



North West Area Report 15th October 2024



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GENERAL MATTERS

Finglas Employment & Training Working Group

The next meeting of the group is due to take place later this month and it is hoped to have an external consultant attend the meeting to work on the development of a 5 year work plan for the group.

Finglas Business Group

Thursday 19th September 2024 saw another very successful Business Breakfast held in the Finglas Youth Resource Centre, Mellows Road, Finglas. Brian Keane, Senior Planner, DCC gave a very informative presentation on the Jamestown Masterplan followed by a Q & A session giving people the opportunity to discuss any queries they had.

Philomena Byrne Murphy from Finglas Tidy Towns gave attendees a very insightful presentation on Finglas Tidy Towns and the fantastic work they carry out in the community.

There was very positive feedback from all who attended after the breakfast.

Finglas Cabra Task Force

The Finglas Cabra Task Force meeting took place on the 30th of September and was well attended by Community Representatives, Government Officials, Local Groups and Organisations. Various updates were given by the relevant stakeholders regarding support services and projects. It is envisaged that more presentations will take place in the upcoming meetings. The next meeting is due to take place towards the end of November.

Finglas Safety Forum

The latest round of Finglas Safety Forum meetings in the respective areas of Finglas took place on the following dates:

- Finglas West Safety Forum meeting, Monday 30th September, 7:30pm at WFTRA Community Centre, Mellows Road, Finglas.

- Finglas South Safety Forum meeting, Monday 7th October, 7:00pm, Erin's Isle GAA Grounds.
- Finglas East Safety Forum meeting, Wednesday 9th October, 7:00pm, St Canice's Boys' National School.

The local residents are always encouraged to attend the meetings to discuss all policing and safety issues of concern in their area.

Kildonan Housing Project

The project is to be delivered in two phases. The first phase will see the construction of approx. 150 homes. The DCC project team is currently working towards a Stage 2 project and funding application, which is expected to be submitted to the D.H.L.G.H in Q4 2024. Work is at finalising stage in the procurement process to appoint consultants to provide a design team which will be led by an architect from D.C.C.'s City Architects division.

Mellows Court

DCC City Architects are finalising their feasibility study for the redevelopment of this Older Persons scheme. Once completed, a review of the options will take place, which will determine the best development option and delivery mechanism for the site.

Berryfield

An internal DCC meeting is scheduled to take place later on this month after which an update will be provided on plans for the area

Jamestown Masterplan

Transport Infrastructure Ireland intend to lodge the Railway Order for the Finglas Luas to An Bord Pleanála for planning permission in the next number of months. The Masterplan is given statutory effect by Variation 4 to the Dublin City Development

Plan 2022 – 2028 which was adopted by the elected members on 12 February 2024. The majority of land in the Masterplan area is in private ownership and is dependent upon landowners submitting planning applications for its re-development. All planning applications have to comply with the requirements of the Masterplan. Failure to do so will mean that planning permission will be refused

Barry Avenue

Dublin City Council Housing Development Section are currently reassessing the design of the development.

Finglas LUAS Project

A meeting was held on 9th September with the Major Projects Advisory Group (MPAG) to discuss and address elements of the Preliminary Business Case for Luas Finglas, which has since been submitted for approval.

A decision from Government is expected in the coming weeks. TII/NTA are targeting a mid-November date for submitting the Railway Order Planning Application to An Bord Pleanála, subject to

the Government granting Approval in Principle (Decision Gate 1) to progress to the statutory planning stage.

Documentation to support the Railway Order Planning Application is currently being finalised based on a mid-November submission date.

Finglas Library – General Information

Opening Hours:

Monday and Wednesday 1pm to 8pm

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday: 10am to 5pm

Did you know...?

- You can use your Finglas Library card to borrow items from every public library in Ireland.
- You can order an item from any public library in Ireland and it will be delivered to the library of your choice free of charge.
- Fines are a thing of the past, so if your items are overdue, don't be afraid to return them – there are no penalties for being late

Finglas Library Events Notification - October 2024

Non Regular or Regular Events	Event Category	Event Title	Audience	Date and Time
Non-regular	Workshop	Menopause Workshop – Dublin North West Area Partnership	Adults	Wednesday 23 rd October from 2-4pm
Non-regular	Talk	Finglas Festival of History talk – cancelled due to illness of speaker. <i>We hope to reschedule at a later date.</i>	Adults	<i>Cancelled</i>
Non-regular	Crafts	Halloween House Competition – pick up an entry page at the library.	Children	Entries to be submitted by Friday 25 th October

Non Regular or Regular Events	Event Category	Event Title	Audience	Date and Time
Non-regular	Author Visit	Author visit by Shane Hegarty – Children’s Book Festival	Invited school only	22 nd October (invited school only)
Regular	Inclusion and Diversity	Autism-Friendly Library with Sensory Room	All Ages	Saturdays from 10am – 11.30am
Regular	Inclusion and Diversity	Tofertafl (magic table) is available for groups to book. Please contact Finglas library for further information. Children must be accompanied by an adult.	All Ages	Please contact library to book a session for your group.
Regular	Book Club	Book Ends Adult Book Club – open to all who live or work in the Finglas area	Adults	1 st Saturday of the month @ 2pm
Regular	Book Club	Adult Book Club (contact library for waiting list)	Adults	1 st Thursday of the month (fully subscribed but contact library)
Regular	Crafts	Knitting and Craft Group – all welcome	Adults	Fridays at 12am
Regular	Book Club / Crafts / Sensory	Toddler Book Group and Baby Sensory Group with Barnardos/Better Finglas - both groups currently oversubscribed.	Children (Toddlers and Babies)	The groups are currently full.

