

The Chairperson and Members North Central Joint Policing Committee

As part of the Area's Halloween Diversionary Activities, the Area Office has provided funding for the past number of years for a series of official fireworks events designed to be a safe alternative to bonfires and illegal firework. Although funded as a waste management initiative these events are co-ordinated by the Community development Team. These events take place in areas which have been selected on the basis of past experience, where there has previously been a high degree of Halloween related anti-social behaviour and bonfire activity. In 2015 three events were held on Halloween itself and one was held the previous night (Friday). While the Community Staff were in attendance at all events on the night it must be stressed that local involvement and advance planning is the key to their overall success and it is now our policy that an event will only go ahead if there is a community partner.. The co-operation and participation by the Gardaí Civil Defence and St. John's Ambulance has also proved essential for the safety and success of these events.

For 2016 four events are planned.

- **Donaghmede Park (Fireworks display)**: This will be run in with the Donaghmede Estate Residents Association) and it took place in Donaghmede Park. Last year the event was at 18.00 on Halloween night and similar timings are proposed for this year. attendance was in the region of 800 people and the committee took previous advice and had lit up the control area with a mobile flood light.
- **Kilbarrack (Fireworks display)**: This will be run in conjunction with the Kilbarrack Coast Community Programme (KCCP) and will. take place at Roseglen Football Pitch. Last year the event was at 19.00 on Halloween night and similar timings are proposed for this year. Attendance was in the region of 1,500 people and there was good stewarding and local involvement in the event.
- **Edenmore Crescent Park**: This will be run in conjunction with the Safety Association for Edenmore (SAFE). Last year there was earlier programme of events held in St. Monica's Youth Club, followed by a parade up to the Fire Works display which took place at 20:00 on Halloween night. Stewarding, was not as good as in previous years but again the committee hired mobile lighting which greatly contributed to the security of the event. Around 1,000 people attended.
- **Brams Stoker Park (Malahide Road/Clontarf)**: Last year we trialled an outdoor event dubbed 'Spooktacular' which was an interactive light and sound should with music and special effects. It ran from 17:30 to 19:30. We propose repeating this event using a similar format and timings.

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