



Comhairle Cathrach
Bhaile Átha Cliath
Dublin City Council

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

11th February 2025

Director of Services Report
Central Area Committee Meeting

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Housing

Choice Based Lettings

The recent Choice Based Lettings competition closed on Friday 31st January 2025. At the time of writing this report the final number of applications were unavailable. The units available through the competition are listed below.

Property Type	Address	No of units
2 Bed Flat	Charleville Mall	One
2 Bed Flat	Courtney Place	One
1 Bed House	Ferryman's Crossing	One
1 Bed Flat	James Larkin House	Two
2 Bed Flat	O'Brien Hall	One

Avondale House:

The Paint Crew have moved into Avondale House. They will be carrying out a major upgrading of the paintwork in the communal areas, stairwells, and external areas of the complex. It is estimated the works will take approx. 12-16 weeks.

Contractors have been engaged for a general clean-up of the green areas of the complex. Overgrown bushes and bramble will be cut back. The removal of the buddleia from the perimeters of the courtyards, blocks and car park will be removed and then treated to reduce further growth.

Ballybough House:

The painting of Ballybough House is almost complete with just minor adjustments to be executed.

Clarence Street/Dunne

The tidying up and cutting back of the green areas and heavy overgrowth at the rear of the various blocks in Clarence Street/Dunne Street has been completed. At the same time all rubbish, waste, and un-wanted materials have been removed.

Summerhill Senior Citizens:

The programme of installing security doors at the Senior Citizens complex in Summerhill has been completed.

ESTATE MANAGEMENT

Housing Manager:

Paul White

	January 2025	Total 2025
No of anti-social complaints per 1997 act Drug related	08	08
No of anti-social complaints per 1997 act not Drug related	31	31
No. of other complaints	58	58
Total Complaints	97	97

No of anti-social Interviews per 1997 Act	12	12
No of other interviews	26	26
Total interviews	38	38

No of requests for mediation	0	0
No of complaints referred to the Central Unit for action	1	1
No of Tenancy Warnings issued	0	0
No of Excluding Orders issued	0	0
No of Section 20s	0	0

Allocations

	January 2025	Total 2025
Housing (band 2&3)	0	0
Transfers (band 2&3)	0	0
Older Persons Housing (band 2&3)	0	0
Older Persons Transfers (band 2&3)	0	0
Medical & Welfare	0	0
Older Persons Medical & Welfare	0	0
Homeless/Housing First	1	1
Transfer /HAP	0	0
Fire/flood/EMG – Maintenance	0	0
Estate Management	0	0
Choice Based Lettings	4	4
Downsizing	0	0
RAS NTQ	0	0
Matt Talbot	1	1
Total	6	6

Public Domain

Plans for 2025

The beginning of another new year brings the continued dedication of the Public Domain team.

Below are some of the plans we have set out for the coming year:

Public Domain Outdoor Team – Our outdoor staff will continue to remove illegally dumped items, remove weeds (using Weedhex machine) and power wash the area. This is in addition to the power washing being performed by Waste Management Staff.

CCTV- We will be working with Waste Management to ensure the installation of cameras in areas suffering from serious illegal dumping under the new guidelines.

Weed Removal – via Contractor. We will be confirming what areas will be sprayed by the Contractor, concentrating on areas of high footfall / main thoroughfares etc.

Graffiti Removal – We will continue to request the removal of graffiti from any structure visible in the public domain.

We will continue to work with the Litter Wardens to tackle any abandoned bins, illegal signage, request inspection of dumped bags, etc.

ADI – Anti Dumping Initiatives, we will submit projects for consideration which will progress subject to funding approvals.

The mattress removal and recycling scheme, funded through an ADI grant has been held over the past three years. It is intended to hold the annual mattress removal scheme in July, exact dates are dependant on availability of Contractor and grant approval.

It is intended to also secure funding for more Canal Clean Ups such as those that have been performed over the past three years.

Other projects will be considered for inclusion in the coming months.

Community Clean Ups - Provide Community Groups with clean up materials and liaise with Public Domain outdoor staff or WM staff to ensure items collected are removed asap.

An Taisce Spring Clean – Promote the national spring clean liaising with An Taisce as well as distributing items for clean ups and arranging for gathered waste to be removed asap.

Dublin Clean Up Day – Promote Dublin Clean Up Day and provide groups with all necessary items.

Project Work - Identify further locations for anti dumping initiatives such as greening, hoarding, signage etc.

