

**Housing & Community Services Department
South East Area Office**

**To the Chairperson and Members of the
South East Area Committee**

Report of the Executive Manager, Central and South East Areas

City Quay

Awaiting framework agreement to be in place so tenders can be sought for public realm work. Public meeting also took place recently in relation to Elizabeth O'Farrell Park and we await draft designs.

Baggot Street Upper

New proposal for public benches on the Street to be discussed with City Architects.

Bridge Project

Bridge Project stakeholders meet on a bi-monthly basis and the priority is diversionary activities for young people in both the south and north inner city.

Cabbage Patch

Awaiting information from Parks

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

Áit 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 been 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 program will be provided at this presentation.

Rathgar Village Improvement Plan (VIP)

Herzog Park, Rathgar – Final Phase

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 Department 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, including possible funding from Irish Water. Timeline for works will be prepared in the coming weeks and tender prepared in early 2024.

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 been resolved. Planning Department has no objection to proceeding to Part 8 and presentation was made to the November SEAC meeting giving notice of lodgement of Part 8 planning application in November 2023. Part 8 planning application was lodged on Thursday 30th November and is open for submissions/observations until close of business on Thursday 18th January 2024.

Rosary Hall

After receiving extra funding of €240k which was approved at the April City Council meeting (as well as €125k 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 & 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 February 14th. 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 Area committee meeting in June and was brought to the July 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 mid-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 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 (€k) 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 Sept,

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

Further monies has been set aside in the Discretionary Fund this year for the HX 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.

The final AF meeting of the year took place on Dec 5th and it is planned to have a Christmas function on 12th December.

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 March 30th

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 ACE of E & T 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 Wed 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 July 31st and a meeting took place with the local Resident's Association on August 3rd in the Pavilion in Eamonn Ceannt Park,

A very successful Summer Festival took place in Eamonn Ceannt Park on Aug 13th

The Event was very well attended with many Entertainment options.

A Halloween Festival took place on Oct 31st 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 and discussions are ongoing with the Residents Association in relation to the placement of an ESB substation.

It is hoped to mark the awarding of the 'Green Flag' to the Park in a small ceremony with invites to the 'Friends of Eamonn Ceannt Park' on December 14th

Choice Based Lettings / Allocations

There are no units in the area currently being advertised under this scheme.

CCTV

Following ongoing meetings with our Data Protection section some clarity has been provided in relation to CCTV. Regarding CCTV in public places, they have confirmed that we are required to seek the authorisation of the Garda Commissioner through the Community Based

CCTV Scheme process. Accordingly, the first step in installing CCTV at Benbulbin Road will be to form a project team, to include members of the local community, An Garda Síochána and Dublin City Council, technical experts etc. Given the required involvement of the local community, the issues of health and safety outlined above are still a concern. However it has agreed with the Community Policing Forum that it would be appropriate for the Community Policing Forum to fulfil the Community aspect required in applying to install or retain CCTV systems in Public Places. The local Gardaí also believe this would be an appropriate way to proceed. Accordingly, we intend to commence a process for installing CCTV at Benbulbin Road once the CPF have written to the local Garda Superintendent and DCC, notifying them of their intention to establish a CCTV scheme in that locality. There is a detailed and lengthy process to undertake before an application for authorisation can be submitted and it is crucial that all steps in the process are closely followed in order to ensure the best chance of securing the authorisation of the Garda Commissioner. It should also be noted that the ultimate outcome in this matter may well be that CCTV is not justified at this location, at this time.

In relation to CCTV in other public places in the area, we are carrying out a review of these systems to assess whether we should seek authorisation from the Garda Commissioner for these systems. It is possible that some of these systems will be decommissioned as there may no longer a justification for their retention. Discussions have been held with An Garda Síochána and they will revert with their opinion on which systems should be retained. The Councillors will be notified of all proposed changes prior to implementation. We have been advised that all systems can continue to operate while reviews are carried out.

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 on Thursday 26th January with Housing Development and FOLD 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 were presented to Area Councillors on November 16th and received a generally positive response. FOLD will take on board issues that were raised and will review the designs with the architects.

