

To the Chairperson and Members of the
South East Area Committee

Report of the Executive Manager, Central and South East Areas

City Quay

The mural at City Quay has been completed. The 2nd phase will be the greening of this space which should happen in the Spring. We are also about to consult with residents regarding the proposed improvements at O'Elizabeth O'Farrell Park.

Baggot Street Upper

We are awaiting a proposal from City Architects regarding public seating for Baggot Street Upper.

Bridge Project

We are continuing to engage with Gardaí in Pearse Street and Store Street and Youth Services on both sides of the Liffey regarding diversionary activities for young people.

Cabbage Patch

We hope to meet Parks regarding the Cabbage Patch shortly and then present an update to the Area Committee.

Community Update Kimmage – Rathmines

Halloween Festival 2023

There were two major events organised in Dublin 12 on Halloween Day which took place in Eamonn Ceannt Park and Brickfield Park. Both events were well attended and the City Council received positive feedback from the 8 residents' associations in the area. There was a festival atmosphere and we look forward to building on this year's success in Halloween 2024.



Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremonies

We are delighted to see the return of the popular Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremonies this year; these events are a highlight of the annual community calendar. Events will take place in Harold's Cross, Crumlin, Terenure, Rathgar and Kimmage Village.

Date	Start Time	Area	Location
25 th Nov	5.00PM	Harold's Cross	Harold's Cross Park
27 th Nov	7.00PM	Kimmage	Supervalu carpark
29 th Nov	7.00PM	Crumlin	Beside the Garda Station
30 th Nov	7.00PM	Rathgar	Christ Church
2 nd Dec	4.00PM	Terenure	Public carpark beside Evergreen Hall

Christmas with our Older Residents

The Community Development Team are supporting an extensive programme of Christmas Parties and Events for our older residents and community integration groups. Please see event schedule below.

Inclusion and Integration Week 2023

Rathmines Intercultural School Event

The Community Development Team and the Garda Community Liaison Team have organised an intercultural event. We have invited 6th classes from four Rathmines primary schools of differing denominations. It will be held in the Swan Leisure Centre on the 10th of November between 12 – 2pm. There will be various musical acts and other performances.

Autism: Building an Inclusive Community

Involve Autism D6/D6W have organised an evening to celebrate Dublin City Council's Inclusion and Integration Week 2023. The title of the evening is "Autism: Building an Inclusive Community". Keynote speaker was Adam Harris, (CEO of Ireland's National Autism Charity) plus there will be contributions from Involve Autism, educators, sports clubs etc. The event will take place on the 8th of November at 7:30pm in Terenure College Rugby Football Club (RFC).

Sensory Boxes for Community Buildings

The City Council has supported the D12 Autism on their project to install sensory boxes in community building in Dublin 12. The group has identified six locations to start with. The boxes consist of the following:

- Ear Defenders
- Expandable Ball
- Sensory Tubes
- Soft Foam Rollers
- Sensory pops
- Rainbow fidget tubes
- Sensory Rainmaker
- Light up pop tubes

Christy Brown Memorial

The Crumlin Area Office and the Arts Office have organised a consultation meeting to give local residents and other interested parties the opportunity to give their views on a memorial installation for Christy Brown. The following points will be discussed:

- Why it is important for the Crumlin Community to celebrate Christy in Crumlin?
- How could we do this e.g. sculpture, public art, park or other ways?
- Where should this be located e.g. near his original home or in the centre of Crumlin?
- Would you like to be involved in this project?

The consultation will take place on the 6th of November in Clogher Road Sports Centre between 7pm – 9pm.

Spring Bulb Donations

A large selection of spring bulbs were distributed to community centres and environmental groups in November, ensuring plenty of colour and vibrancy will be on view in our villages, complexes and along our streets in the new year.

Kimimage / Rathmines Area Community Schedule of Events

Nov	Time	Event
2 nd	2 - 4pm	Merrick House, Afternoon of Music with Angel.
6 th	7 - 9pm	Christy Brown Memorial consultation meeting to discuss proposed memorial.
7 th	12 – 1pm	Garda Safety Talk, CAAN Group in Lorcan O’Toole GAA Club.
8 th	7:30pm	D6 Involve Autism, Adam Harris “Build an inclusive community” Terenure College RFC.
10 th	12 - 2pm	Schools Intercultural Event Rathmines, Swan Leisure Centre.
10 th	8pm	Pride of Place Final, Armagh. Kingfisher Project.
16 th	2 - 4pm	Crumlin Senior Citizens’ Christmas Party.
17 th	8pm	Evergreen Fashion Show, Fundraiser for Evergreen Centre.
21 st	12 - 2pm	Community Active Age Network Christmas Party Lorcan O’Toole GAA.
23 rd	7 – 9pm	Rathgar Ladies Club, Mikey Smyth.
25 th	5 - 6pm	Harold Cross Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony.
27 th	7 – 8pm	Kimimage Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony.
28 th	7 – 8pm	Crumlin Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony.
29 th	7 – 8pm	Rathgar Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony.
Dec		
2 nd	4 – 5pm	Terenure Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony.
2 nd	6 – 8pm	D12 Autism Christmas Party.
7 th	7 – 9pm	Rathgar Ladies Club, Christmas Party with Tom Clarke.
9 th	7 – 9pm	Clonard Road Hub Christmas Party.
10 th	6 – 8pm	Rathmines Senior citizens Christmas Party.