Leaf Removal - liaise with Waste Management and community groups to ensure the removal of fallen leaves.

Anti Dog Fouling Campaign – Continue to encourage responsible dog ownership.

Halloween Response – Liaise with stake holders, Gardaí and internal staff to ensure the removal of potential bonfire materials.

City Neighbourhood Competition – Promote, judge and organise the annual competition. It is intended to increase the number of groups, businesses and schools who enter the competition.

Some work carried out by Public Domain staff is contingent on what is happening in the area at any given and is therefore response works to local public domain matters. Additional works carried out above planned programme of works will be

reported via the monthly Area Meeting report.

Litter Hotline/CRM

In the period 1st – 30th January the following incidents were reported via Litter Hotline / Citizens Hub for the Central Area.

Type of Request	Count Incidents January	of for	2024 Total
Abandoned bins	11		9
Abandoned trolley	1		1
Dumped (Labelled)	12		12
Dumped bags (Not labelled)	259		259
Flytipping	62		62
Hazardous Waste	5		5
Household Junk	75		75
Other	51		51
Total	476		476

In addition to the Citizens Hub reported numbers, the Public Domain crew for the North Inner City & Glasnevin / Cabra Area carry out inspections of their assigned routes on a daily basis. They collect any dumped bags / materials found, that is not always reflected on the figures below.

The total tonnage of collected illegally dumped items.

- **36.68 tonne** for January 2025.

Graffiti Removal

There were **25** requests to remove graffiti during the month of during January. Internal staff as well as private contractor carried out all removals. All graffiti locations mentioned below were dealt with by NEIC Public Domain staff.

Graffiti from the following locations in January:

Dorset Street Archway.
Prussia Street x 2 Locations.
Frederick Lane.
Manor St gable wall.
Hill Street.
Talbot Street rail pillars.
Ossory Road large blue hoarding.
Nth Strand Laneway.
Buckingham Street lower.
Nth Strand Bridge billboards.
St Joseph's Place.
Glengarriff Parade.
Nth Brunswick St x 2 locations.
Grangegorman Lower.
Northbrook Avenue pillars.
Annesley Bridge.
Sean McDermott St.
Dorset Street @St Vincent's charity shop.
Charleville Road.
Blessington Street Archway.
Western way billboard.
Fairfield Avenue.
O'Devaney Gardens / NCR.

Community Clean-ups

Community Clean up equipment was distributed to **7** Community Groups / individuals between 1st to 30th January. Requests for the removal of bags from community clean ups were handled by Waste Management and Public Domain staff.

Community

Nollaig Na mBan



The communities of Ballybough, Clonliffe and North Strand in north Dublin celebrated Nollaig na mBan with a daylong festival honouring local women. It included an awards ceremony, a special conversation with Olympic gold medallist Kellie Harrington in the Charleville Mall Library and a live music trail after. It was the 3rd Annual Nollaig na mBan Festival, and was a vibrant celebration of the remarkable women who have made significant contributions to our community.

St Michans house

St Michans house residents committee held a dinner on January 11th for the senior citizens living in their complex. Dublin City Council were proud to support the residents who had a great time on the day. The event saw senior citizens provided with a meal and entertainment which was a great opportunity for the most vulnerable residents to come together and socialise after the Christmas period. For some of the residents this occasion is essential at this time of year as many can be lonely and isolated over the festive period and New Year.

Active Citizenship

Dublin City Council have commenced leaflet distributions across the central area in complexes who do not have any formal committees, inviting them to meet and be supported to set up an official group which will give them access to community grants and further supports from Dublin City Council.

New Communities

The team met with the community worker at the Gateway IPAS Centre to discuss how DCC could support the ongoing initiatives at the centre.

The DCC community development team helped establish a clean-up group, providing them with bags, brushes, pickers, and high-visibility jackets.

Additionally, DCC informed them about the free services and activities available to everyone in the area, such as running groups and free chair yoga.



NEIC Flat complexes

This year the team will be working alongside NEIC Sports Officer on a project to engage the residents in sports and community events within the NEIC area. A progress update will be provided in due course.

Older Person's Council (OPC)

A recent meeting of the OPC was held on the Tuesday 28 Jan in Dominic Hall with representative from the Area Community team.

Autism Village

We met with a representative from the Drumcondra group who worked on getting the Drumcondra an Autism Friendly Village status from ASIAM. We will work with local group Side by Side to work on becoming an Autism Friendly area if the wish to proceed with it.