HOUSING

Finglas Area Office Report

Housing (1st Jan – 30th September 2024)

Estate Management

Statistics 2024 - Finglas Area Office	
Complaints	YTD 2024
No. Anti-Social Complaints per 1997 Act - drug related	23
No. Anti-Social Complaints per 1997 Act - not drug related	25
No. Other Complaints (nuisance)	160
No. Racial Harassment Complaints	0
TOTAL	208

Interviews	
No. Anti-Social Interviews per 1997 Act (Formal)	36
No. Other Interviews (Informal)	103
TOTAL	139

No. Complaints Referred to Central Est. Mgt. Unit for Action	11
No. Section 20 Evictions	0
No. Excluding Orders	0
• Applied for by Tenant	0
• Applied for by DCC	0
• Granted in Court	0
• Refused / Failed in court	0
• Withdrawn	0
No. Surrender of Tenancy due to Anti-Social Behaviour	0
No. Tenancy Warnings served	5
No. Abandonment Notice Served	0
No. Possession Orders requested	0
No. Possession Orders granted	1
No. Appeals / Judicial Reviews / Challenges	0
No. Warrants Executed (Evictions)	1
No. H/A of refusal / deferral to let due to Anti-Social Behaviour	7

No. Requests for Mediation	0
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Allocations

Housing & Apartments					
Category	Housing	Prospect Hill Housing	Transfers	Prospect Hill Transfer	Choice Base Letting (other)
Bands 2 & 3	15	23	6	10	15
De-tenanting	N/A	0	0	0	0
Estate Management	N/A	0	0	3	0
Homeless	10	14	N/A	N/A	7
Homeless HAP	N/A	0	0	1	0
Maintenance Grounds	N/A	0	1	0	0
Medical	3	3	2	0	1
Surrendering Larger	N/A	0	0	0	0
Succession	0	0	0	0	0
Travellers	2	1	0	0	1
Welfare	2	3	0	0	2
Total	32	44	9	14	26
Grand Total	76		23		26

Senior Citizens			
Category	Housing	Transfers	Choice Base Letting
Bands 2 & 3	4	2	0
Medical	3	0	0
Welfare	0	0	0
Homeless	3	N/A	0
Homeless HAP	N/A	0	0
Travellers	0	N/A	0
Estate Management	N/A	0	0
De-tenanting	N/A	0	0
Maintenance Grounds	N/A	1	0
Surrendering Larger	N/A	1	0
Financial Contribution	0	N/A	0
Succession	0	0	0
Total	10	4	0

Voids Report

Vacant Housing Units (14 in total)				
Address	Type of unit	Date of vacancy	Status	Estimated Completion Date
Barry Drive	3 bed house	26/08/24	Awaiting contractor to be appointed	T.B.C
Barry Drive	3 bed house	04/07/24	Appointed to contractor	Nov 24
Collins Place	2 bed maisonette	12/08/24	Appointed to contractor	T.B.C
Collins Place	2 bed maisonette	26/08/24	Appointed to contractor	T.B.C
Collins Place	2 bed maisonette	13/08/24	Appointed to contractor	T.B.C
Fairlawn Road	3 bed house	24/07/24	Appointed to contractor	Oct 24
Finglaswood Road	2 bed maisonette	05/07/24	Appointed to contractor	Nov 24
Griffith Close	4 bed house	27/04/24	Appointed to contractor (July)	Nov 24
Valeview Crescent	3 bed house	02/08/24	Awaiting contractor to be appointed	T.B.C
Valeview Drive	4 bed house	10/09/24	Awaiting contractor to be appointed	Oct 24

Vacant Housing Units (more than 4 months)				
Address	Type of unit	Date of vacancy	Status	Estimated Completion Date
Cappagh Road	4 bed house	21/12/23	Appointed to contractor	Issue with dwelling
Ferndale Ave	4 bed house	27/03/24	Appointed to contractor	Sept 24
Heath Square	3 bed duplex	10/06/23	Awaiting contractor to be appointed	T.B.C
The Tolka, Prospect Hill	2 bed Apt	07/05/24	Appointed to contractor	Sept 24

