



Date: 01/12/2022

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

Meeting: 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2022.

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

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**Autumn Leaf Fall**

We are happy to advise that nearly all of the bags of leaves have been removed from the North Central Area at this stage. We ran into some difficulties in November due to the sheer volume of bags being filled by residents and issues with Waste Management vehicles being off the road but we cut through it once we had the bin lorry back on the road. Waste Management have collected 603 tonnes of leaves to date in 2022 compared with 400 tonnes for the same period in 2021. This needs to change – people need to be educated more about the benefits of retaining leaves in their own areas. We have made a huge effort to educate people through the leaf composting workshops we organised this year but we need a serious campaign in advance of Autumn 2023 to stop all of this bagging of leaves and transportation of leaves to compost facilities outside of the area.



A special leaf gathering week was organised on Griffith Avenue 12<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> November 2022 in conjunction with All Hallows Residents Association, Griffith Avenue & District Residents Association & the local schools. Equipment and bags were supplied to the resident associations and 4 local schools:



- Scoil Mhuire Junior Boys School (4th, 5th & 6th class)
- St. Vincent de Paul Junior Girls School (4th, 5th & 6th class)
- Ard Scoil Rís Secondary School
- Dominican College Secondary School

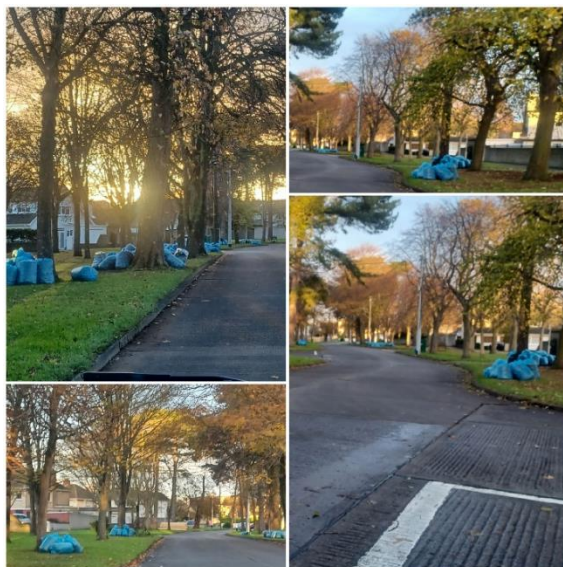
We collected hundreds of bags most of which were delivered to St. Annes's Park to make leaf mould compost for use in the park however some of the bags still had to be taken to Thorntons due to the vast quantities being bagged up.

We assisted GADRA by delivering bags and a guide to properties between Drumcondra Road & Mobhi Road (approx.80 properties).

The Waste Management & Public Domain Crews worked tirelessly throughout the week collecting the filled bags, two men were assigned to clearing the cycle lanes each morning to keep them clear for cyclists (and this is still continuing each day). The road sweeper was also clearing the roadway regularly. Joanne organised for GADRA to receive 10 new leaf baskets which can be seen along the Avenue close to the entrance of the Courtlands. These will be maintained by the resident association who hope to make some wonderful leaf mould compost for use in the area. The event was a huge success and we have received great feedback.

Maywood & Bettyglen in Raheny organised their yearly leaf gathering weekend 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> November 2022. This was a huge success. Bags and gloves were supplied by the public domain team and we arranged for all of the leaves to be taken to the Belmayne Allotments to make leaf mould compost for use onsite.

Most areas have now been cleared of bags and we have decided to pause the distribution of compostable leaf bags to groups for the month of December to allow the crews time to completely clear the area in time for the Christmas season. We would like the North Central Area to be bag free during the festive period. We would appreciate your support with this decision.



### **Dangerous footpaths**

Waste Management crews continue to clear compacted leaves from dangerous footpaths to make them safe for pedestrians. If you notice any pathways that require attention please let us know and we will bring them to the attention of Waste Management.



### **Graffiti**

We continue to respond to reports of graffiti across the area.



## Planters

We will continue to provide planters and will work with groups as the budget allows in 2023.

## Signage:

New signage will be considered as the budget allows in 2023.

## Resident Clean Ups

A special clean-up of Hollybrook Road & St. Lawrence Road in Clontarf took place over the weekend of the 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> November. Residents moved their cars and assisted with sweeping the leaves out onto the road for the road sweeper. We also had the crew clean up Haddon Road & Victoria Road.



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