Happy Birthday Brendan Behan



We are preparing to honour one of Dublin's most iconic literary figures, Brendan Behan on what would have been his 102nd birthday. On Sunday February 9th, Russell Street will come alive with events celebrating the legacy of Brendan Behan. The event includes a walking tour with Michael Kenny, to hear some stories about the North Inner City Screenings, talks and live music all inspired by the extraordinary life, work and legacy of Brendan Behan.

International Women's Day - March 8th

DCC Community Development section of the central area are organising an event for International Women's Day on Friday 7th March in Croke Park.

The event is for women living and working within the North East Inner City. The theme of the event is Wellness looking at the physical mental and social wellness of women today.

We will invite experts in physical health (e.g., fitness trainers, dietitians), mental wellness), and social wellness (e.g., community leaders, activists).

Create a space where women can meet, share experiences, and build connections. With structured networking activities or just a space to chat.

The NEIC are running the change for life programme running from 27th January -9th March, details below.

CHANGE FOR LIFE




From 27th January – 9th March 2025 Activities for Adults (Over 18's)

MONDAY	WEDNESDAY	FRIDAY
<p>Activity: Aqua Fit Contact: 01 872 0752 Time: 10:00-11:00 Location: Seán McDermott Street Swimming Pool Cost: Free</p> <p>Activity: Yoga Contact: 087 065 4031 Time: 13:00-13:45 Location: Killarney Court Community Centre Cost: Free</p> <p>Activity: Active Ageing with Eddie Contact: 01 222 4205 Time: 13:00-14:00 Location: St Laurence O'Toole Recreation Centre Cost: Free</p> <p>Activity: Badminton Contact: 089 489 5909 Time: 17:00-18:30 Location: St Laurence O'Toole Recreation Centre Cost: Free</p> <p>Activity: Wheelchair Basketball Contact: 087 065 4031 Time: 17:00-18:00 Location: Larkin Community College Cost: Free</p> <p>Activity: Beginners Weightlifting Contact: 087 065 4031 Time: 18:00-19:00 Location: O'Connell's School Hall Cost: Free</p> <p>Activity: NEIC Handball Contact: 087 065 4031 Time: 19:00-20:00 Location: National Handball Centre Cost: Free</p> <p>Activity: Kickboxing Contact: 086 150 0668 Time: 19:30-20:30 Location: Strandville Avenue, D03 H6F9 Cost: €7 per class</p>	<p>Activity: Couch to 5K Contact: 087 065 4031 Time: 12:30-13:00 Location: DCC Offices, 51-53 Seán McDermott Street Cost: Free</p> <p>Activity: Active Ageing with Eddie Contact: 01 222 4205 Time: 13:00-14:00 Location: St Laurence O'Toole Recreation Centre Cost: Free</p> <p>Activity: Introduction to Olympic Weightlifting Contact: 087 065 4031 Time: 17:00-18:00 Location: O'Connell's School Hall Cost: Free</p> <p>Activity: Yoga Contact: 087 065 4031 Time: 18:00-19:00 Location: St Laurence O'Toole Recreation Centre Cost: Free</p> <p>Activity: EmpowerHer Weightlifting (Women Only) Contact: 087 065 4031 Time: 18:00-19:00 Location: O'Connell's School Hall Cost: Free</p> <p>Activity: Kickboxing Contact: 086 150 0668 Time: 19:30-20:30 Location: Strandville Avenue, D03 H6F9 Cost: €7 per class</p>	<p>Activity: Yin Yoga with Denise Contact: 087 065 4031 Time: 19:30-20:30 Location: Seán O'Casey Centre, East Wall Cost: €5 per class</p> <p>Activity: Walking Football Contact: 087 065 4031 Time: 12:00-13:00 Location: St Laurence O'Toole Astro Pitch Cost: Free</p> <p>Activity: Couch to 5K Contact: 087 065 4031 Time: 12:30-13:00 Location: DCC Offices, 51-53 Seán McDermott Street Cost: Free</p> <p>Activity: Nutrition Workshop Contact: 087 065 4031 Time: 17:00-17:45 Location: Killarney Court Community Centre Cost: Free</p> <p>Activity: Introduction to Olympic Weightlifting Contact: 087 065 4031 Time: 17:00-18:00 Location: O'Connell's School Hall Cost: Free</p> <p>Activity: Yoga for Men Contact: 087 065 4031 Time: 18:00-19:00 Location: Killarney Court Community Centre Cost: Free</p>
TUESDAY	THURSDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Activity: Circuit Training Contact: 087 065 4031 Time: 13:00-13:45 Location: St Laurence O'Toole Recreation Centre Cost: Free</p>	<p>Activity: Wheelchair Handball Contact: 087 065 4031 Time: 17:00-18:00 Location: National Handball Centre Cost: Free</p> <p>Activity: Aqua Fit Contact: 01 872 0752 Time: 17:45-18:30 Location: Seán McDermott Street Swimming Pool Cost: Free</p> <p>Activity: NEIC Handball Contact: 087 065 4031 Time: 18:00-19:00 Location: National Handball Centre Cost: Free</p> <p>Activity: GAA For Ma's Contact: 086 895 0551 Time: 19:00-20:00 Location: Ballybough Community Centre Cost: Free</p>	<p>Activity: Women Street Football Leagues Contact: 086 896 3837 Time: 12:00-13:00 Location: Ballybough Community Centre Astro Pitch Cost: Free</p> <p>Activity: East Wall Rowing Contact: 087 981 2401 Time: Please call phone number for start time as this depends on the tide Location: East Wall Water Sports Cost: Free</p> <p>Activity: Callisthenics Workshop Contact: 083 168 1010 Time: 11:00-12:00 Location: Liberty Park Cost: Free</p>
SUNDAY		