Vacant Senior Citizens Units (10 in total)				
Address	Type of unit	Date of vacancy	Status	Estimated Completion Date
Glasanaon Court	bedsit	28/06/24	Direct Labour	Sept 24
Griffith Crescent	1 bed	10/07/24	Direct Labour	Oct 24
Kilshane Court	2 bed bungalow	23/07/24	Direct Labour	Oct 24
Mellowes Court	bedsit	13/08/24	Direct Labour	Nov 24
Mellowes Court	bedsit	16/08/24	Direct Labour	Nov 24
Mellowes Court	1 bed	27/08/24	Direct Labour	Dec 24

Vacant Senior Citizens Units (more than 4 months)				
Glasanaon Court	bedsit	14/02/24	Direct Labour	R.T.L
Glasanaon Court	bedsit	06/02/24	Direct Labour	R.T.L
Kildonan Court	1 bed	12/02/24	Direct Labour	July 24
Merville Court	2 bed	28/02/24	Direct Labour	R.T.L

Choice Based Lettings

- The following dwellings were advertised through the above scheme.

Type of Dwelling	Location	Closing Date	No of applicants eligible
Bedsit	Glasanaon Court	04/10/2024	9
Bedsit	Glasanaon Court	04/10/2024	9
3 bedroom house	Fairlawn Road	04/10/2024	141
2 bedroom maisonette	Finglaswood Road	04/10/2024	211

Rents Update

- The Finglas Area Office continues to offer rent assessment service for tenants living in the Finglas area.

Assessments	1807
Applications for Permission to Reside	33
Refunds	36
Possession Order	8
No of warrants executed (Evictions)	3

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Concert In Axis Theatre, Ballymun:

The Community Development Team in the North West Area organised a concert entitled "North West Lights" which was held in the Axis Theatre, Ballymun on the 26th September 2024.

The concert featured the Meeting Place Club Band, Rising Voices Choir, Setanta Strings & Thread Dance Group.

A bus was organised to bring participants and supports from Finglas to the theatre with light refreshments available to all on arrival.

Many thanks to Axis theatre for their assistance in staging the event.

The event was ran as a social inclusion/integration event and showcased the amazing talent that is in the North West Area.

The event created a lot of positive opportunities, one being the possibility of a joint venture between the Rising Voices and the Meeting Place Club Band.



Rising Voices Choir



Crowd enjoying the concert



Meeting Place Club Band

Finglas Utd Football For All:

Finglas Area Office has supported Finglas United Football for All Team over the last number of years.

The Football for All Team has made great strides especially after Covid.19

The group's latest venture is to develop a sensory room which will allow participants to regulate and calm down and chill out after playing a match at Finglas Utd's Clubhouse in Larney Park, Kildonan Road.

The proposed sensory room has received support from local businesses, while one member is running the Dublin City Marathon in October to raise funds for the venture.

The total cost of the development is €14,200.00 the group has a shortfall of €2,000.00. Finglas Area Office will meet that shortfall to ensure the facility will be delivered.

Finglas Utd Football For All in Finglas Area Office Recently



Finglas Suicide Support Network:

Dublin City Council Finglas Area Office supported Finglas Suicide & Support Network's corporate engagement day on Thursday 26th September 2024.

The corporate engagement day involved staff members from Yahoo painting and decorating the premises in Mellows Court, Finglas as well as doing a small amount of planting to enhance the area.

The purpose of the event was to engage participants in discussions around mental health and recovery and practical in that the premises required decoration.

Around 20 members of Yahoo staff participate in the event.

Finglas Walk & Talk:

Finglas Walk & Talk Programme takes place every Monday and Thursday in Johnstown Park.

The purpose of the group is to bring people together in a relaxed and friendly environment walk and talk so that they can look after the mental and physical health.

The Walk & Talk Programme is free for all participants and is open to all irrespective of fitness.

The group will hold a promotional & fund raising event on Saturday 19th October 2024 from 11.00am -1.00pm on Fitzmaurice Road



WALK & TALK FINGLAS



LOOK AFTER YOUR **MENTAL** AND **PHYSICAL** HEALTH!

Meeting every **Monday** and **Thursday** at the playground in **Johnstown Park @11am**

For more information contact **0894690591**

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-  [walkandtalk_finglas](#)



FUNDRAISING EVENT In aid of Walk and Talk Finglas



SATURDAY, 19th OCT -

OUTSIDE HAVEN PHARMACY, FITZMAURICE ROAD, D11XT10

11am - 1 pm

CAKES - BALLOONS - SOFT DRINKS - RAFFLE - SPOT PRIZES

ALL PROCEEDS RAISED WILL BE DONATED BACK INTO OUR COMMUNITY GROUP

Halloween 2024

Finglas Area Office will once again hold their annual Finglas Fright Night Festival on Thursday 31st October at Finglas Civic Centre, Mellows Road, Finglas.

The event will commence at 5.00pm with a sensory hour for children with additional needs and their families.

The event will open to the public at 6.00pm and finish by 9.00pm.

The input of the following is essential in making Finglas Fright Night possible:

- An Garda Siochana
- Civil Defence
- Dublin Fire-brigade
- Finglas Youth Resource Centre
- Finglas Leisure Centre
- The Community of Finglas.

