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**The Chairperson and Members
South Central Area Committee.**

Report on Halloween clean up in the South Central Area

The South Central Area Office provided a coordinated approach across a number of different units in the lead up to and during the Halloween period. In the week leading up to Halloween, our Public Domain Unit (PDU) and Housing staff actively built up intelligence and information concerning the stockpiling of material across the area. On Wednesday 28th October, the PDU began collecting materials using one truck while on Friday 30th October, two trucks were used. During both days, assistance was provided by the Public Order Unit of An Garda Síochána. A significant haul of materials containing hundreds of pallets and tyres was located on 30th October in an abandoned warehouse in the Dublin 8 area.

Over the weekend (Saturday, 29th to Monday 31st) , Area Housing Managers, Project Estate Officers, the Public Domain Unit and Area Office staff kept in regular contact with each other in order to identify areas of concern and to facilitate the removal of bonfire materials. They also liaised closely with staff from Housing, Waste Management, Parks and Dangerous Buildings as well as An Garda Síochána.

Private waste contractors along with staff from Parks and Waste Management assisted in the removal of bonfire materials. Although the exact amount of materials taken away over the Halloween period is still being calculated, the figures below detail some of the materials removed.

Tyres	Pallets	Built Bonfires
2,100	2,500	3

It is estimated that **150 tonnes** of waste and bonfire material was removed over the Halloween period by Public Domain staff from South Central Area which significantly reduced the potential for substantial bonfires to occur in the area.

The greatest volume of collected bonfire materials came from the following locations: -

- Derelict private site at Bridgefoot Street Lower, (6 Trucks filled plus 1 Bin Lorry)
- Derelict private site at Grand Canal Place (14 Trucks plus 2 Bin Lorries)
- Derelict private site at Davitt Road, (15 Trucks + 1 Bin Lorry)
- St. Teresa's Gardens (5 Trucks)
- Liffey Gaels GAA pitches/Nature reserve in Memorial Gardens (2 Trucks/Only Tyres)

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