Pembroke & South East Inner City Wards' Community Event Listings – December 2023

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
01/12	Fri	3.15 7.15pm	RCSF Irishtown Stadium Christmas Markets @ Irishtown Stadium, Kerlogue Road, Dublin 4, D04 NH74
01/12	Fri	5 – 6 pm	Sandymount Tree Lighting Event @ Sandymount Green, Dublin 4
01/12	Fri	7:30 8:30pm	Sandymount Culture Programme Christmas Event @ Sandymount Community Centre, Newbridge Avenue, Dublin 4. D04 CP80
02/12	Sat	1-3pm	Neurodiversity Ireland Christmas Party @ Sandymount Community centre Newbridge Avenue, Dublin 4. D04 CP80
03/12	Sun	12:30	St. Patricks Roman Catholic Church, Ringsend, Dublin 4
03/12	Sun	1-3pm	Ringsend Santa's Wonderland Christmas Event @ Ringsend & Irishtown Community Centre, Thorncastle Street, Ringsend, Dublin 4.
03/12	Sun	1-3pm	Hanover Reach Christmas Party @ Hanover Reach Apts, Grand Canal, Dublin 2, D02 WT73.
03/12	Sun	3pm	Havelock Square Xmas Family Day
03/12	Sun	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	Sun	3-5	Sandymount Community Centre Christmas Event @ Sandymount Community Centre, Newbridge Avenue, Dublin 4. D04 CP80
05/12	Tues	2.30-4.30	Ringsend Active Retirement Association Christmas Party @ Ringsend & Irishtown Community Centre, Thorncastle Street, Ringsend, Dublin 4
05/12	Tues	11am-1pm	Verscholye Court Christmas Party @ Verschoyle Court, Verschoyle Place Dublin 2
05/12	Tues	3:30-8pm	Conway Court Seniors Party @ Unit 18, Macken Street, Dublin 2
05/12	Tues	TBC	Christmas Wonderland @ St. Andrews Resource Centre, 114-116 Pearse St, City Quay, Dublin, D02
06/12	Wed	TBC	Christmas Wonderland @ St. Andrews Resource Centre, 114-116 Pearse St, City Quay, Dublin, D02
07/12	Thurs	TBC	Christmas Wonderland @ St. Andrews Resource Centre, 114-116 Pearse St, City Quay, Dublin, D02
07/12	Thurs	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	Sat	TBC	61 Merchants Quay Scouts Christmas Wonderland @ Our Lady of Victory
10/12	Sun	1 – 4pm	City Quay Christmas Party @ 1 Windmill Lane, Dublin 2 (indoor space)

10/12	Sun	2-4pm	Ranelagh Active Retirement Christmas Party @ Beechwood Parish Community Centre
11/12	Mon	2 – 4pm	Iveagh Trust Christmas Tea Dance @ Kevin Street, Dublin 8
14/12	Thurs	2pm-4pm	Moyne House Christmas Party
14/12	Thurs	7 - 11pm	GAL's Christmas Party @ Ringsend & Irishtown Community Centre Thorncastle Street, Ringsend, Dublin 4.
15/12	Fri	10:15 - 11:15am	Fáilte Isteach Multicultural Christmas Event @ Unit 18, Macken Street, off Pearse Street, Dublin 2
15/12	Fri	5 – 7pm	Charlemont Community Resource Centre Christmas Event @ Charlemont Community Resource Centre, French-Mullen House, Charlemont Street Dublin 2, D02 X260
16/12	Sat	1pm-3pm	Markievicz House Christmas Party @ Markievicz House, Townsend Street Dublin 2
16/12	Sat	3:30-5:30pm	Pearse House Christmas Party @ Pearse Area Recreation Centre, Pearse House Flat Complex, Sandwith Street Lower, Dublin 2
16/12	Sat	4pm	Carols by Candlelight @ St. Johns Church, Sandymount
17/12	Sun	2pm-4pm	Boyne Street Christmas Party @ Boyne Street Flat Complex, Boyne Street Dublin 2
21/12	Thurs	2-3:30pm	Vergemount Christmas Party @ Vergemount Day Centre, Vergemount Hall, HSE Community Healthcare, Clonskeagh Road, Dublin 6, D06EY15
21/12	Thurs	2:30-4pm	RDRD Christmas Party, Spellman Centre
26/12	Tues	12pm-2pm	Wren Day Celebrations @ Sandymount Village Green, Dublin 4

*Sandymount Christmas Tree lighting is our biggest event with over 1,000 people there last year. New this year is a Neuro-diverse viewing and engagement area. Cllr James Geoghegan will represent the Lord Mayor. Additional Christmas lighting in the villages of Ranelagh, Sandymount and Ringsend.

Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremonies.

There are five major Christmas tree lighting events in the Kimmage/Rathmines area in the following neighbourhoods: Harold's Cross, Crumlin, Terenure, Rathgar and Kimmage Village. Each event has music, entertainment and a visit from Santa.

The Crumlin and Terenure event was well attended with over 1000 participants and the Kimmage and Harold's Cross lighting ceremonies had approximately 500 attendees each.



