

**Safer Ballymun
JPC Report
December 2023**

The Safer Ballymun is a partnership between the Community, Dublin City Council, the Drugs Task Force and An Garda Síochána. The focus is to engage in collaborative discussions to explore solutions to local safety concerns. The Safer Ballymun steering committee will again advertise the position of an Independent Safety Coordinator to deliver the agreed Ballymun Safety Strategy, in the coming weeks.

The last public meeting of the Safer Ballymun Forum took place on 17th October, in the Ballymun Civic Centre. The meeting was attended by about 25 residents many of which also work in the Community or with local Organisations or Agencies.

At the meeting Sgt Peter Foley gave a brief update on a number of a relevant statistics and searches carried out in recent weeks. He also spoke of the importance of dialling 999/112 to request Garda assistance as it is logged in the pulse system. He mentioned that there was 4 new Garda in the station bringing the total of Community Garda to 18

Sgt Foley stated that the issue with scramblers is still ongoing and that in recent weeks they have recovered a number of stolen vehicles in the area including motorbikes and electric scooters/bikes.

The main safety matters of concern raised at the meeting:

- Residents from the Ballymun Plaza Apartments raised concern in relation to the recent fire in the underground car park followed by a discussion
- Issue re lighting around Burren Court
- Open drug dealing at Poppintree shops and other locations
- Issue with vaping being looked at by members of BRYP

The City Council and An Garda Síochána outlined their plans for Halloween and asked residents to report stockpiling. Residents were provided with details of the Otherworld Halloween Festival.

The next Safer Ballymun Community Forum is due to take in February 2024.



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The main policing issues raised directly to the Finglas Safety Forum Co-ordinator recently have been:

Ongoing reports of drug dealing occurring at Mellowes Park.

The ongoing issue of scramblers in the area e.g., Northway Park in particular.

Reports of anti-social behaviour occurring at Dunnes Stores on Cardiffsbridge Road e.g. drug dealing behind Dunnes Stores and objects being thrown at residents' windows on Wellmount Crescent.

Reports of anti-social behaviour occurring at Ferndale Avenue, e.g. stones being thrown at houses as well as cars and properties being vandalised.

Reports of anti-social behaviour occurring at Johnstown Park e.g. groups of young people setting fires in the playground area.

The Finglas Safety Forum Coordinator will consult with Gardaí on running a Christmas campaign on the misuse of quad bikes and scramblers similar to previous years.

The dates for the next round of Finglas Safety Forum meetings in the respective areas of Finglas will be circulated in the New Year.