The event will feature:

- Music by local musicians
- Carnival Rides

- Carnival Games
- Food Vendors,
- Special Characters
- Face Painting
- Balloon Modelling

Local Community Groups will as ever run all the stalls and they will benefit from any money raised on the night. Groups that take a stall are required to do the following:

- Attend a Health & Safety Briefing
- Report back to Dublin City Council, Finglas Area Office on funds raised at the event.

Finglas Fright Night has and continues to show Finglas in a positive light. The event gives the community the opportunity to highlight the talent that exists within the area and promote positive activity that takes place on a weekly basis.



Pat Teehan

Finglas Area Manager

BALLYMUN ELECTORAL AREA

LOCAL AREA PLAN

Vacant DCC Units

Shangan Neighbourhood Centre

- The disposal of unit 3 to the STAR Project for their Easy Street Team is progressing with change of use planning has been approved. Funding is being drawn down from the HSE to allow for fit-out.
- Units 2 and 4 are advertised on Daft.ie and we have had 17 enquiries to date.

For further information:

<https://www.daft.ie/commercial-property-for-rent/unit-3-4-shangan-court-shangan-road-dublin-9-ballymun-dublin-9/5720166>

Turnpike, Santry Cross

Heads of Terms have been agreed with a local social enterprise, Hair Together Ireland. Change of use planning required. Application being prepared.

Coultry Neighbourhood Centre

- Betoni Ltd. Has been approved planning for a new café in Unit 2 Coultry Neighbourhood Centre
- The Aisling Project has collected the keys to their new premises in Coultry which was the formerly home to Pieta House.

Plaza Redevelopment Update

The redevelopment of Ballymun Town Park / Cearnog an tSeachtar Laoch along with the public realm improvement works on Shangan Road are progressing well. In terms of programme the works are running a little behind schedule by approximately 2 week, due to complications at the outset and soil investigation works which had to be completed.

The Shangan Road footpath was an immediate priority for DCC, phase 1 of these works have been with completed to include new footpath and landscaping on Shangan Road in front of the neighbourhood shops and the side of the Axis building. We have received great report in relation to the final finish.

Within the Plaza area, 90% of the drainage works and site services is complete, and approximately 70% of the ground preparation works have been completed to date.

Site 10 – Shangan Road

Site 10 is part of PPP Bundle 3 - The scheme will deliver 93 units comprising of 73 senior citizen apartments of which 67 are one bed and 6 are two bed apartments. The remaining 20 homes will comprise of 10 general need homes (5x2 bed; 4x3 bed and 1 x4 bed) and 10 medical need homes (5x2 bed; 4x3 bed and 1 x 4 bed). The project will deliver a new link road, landscaped public/private open space and community facility, as part of the overall development. The tender is due to be awarded soon and construction is expected to commence on site in Q1 2025.

An Saol Proposal

An Saol contacted Dublin City Council in May 2023 to explore the possibilities of developing a centre for people with acquired brain injuries in Ballymun. An Saol currently operate from units in Santry a pilot programmed was funded by the HSE a full review of the programme has taken place and recommendations have been made for a for the delivery of a purpose built centre for this service.

Dublin City Council are currently engaging with An Saol and the HSE in relation to the lands available on Site 10, to the rear of

the Ballymun Civic Centre. In recent months the An Saol project team presented their detailed proposal to DCC & HSE which outlines the proposal for a holistic and inclusive Neuro Rehabilitation Centre and the Design Team conducted a high-level feasibility study of the site. An Saol have sought a pre planning meeting and have received feedback from DCC in respect of their proposal. DCC Are currently in communication with the HSE in relation to the land.

Site 14 Balbutcher Lane (DCC Affordable Housing)

Dublin City Council were required to address issues with the original design (previously presented to NWAC Councillors) to ensure alignment to the New City Development plan requirements. A design review took place and the Design Team finalised the design plan to include **138 no. dwellings (82 no. 3 bedroom**

two storey terraced houses (60%) and 56 no. 2 bedroom two storey terraced houses (40%) , public open space approx. 0.257 ha. The revised design was presented to North West Area Committee members.

The Part 8 was notified in national papers and notices displayed on the site on 21st June 2024. Report No. 190/2024 was presented to the City Council on Monday 7th October and the contents therein were hereby approved.

Site 21 - Balbutcher Lane, Ballymun - 12 Affordable (3 bedroom) houses

Construction is progressing well at this site. Work is been carried out by O Hanlon & Farrell Ltd engaged by O Cualann. Internally all 12 houses are practically complete, it is intended that construction and landscaping will be completed by early November.

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

We would like to say farewell to Yvonne Kirwan, Community Officer. Yvonne has been part of the Ballymun Community Development Team for almost 4 years. Yvonne has built great community networks and has been involved in the organizing and planning countless community events in Ballymun during this time. She was instrumental in getting the weekly Ballymun Community Walk of the ground during Covid times which has created many lifelong relationships and has connected communities.