Harolds Cross Christmas tree lighting ceremony

The Community Development Team are supporting Corrib Park Road Residents Association's first Christmas tree lighting ceremony on Sunday the 3rd of December at 4PM. There will be entertainment and refreshments on the day.

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

Kimmage/Rathmines Area Community Event Listings – Christmas 2023		
Date	Event	Location
November		
Monday 27 th at 7PM	Kimmage Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony,	Supervalu Car Park
Wednesday 29 th at 7PM	Crumlin Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony,	St. Agnes Parish Church Grounds
Thursday 30 th at 6.30PM	Harold's Cross Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony,	Harold's Cross Park
DECEMBER		
Saturday 2 nd from 10AM to 5PM	Terenure Bumper Christmas Market,	Terenure Village Car Park
Saturday 2 nd at 4PM	Terenure Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony,	Terenure Car Park
Saturday 2 nd at 6PM	D12 Autism Group Christmas Party,	Spraoi
Sunday 3 rd at 4pm	Corrib Road Park Christmas Tree Lighting	Corrib Road park Green
Thursday 7 th at 6.30PM	Rathgar Christmas Festival and tree Lighting	Christ Church
Thursday 7 th at 7.30PM	Rathgar Ladies Club Christmas Party,	Rathgar Parish Centre Church
Thursday 7 th at 6PM	Rathmines Park street Christmas Party,	Rathmines park
Sunday 10 th at 7PM	Rathmines Seniors Christmas Party,	Rathmines
Monday 11 th at 3PM	Orwell Healthcare Christmas party	Rathgar
Tuesday 12 th at 7PM	HX Age Friendly Christmas Party,	Harold's Cross
Wednesday 13 th at 11am,	Lorcan O'Toole Christmas party,	Lorcan O'Toole Day Centre
Wednesday 13 th at 2pm	Mount Anthony Christmas party,	Rathmines
Wednesday 13 th from 9.30-11AM	Ukrainian Family Christmas Event	Evergreen Club Terenure
Thursday 14 th at 10AM	Terenure Parent and Toddler Christmas Party,	Evergreen Club Terenure
Friday 15 th December from 2-4.30PM	Evergreen Club Christmas Tea Dance and Dinner,	Evergreen Club Terenure

Friday 15 th at 6.30PM	Terenure Guides Christmas Party,	St. Josephs Parish Hall,
Saturday 16 th from 12-2PM	Ukrainian Children's Christmas Party,	Evergreen Club Terenure
Saturday 16 th at 3PM	Mount Argus Elf Hunt with Family Hub,	Harold's Cross
Tuesday 19 th at 2.30PM	Merrick House Christmas Party,	Terenure
Wednesday 27 th at 2.30PM	Merrick House New Year's Family Event,	Terenure

Ukrainian Young Adults Group

The City Council and the Rathmines Community Garda has set up weekly 5-aside football matches for Ukrainian young adult group in the Swan Leisure Centre ever Monday at 3:30PM. We have had a great response with the numbers growing ever week.

Aims/Objectives for 2024

- Review annual major events calendar - Easter Festival, Bloomsday, Summer Play Days, Halloween Festivals and Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremonies in all main Villages.
- Continuing to support local committees and encourage public participation to promote viable, inclusive and sustainable communities.
- To build on and create new working relationships with community volunteers, residents, businesses, and all relative stakeholders.

New Resident in Charleston Rd. Ranelagh

A newly established group, D6 for All, held a public meeting in July to welcome 64 refugees as new residents to the community. Since then a sub-group has been set up to engage with the men and see how various groups in the community can assist them to integrate locally. One project, which has taken off, is the gardening group, where Charleston residents and other local residents are working together on the garden at Charleston to cultivate a growing, play and pray area as designed by the residents. DCC Community team are supporting this.

Many residents are also keen to get involved as volunteers in the community and we have facilities this with the re-planting of the village, where residents will work with Tidy Towns.

South East Area Public Domain

Dominic Hession: Public Domain Officer Pembroke / South East Inner City
Fiona O 'Shea: Public Domain Officer Kimmage / Rathmines

Weed Control

Weed Spraying in the South East Area is now completed for 2023.

Abandoned Bicycles December

442 bikes have been removed citywide to date @ 6th December.

236 reports on the Citizen Hub YTD, (new option for 2023).

Upgrade / Enhancement of the Public Realm

Village Clean-ups (Kimmage /Rathmines) Chewing Gum removal /deep clean exercise commenced 6th November and now completed.

Windmill Park Laneway: graffiti removal, cutting back overgrowth, painting of railings, lampposts, bollards have all been completed. Resurfacing of the laneway will complete the upgrade in the New Year.