Pembroke & South East Inner City Wards’ Community Event Listings

November 2023		
Date	Time	Event
1 st - 4 th		RICC - Mid Term Programme Tea Party
01/11	2 - 4pm	RICC – Pop up Library & Spooky Story Time @ Liffey Room
02/11	2:30-4:30	RICC – Seniors Halloween Tea Dance @ Liffey Room
02/11	5pm	St. Andrew’s Resource Centre - Talk About Youth Project Haunted Walk of Dublin 2 & 8 Areas followed by Scary Sleepover
03/11	2 – 4pm	RICC – Pop up Library & Spooky Story Time @ Liffey Room
20-24 th		*Talk About Youth Project - Drug and Alcohol Awareness Week
December 2023		
Date	Time	Event
01/12	3.15 - 7.15pm	RCSF Irishtown Stadium Christmas Markets @ Irishtown Stadium, 1 Kerlogue Road, Dublin 4, D04 NH74
01/12	5 – 6 pm	Sandymount Tree Lighting Event @ Sandymount Green, Dublin 4
01/12	7:30 – 8:30pm	Sandymount Culture Programme Christmas Event @ Sandymount Community Centre, Newbridge Avenue, Dublin 4. D04 CP80
02/12	1-3pm	Neurodiversity Ireland Christmas Party @ Sandymount Community centre
03/12	12:30	Patricks Roman Catholic Church, Ringsend, Dublin 4

03/12	1-3pm	Ringsend Santa's Wonderland Christmas Event @ Ringsend & Irishtown Community Centre, Thorncastle Street, Ringsend, Dublin 4.
03/12	3:30-5:30	Conway Court Christmas Dance Party @ Unit 18, Trinity Enterprise Centre, Macken Street (opposite Conway Court Flats), off Pearse Street, Dublin 2.
03/12	3-5	Sandymount Community Centre Christmas Event @ Sandymount Community Centre, Newbridge Avenue, Dublin 4. D04 CP80
05/12	3:30-8pm	Conway Court Seniors Party @ Unit 18, Macken Street, Dublin 2
07/12	2 – 4pm	St. Andrews Resource Centre Senior Care Christmas Party @ St. Andrews Resource Centre, 114-116 Pearse St, City Quay, Dublin, D02 PR44
09/12	TBC	61 Merchants Quay Scouts Christmas Wonderland
10/12	1 – 4pm	City Quay Christmas Party @ 1 Windmill Lane, Dublin 2 (indoor space)
11/12	2 – 4pm	Iveagh Trust Christmas Tea Dance @ Kevin Street, Dublin 8
12/12	14:30 – 16:30	DARA Christmas Party @ Donnybrook Parish Centre, Ailesbury Close, Dublin 4
14/12	2pm-4pm	Moyne House Christmas Party
15/12	10:15 – 11:15am	Fáilte Isteach Multicultural Christmas Event @ Unit 18, Macken Street , off Pearse Street, Dublin 2
16/12	1pm-3pm	Markievicz House Christmas Party @ Markievicz House, Townsend Street, Dublin 2
16/12	3:30-5:30pm	Pearse House Christmas Party @ Pearse Area Recreation Centre, Pearse House Flat Complex, Sandwith Street Lower, Dublin 2
16/12	4pm	Carols by Candlelight @ St. Johns Church
17/12	2pm-4pm	Boyne Street Christmas Party @ Boyne Street Flat Complex, Boyne Street, Dublin 2
26/12	12pm-2pm	Wren Day Celebrations @ Sandymount Village Green, Dublin 4

Pembroke & South East Inner City Wards' Community Weekly Events– October 2023

Date	Day	Time	Event	Activity
1/11 – 07/11	-	TBC	Youth services - D2&D4 Pearse St. & Ringsend	Adventure activities e.g. climbing wall.
01/11 – 06/12	-	TBC	Sandymount community centre	Weekly chair aerobics
01/11 – 06/12	-	TBC	St Andrews community centre.	Weekly chair aerobics
04/11	-	TBC	Irishtown	Yoga social for LGBTQ+ members of Sporting Pride
06/11 - 08/12	-	TBC	YMCA and Leinster Cricket	TBA: 4 week cricket programme
06/11 - 18/12	-	TBC	D2 & D4 Baggot st & Ringsend Schools	Functional movement skills programme
06/11 – 28/11	-	TBC	Cabbage Patch & Canal area	4 week yoga programme for women
08/11-20/12	-	TBC	School - D2 - Pearse st - CBS Westland Row	Weekly girls tag rugby CBS Westland Row
08/11 - 13/12	-	TBC	School - D4 - Ringsend	Weekly swimming lessons for primary school girls.
14/11 – 15/11	-	TBC	School - 2 & D4 / Irishtown Stadium	Marathon Kids programme.