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Register at:

Please book place directly for each class with the contact point. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis where spaces are limited. Participants can join a class at any stage throughout the programme.



Cabra Glasnevin Area Report



97 New Cabra Road, Cabra East
Open: 9:30 – 15:30 Mon – Fri
(01) 222 7400 / cabraoffice@dublincity.ie

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Housing

Allocations

There have been 7 Allocations to date in 2025.

Choice Based Lettings are currently being processed for units in Saint Peter's Court and Clareville Court.

Two vulnerable older tenants subjected to ASB have moved to older persons complexes.

A 3 bed property has been served with an abandonment notice – this property has been recovered.

A private property is to be steeled and secured at the request of Cabra Garda Station.

Montpelier

The PEO has arranged a site visit with An Garda Síochana Crime Prevention Officer to assess the locations for CCTV.

The PEO has met with the residents group to discuss concerns around ASB & Public Domain issues and will follow up.

The PEO is in on-going communication with Councillors over parking issues.

Ongoing correspondence with residents as issues arise.

Dorset Street

Bricin's Park

Housing Manager and PEO to continue to meet with the Housing Delivery Team to ensure on-going engagement from the on-site contractors with residents surrounding the development.

Senior Citizen Complexes

Garda Safety talks have been commenced and will roll out continuously in due course.

All of the existing CCTV coverage for our Senior Citizen Complexes now feeds back to the Housing Office and is available to An Garda Síochana upon request.

Power washing of all complexes in progress.

Bin shed upgrades ongoing in all complexes.

Application forms for upgrade to Alarm Cord monitoring system underway.

McKee Court

Bait boxes laid and monitored.

A request for some benches to be installed will be considered following the cleaning and upgrading works.

Ongoing correspondence with residents as issues arise.

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Aughrim Court

Quotes received to upgrade the greening throughout the complex – start date to be confirmed.

Eccles Court

Painting programme complete.

Dunard Court

Contractor engaged and work commenced on shrubbery and landscaping issues.

Quote requested to enhance fencing – awaiting same.

Quote requested in relation to upgrading lighting throughout the complex – awaiting same.

Meeting took place with Housing Manager, contractor and residents on Wednesday 29/01/2025 to discuss ongoing issues.

Ongoing correspondence with residents as issues arise.

Dunmanus

Ongoing correspondence with residents as issues arise.

Canon Burke

This complex is on the Housing Maintenance list for the “Enhanced Works Programme” – these works have commenced.

The area housing staff have facilitated the re-location of tenants to their new homes. The units once complete will be allocated to applicants on the Older Persons Lists.

The Waxworks

Threat to life case referred to Serious Anti-Social Behaviour Unit, alternative accommodation identified and tenant will be re-located.

Ongoing correspondence as issues arise.

Dominick House & Palmerstown Place

Implementation of CCTV in the shared car park of these complexes which feeds back to the office and is available to An Garda Síochana upon request.

Ongoing correspondence as issues arise.