Greening of the junction at Orwell Road/Zion Road: New planters and seating has been agreed and ordered. Awaiting delivery early 2024

300 Bollards repainted: Pearse Street, Harcourt Street, Kildare Place, Burgh Quay and Lincoln Place

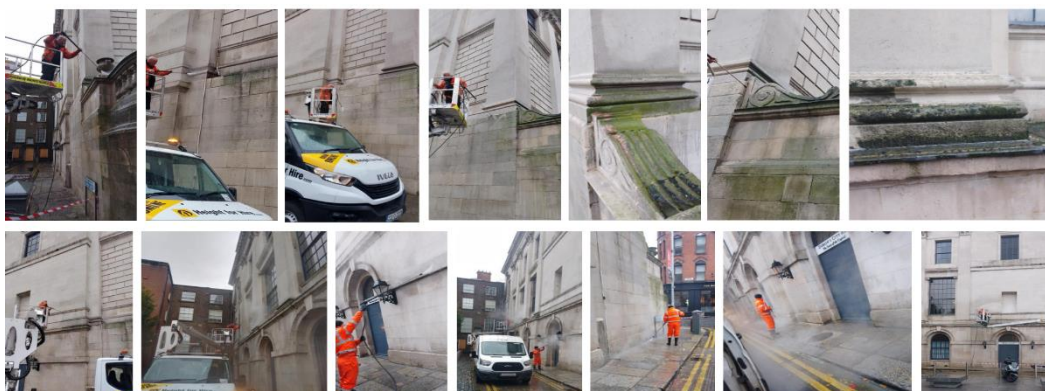
Deep clean “the Drain” between Irishtown Stadium and Ringsend Park. Dodder Walk overgrowth cutback completed. Dodder Walkway overgrowth cut back.



Community Clean-ups/Leaf Collections

218 deliveries of bags and equipment in November to residents/community groups.
47 deliveries made for the first week of December.

City Hall (Exchange Court) cleansing & application of “Flock Off “bird deterrents



crews

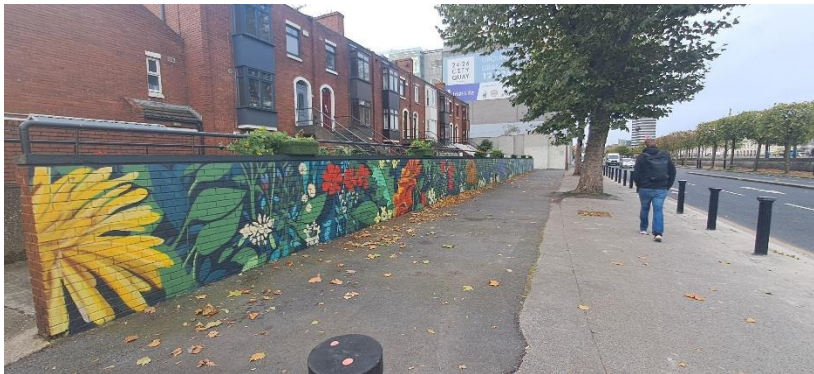
Graffiti Removal Nov 2023

613 sq.m of graffiti has been cleansed by the contractor since the start of November.

110 sq.m cleansed by the DCC Graffiti crew. Wilton Terrace Canal.



Mural at City Quay completed.



Mural at N.M.H. Holles St Complete



Mural at Crampton Court repaired.

64 lamppost poles on City Quay were painted with an Anti-sticker paint.

Joint Policing Committee

The next meeting will be scheduled for March 2024.

Laneway from Crumlin Village to Windmill Park

Work in the laneway in relation to graffiti removal, cutting back of bushes along railings and overgrown trees, painting of railings, lampposts, bollards have all been completed. Resurfacing of the laneway will complete the upgrade in the New Year.

Greening of the junction at Orwell Road/Zion Road has been discussed with the residents group. New planters and seating has been agreed and ordered. Awaiting delivery which will take a few weeks.

Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership Report

2024 – Linking in with National Events & Initiatives

The primary goal of DCSWP is to provide opportunities for everyone to get involved in sport & physical activity regardless of age, gender or ability. DCSWP continues to align the planning and delivery of programmes with national and international events in 2024. 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.

Lord Mayor's 5 Alive Road Race Challenge 2024

The Lord Mayor's 5 Alive is back for 2024 and is aimed at novice walkers/joggers/runners and people wanting to get back on track with their fitness goals.

