

**Housing, Community & Emergency Services Department
South East Area Office**

**To the Chairperson and Members of the
South East Area Committee**

Report of the Director of Services, South City

Housing Projects and Local Area Improvements

Grove Road CCTV

The installation of the CCTV is almost complete, the contractor is currently working through some technical issues to allow transmission of footage directly to the Crumlin Area Office.

Armagh Road Senior Citizens complex (FOLD VHA)

The first 16 units are almost ready to let. FOLD VHA commenced interviewing nominees on 24th October. The units should be occupied by end of November.

Raleigh Square Senior Citizens Complex (Tuath VHA)

There is a further delay with works and it is now unlikely any of the 33 units will be ready for occupation before early 2020.

Rafters Lane Senior Citizens Complex (WALK/Circle VHA)

Snagging works are currently being carried out and should be completed by end October. The complex will now be managed by Circle VHA rather than WALK VHA.

Mount Argus

13 General Needs units will become available before the end of the year. These comprise of 4 x 1 beds, 8 x 2 beds and 1 x 3 beds. No decision has been made yet on whether these units will be managed by DCC or a VHA.

Sundrive Mews, (Cluid VHA)

Cluid VHA have acquired 9 newly built units at Sundrive Mews, off Sundrive Road. There are 3 x 3 storey duplexes (comprising 3 x 2 bed apartments and 3 x 1 bed ground floor apartments) and 3 x 2 bed townhouses. The units are almost complete and selections for nomination are currently being done by Allocations.

Stannaway Court, Senior Citizens Complex

Insulation works will be completed by the middle of November and we have requested Housing Maintenance to put the complex on the painting works programme.

Grand Canal Sub Group

The latest meeting of the Grand Canal Sub-committee was held on 29th October 2019. Letter was sent to Waterways Ireland (WI) on 12th September on foot of a motion from South East Area Committee seeking a meeting to propose a new format for interaction with Dublin City Council. Reply was received on 15th October 2019 from John McDonough, Acting Chief Executive. It was agreed to seek a meeting with John McKeown, Eastern Regional Office, WI, to discuss a new structure for interaction between WI and DCC in relation to the canals in the city. No date was set for the next meeting of the Grand Canal Subcommittee.

Portobello Harbour Square

An initial meeting was held with City Architects Department on 17th October to examine an outline brief for the proposed redesign of Portobello Harbour square, bearing in mind the new hotel development on the site which has recently commenced. It was agreed that timeline for hotel completion should be established and redesign process for the public realm to follow soon after. In the meantime various small scale improvements can be introduced to improve the public realm.

Rathgar Village Improvement Plan (VIP)

The redesign of Herzog Park is the final element of the Rathgar VIP to be undertaken. The Nature Play Area was officially opened by the Lord Mayor on 13th September 2018. Works to construct the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) on the site of the bowling green are now complete and park landscaping has been carried out. The MUGA is rostered for use by local schools and will then be offered to other groups in the area. Works to re-align the bring centre are complete and it has reopened to the public in mid-August 2019. The redrawing of the park boundary and its treatment along with the re-alignment of the car park area is the final phase of the Herzog Park project. Roads Construction and Design are costing the car park works and it is proposed to carry out the works in late 2019 / early 2020, subject to funding being available.

Ranelagh Gardens Park

The installation of new park benches has now been completed. Works to light / enhance the main entrance archway will be considered for 2020 subject to funding.

Ringsend Irishtown Local Environment Improvement Plan (LEIP)

The Ringsend Irishtown Local Environment Improvement Plan (LEIP) was adopted at the June 2017 South East Area Committee meeting. It is now proposed to prepare planning applications under Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, for the redesign of (1) Library Square and (2) Cambridge Road.

Library Square: (Mitchell & Associates) Meetings with internal stakeholders were held during September and October 2018. A meeting was held with local businesses to discuss parking / loading arrangements on 5th December 2018. A presentation was made to area councillors on 13th February 2019 and a preliminary draft design was brought to a public meeting for all stakeholders on Thursday 21st March 2019 at 7pm in the Ringsend Irishtown Community Centre (RICC). Following a period of consultation up to 19th April 2019, submissions were received and have been reviewed by the project team. A revised design was brought before the Public Realm Working Group on 22nd October 2019. Following further consultation with internal departments, Councillors will be briefed prior to holding a second public information meeting and commencing Part 8 process.

Cambridge Road: (Redscape Architects) An initial public workshop in relation to Cambridge Road was held on Thursday 30th August 2018 in the RICC on Thorncastle Street. Meetings with internal stakeholders took place in September and October and designs were drafted based on consultations which were brought to a second public workshop/meeting on 28th November 2018. Further information is required in relation to road design and drainage requirements for the proposal and it is planned to hold a further series of meetings with internal stakeholders before proceeding with the Part 8 planning application. Further discussions have recently taken place with the Road Design & Construction, E & T Department, and they have confirmed that will take on the completion of the Cambridge Road project to Part 8.

O'Carroll Villas

Housing Maintenance advise that they have had difficulty trying to get contractors to price the work, however they are hopeful of procuring a contractor to start late November early December.

Cabbage Patch

We are working with a wide group of stakeholders who are interested in the betterment of the Cabbage Patch and a Family Friendly event was organised for Halloween night which was well supported.

