

To the Chairperson and Members of the
South East Area Committee

Environmental Services Unit Report

Weed Control 2016

The 2nd round of weed spraying throughout the South East Area will be completed within the next few days.

Halloween

A multi departmental plan is in place in cooperation with the Gardaí to tackle issues as they arise over the next few weeks up to and including Halloween. Some bonfire material has already been collected in the South East Area and the area will continue to be monitored. Safety campaigns will be promoted by the Gardaí, DCC Fire Services and DCC Media Relations.

Events

- Open House 14th to 16th October
- Bram Stoker Festival 28th to 31st October
- Dublin City Marathon Sunday 30th October

City Neighbourhoods / Tidy Towns Competitions 2016

Winners were announced at the citywide awards ceremony for the Residential and Business parts of the City Neighbourhoods competition, on Thursday 29th September in Croke Park. Tidy Towns results were also announced in late September and all of the entrants in our area (Donnybrook, Ranelagh, Sandymount, Temple Bar and Terenure) increased their marks over last year.

Abandoned Bicycles

Abandoned bicycles are being removed throughout the South East area. To date this year, a total of 40 full bicycles have been removed and 111 part bikes / frames have also been removed. Additional bikes / part bikes along with abandoned locks and chains will continue to be removed.

Dog Fouling Enforcement / Awareness Campaign

The South East Area is currently running a dog fouling enforcement campaign which began in May and will run until early December. Authorised staff supported by An Garda Síochána are patrolling public areas, mainly parks, to observe the behaviour of dog walkers. Fines of €150 are issued to dog owners who fail to clean up after their dog. 6 Fines have been issued so far under Section 22 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997. We have engaged to date with dog walkers in the following parks and surrounding areas: Belgrave Square, Dartmouth Square, Ringsend, Sean Moore, Herbert, Dartry, Orwell, Palmerston, Bushy, Harold's Cross, Eamonn Ceannt, St. Patricks, Ranelagh Gardens, Irishtown Nature Park, Sandymount Strand and also along the Dodder Walkway and the Grand Canal. Patrols to date have been carried out mainly at week-ends, but also some early mornings and evening times were included. The vast majority of dog walkers in our area at the time of patrols were found to be compliant.