amnesty Days were funded through this initiative and organised by the Public Domain Team.

Two separate events were held to promote the reduction in Electrical Waste and Mattresses. One in Finglas Civic Offices, Mellows Road and one in Ballymun (Trinity Comprehensive

School), Main Street, Ballymun. The events were held over 4 hours each day on the 24th & 25th September.

In total 316 mattresses were recycled and 1236 items which equated to 6293 tonnes of electrical waste were removed. It is hoped this will reduce the number of mattresses dumped and discarded over the Halloween period. It also promotes the recycling message at a more local level.



Weeding

The weeding contract is complete for 2022 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 2023.

In the meantime, additional weed control resources have been allocated to the areas. Particularly overgrown areas will be serviced by Waste Management by manual removal. The Public Domain Team have submitted a list to Waste Management which will be carried out on 22nd, & 23rd October and the 12th & 13th November.

Leaf Collection Scheme

The Public Domain Team have recently been supplied with new compostable bags for leaf collection. The obvious benefit of a 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. Compostable bags have many other benefits such as reducing



Business Category	Waste Management Initiative	1 st Place	Burgess Galvin Limited
Residential Category	Senior Citizens Complex	1 st Place (Joint)	Ballygall Senior Citizens Complex & Griffith Crescent Senior Citizens Group
Residential Category	151 – 300 Houses	1 st Place	Lakeglen Residents Association
Residential Category	Over 300 Houses	3 rd Place	Willow Park & Pinewood Residents Association
Residential Category	Flat/Apartment Complex	3 rd Place	St. Canice's Court Residents Association
Residential Category	Open Green Space	3 rd Place	Belclare Lawns Community Garden
Residential Category	Allotments	2 nd Place	Meakstown Allotments
Special Category	Individual Contribution	3 rd Place	John O'Donoghue
Special Category	Best New Entry	3 rd Place	Jeanette Sperrin, Shangan Road
Special Category	Endeavour Award (Most Improved Entry)	2 nd Place (Joint)	Beneavin Residents Association & Wellmount Crescent Residents Association
Residential Category	Community Garden	2 nd Place (Joint)	Finglas Tidy Towns & Glas Community Garden
Residential Category	Best Urban Village	2 nd Place	Finglas Tidy Towns
Special Category	Dublin Community Clean up	1 st Place (Joint)	Finglas Tidy Towns

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