18/11 – 22/12	-	TBC	Youth service, school, community - D2 & D4	Seasonal programme-physical activity & Social connections
Weekly	Mon	9am - 3pm	Woodstock Court, Ranelagh Dublin 6	Meals Cooked
4 Weeks	Mon	10:30-12pm	Verschoyle Court /Stephen's Place/ Powerscourt, Dublin 2	Gardening Class
Weekly	Tues	10.30-1.30	Verschoyle Court /Stephen's Place/ Powerscourt, Dublin 2	Coffee Morning
Weekly	Tues	9am - 3pm	Woodstock Court, Ranelagh Dublin 6	Meals Cooked
Start Dec	Tues	2-3.30pm	Verschoyle Court /Stephen's Place/ Powerscourt, Dublin 2	Meditation & Wellbeing
Weekly	Tues	11am-1pm	Greenore/ Rostrevo Community Room, Greenore Terrace, Dublin 2.	Arts & Crafts
4 Weeks	Wed	2-4pm	Verschoyle Court /Stephen's Place/ Powerscourt, Dublin 2	Everyday Tech
Bi-Week	Wed	11-12	Beech Hill, Donnybrook. Dublin 4	Chair Yoga
Bi-Week	Wed	7.30-9.30pm	Beech Hill, Donnybrook. Dublin 4	Ladies Group
Weekly	Wed	9am - 3pm	Woodstock Court, Ranelagh Dublin 6	Meals Cooked
Weekly	Wed	10-12.30pm	Charlemont Court, Charlemont Mall, Dublin 2	Coffee Morning
Weekly	Wed	11am-1pm	Greenore/ Rostrevo Community Room, Greenore Terrace, Dublin 2.	Bingo
Start Nov	Thurs	2-3.30pm	Verschoyle Court /Stephen's Place/ Powerscourt, Dublin 2	Yoga
Weekly	Thurs	9am - 3pm	Woodstock Court, Ranelagh Dublin 6	Meals Cooked
Weekly	Thurs	3-5pm	Beech Hill, Donnybrook. Dublin 4	Knitting Group
Weekly	Thurs	11am-1pm	Greenore/ Rostrevo Community Room, Greenore Terrace, Dublin 2.	Art
13 Weeks	Fri	10-12.30pm	Verschoyle Court /Stephen's Place/ Powerscourt, Dublin 2	Art
13 Weeks	Fri	1.30-4pm	Verschoyle Court /Stephen's Place/ Powerscourt, Dublin 2	Pottery Classes
Weekly	Fri	11am-1pm	Greenore/ Rostrevo Community Room, Greenore Terrace, Dublin 2.	Art
Weekly	Fri	9am - 3pm	Woodstock Court, Ranelagh Dublin 6	Meals Cooked

Pembroke & South East Inner City Wards' Community Development Projects – October 2023

Start	Exp. End	Project
Oct	Nov	Resource Audit:

		Analysing Residential Complexes, Sheltered Accommodation, Community Groups and Community Centres to best allocate the available resources for community involvement and inclusivity for all shareholders of the South East Area.
Oct	TBC	Dublin City Trails: Working with Dublin City Council Culture Company and Web Developers to transform the existing physical Map based SEA Walking Route Trails to a mobile application.
Oct	Nov	Winter Bulbs: Liaising with Grange Growers to distribute planting bulbs to Community Groups
Oct	Dec	Christmas Trees and Christmas Area Lighting:
Oct	Nov	Replanting Ranelagh: Project to repair, repaint and replant the planter boxes in the village
Oct	Nov	Replanting Donnybrook: Project to repair, repaint and replant the planter boxes in the village
Ongoing	Ongoing	Outreach to refugees: Liaising with the refugees residing in Charleston Road and supporting projects such as the gardening project for a new Play/Prayer & Biodiversity garden Supporting new Ukrainian refugees in the Pearse Street area. Arranging events/tickets for refugee groups to visit local/ historic attractions.

Grand Canal

A meeting was held in January 2020 with Waterways Ireland representatives and Councillors to discuss ongoing management and maintenance of the canals in the city and to agree a new structure for interaction between Waterways Ireland and DCC. The latest meeting was held on 26th July 2023. A bye-law consultation meeting was held with Councillors on 18th October 2023. Next meeting is due to be held in early 2024 via Teams.

Portobello Harbour Square

Ait Urbanism + Landscape were appointed as consultant for the project and two initial public consultation workshops were held on 1st and 8th June 2022 at St. Kevin's Community Centre. Concept designs were prepared by consultants based on the outcome of these workshops and these were put on public display at St. Kevin's Community Centre between 3pm and 8pm on Thursday 21st July 2022. Online consultation was open until 19th August 2022 and a large number of submissions were received. Preliminary Appraisal form has been lodged with the Capital Project Support Office (CPSO). Provision has being included in the Parks 2023/24/25 draft Capital Programme. Parks Department presented the latest design to Councillors on 18th May 2023. A further public consultation took place at St. Kevin's Community Centre on 31st May 2023 and subsequently online. The pre-part 8 process which involves engaging and agreeing the proposal with internal departments has over run, due to some issues that arose late in the design process. These are expected to be resolved in the coming weeks at which stage a full presentation will be given to area councillors. An updated programme will be provided at this presentation.