We wish Yvonne every happiness and success in her new role in Community Development within DCC.

Greening Neighbourhood Initiative

Ballymun Community & Social Development Team work with Global Action Plan Ballymun on a number of Greening Neighbourhood Initiatives every year. Our 3rd greening neighbourhood project for 2024 was carried out on the 9th September 2024 on Owensilla Terrace. Residents of Owensilla Terrace turned out to help with the planting and were delighted with the newly planted area at their road sign.



Recovery Walk

The Ballymun Community and Social Development Team were happy to help celebrate recovery month in Ballymun at our weekly community walk in Poppintree Park.

The Ballymun Drugs and Alcohol Task Force and residents from the community joined us to support recovery month. There was music, dancing and refreshments.

A lovely morning was had by all.



Ballymun Kickhams Fun Day

The Ballymun Community and Social Development Team were happy to sponsor the Ballymun Kickhams Fun Day. The fun day was held to raise funds to go towards improvements for their club house.

A great day was had with games, arts and crafts, penalty shootout, sponsored walk, music and refreshments.



Table Quiz

The Ballymun and Finglas Community and Social Development Teams were delighted to join together and invite residents and community groups from both areas to a table quiz in the Axis Theatre. Lots of prizes, cakes and laughs were enjoyed by a wide range of groups- the Men's Shed, residents from local care homes and various social clubs.



Ballymun Community Grants

The DCC Community and Social Development Grants for 2024 were launched in July. The Community and Social Development Team contacted and worked with local community groups to assist in the completion of applications. A number of groups met with staff members to help them submit their applications. The closing date for applications was the 16th August. Approximately 70 applications for Community Grants and Informal Adult Education Grants were received for the Ballymun Area, full report is included in the agenda.



Poppintree Park Walking Group Age Friendly Group Tour

To celebrate Positive Ageing/Social Inclusion, Ballymun Community & Social Development Team organised an group trip for the Poppintree Park Walking Group to Well's House & Gardens and Gorey on the 25th September. A great day was had by all.



Mixed Abilities Concert

The Finglas & Ballymun Community and Development Section along with the Axis Ballymun recently held a social inclusion variety show.

There was performances from the Meeting Place Arch Club Band, The Rising Voices Choir, Setanta Strings and Threads Dance Group. It was an amazing night with super performances.





As I Am Talk

The Ballymun Community Team invited the charity organisation As I Am to facilitate a workshop on Autism in the Council Chambers on Monday 15th Oct. This workshop was aimed at parents, siblings, friends & guardians of children or young adults who come under the Neurodiversity umbrella.

The Workshop covered topics such as understanding speech, language and Autistic communication, neuro-affirmative practices and Autistic play.



Halloween Otherworld Festival

The Ballymun Community Team and Area Office are busy with plans for this year's Otherworld Festival! We have a new location this year, the main event will take place on the grounds of Trinity Comprehensive on the Ballymun Road. There will be lots of entertainment for all the family, Fairground rides, Entertainers, Circus Gerbola, Arts & Crafts and local acts performing on the main stage and more. The event will kick off at 6pm and finish at 9pm. Entrance to the event will be at the main gate at the front of Trinity Comprehensive School on the Ballymun Road.

The Otherworld Halloween festival programme will follow and will be distributed to the community.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



On 25th September B4b hosted the online workshop 'Supercharge Your Business with AI' delivered by Bogdan Postolachi from Ballymun based business Quantum. The workshop covered the AI tools available to help boost the profile of your business online including using Chat GPT with Canva and how to effectively use video with editing platform Opus. B4b is planning for a number of events upcoming events including a Zoom workshop on cyber-fraud prevention on October 8, a networking event on October 24 at The Rediscovery Centre, a Business Breakfast on November 6 at Trinity Comprehensive School, and the festive "Jingle Mingle" on December 5 at IKEA. While events are primarily for members, all local businesses are welcome to join and network. For more details, contact network coordinator Sabrina Morris at info@b4b.ie



IKEA are hosting a **FREE Business Networking event**, inviting anyone in the trade & construction, accommodation, interior design, hospitality, office, and healthcare sectors for an eventful evening of networking, speeches, and plenty of food!

Date: Tue 12th Nov
Time: 5:30pm – 7:30PM
Location: IKEA Ballymun (Customer restaurant – Level 2)

There will be networking, guest speakers and plenty of Swedish treats! Proceedings will kick off at 5:30pm with guest speakers at 6:15pm followed by more networking time.

