

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

8th November 2022

Cabra/Glasnevin Area Report

Area Office

Following Covid-19 restrictions at the Cabra/Glasnevin Area Office the public counter is now open 10am to 1pm Monday to Friday.

Public queries are also dealt with via phone and email.

Cabra Office email is Cabraoffice@dublincity.ie

Cabra Office phone line is 2227400

Blue bags for clean-ups are collected by the public by appointment or during counter hours – other equipment like gloves, pickers and hi-viz vests are also supplied to support community efforts. At this time of year we have a large number of community groups actively cleaning their areas and removing fallen leaves.

This has been noticed and positive comments received from the local business community.

Reports of litter or dumping are also be emailed and phoned in the Cabra Office and the office then coordinates with Waste Management and Litter services

Litter Hotline 1800 248 348 or e-mail litter.central@dublincity.ie

All queries made to the office are dealt with as appropriate or forwarded to the relevant department within the City Council.

Front Counter

The Front Counter at the Cabra Glasnevin Area Office is open between 10am and 1pm daily. It should be noted that people are returning to visiting the counter with a full range of queries and or request for services.

Due to the time of year a large number of blue bags are being handed out to the public for leaf collection.

Community Clean -Ups

The Cabra-Glasnevin Office and Community team continue to support community clean -ups in the area, by providing clean up equipment, bags and removal of bags.

Through the Community Development team Resident Groups are very active in both general litter clean-ups and the removal of fallen leaves from public areas. Support for formal resident groups and their activities remains strong.

There have been a large number of citizens calling to the Cabra Area Office for the collection of Blue Bags to assist in the collection of leaves.

The Powerwash team have been very active in supporting community groups post clean-ups and also in keeping shop areas in Cabra/Glasnevin clean and tidy. There have also been weeding teams out providing manual weed control.

The “17 Shops”

Two initial consultation meetings have been held with local businesses. While some ideas for the 17 Shops were forwarded these were only for discussion purposes, styles on street seating, booths, bike racks, tables etc. Queries were raised about the potential for increased anti-social behaviour and the Gardai will be invited to later meetings.

Business owners want the area around the 17 Shops to have parking enforcement first before any changes are made to the area.

There are no “plans” in discussion at this time as we are attempting to receive confirmation on plans for the Cabra road (bike lanes, bus lanes etc) before proceeding.

Another meeting of business owners will be held later in November.

Dublin City Council Offices, Cabra Road

Design options for the front of the Cabra Office building have not yet been submitted. We will be looking to contact other design teams to submit their proposals.

Video conferencing facilities have been installed in the Cabra office and are a welcome enhancement of the facilities along with WiFi throughout the building.

Out and About Ezine

The Cabra/Glasnevin Ezine will be issued in November. Electronic distribution will be through the DCC Central Area Social Media platforms.

Broadstone Residents Group

Broadstone Residents Group approached the Cabra/Glasnevin area office with 7 proposals for traffic calming, greening and community safety initiatives. These proposals were presented to a group from DCC including members from the Traffic Advisory Group, Active Travel Group and City Architects.

The presentation from the Residents Group was well received and it was agreed that there would be a subsequent meeting with the Area Office to categorise the projects and assign the necessary departments as the projects range from light area greening to traffic management over junctions.

The area office is waiting for the Residents Group to confirm dates for the next meeting.



Martin Savage Park

A number of consultation meetings took place at the John Paul Park Community facility. The consultations were hosted by DCC Parks with support from the Local Area Office

Ventry Park

Work has started on Ventry Park and will make a huge impact on the area. These works are the start of a green corridor through Cabra West

Cabra Community Policing Forum

The meeting was held in John Paul Park Community Centre, particular note was the service of Sgt Pat McGilloway and his retirement in November this year.

Navan Road/Pelletstown Local Community Policing Forum

The meeting was held over Zoom. Up to 48 persons were at the meeting. Sgt John L'Estrange introduced himself as one of the new community Garda stationed in Cabra.

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Estate Management Housing Report, October 2022

Cabra / Glasnevin

St Mary's Place North/ Dorset Street Flats

Progress is currently being made with the detenancing process in both St Mary's Place and the middle block and it is hoped that the two blocks will be fully detenanted by the end of Q4 2022. One on one meetings with tenants took place over the summer in relation to detenancing and the new development. Housing Maintenance is currently undertaking an extensive scheme which involves securing and clearing out all empty units and blocking access to detenanted landings. Site investigations and Surveys are continuing. Halloween celebrations took place in the complex which included a mobile cinema and fancy dress party.