Rathgar Village Improvement Plan (VIP)

Herzog Park, Rathgar – Final Phase

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The final phase of the project includes the re-alignment of the front boundary of the park and the revised car park layout, as set out in the Part 8 permission. A preliminary site meeting was held with Road Construction Engineers in April 2022. Surveys of the area were carried out including a drone survey and GPR Survey to assist in the design process. Roads

engineering resource is now in place and a meeting was held on site on 5th May 2023 with Roads Engineer, Parks Dept. and area office. Japanese Knotweed has been identified in the boundary which will have an impact on timeline and costs. Outline costings have now been compiled and funding options are currently being assessed. Timeline for works will be prepared in the coming weeks.

Ringsend Irishtown Local Environment Improvement Plan (LEIP)

Library Square: (Mitchell & Associates) Meetings with internal stakeholders were held during September and October 2018. A meeting was held with local businesses to discuss parking / loading arrangements on 5th December 2018. A presentation was made to area councillors on 13th February 2019 and a preliminary draft design was brought to a public meeting for all stakeholders on Thursday 21st March 2019 in the Ringsend Irishtown Community Centre (RICC). Following a period of consultation up to 19th April 2019, submissions were received and were reviewed by the project team. A revised design was brought before the Public Realm Working Group on 22nd October 2019.

A meeting of all internal stakeholders was held on 28th November 2019 and further detail was identified by key departments. An invitation to tender for additional services to bring the project to Part 8 was issued to consultants and Mitchell & Associates were formally appointed on 17th November 2021. Preliminary meeting of design team took place on 15th December 2021 and detailed meetings with internal departments were held in January and February 2022. GPR Survey was carried out in January 2022.

A second round of meetings with internal departments was held during April / May 2022 and work was carried out on finalising the design. A meeting was held with local businesses to agree servicing arrangements for traders on Fitzwilliam Street in November 2022. A public information meeting to present the design to the community was held in December 2022 in Ringsend Irishtown Community Centre which was well received. A Road Safety Audit was carried out in early 2023. Pre-Part 8 drawings were circulated to Technical Departments in April 2023 and all issues have now been resolved. Planning Dept. has no objection to proceeding to Part 8 and presentation will be made to the November SEAC meeting. Following that the Part 8 planning application will be lodged later in November 2023.

Choice Based Lettings / Allocations

We are currently advertising bedsits in Maxwell Court, Stannaway Court, Ravensdale Close and Lorcan O'Toole Court. The new Allocations CBL online application portal, which went live on 16th October, appears to be working well and is taking some of the workload away from the area office.

CCTV

Following a meeting with our Data Protection Section some clarity has been provided in relation to CCTV. We have now been advised that it is the opinion of our Data Protection Section that CCTV within our own complexes does not require the authorisation of the Garda Commissioner as they do not believe that complexes are public places. While they acknowledge that this opinion could be challenged by the Data Protection Commissioner they are confident that such a challenge could be successfully met. In relation to CCTV in public places we are required to seek the authorisation of the Garda Commissioner and there is a detailed and lengthy process to undertake in that regard. Further meetings are scheduled with the Data Protection Section to discuss issues such as uniformity in consultation and other issues. In the meantime I have been advised we should review, or undertake, Data Privacy Impact Assessments for all current systems to ensure they do comply with GDPR and whether they require the authorisation of the Garda Commissioner. I have met with the new Garda Inspector with a view to identifying which current cameras we should apply for authorisation to retain. It has also been agreed that the Community Safety Forum would be an appropriate

group for the initiation of applications for Community Based CCTV Schemes and for community representation on project teams for these schemes.

Former Fr. Lar Redmond Hall, Keeper Road, Drimnagh

This community hall has been vacant for many years and Housing Development are proposing to redevelop the site for Housing. The site will be developed by Respond Housing and the proposal is to build Older Persons' Units on the site. Information days took place in Dolphin's Barn Library on Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th January. The main comments related to the proposed height of the developments and this was repeated at the presentation that was made to the area committee on 13th March. Following a redesign in response to points raised at the area committee meeting and at the Community Consultation event Responds Architects have completed a further redesign. The main changes are as follows:

- A reduction of the overall building height from 7 to 6 storeys.
- Increase in height to the rear block from 4 to 5 storeys with the top floor set back.
- Reduction in car parking spaces provided from 5 to 3.
- Relocation of the communal room from third floor to upper ground floor, with dedicated entry from Keeper Road.
- Unit numbers have reduced from 22 to 20, due to the reduction in height, with unit areas remaining at approximately just over 50m².

A planning application was lodged on 16th June with the last day for observations being 20th July. This application was deemed invalid. A new application was submitted on 14th July with the last day for observations being 17th August. This application was also deemed invalid as one of the three required public notices on the site was missing when the planning inspector visited the site. A third application was submitted on 25th August and the final date for observations to be submitted is 28th September. A decision was returned by the Planning Department on 18th October. They are seeking further information in relation to 7 issues of concern. Among these issues are the height, density and scale of the project, location of the community room and drainage for the site. Respond now have 6 months to provide the further information.