Book Here: [IKEA Ballymun Event - IKEA Business Connect](#)

HOUSING

September 2024	
No of Anti- Social complaints per 1997 act Drug related	2
No of Anti-Social complaints per 1997 act (Not Drug Related)	26
No of other Complaints	11
Total Complaints	39
No of Anti-Social Interviews per 1997 act	11
No of Other Interviews	4
Total Interviews	15
No Requests for mediation	0
No of Complaints referred to central unit for Action	0
No of Section 20 Evictions	0
No of excluding Orders applied for by Tenant	0
No of Excluding orders applied for by DCC	0
No of surrender of Tenancies due to Anti-Social Behaviour	0
No of Tenancy Warnings sent to Central Unit	0
No of Court Orders Granted	0
No of Appeals / Judicial Reviews Challenges	0
No of Warrants executed (Evictions)	0

	September 2024
Assessments/Calls/Emails	665/753/992
Permissions To Reside	10
Refunds	2
Opening of Accounts	7 (including sole/ successions)
Closing of Accounts	4 (including sole / successions)
Front Counter Calls	134
Window Replacements	3

Ballymun Lettings January-September 2024

Allocation Category	Housing List	Transfer list	Older persons
Bands 2 & 3	9	2	2
Medical	1	1	1
Welfare	1	1	0
Homeless	0	0	3
Travellers	1	0	0
Transfer Hap	0	1	0
De-tenanting	0	0	0
Estate Management	0	2	0
Maintenance	0	1	0
Surrendering larger	0	3	2
Unable to afford	0	0	0
Succession/sole	8	0	0
Financial Contribution	0	0	0
Ras Exit	0	1	0
Inter Transfer	0	2	0
Transfer	0	0	0
Total	20	14	8

Choice Based Lettings

Allocation Category	
Housing bands 2 & 3	16
Transfer bands 2 & 3	3
Transfer Hap	1
Medical	2
Welfare	0
Homeless	0
Travellers	0
Surrender larger	0
Total	22

Ballymun Voids September 2024

Vacant Housing Units				
Address	Type	Date of Vacancy	Status	Estimated Completion Date
Barnewall Drive	2 Bed Apartment	12/07/2024	Issued to Contractor	19/11/2024
Belclare Crescent	3 Bed House	02/07/2024	Issued to Contractor	26/11/2024
Carraig Close	2 Bed Apartment	02/07/2024	Issued to Contractor	02/11/2024
Carton Drive	1 Bed Apartment	01/07/2024	Issued to Contractor	22/10/2024
Coultry Green	1 Bed Apartment	19/07/2024	Issued to Contractor	26/11/2024
Dane Close	2 Bed Bungalow	11/07/2024	Issued to Contractor	19/11/2024
Marewood Drive	3 Bed House	18/08/2024	Issued to Contractor	13/01/2025
Owensilla	3 Bed House	14/06/2024	Issued to Contractor	22/10/2024
Silloge Green	2 Bed Apartment	23/09/2024	Vacant Possession/ Task Order to be prepared	TBC
Silloge Park	3 Bed House	07/07/2024	Issued to Contractor	14/12/2024
Shangan Crescent	2 Bed Apartment	26/06/2024	Issued to Contractor	17/10/2024
The Plaza	2 Bed Apartment	23/08/2024	Issued to Contractor	06/01/2025
Woodhazel Terrace	2 Bed Apartment	11/09/2024	Issued to Contractor	19/01/2025

Vacant Housing Units (more than 4 months)				
Address	Type	Date of Vacancy	Status	Estimated Completion Date
Balcurris Close	2 Bed House	26/06/2024	Issued to Contractor	22/10/2024
Balcurris Park West	1 Bed Apartment	02/04/2024	Issued to Contractor	Under Offer
Coultry Drive	3 Bed House	24/05/2024	Issued to Contractor	22/10/2024
Coultry Terrace	1 Bed Apartment	19/04/2024	Issued to Contractor	Under Offer
Coultry Way	2 Bed Apartment	14/02/2024	Issued to Contractor	22/10/2024
Hamptonwood Avenue	2 Bed Apartment	23/05/2024	Issued to Contractor	24/10/2024
Longdale Way	2 Bed Apartment	17/02/2024	Medical adaptations being made to property	Under Offer
Marewood Crescent	3 Bed Apartment	26/06/2024	Issued to Contractor	Under Offer
Forestwood Avenue	3 Bed Apartment	11/03/2024	Issued to Contractor	Under Offer
Gateway Crescent	2 Bed Apartment	06/02/2024	Issued to Contractor	Under Offer
Parkview Drive	2 Bed Apartment	28/03/2024	Issued to Contractor	Under Offer
Shangan Avenue	1 Bed Apartment	01/05/2024	Issued to Contractor	22/10/2024
Shangan Avenue	1 Bed Apartment	26/03/2024	Issued to Contractor	Under Offer
Silloge Gardens	3 Bed House	11/12/2023	Issued to Contractor	24/10/2024
Silloge Park	3 Bed House	05/05/2024	Issued to Contractor	Under Offer
Silloge Place	3 Bed House	28/02/2024	Issued to Contractor	14/12/2024
Woodhazel Terrace	3 Bed Apartment	01/05/2024	Issued to Contractor	Under Offer

Vacant Senior Citizen Units				
Address	Type	Date of Vacancy	Status	Estimated Completion Date
Burren Court	1 Bed	15/05/2024	Direct Labour	Under offer
Burren Court	1 Bed	03/04/2024	Direct Labour	24/10/2024
Sandyhill Gardens	Bedsit	19/06/2024	Direct Labour	Under Offer
Sandyhill Gardens	Bedsit	11/06/2024	Direct Labour	Under Offer
Sandyhill Gardens	1 Bed	30/05/2024	Direct Labour	Under Offer
Sandyhill Gardens	1 Bed	06/09/2024	Direct Labour	24/10/2024
Sandyhill Gardens	1 Bed	13/08/204	Direct Labour	24/10/2024
Sandyhill Gardens	1 Bed	28/02/2024	Direct Labour	Under offer

AREA WIDE MATTERS

Ballymun Safety Forum

The next Ballymun Safety Forum will take place on Wednesday 16th October, Ballymun Civic Centre. 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.

