

**To the Chairperson and Members of
The Central Area Committee**

May 2024

**Area Housing Report
Cabra/Glasnevin/NWIC**

Allocations:

- 31 Allocations to date 2024

Montpellier

- Treatment of Knotweed on-going facilitated by the housing team. A site visit took place on the 30th of April at the community garden with Envirco, Sisk, Bartra and some residents of Ashford Cottages to establish if knotweed is present in the garden and the options available to treat same. A further meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday May 8th at the Cabra Area Office.
- Project Estate Officer following up with residents of phase 1 regarding complaints in relation to parking near or on the recently landscaped areas.
- Water supply connected to underground carpark to facilitate caretakers. Housing Maintenance have confirmed a caretaker service has been implemented.
- Inspection carried out and plan implemented to find a solution to outdoor spaces with stone chippings / planting to include courtyard – awaiting quotes for works.

Blessington Street

- Works have commenced for the improved security measures to include CCTV and controlled access gates and improved lighting for this apartment complex. Following a meeting with the contractor it is expected these works will be completed in the coming weeks and all of the residents will be notified in advance of the gates becoming operational.

Canon Burke

- This complex is on the Housing Maintenance list for the “Enhanced Works Programme”. These works have commenced. The area housing staff are currently facilitating the re-location of all tenants to their new homes. Units for the two remaining residents have been identified and agreed.

Senior Citizen Complexes

- A full review of the CCTV coverage across the Senior Citizen Complexes has been completed. Report being drafted.
- CCTV installed and FOB access to existing gates implemented in Dominic Court. Gates vandalised repairs on-going.
Lighting - the complex has been listed for lighting upgrading works. This upgrading will exchange the current street lighting to LED lighting.

St Peter's Court

- Complete complex being baited for rodents and drains cleaned and inspected. This issue is on-going and has been again referred to Housing Maintenance. Area housing staff continuing to engage with residents and cleansing team. Works have started this week to cut back all of the shrubbery and deep clean the complex – residents notified in advance.
- Community Room – to be cleaned, upgraded and brought back in to use – on-going – works commenced.
- A request for some benches to be installed will be considered following the cleaning and upgrading works.
- Quotes received to implement controlled access gates (on-going issue of dumping within the complex)

McKee Court

- Request submitted for removal of ivy from boundary walls that is impacting two residents. Quote sought for same and power washing of external stairs. Housing Maintenance has confirmed these works are on a list to be completed in the coming weeks.
- A request for some benches to be installed will be considered following the cleaning and upgrading works.

Bricin's Park

- Quotes received to upgrade existing flower beds and shrubbery. Contractor selected, time frame to be agreed.

Aughrim Court

- Quotes received to implement controlled access gates (on-going issue of illegal parking within the complex)

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Community and Social Development Report for the Cabra Glasnevin Area

Botanic Avenue Senior Citizens Complex April 2024

The Community Development Team have worked extensively to re-engage the residents of the complex and to form a new committee. The committee have now been established and a plan has been devised to get activities and initiatives up and running again. The Community team has also engaged a horticulturist with the help of the Northside Partnership to develop a strategy to support environmental initiatives for the residents.

Scones agus Sceálta – Dunard Senior Citizens complex 24th April 2024

The Community Team held a very successful get together for residents of Dunard. Over 25 residents attended and were treated to scones, cream and jam and light refreshments. Some of the very talented residents of the complex provided the entertainment with, accordions, guitars, clarinets and whistles. The event was also supported by Volunteer Ireland.

Embrace Autism and Drumcondra Autism Friendly Village

The Community Team supported Embrace Ireland and Drumcondra Autism Friendly Village for a coffee morning in April to mark Autism Acceptance Month. This event also highlighted the work of Drumcondra Autism Friendly Village and the work they are doing to make Drumcondra an autism friendly village. This initiative will also be supported by the Autism Charity AsIAM.

Drumcondra Autism Friendly Village launch 14th May 2024 7.00pm The Skylon Hotel

A Launch for the D.A.F.V project will be held on the above date and place with The Lord Mayor in attendance. The Community Team will be working closely with Drumcondra Autism Friendly Village to support this initiative. The Area Office has also committed funding to them for autism friendly sensory toy boxes, for placement in businesses and shops in Drumcondra.

Summer Projects 2024

The Community Team has identified three summer projects for support for 2024 and are working with Crosscare to garner grants and support. The successful grant aided projects are:

- Annamoe Summer Project
- Naomh Fionnbarra Summer Project
- Dunard Summer Project.

This will be the first year in many years that Dunard have had a summer project and the Community Team and Crosscare are working closely with the residents committee there to make it a success for all involved and the children attending.

Dublin Team Clean up 27th April 2024

The Community Team and Public Domain supported this initiative providing clean up materials, bags, pickers etc. to groups and individuals in the local area. The Glens Residents Association and Navan Road Community Council also planted flowers and shrubs with the support of the Community Development Team on 20th April as part of this initiative.

Older Persons Council (OPC) Meeting, Cabra Parkside, 11th April 2024

A successful meeting of the Central Area Older Persons Council was held in the Cabra Area to raise the profile of the OPC. The meeting also hoped to inspire new members to take part and help shape the decision making for older adults in their local area and the wider Dublin region. A member of our community was encouraged to join and will attend the annual conference in Kilkenny from the 8th – 10th May

Ventry Park May Day Family Fun Day, May 6th 2024 1.00pm – 3.00pm

A Family Fun Day will take place in Ventry Park, organised by the residents and with support from the Community Development Team. Volunteers from the D7 Womens Shed will help out on the day and activities will include, yoga, games, family fun and light refreshments.

Phizzfest 10th-12th May 2024

This festival will run from Friday 10th May to Sunday 12th May. Dublin City Council continues to support this festival again this year. Visit www.phizzfest.ie for more information.

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