Ravensdale Close / Clonmacnoise Grove

Following a meeting in January with Housing Development and FOLD approved housing body (AHB) to review feasibility studies for the redevelopment of Ravensdale Close and Clonmacnoise Grove senior citizens' complexes it was agreed that both projects were viable. The plans are currently being finalised and consultation with residents has commenced. So far there has been a very positive response from residents. Outline designs are still being worked on and when they have been completed a presentation will be made to the residents.

Tenancy Warnings/Applications for Possession Order

We currently have 7 active Tenancy Warnings. Two Manager's Orders approving applications for Possession Orders have been signed and we have received confirmation of a January Court date for one of these cases.

Halloween

Following work carried out by area staff there was significant seizures of bonfire materials, including a substantial amount of tyres, in the lead up to and on Halloween itself. The efforts of area staff was well supported by An Garda Síochána and the Waste Management and Parks Departments. There was a total of six bonfires in the area and these were relatively small bonfires. There were very few incidents of anti-social behaviour and it was a relatively quiet night. The events held by the Community Section once again helped to significantly distract young people from getting involved in more problematic Halloween events.

Rosary Hall

After receiving extra funding of €240,000 which was approved at the April City Council meeting (as well as €125,000 already allocated), it was decided to retender the entire proposed works. Meetings took place with both main community groups and consultant architects during the summer 2021 to outline and agree the proposed works which included mechanical and electrical works, fire safety works, remedial works and lift replacement.

The Area Manager also engaged in meetings with both community groups regarding governance of the facility and a management agreement was finalised in May 2022.

A supervisory committee comprising of two members of the football club and two members of the Harold's Cross Village Community Council (HXVCC) and the Area Manager will be established to optimise the use of the facility for the benefit of the Community.

Tender documentation was completed and advertised and tenders were received back on 14th February. When these tenders were assessed by consultants it was apparent that construction inflation has led to a significant increase on the previously estimated cost.

A full Corporate Project Support Office (CPSO) appraisal form has been submitted in relation to the matter and it has been included in list of projects for capital funding

The disposal of the lease was agreed at the South East Area Committee meeting in June and was brought to the July City Council meeting and approved.

Final further work in relation to the agreed Protocol for Management of the Building was agreed late last year and the Lease signed

The works were tendered on 6th April and the last day for submission was the 8th May. The tenders have been assessed and preferred bidder selected.

There were no challenges to the tender during the standstill period and all relevant documentation has been checked and verified. The letter of acceptance has been signed and the contract awarded to the preferred bidder. As there is a mobilisation period of 8 weeks the works will commence in January to avoid starting in December.

Age Friendly Initiative Harold's Cross

The Age Friendly Committee for Harold's Cross has been operational since early 2020. A draft report was submitted by the Harold's Cross Village Community Council (HCVCC) in conjunction with Rob Chester, Area Community Officer and it was agreed to progress a number of these proposals, funding permitting.

A subgroup under the Housing Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) has been convened to look at the City Wide Age Friendly Strategy. Under this structure, submissions for funding may be advanced, including the Harold's Cross project.

It has been agreed by the elected members that further monies (€1,000) will be allocated to this age friendly initiative in the discretionary funding for 2023.

IT Age Friendly tablets have been distributed to residents and have been very well received. Cliff Run Media have supplied over 1,000 units to established age friendly projects across the country; the tablet comes with one year's free WIFI and are dignity proofed to make access as easy as possible.

It is anticipated that when the works are completed on Rosary that it can play a pivotal role in age friendly activities going forward.

During 2022 there were a number of trips organised including visits to Russborough House on April 11th the National Stud on 27th September.

There was also an Ageing Well Café meeting in McGowans in May and a further event took place in McGowans on 7th December.

Further monies have been set aside in the Discretionary Fund this year for the Harold's Cross Age Friendly Initiative.

A meeting of the sub-group took place on 30th May and a main workshop took place on 8th June.

The Area Manager would like to thank Cllr. Feeney and Tony McDermott for their facilitation on the evening and the collation of the information from the participants. A further age friendly group meeting took place on 12th September. It is proposed to hold a Christmas event in early December 2023.

Rutland Grove / Eamonn Ceannt Park

A Crumlin Halloween Mini Festival took place in Eamonn Ceannt from 12pm to 4pm on Monday 31st October 2022 and received very good feedback from the community who attended.

A 'Friends of Eamonn Ceannt' meetings took place on 15th December in the Pavilion in Eamonn Ceannt Park and again on 30th March.

Active Travel have indicated that they do not intend to proceed with the Kimmage – Clogher cycleway way at present.

Les Moore at the meeting on 30th March indicated that Active Travel have the expertise and funding and it is not his intention to sanction any roadworks that were passed as part of the Part 8.

At this meeting the 'Friends of Eamonn Ceannt' Committee visited the area in question and the Area Manager on request has written to John Flanagan, Assistant Chief Executive of Environment & Transportation Department to see if they would decrease the size of the footpath to facilitate some dedicated parking.

A further 'Friends of Eamonn Ceannt' meeting took place Wednesday, 28th June.

A meeting between the Gardaí, three local resident groups and the Area Manager took place on Wednesday evening 31st May to highlight some of the local concerns regarding matters including anti-social behaviour, illegal parking, overflowing bins and damage to playground.

The commencement of upgrade works to the depot begun on 31st July and a meeting took place with the local Residents' Association on 3rd August in the Pavilion in Eamonn Ceannt Park.