Ballymun Library continues to engage with the public with a diverse range of in-person activities and events to suit people of all ages.

The **Ballymun Games Club** is looking for new members. The club meets every Monday evening from 5.00pm to 6.20pm (term-time only) and is open to library members aged 10-16. It is a requirement to bring your library card with you every week. Under 12s must be accompanied by an adult.

Play PS4, Xbox Series X, Nintendo Switch and our brand new 2 player Iconic Arcade games machine (pictured below). A selection of board games is also available.

Places are limited so booking is essential. Please ring 01 2228355 or email: ballymunlibrary@dublincity.ie to join.



Have a Spooktacular Halloween - Join us for a special Halloween themed Family Flick selected by the spooktacular Ballymun Library staff.

Can you guess what the film is? "Zoinks. It looks like we've got ourselves a mystery". We look forward to seeing you all on Friday 25th October at 2.00pm in the Junior Library. Don't forget to bring some popcorn and Halloween treats.



Ballymun Library staff will host two Halloween themed story time sessions as follows:

- Sensory Story time on Tuesday 29th October at 3.00pm, suitable for 5-12 year olds.
- Halloween Story time and Crafts on Wednesday 30th October at 2.30pm, suitable for 3-12 year olds.

Please ring the library at 01 2228355 for further information.

Current Opening Hours for Ballymun Library are:

Monday to Thursday: 10.00am-8.00pm

Friday and Saturday: 10.00am-5.00pm

Closed Saturday and Monday of October bank holiday weekend

Ballymun Library Events October 2024

Non Regular or Regular Events	Event Category	Event Title	Audience	Date and Time
Non-Regular	Film Screening	Screening of <i>Kipchoge: The Last Milestone</i> for Sports Scholarship Pupils and Running Club, Trinity Comprehensive School, Ballymun	Teenagers	Thursday 17 th October Time TBC
Non-Regular	Halloween Story Time	Halloween Story time and Crafts, facilitated by Ballymun Library Staff	Children	Wednesday 30 th October at 2.30pm
Non-Regular	Halloween Film Screening	Halloween Family Flick at Ballymun Library	Families	Friday 25 th October at 2.00pm
Non-Regular	Healthy Ireland at Your Library	Chair Exercise 10 week course, in partnership with Dublin City Sport and Wellbeing Partnership	Adults	Tuesday 10 th September to Tuesday 12 th November, 1.30pm-2.15pm
Non-Regular	Digital Literacy Course	6-Week Digital Literacy Course in partnership with Ballymun Adult Education Centre, City of Dublin Education and Training Board	Adults	Wednesday 9 th October to Wednesday 20 th November (break for mid-term 30/10/24) 12.00pm-1.30pm (Max. 12 places)
Regular	Community U3A	Ballymun U3A Meeting (2 nd and 4 th Monday of the month)	Adults	Monday 7/21 October, 2pm-4pm
Regular	Games Club	Gaming Mondays, suitable for children aged 10-16 years. Must be a library member	10-16 year olds	Mondays, 5.00pm-6.20pm Limited to 12 places (term-time only)
Regular	Age Friendly Film Club	Age Friendly Film Club Film: 1950s film noir thriller (Last Wednesday of the Month)	Adults	Wednesday 30 th October, 2pm-4pm Tea/Coffee from 1.30pm
Regular (NEW)	Community	Glasnevin North Active Retirement Association (Every 2 nd Tuesday)	Adults	Tuesday 8/22 October, 3pm-4pm
Regular	Creative Writing	Ballymun Library Writers' Group	Adults	Wednesdays, 4pm-6pm
Regular	Cultural	Ballymun Painting Group	Adults	Mondays, 10.30am- 12.00pm
Regular	Book Club	Ballygall Book Club (3 rd Monday of the Month)	Adults	Monday 21 st October at 6.30pm
Regular	Book Club	Evening Book Club	Adults	Monday 28 th October at 6.30pm