Estate Management Housing Statistics

Cabra Glasnevin

January 2025 Year To Date

No of anti-social complaints per 1997 act Drug related	20	
No of anti-social complaints per 1997 act not Drug related	20	
No. of Complaints	0	
Total Complaints	40	

No of anti-social Interviews per 1997 Act	15	
No of other interviews	5	
Total interviews	20	

Allocations January 2025

Cabra Glasnevin

January 2025 Year To Date

Bands 2 & 3	1	1
Medical	2	2
Welfare		
Homeless	1	1
Travellers		
Succession		
Senior Citizens	2	2
RAS/HAP		
Fire/flood/Emg – Maintenance		
Surrender Larger		
Estate Management	1	1

Voids

Cabra Glasnevin

January 2025 Year To Date

Voids With Framework	21	21
Ready To Let	20	20
Total Voids	41	41

Public Domain

In January 2025, the Public Domain Unit distributed Community Clean-up equipment to **8** community groups and individuals in the Cabra/Glasnevin areas. This initiative is designed to support local communities in their efforts to maintain clean and safe public spaces.

Requests for the removal of bags collected can be made directly to the Public Domain Unit at the Cabra Area Office by emailing pdcabraglasnevin@dublincity.ie , calling the office on 01 222 7400 or by logging direct on Citizen Hub here <https://citizenhub.dublincity.ie/>.

As part of the ongoing efforts, the Public Domain Unit is committed to maintaining close communication with local community groups and ensuring that clean-up efforts are well-supported.



Group	Location	Equipment	Quantity
Royal Canal Residents Association	Royal Canal Terrace	Litter Bags, Compost Bags	10
Annamoe Parade Residents Association	Annamoe Parade	Litter Bags, Compost Bags	10
Park Crescent Residents Association	Blackhorse Avenue	Litter Bags, Compost Bags	20
Individuals	Various	Litter Bags, Compost Bags	20

Waste Management Requests

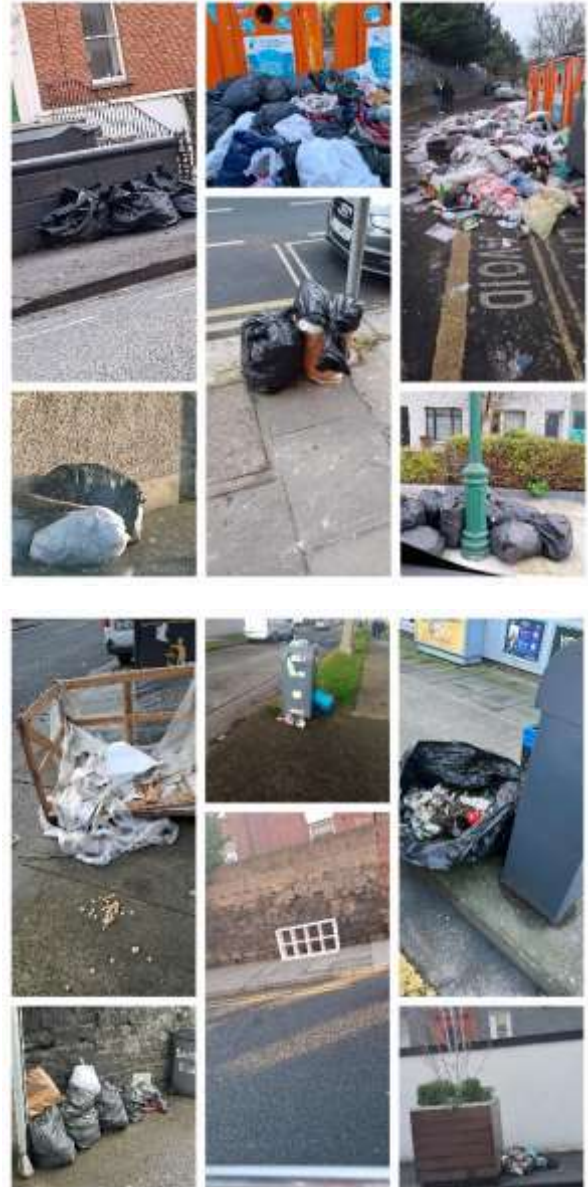
The Public Domain Unit actively monitors and records incidents of illegal dumping and other waste management issues by conducting regular patrols across the LEA. In addition to patrols, we also manage a dedicated email to report such issues, ensuring swift identification and resolution.

This collaborative approach between the Public Domain Unit and Waste Management Services plays a crucial role in keeping our public spaces free from waste and enhancing the overall quality of life for residents.