A very successful Summer Festival took place in Eamonn Ceannt Park on 13th August 2023.

The event was very well attended with many entertainment options.

A Halloween Festival took place on 31st October and was very well attended in Eamonn Ceannt Park to encourage young people and others to enjoy Halloween safely.

Works on the depot upgrade are continuing.

Public Domain Kimmage - Rathmines

Community Clean-ups

Delivery of rolls of leaf bags to residents' groups completed over the last couple of weeks, approximately 25 deliveries.

Weeds

Great work carried out by Waste Management over last weekend, clearing weeds from streets / roads / paths in South East Area and work continuing. 3rd and 4th spraying of weeds around the area ongoing by Greentown.

Graffiti Removal

Approximately 10m² to date, not including all graffiti reported for removal on utility boxes and in parks.

Halloween

Halloween plans and preparations went very well over the Halloween period with a lot of tyres / pallets and other materials removed from laneways, empty derelict shops and buildings, outside residents' homes and industrial estates.

There were fewer bonfires in the area and the ones reported were smaller than usual. Parks are cleaning up the area between 1st and 3rd November.

Upgrade of laneway Crumlin Village to Windmill Park almost complete



Upgrading the laneway is almost complete. Cutting back of bushes from railings, painting railings, cutting back overgrown trees, painting of lamp posts, painting of gate and bollard, graffiti removal complete.

Lastly will be the resurfacing - waiting on a contractor to be appointed.

New bin for laneway was not approved.

Rathgar Residents' Association

Meeting held 27th September.

Upgrade of junction at Orwell Road / Zion Road – greening project under discussion between Fiona O'Shea and John MacEville with the group representative and contractor. Other upgrades for the area in relation to painting eircom boxes, bollards, new planters under discussion.

Upgrade / Enhancement of traffic islands

Consultation with contractor held 22nd September to discuss upgrading and enhancing the traffic islands on Kildare / Clogher Road and Kildare / Cashel Road. Quotes for the work have been received and discussion with our Traffic Engineer is next.

Public Domain - Pembroke & South East Inner City

Weed Control

The third Greentown spray is now completed.

'The Drain' walkway between Ringsend Park and Irishtown Stadium has been cleared.



Upgrade / Enhancement of the public realm

Enhancement works at the Campshires and South Quays

This included painting of the railings, replacement of broken or missing rails, re-painting and application of anti-sticker paint to the lampposts (64), repair and repainting of the seating at George's Quay and City Quay; power cleansing of the cobbled area, manual weed removal and cleansing of the Liffey Steps.

A new mural was painted by artist, Shane Sutton on the wall fronting the houses on City Quay and parking restrictions were permanently installed.



Enhancement works at Sandymount Promenade

23 Benches along Sandymount Promenade were painted.



Abandoned Bicycles October

389 bikes have been removed to date @ 15.10.2023.

255 bikes tagged and listed for removals were gone or have been moved by owners so far.

27 more bikes are tagged for the next removals day.

Halloween 2023

Ongoing removals of material (pallets, tyres etc.).

Graffiti Removal August / September 2023

474m² of graffiti has been cleansed by October. Continued engagement where graffiti is reported on private property and with utility companies (ESB Networks, Eir, Virgin Media, Gas Networks Ireland, Irish Water).

The mural at National Maternity Hospital has been completed by artist Shauna Heron (text panel to be installed).



Joint Policing Committee (JPC)

The last 2023 South East Area JPC meeting will be on 7th December.

Community Clean-ups

Bags and equipment delivered to residents / groups - 98 deliveries. The focus has now turned, to leaf collections. Resident & community groups of the South East Area make a huge contribution in this regards and the South East Area will continue to support them.

Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership (DCSWP) update

The primary goal of DCSWP is to provide opportunities for everyone to get involved in sport and physical activity regardless of age, gender or ability. In 2023 DCSWP continues to align the planning and delivery of programmes with national and international events. This strategic approach helps maximise promotion of the service, adds momentum to local programmes and initiatives and ultimately increases reach across communities in Dublin City.

In November DCSWP will be highlighting programmes male focused programmes to coincide with Men's Health week (15th – 20th) and International Men's Health Day (19th Nov). Inclusion and Integration week also takes place in November (7th – 14th) which provides an opportunity for DCSWP to highlight programmes that promote inclusion in sport. December 3rd marks International Day of People with Disabilities. DCSWP will be promoting ongoing programmes and initiatives that increase opportunities for people with intellectual, physical and sensory disabilities to partake in sport and physical activity.

Marathon Kids Final 2023

Finale of Marathon Kids 2023 programme. Participating schools (including schools from South East Area (SEA)) will come together to finish their final mile in Santry Stadium and receive medals. Full details to be confirmed (TBC).

Staffing News

As previously reported Sport Officer (x2) and Sport Inclusion and Integration Officer Roles (x 2 three year temporary) were advertised in September. The shortlisting process is near completion with interviews to follow.

Sport for Young People Small Grant Scheme 2023

170 applications were received from clubs across the city including the SEA. Sport Ireland Contribution for 2023 is €80,000. Remainder of allocation is from DCC. The assessment stage is now complete. The DCSWP Advisory Board noted the final list and allocation at the meeting of 24th October. Clubs are due to be notified. A full list of SEA clubs can be provided for the committees' information on request.