St Bricin's Park

The Housing and Community Services Department is currently progressing the submission to the DHLG. The number of new housing units being provided on the site is 10. A newsletter was submitted to the surrounding area during the summer and feedback was received in the local office from residents. All queries were addressed and it is hoped that further consultation will take place in Q4 2022.

O'Devaney Gardens

It is hoped that Phase 1A will be handed over by the contractor in mid Q4 2022. Bartra have been on site over the summer carrying out surveys and site investigations in relation to road realignment and drainage and it is hoped that work will commence on the site soon. Further information in relation to the development will then be circulated through the Central Area Committee.

St Finbarrs Court

St Finbarrs is currently out to tender and it is hoped that works will commence in Q1 2023. Housing Maintenance are continuing to keep the site cleared of illegally dumped materials.

Bannow Road Site

Senior Management reported back to Central Area Councillors in relation to progress made and outcomes of discussions pertaining to the land with Transport for Ireland. It has been decided that an AHB will develop both social housing and cost rental on the site. More information will be available and consultation will be arranged in the coming months.

Infirmary Road

The Infirmary Road development will consist of 38 units in total located in two blocks, with a mix of 1, 2 and 3 bed apartments and duplexes in both blocks. The development has received Part 8 approval to include the demolition of two buildings on site, which excludes the Married Quarters as there is a preservation order in place for this building. The programme for Infirmary Road initially indicated going to tender in March 2021 but due to major delays it is now expected to go to tender in Q4 2022.

Estate Management Housing Statistics, September 2022 Cabra / Glasnevin

No of anti-social complaints per 1997 act Drug related	0
No of anti-social complaints per 1997 act not Drug related	15
No. of Complaints	10
Total Complaints	25
No of anti-social Interviews per 1997 Act	5
No of other interviews	5
Total interviews	10
No of requests for mediation	0
No of complaints referred to the Central Unit for action	0
No of Tenancy warnings issued	0
No of excluding orders issued	0
Allocations	
Housing (Band 2 & 3)	1
Transfers (Band 2 & 3)	0
Older Persons Housing (band 2 & 3)	0
Older Persons Transfers (band 2 & 3)	3
Medical and welfare	0
Older persons medical and welfare	0
Homeless	0
Transfer HAP	1
Fire/flood/Emg – Maintenance	0
Estate Management	0
RAS/HAP exit	1
Total Allocations Made	6

The allocation of a large number of units in the new Hamilton Gardens development is expected to take place in early November.



Comhairle Cathrach
Bhaile Átha Cliath
Dublin City Council

The detenancing process of Broombridge Court Senior Citizens complex is underway. Tenants have been spoken to on a one to one basis in relation to their transfer and three have already been accommodated.

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TEAM REPORT CABRA / GLASNEVIN

Events promoted by the Community Staff over the Halloween Period, especially on Halloween Night were a designed program of "Bringing the Community Out". With a strong community presence in local public spaces there are fewer spaces for youths to use for illegal bonfires and anti-social behaviour. It is with this approach that we have canvassed the local community groups to be active in their area focusing on community involvement, family involvement and using the local public spaces for these activities. It is estimated that over 20 community lead events will be taking place on Halloween supported by the Community Development Team.

Community Development Staff will rotate between as many of the events as possible to ensure a DCC presence at the supported events.

Major Halloween Events.

Killala Road Film Night. (4pm to 9pm) Monsters Inc and the Addams Family
Parkside Celebrations. With fun treats and a DJ
Ashington Park. Costumes, Treats, Face Painting and more

Other Halloween Events.

Offaly Road.	St. Attracta Road.
Montpelier Park.	Montpelier Drive.
Colmcille House.	Drumalee Estate.
St. Finbarr's GAA Club.	St. Oliver Plunkett's GAA Club.
Cabra Youth Services Programme.	Annamoe Drive.
Blessington Court.	Dorset Street.
Phibsborough Tidy Towns Spring Bulb Project (As a part of the Friday Market).	

The final number of projects being actioned on the night of Halloween will not be available until after the event. Resident and Community groups are still contacting the Community Development Team and we encourage each contact to make the maximum effort.

We do however anticipate that over 20 groups will participate in the Halloween events across the area of Cabra/Glasnevin, from Ashtown to Drumcondra involving over 5,000 people. Financial Contributions will be in the region of €35,000.00 euro covering all the events. Contributions also included street party goods, gazebos, tables and chairs when required.

Spring Flowers and Bulb Project.