The Challenge is to complete the four named races below and a park run (within the time period 01 January 2024 & 06 April 2024). Participants will receive a T-Shirt and a medal presented by the Lord Mayor after the end of the last race: DCC / BHAA 4 Mile Road Race - 06 April 2024 @ 11.00 (TBC). The Lord Mayor is planning on taking part in the races.

- Tom Brennan Memorial 5K - Phoenix Park – 01 January 2024 @ 09.30am

- Raheny 5 Mile - Raheny Village/St. Anne's Park - 28 January 2024 @ 3pm
- Sandymount Night Run 10k or 5k - Sandymount - 12 March 2024 @ 7.30pm
- DCC / BHAA 4 Mile Road Race - BHAA / Dublin City Council - 4 Mile Road Race - St. Anne's Park - 06 April 2024 @ 11am (DCC will register and pay entry fee)

The 5 Alive 2024 challenge was advertised on 17th November:

<https://www.dcswhub.ie/programmes/lord-mayor-5-alive-challenge>

Sport For Young People Club Small Grant Scheme 2023

As previously reported the SYP Grant was advertised in early June 2023. 31 clubs from the South East Area have been awarded the Sport For Young People Club Small Grant Scheme 2023. Please see list attached and amount awarded.

Change For Life 2024

Change For Life (CFL) is Dublin City Sport and Wellbeing Partnership's 8-week core programme aimed at transforming the long-term health and wellbeing of communities across Dublin City. Change For Life runs in tandem with and emulates the formula of RTE's Operation Transformation from January to March every year. The programme initially targeted underactive adults but broadened in recent years to include young people and a Dublin City staff focussed programme.

Details of CFL South East Area programmes will be included in the January report.

Dublin City Council Sports Plan

New plan to align with the City Development Plan & National Sports Policy

Final Draft to feature two separate but inter-related documents:

- Sports Infrastructure Strategy
- Sports Provision & Programming Strategy (including review of DCSWP)

Purpose

- A common vision for improving sport and recreation provision and participation across Dublin City
- The actions that must be taken to achieve this vision
- The role Dublin City Council and other organisations will play

Timeframe Update

- Tender for consultant via e-tenders was published at the end of 2022 and was awarded to Teneo Strategy Ireland Ltd
- Work commenced in March and began with an extensive stakeholder engagement phase.
- Teneo has also completed all of the research and data analysis elements of the Sports Plan development

- The first iteration of the Sports Plan is currently being drafted and Teneo is working closely with the City Council Project Team and Steering Group to ensure all expected outputs and items within scope have been addressed and covered off
- The finalised draft document is expected to be completed early 2024

Operation Transformation Walks 2024

OT walks will commence in January 2024. DCSWP Sport Officers to engage with local walking groups targeting all ages in the SEA. Details to be included in January reports.

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.dcwspub.ie
- Email: sports@dublincity.ie
- Twitter: Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership (@dccsportsrec) / Twitter
- Facebook: [Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership | Facebook](#)
Instagram: [@dublincitysportandwellbeing](#)

South East Area Core Programme December Highlights

Core Programme: Youth At Risk/Youth Fit

Target Group: Young People at Risk Age 10-24 Years/Schools/Youth Groups.

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 At Risk 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 At Risk Drop-In
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.

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

Core Programme: Forever Fit

Target Group: 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.
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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 eg: 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
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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.

Core Programme: Thrive

Target Group: Adults With Mental Health Difficulties

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 (Citywide)

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

Name of programme:	Bravo Volleyball Programme
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Description of programme activity :	Inclusive programme aimed at supporting LGBTQ + participation in clubs.
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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 :	Concluded for 2023 on Tuesday 14 th November with inter-school final in City Hall. Updates to be provided in January report

Active Cities

BoxUp

Please see previous report for BoxUp initiative and DCSWP Hub (<https://www.dcswpHub.ie/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.

To date the Eamonn Ceannt Park Boxup is the second most accessed installation in Europe.

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 2023 Startbox programme Gold programmes conclude in the South East area schools in December with the showcase finals.

Cricket in the Community

- Cricket Coaching Courses commence in The High School, Rathgar continues every Tuesday 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) until year end.
- 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 until year end.

- Football For All aimed at children with physical, intellectual and sensory disabilities every Friday from 6pm in Cambridge FC, D4.
- 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 Presentation Community College, Terenure every Monday aimed at First Year level until year end.

Rugby in the Community

To continue until year end.

- The Aldi Play Rugby Sessions continue in South East area primary and secondary schools every Friday (2,4 and 6 area)

- The Youth/Adult Active Coach Badge (Backs skills) workshop takes place on Monday 11th December (2,4 and 6 area)
- 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. To conclude in December.

Training for 2023

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

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