Reports of illegal dumping can be made directly to the Public Domain Unit at the Cabra Area Office by emailing pdcabraglasnevin@dublincity.ie, calling the office on 01 222 7400 or by logging direct on Citizen Hub here <https://citizenhub.dublincity.ie/>.

Please see a list of incidents logged for January 2025:

Incident	Amount	
Illegal Dumping	70	
Bin Maintenance	4	
Community Clean-up	40	
Dead Animal	1	
Street Sweep	2	



Power-Wash Programme

The Public Domain Unit plays a key role in identifying locations that require power washing, ensuring that areas affected by dirt, grime, and staining are promptly addressed. The power washing service helps to maintain the cleanliness and aesthetic appeal of public spaces, contributing to a safer and more inviting environment for both residents and visitors.

In January 2025, several locations were power washed throughout the LEA. These locations are part of a regular schedule of works with other areas identified by the Public Domain Unit, priority given to high-traffic areas and those requiring deep cleaning. A list of the locations cleaned are provided below. Should you wish to have any locations power washed please email

pdcabraglasnevin@dublincity.ie

Cabra Area Office would like to extend a special thanks to the North West Cleaning Crew for the excellent service they provide.



Kinvara Shops	Drumcondra Rd Shops
Glasnevin Shops	Aldi Ashtown Paint Spill
Fassaugh Avenue Daybreak Shops	St Peters Lane
Fassaugh Avenue Church	Fassaugh Avenue Shops
Ballyboggan Bottlebank	Cabra Grove
Blessington Street Grafitti Removal	Annamoe Road
Dalymount Lanes	Phibsborough Road
Cabra House Pub	Annamoe Shops



Graffiti Removal Programme

The Public Domain Unit runs a comprehensive Graffiti Removal Programme aimed at preserving the cleanliness and integrity of public spaces. As part of this initiative, patrols are conducted to proactively identify instances of graffiti vandalism across various locations in the Cabra Glasnevin LEA, including public buildings, street furniture, and other communal surfaces.

Through a responsive and efficient reporting and removal system, the Public Domain Unit is able to respond quickly to graffiti incidents, ensuring that areas are restored to their original state with minimal disruption.

Any incidents can be reported directly to the Public Domain Unit at the Cabra Area Office by emailing

pdcabraglasnevin@dublincity.ie ,
calling the office on 01 222 7400 or by logging direct on Citizen Hub here <https://citizenhub.dublincity.ie/>.

Thank you to PMAC and the North West Crew for the excellent response.

Please see list of locations for January 2025 below:

Royal Canal Bank	Avondale Road
Ratoarh Road	Innisfallen Parade
North Circular Road	Botanic
Great Western Way	Annamoe Terrace
Ashtown	Blackhorse Avenue
Phibsborough Road	



Cabra/Glasnevin Improvement Initiative 2025

The Cabra/Glasnevin Improvement Initiative 2025 is a project focused on revitalising neglected or underutilised public spaces in the Cabra and Glasnevin areas. The goal of this initiative is to identify and restore locations that may be off the beaten path but have the potential to be transformed into valuable community spaces. By bringing these areas back into public use, we aim to improve the overall environment and enhance the quality of life for residents and visitors alike.

Throughout 2025, the Public Domain Unit will be actively seeking and assessing various locations that require attention. This will be done on a case-by-case basis, with priority given to areas that are most in need of improvement. Whether it's a laneway, an overgrown space, or an underused public space, our objective is to restore these spaces, making them accessible, clean, and welcoming for all.

If you know of a location that could benefit from some attention, we invite you to submit your suggestions. Please email us at pdcabraglasnevin@dublincity.ie, and we will review your submission to see if it qualifies for consideration.

COMMUNITY

2025 Community Activities Programme - Local Festivals and Events.

The Cabra/Glasnevin Community Development Section are actively involved at committee level with local Community Festivals. This involves ongoing meetings with local festival committees and residents groups to support them in the planning and coordination of a series of festivals and family friendly local events for 2025 e.g. Phizzfest, Royal Canal Residents, Rathdown Road & District, Stoneybatter and Broadstone. The Cabra/Glasnevin Community Development Section will funding and practical support to develop a comprehensive programme of local events. The next steps for festival committees, residents groups etc. is to complete festival schedules, secure park permits and complete Event Management Plans and Risk Assessments. The Community Team will provide key supports to ensure this process through coordination of DCC Event Management Services Framework, allocation of funding support and setting up festival committee network to encourage information sharing regarding resources and ideas and ensure the smooth and safe running of local events.