Over 60 residents groups were provided with Spring Flowers / bulbs. These groups promote continuous clean-ups in their localities and the Halloween flowers lead to a much better celebration of this festival and citizen based protection for the neighbourhoods they are planting. The bulb allocation and planting programs also support efforts to encourage other Halloween diversion projects like street parties and organised trick or treating for younger family members.



PLANTING THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

Graham and his colleague from the Local Residents Group at Villa Park collecting planters, compost and flowers.

They have their work cut out as deer from the Phoenix Park have taken a liking to certain planted shrubs. Deer also like to lie in some of the planted beds crushing the plants.

In the real spirit of community they see the deer as part of the community and just get on with the job of repairing the beds and replanting the planters. Cabra/Glasnevin community development team support their work in improving the public realm.

PLANTING THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

While most resident groups collect plants, planters and compost from the DCC offices on the Cabra Road some citizens need a little helping hand. Our supplier then goes the extra mile along with the Community Development Team dropping supplies off to those citizens we know engage fully with the public realm.

Like Frank, who continues to maintain planters in the public realm in his area. Fran from Darling Estate helped distributing the flowers.

It is with the support of such citizens that areas look maintained, well presented and lift a feeling of wellbeing across the community.

We are very happy to support such citizens with supplies to their door.





PLANTING THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

Tommy from Blackhorse Grove receiving winter bedding plants delivered directly off the back of the lorry.

Tommy manages the planting in the public domain around the "Hole in the Wall" pub and has been doing a fantastic job for over 50 years.

Well on in years Tommy is a shining example of a community member taking the lead and ownership in creating community.

The community development team are constantly looking to engage the next generation of Tommy's to keep the public realm clean, vibrant and growing.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Glengarriff Road Residents Association will be hosting a Halloween art event with the support of Dublin City Council Community Development.

Keeping children engaged with traditional activities like carving the pumpkin.

 A poster for the Glens Halloween Children's Art Exhibition 2022. The background is dark with silhouettes of pumpkins, bats, and a cross. The text is in yellow and white.

Glens Halloween Children's Art Exhibition 2022

Send your art to
11haven@gmail.com or WhatsApp to Jackie 087 634 7388
 or drop it into 24 Glenarriff Road by Thursday 27th October

All art will be laminated and displayed on the trees over Halloween.
 Goodie bag for all artists
 To celebrate our local wild life why not
 hide a bat somewhere in your drawing.

This year we also have something special for you.
 We have pumpkins for you to carve into scary heads.

Please let us know if you would like a pumpkin as soon as possible
 so we know how many we will need.
 Call or WhatsApp Pat on 087 261 8558
 or drop a note to 24 Glenarriff Road

 A poster for the Ashington Park Halloween Party. The background is orange with silhouettes of bats, a tree, and a house. The text is in black and white.

ASHINGTON PARK

YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR

HALLOWEEN PARTY

MONDAY,
 31ST OCTOBER
 3PM TIL 5PM

MUSIC! FANCY DRESS!
 TREATS!
 FACE PAINTING
 PRIZES FOR BEST
 COSTUMES

HALLOWEEN PARTY

A community event in Ashington Park supported by the Community Development Team from the Cabra Area Office. With a range of activities community is strong and vibrant in Ashington



Mrs Sheila Lambe mother of Eimear Lambe (International Rowing Bronze Medallist) and Ailish Chairperson of Bi ag Ciant



Age Friendly Ceili Mor

After practising for 8 evenings at Oliver Plunkett GAA Club our Ceili Mor was held in Dominick Street Recreation Centre, on Wednesday 19th Oct .

A full house appreciated the Music and Dancing with the Brian Boru Ceili Band.

People were invited to participate from the entire Central Area by the Cabra Community Development Team.

The event was promoted as an age Friendly Event to encourage physical activity etc., but more importantly

“ take the City Centre Back”

and get people to frequent the City Centre again for social activities.

Most appropriate ...given the recent controversy re the City Centre.

The event while sponsored by Age Friendly Ireland brought people of all ages.

As with any Ceili Mor you could put in whatever level of effort suited you and for some it was a work out.

The Ceili Mor program culminated in the event in Dominick Street bringing a cohort of the community back to the city centre for social activity.

The program itself has been developing community spirit for weeks with people coming out in the evening to hone their dancing skills prior to the Ceili Mor. People were active, developed a skill/interest and enjoyed good company while taking back the City Centre.

A special thanks should be given to Carmel McKenna from the Munster Academy of Dancing who for 8 weeks came up from Limerick to deliver classes in preparation for the big event in Dominick Street.

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