Non Regular or Regular Events	Event Category	Event Title	Audience	Date and Time
		Book: <i>What You Are Looking For Is In the Library</i> by Michiko Aoyama (Last Monday of the month)		
Regular	Cultural	Scrabble Group	Adults	Tuesdays, 11am-1pm
Regular	Photography	Digital Photography Group (Last Thursday of the Month)	Adults	Thursday 31 st October, 10.30am-12.30pm
Regular	Gaeilge	Ciorcal Comhrá (Irish Language Conversation Group)	Adults	Thursdays, 3pm-4pm
Regular	Community U3A	Ballymun U3A Ukulele Group	Adults	Fridays, 12pm-1.30pm
Regular	Community U3A	Ballymun U3A Crochet Group	Adults	Fridays, 11am-12pm
Regular	Junior Book Club	Baby Book Club & Storytime	Children (New Born to 2 year olds)	Mondays, 10.00am-10.45am (term-time only)
Regular	Junior Book Club	Toddler Book Club & Storytime	Children (2 year olds to pre-school)	Thursdays, 10.00am-10.45am (term-time only)

Finally Ballymun Library continues to expand its mailing list so that our patrons can keep up to date with educational and cultural events/opportunities in the area. If anyone wishes to join our mailing list then please click on the following link if you would like to receive our monthly Newsletter: <http://eepurl.com/hshuBT>



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Local Area Manager, Ballymun

PUBLIC DOMAIN NORTH WEST AREA

Illegal Dumping in North West Area – September 2024

- Total No of Service Requests = 231

Community Clean Ups – September 2024

- Total No of Service Requests = 47

Graffiti removal 01 September – 30 September 2024

In September 21 sq. meters of graffiti was removed in North West Area.

To date 812 sq. meters of graffiti has been removed during the period of January 2024 to September 2024.

This is a reduction of graffiti in the area when compared to 2023 figures which were 1178sq metres removed in the equivalent time frame.

Halloween

The Public Domain Team are working closely with the Garda and other DCC departments to arrange for the collection of bonfire material prior to and on the day of Halloween. Additional resources have been secured to assist with the clearing of bonfires in the NWA over the Halloween weekend. Social media posts from the North West Area will be delivered on a regular basis in the coming weeks, and we will be posting reminders to report stockpiling in the days leading up to Halloween.

The following channels for reporting can be used:

- DCC Self Service Portal
<https://citizenhub.dublincity.ie/WasteManagement>

- Finglas Area please call: 01 2225412/01 2226754
- Ballymun Area please call: 01 2225715/01 2225742
- Email nwa.publicdomain@dublincity.ie/Customerservices@dublincity.ie
- Bonfire material can also be reported after hours to 01 – 6796186.

Teams will be on the ground from Saturday 19th October to Thursday 31st October to remove any stockpiling of bonfire materials.

Leaf Composting Workshops

The Public Domain Team partnered with Craig Benton also known as 'Doctor Compost' and were pleased to offer free leaf composting workshops in Ballymun and Finglas over the weekend of the 5th and 6th of October. Six workshops were held at the following locations: Cedarwood Grove, Shangan Park, Cranogue Close, Belclare Crescent, Stormanstown Green, and Glenhill with 15 leaf cages installed.

The workshops demonstrated how to build leaf mould cages, where to place them how to manage them once installed and how to use the compost they produce. Additionally, two more workshops are scheduled to take place in schools on the 17th of October 2024



City Neighbourhoods Award Winners – Citywide Event Croke Park

The Public Domain Team congratulates all the winners of the local City Neighbourhood Awards who represented the North West Area in the Citywide Competition at Croke Park on the 4th October, 2024. The residents and environmental groups made the North West Area proud at the ceremony, which was hosted by Lord Mayor James Geoghegan.

Category Winners

Special Award – Better Ballymun

Overall Residential Competition Runner up - Willow Park and Pinewood Residents Association

1st Place

Senior Citizen Complex – Griffith Crescent Senior Citizens

Individual Contribution – Willow Park and Pinewood Residents Association

Endeavour Award – Finglas Tidy Towns

Dublin Community Clean Up – Ballymun Tidy Towns

300 and over – Willow Park and Pinewood Residents Association

Urban Village – Finglas Tidy Towns

2nd Place:

Open Green Space – Belclare Lawns

Pride of Place – Finglas West Family Resource Centre

Community Garden – Glas Community Garden

1-150 Houses – Eastwood Environmental Group

151-300 Houses – Lakeglen Residents Group

3rd Place:

Best Garden – Joe O’Grady, Ballymun

Best New Entry – Oldtown Residents Group



Anti-Dumping Initiative

Recycling Amnesty Days were held recently in Finglas and Ballymun and resulted in impressive waste removal figures, stats and tonnage as follows:

Recycle IT recorded over 1,128 items, equating to 5.7 tonnes of electrical waste—3.2 tonnes from Ballymun (3,201 kg) and 2.5 tonnes from Finglas (2,505 kg).

A total of 331 mattresses were collected, a significant amount that could have

otherwise been illegally dumped or burned. All mattresses were recycled following best practices with 148 collected from Finglas and 183 from Ballymun.

A total of 190 bags of clothes were also recycled.

We are optimistic that these efforts will help reduce the number of discarded mattresses during the Halloween period, while also reinforcing the importance of recycling at a local level.

Marquerite Delaney

A/Public Domain Officer