Following further meetings with festival committees and residents groups, a more detailed festival and events schedule will be available by end of February.

Shandon Crescent:

The Cabra/Glasnevin Area Office and the Community Development Section have worked with Shandon Residents Committee to assist in the refurbishment of pathway which had been damaged by tree roots at entrance to the street. DCC Engineering managed the remedial works. Ongoing engagement with residents groups to reach a solution with regard to further enhancing this site.



The Cabra/Glasnevin Area Office and the Community Development Section will continue to work with local residents committees, environmental groups etc. to develop initiatives and events that support Dublin City Climate Action Plan. This involves working closely with DCC Public Domain in order to include relevant programmes within the 2025 Community Development Programme such as Team Dublin Clean Up, Community Clean Ups, Leaf Collections etc.

Cabra/Glasnevin Age Friendly Programme:

The Cabra/Glasnevin Older Person's Council (OPC) had their first meeting for 2025 on 28th January at the new Dominic Street Community Centre. The key purpose of this meeting proceed with plan actions to address the two main focus topics for 2025 and to elect a chair. A temporary chair is now elected. Going forward the OPC have agreed to continue on developing actions to implement the Age Friendly Business Initiative; Including Banks in the list of business and focus on the 17 shops on Cabra Road as a pilot for this initiative. Council members have also agreed to decide on second topic when more members would be in attendance as a result of actions taken to increase and broaden scope of membership.

Building on the success of the coffee morning during Integration and Inclusion Week in November 2024, the OPC agreed to host an extraordinary/induction meeting to invite interested parties to formally become OPC members. This induction event is planned to take place on 24th February at Cabra Library from 11.30 a.m. to 13.30 p.m. The event will include a presentation on OPC, and short information session on services for older persons at Cabra Library. The Cabra/Glasnevin And North Inner City Community Sections are currently working off the contact list from coffee morning to contact existing and potential OPC members to provide notice of the meeting and encourage and support attendance.



Animation of Sheltered Housing Complexes Community Rooms

The Cabra/Glasnevin Community Development Section are currently engaging with local day care centres and residents groups from sheltered housing complexes and relevant organisations to develop an animation programme for older persons living in sheltered accommodation within the Cabra/Glasnevin area. Events will include chair yoga, theatre, opera, tea dance, arts projects etc. The detailed programme with confirmed dates, times and locations will be completed by end of February 2025 and the Cabra/Glasnevin Community Development Team will distribute and promote information and encourage and support residents to participate in the social and recreational activities programme that are on offer.

The Cabra/Glasnevin Community Development Section are also providing practical and financial support to local day care centres and residents groups from sheltered housing complexes by assisting in organising and covering costs of entertainment,

catering etc. for upcoming Valentine Events. The Santa Maria Day Care Centre has planned a “Valentine Tea Dance” for 13th February from 2.00 to 4.00 p.m. The Cabra/Glasnevin Area Office has covered the cost of entertainment and refreshments.

The Cabra/Glasnevin Community Development Section have been instrumental in supporting the development of a newly formed “Casual Music Group” at Dunard Sheltered Accommodation Community Room. The group will meet every Wednesday from 12.00 – 2.00 p.m. The group is open to local residents who want to share their music by singing, performing, listening or just enjoy the company. This is an informal, free music class where musicians at all level residents and friends of Dunard Court are all are welcome.



Community Buildings

As part of the 2025 Community Development Programme and with regard to age friendly initiatives, the Cabra/Glasnevin Community Development Section are planning to review an overall report developed by the team during 2023/2024 to follow up on progress and develop a plan for any outstanding issues.

The Cabra/Glasnevin Community Development Section are currently resuming contact with all Sheltered Housing Complexes in the area and reviewing and addressing any outstanding issues from 2024 as well as any further issues that may arise for 2025.

Lord Mayors Initiative

Following the appointment of the new Lord Mayor Emma Blain The Cabra/Glasnevin community team will include initiatives and events within the 2025 Community Development Annual Programme that includes the Lord Mayor’s priority areas; participation and promotion of sport within our communities, particularly for women and girls, positive ageing planning, care for the elderly within our communities, dementia awareness and continued work to develop age friendly and autism friendly villages.