DCSWP Communications

All DCSWP highlight programmes continue to be supported by social media channels and the DCSWP Virtual Hub. See below:

- Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership Virtual Hub: www.dcswhub.ie
- Email: sports@dublincity.ie
- Twitter: Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership (@dcsportsrec) / Twitter
- Facebook: [Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership](https://www.facebook.com/DublinCitySportandWellbeing) | Facebook
Instagram: [@dublincitysportandwellbeing](https://www.instagram.com/dublincitysportandwellbeing)

South East Area November Highlights

Young People at Risk Age 10 - 24 Years. Youth Fit / School Programmes

Name of programme:	Youth Fit Swimming
Description of programme activity:	Swimming Programme
Partners:	South East Area Youth Services and DCSWP's Get Dublin Swimming Co-funded officer
Age group:	10-17years
Gender:	Mixed
Date/time and location:	Ongoing in Markievicz Swimming Pool every Wednesday
Name of programme:	Youth Fit Winter Programme
Description of programme activity:	Ice-skating programme reinforcing the benefits of developing social connections while enjoying physical activity in a safe environment.
Partners:	South East Area Youth Services Blanchardstown on Ice.
Age group:	10-17years
Gender:	Mixed
Date/time and location:	8 th Nov – 22 nd Dec
Name of programme:	Youth Fit Secondary Schools
Description of programme activity:	Tag Rugby Development programme aimed at teenage girls/youth at risk
Partners:	Leinster Rugby

Age group:	13-18 years
Gender:	Female
Date/time and location:	Wednesdays. Pearse St.
Name of programme:	Youth Fit
Description of programme activity :	Drop-in multi-sport programmes
Partners:	Clay Youth Project
Age group:	13-19 years
Gender:	Mixed
Date/time and location:	Ongoing in Clogher Rd. Centre
Name of programme:	Youth Fit/Get all Girls Active – Learn To Skate
Description of programme activity :	Beginners programme aimed at young females
Age group:	13-17years
Gender:	Mixed
Date/time and location:	Bushy Park Skate Park. Coaches are currently being engaged. Full Details TBC
Name of programme:	Youth Fit/Get all Girls Active – Research Programme
Description of programme activity :	Teenage girl's activity programme. Delivered in partnership with Trinity College. Researching what factors influence teenage girls to participate in physical activity
Age group:	13 years +
Date/time and location:	Rathmines area

Forever Fit – Older Adults age 55+ years

Name of core programme:	Forever Fit – Lorcan O'Toole, Crumlin
Description of programme activity:	Chair Fit
Partners:	Lorcan O'Toole centre Crumlin/Kimmage
Age group:	Age 55+ years
Gender:	Mixed
Date/time and location:	Ongoing in Lorcan O'Toole centre every Wednesday from 11am.
Name of core programme:	Forever Fit – Heart & Stroke Group
Description of programme activity:	Light fitness sessions for older adults in recovery
Partners:	Lower Crumlin
Age group:	Age 55+ years
Gender:	Mixed
Date/time and location:	Ongoing October – December. Times and dates TBC
Name of core programme:	Forever Fit – Raleigh Court/St. Agnes
Description of programme activity:	Light fitness sessions e.g.: Yoga, Chair Aerobics
Partners:	Crumlin Village/Crumlin Road
Age group:	Age 55+ years
Gender:	Mixed
Date/time and location:	Ongoing October – December. Times and dates TBC

Name of Programme:	Forever Fit Harold's Cross
Description of programme activity:	Chair Yoga aimed at improving flexibility, strength and balance for Older Adults
Age group:	Age 55 + years
Gender:	Mixed
Date/time and location:	Ongoing in Harold's Cross Parish Centre every Monday from 11am
Name of core programme:	Forever Fit Terenure
Description of programme activity:	Older Adult Dance & Fitness
Age group:	Age 55+ Years (Mixed)
Gender:	Mixed
Date/time and location:	Ongoing in the Evergreen Centre, Terenure,
Name of core programme:	Forever Fit
Description of programme activity:	Chair based exercise programme aimed at improving mobility and improving fitness levels.
Age group:	Age 55+ Years
Date/time and location:	Ongoing. Terenure. Rathmines, Harold's Cross.
Name of core programme:	Forever Fit
Description of programme activity:	Chair Aerobics
Age group:	Age 55+ Years
Date/time and location:	Ongoing. Every Wednesday, Sandymount.
Name of core programme:	Forever Fit
Description of programme activity:	Older Adult Men's Fitness Programme
Age group:	Age 55+ Years
Date/time and location:	Ongoing. Terenure. Rathmines, Harold's Cross.

Thrive – Adults with Mental Health Difficulties/Women in Sport

Name of programme:	Women's Wellness - Cabbage Patch programme
Description of programme activity :	Four week yoga programme aimed at women in the D2 area
Age group:	13-17 years
Gender:	Mixed
Date/time and location:	Ongoing every Monday in Cabbage Patch Flat Complex, D2

Health Improvement in the Community

Name of programme:	D6 Holistic Health
Description of programme activity :	Holistic Mental Health & Exercise programme for people experiencing mental health difficulties (referral only)
Partners:	HSE Occupational Therapists
Age group:	Adults
Gender:	Mixed
Date/time and location:	Ongoing in Swan Leisure Centre every Thursday from 12 noon.

Name of programme:	D4 Tai Chi
Description of programme activity :	Older Adult programme aimed at adults aged 55+ years experiencing mental health difficulties.
Partners:	HSE Occupational Therapists
Age group:	Adults
Gender:	Mixed
Date/time and location:	Ongoing in Irishtown & Ringsend Centre every Wednesday from 10.30am

Sport Inclusion & Integration

The following programmes are delivered on a citywide basis and include partners and participants from the South East Area:

Name of programme:	Yoga Programme
Description of programme activity :	Inclusive Yoga. Aimed at Sporting Pride LGBTQ + community in the SEA. Inclusion programmes will be showcased and highlight during Inclusion week 6th – 12th November
Name of programme:	Shelbourne Football For All Programme
Description of programme activity :	Programme aimed at service users from multiple services age 16+ years experiencing mental health difficulties.
Name of programme:	Ukrainian Crisis Centre Winter Programme
Description of programme activity :	Multi-sport initiative aimed at all ages. Delivered in partnership with emergency/housing services etc. Takes place in St. Catherine's Sport & Fitness Centre every Wednesday in November/December
Name of programme:	Sim 4 STEM Motorsports Female Programme
Description of programme activity :	See previous reports. DCC/DCSWP initiative as part of Active Cities Dublin. Continues in St. Louis High School, Rathmines in the SEA

Active Cities

➤ **BoxUp**

Please see previous report for BoxUp initiative and DCSWP Hub (<https://www.dcswp.org/boxup-comes-to-ireland>). There has been huge positivity around the installation of the Boxups with the potential for growth. So far usage of the equipment and downloading of the app have also been really popular. Active Cities have access to all data on usage, most popular equipment, user groups /profile data etc. to allow for monitoring of the BoxUp Units.

DCSWP South East Area Co-Funded Programmes:

Athletics in the Community

Couch to 3/5k and walking community programmes continue in the South East area in partnership with the Co-funded Athletics Officers. Officers continue to engage with schools in

the Daily Mile and school track and field programmes such as training for schools cross country 2024.

Boxing in the Community

The Startbox programme Silver and Bronze programmes continue in the South East area schools in November / December.

Cricket in the Community

- Cricket Coaching Courses commence in The High School, Rathgar every Tuesday at 11.30am from 21st November until year end.
- The DCSWP Cricket Development Officer continues to deliver and support citywide inclusive programmes and engage with local schools in softball cricket sessions (St. Matthews NS, Thursdays from 1pm, Star of the Sea, Ringsend Thursdays from 11am).
- DCC under 15 Boys and Girls Cricket training continues in Merrion Cricket Club every Friday from 3.30pm.

Football in the Community

The Football Officer in the South East Area continues to deliver the following programmes;

- Football for All aimed at children with physical, intellectual and sensory disabilities every Friday from 6pm in Cambridge FC, Dublin 4.
- Introductory programmes for children via Sprog Soccer programme and Girls Academy programme every Friday 4 -6pm in Irishtown Stadium.
- Disney Introductory sessions aimed at children age 4-12 years every Friday at 5pm in Irishtown Stadium.
- PDP 1 coach introductory sessions in partnership with Drug Rehabilitation 018 every Wednesday in Ringsend.
- PDP Transition Year Youth Mentoring workshops in Westland Row CBS and Ringsend College every Tuesday.
- School Introductory sessions aimed at schools in the D2 and D4 area every Thursday. Ongoing through to 2024.
- Club Development aimed at local clubs in the SEA. Delivered on an on-demand basis.
- Glow Football taster sessions aimed at young people age 13+ years every Friday.

Rowing in the Community

The Get Going Get Rowing indoor rowing schools programme continues. In the SEA the programme will be delivered in Presentation Community College, Terenure every Monday aimed at First Year level.

Rugby in the Community

- The Aldi Play Rugby Sessions continue in South East area primary and secondary schools every Friday (2, 4 and 6 areas).
- The Youth/Adult Active Coach Badge (Backs skills) workshop takes place on Monday 11th December (2, 4 and 6 areas).
- The rugby secondary schools Division 3A finals take place on Monday 11th December.
- The women's rugby development officer continues to work with schools on a citywide basis including schools from the SEA in the delivery of touch, contact and rugby 10's programmes.

Swimming in the Community

DCC / DCSWP appointed a Co-funded Swimming Ireland Development Officer in 2022 to increase opportunities for everyone in our communities to get involved with swimming and enjoy the benefits of water based physical activities.

- Men's sheds, men's wellness, female wellness, Foróige and Foundations youth project and Vision Sports swim programmes continue in Coolock and Seán McDermott swimming pool on a citywide basis.
- In the SEA Fifth class students from Ringsend School are participating in a six week swimming programme in Trinity College swimming pool.

Training for 2023

- Safeguarding 1, 2 & 3 Training continues on an on-demand basis.

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