Lord Mayors Afternoon Tea at the Mansion House

As part of Dublin City Council's Age Friendly Charter, Cabra/Glasnevin Community Development Section will continue liaise with the Lord Mayor's Office to support and co-ordinate occasional events during 2025 for older persons living in the Cabra/Glasnevin Area to attend Afternoon Tea with the newly appointed Lord Mayor Emma Blain.

Inclusion & Integration Week

2025 will see a new date for Inclusion & Integration Week which will now run from **Friday 23rd May to Sunday 1st June** (slightly longer than a week). The Cabra/Glasnevin Community Development Section are currently planning and coordinating local events to celebrate this campaign.

Autism Friendly Villages

The Cabra/Glasnevin Community Development Section continue to build on initial contact with families during Inclusion and Integrations Week (Autism Friendly and Inclusive Playday). The event was aimed at implementing the Lord Mayors Initiative of developing Autism Friendly Villages.

The Cabra/Glasnevin Community Development Section are planning on hosting a networking event with other Autism Support groups and parents and caregivers who attended the Autism Friendly and Inclusive Playday and Lord Mayors Santa Visit in order to develop a local network to support the development of Autism Friendly Neighbourhoods/Villages and provide

support for parents and caregivers with shared experiences of caring for children and young people with Autism.

Adult Education Classes

The Cabra/Glasnevin Community Development Section has worked with City of Dublin Youth Services Board (CDETb) to provide a designated time and premises to run Adult Education Classes at Dunard Senior Citizens Community Room in the Senior Citizens Complex. The classes will be available to local residents living in the complex and the wider community. Classes will include a number of subjects including a music tutor for the Tenants of the complex.

The Cabra/Glasnevin Community Development will continue collaborate with CDETb to broaden the scope of this initiative by engaging with other senior citizens complexes in the area to get involved in these classes e.g. provide practical support in terms of accessibility and identifying key interest areas.

Cruinniú na nÓg:

The Cabra/Glasnevin Community Development are planning to link in with DCC Arts Office and Creative Ireland to explore the possibility of including schools, youth groups and organisations to avail of the opportunity to participate in 2025 Cruinniú na nÓg which takes place in June. This will involve practical and financial support to ensure a meaningful arts initiative is developed for children and young people in the Cabra/Glasnevin Area.



Anamoe Youth Group:

The Anamoe Youth Group were given a space in Dunard Community Centre as part of Inclusion & Integration week. As part of the club's youth and community initiatives, the young people are planning to work with the youth service and DCC Cabra/Glasnevin Community Development Section to invite the tenants of the Senior Citizens Complex to join in some of their activities as part of an overall local area intergenerational programme for 2025.

Community Recognition Fund 2024 (Round 3)

DCC Cabra/Glasnevin Community Development Section are supporting Dunard Community & Residents Association with their application for the DCC Community Recognition Fund 2024 (Round 3)

The Community Centre houses a broad range of activities and supports that include and some are specifically for new communities in the area. Currently this facility serves the Dunard community and surrounding areas e.g. Blackhorse avenue, north circular road etc. In response to ongoing and growing demand for more services, supports and activities, the Dunard Community & Residents Association are applying for this grant to fund redesign and extension of current premises to meet more appropriately and sufficiently with local demand.

DCC Community Grants Fund

The DCC Community Grants Fund was launched Tuesday 9th July

- 1) Community Grants (€300,000 with a maximum grant available of €1,500)
- 2) Informal Adult Education (€86,500 with a maximum grant available of €800)

Applications were made through Citizen's Hub

<https://citizenhub.dublincity.ie/grants>

To ensure this notice reached as many groups as possible, it was also circulated to all Dublin City Councillors, Dublin City PPN, Dublin City LCDC, Dublin City Local Development Companies and our colleagues across Dublin City Council including the Communication Unit.

Community Grants applied for and processed for the Cabra/Glasnevin Area:

62 applications were received for the Area

4 Incomplete (Saved) applications

0 Applications Reassigned to other areas.

2 applications were rejected as they were duplicate or did not meet the criteria

56 applications are recommended for funding to a total of €30,000

Informal Adult Education grants applied for and processed for the Cabra/Glasnevin Area:

8 applications were received for the Area

1 Incomplete (Saved) applications

7 groups were recommended for funding totalling €5,130

The applications have been assessed and processed. The report for noting by Councillors was been approved City Council at December City Council Meeting.

It is proposed to complete all grant payments by end of Q1 2025.

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