We are commencing work on a spec. to refurbish the football pitch which we would hope to complete early next year.

Markievicz House

Work on the court yard is progressing well. The South East Area Office is continuing to liaise with the residents and keep them informed as each phase of the project progresses, with a view to minimising disruption.

Harold's Cross Age Friendly Village

In late September a preliminary meeting was held with the Harold's Cross Village Community Council at which they agreed that they would co-partner Dublin City Council on advancing the initiative of promoting Harold's Cross as an age friendly village

Harold's Cross Village Community Council (DCC) has indicated that they have selected Mr. Robert Carroll (a Harold's Cross resident and former member of Age Action Ireland) as their representative to liaise with DCC and assist with the public consultation phase.

Further to this, fourteen residents of Harold's Cross participated in a walkability study of the village and each filled out a survey as recommended by the DCC Age Friendly Programme Manager. Attendees included persons with sight and mobility disabilities, members of Harold's Cross Village Community Council and a member of An Garda Síochána. The age profile of the group was between 56 and 94 years of age.

On 22nd and 23rd of October the six Councillors representing the Kimmage – Rathmines Local Electoral Area completed the walkability study and the survey as above.

Going forward an article will be placed in November edition of the Harold's Cross Express, with links to the project and survey which will open up the consultation to the wider residents of the area.

Mr. Robert Carroll has agreed to complete the task of collating the relevant data in conjunction with DCC.

It is anticipated that the combining of the survey data and any other ideas, proposals or suggestions can advise a baseline plan that should be completed by end of 2019 / early 2020.

It is envisaged also utilising the Age Friendly Council to assist in progressing the Initiative when it is further developed.

Any proposals will require costing and no budget provisions have been considered to date.

Community Development

Please find below a list of events taking place in November and Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremonies in the South East Area, organised or supported by the Community Development Team of the South East Area Office.

- **Saturday, 2nd November at 2pm – Dia de Los Muertos / Day of the Dead Mexican & Latin American Holiday Celebration** at Archbishop Byrne Hall, Synge Street.
- **Saturday, 2nd November at 11am** - Crumlin Clean-up Group AGM Clogher Road Sports Centre.

- **Wednesday, 6th November at 7pm** – Launch of ‘Smart Agers’ Annual Calendar in the Evergreen Club, Terenure.
- **Friday, 8th November at 7.30pm** – **Launch of Milltown Historical Exhibition** at Milltown Parish Centre, marking the bi-centenary of Milltown Parish Church. Exhibition runs from 8-17 November.
- **Friday, 8th November at 5.00pm** - Closing Date Community Grants Scheme.
- **Tuesday, 12th November at 2.30pm** – **The Woman is Present: Women’s Stories of World War 2** performances at Donnybrook Parish Centre, Church of the Sacred Heart for Donnybrook Active Retirement Association.
- **Wednesday, 13th November at 2pm** – **Visit to Museum of Literature Ireland** with Spanish language Let’s Walk & Talk / walking group. Meet at Kildare Place, Kildare Street.
- **Thursday, 14th November at 2pm** – **Visit to Museum of Literature Ireland** with Let’s Walk & Talk / walking group. Meet at Sandymount Green.
- **Thursday, 14th November at 2.30pm** – **“The Importance of Being Oscar”** Performance by actor, Michael Judd at Milltown Parish Centre for Milltown Active Retirement Association.
- **Friday, 15th November at 11am** – **Visit to Museum of Literature Ireland** with Irish language Let’s Walk & Talk / walking group. Meet at Meeting House Square, Temple Bar.
- **Friday, 15th November at 2pm** – **Visit to Museum of Literature Ireland** with French language Let’s Walk & Talk / walking group. Meet at Kildare Place, Kildare Street.
- **Saturday, 16th November at 2pm** – **Visit to Museum of Literature Ireland** with Let’s Walk & Talk / walking group. Meet at Car Park next to the Dropping Well, Milltown.
- **Tuesday, 19th November at 8pm** Young at Heart Party at the Transport Club, Clogher Road (tickets from the Crumlin Area Office, Doors Open 7.00PM).
- **Tuesday, 19th November at 2pm** – **Visit to Museum of Literature Ireland** with Let’s Walk & Talk / walking group. Meet outside the Barge Pub, Charlemont Street.
- **Friday, 22nd November at 12pm** – **Visit to Irish Museum of Modern Art** with Irish language Let’s Walk & Talk / walking group. Meet at Meeting House Square, Temple Bar.
- **Friday, 22nd November at 5pm** – **Woodstock Court Christmas Party** at Woodstock Court Community Room, Ranelagh.
- **Friday, 22nd November at 8pm** – **Milltown Parish Church Bi-Centenary Gala Concert** at Milltown Parish Church. Tickets available from the Parish Centre.
- **Saturday, 23rd November at 5pm** - Harold’s Cross Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, Harold’s Cross Park.
- **Sunday, 24th November at 5pm** – **Ranelagh Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony** at Ranelagh Triangle.
- **Tuesday, 26th November at 7pm** – **Rathmines Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony** at Plaza in front of Swan Leisure.
- **Wednesday, 27th November at 8pm** – **“The Importance of Being Oscar”** Performance by actor, Michael Judd at St. Kevin’s Hall, Bloomfield Avenue, Portobello.
- **Wednesday 27th November at 4pm** - Crumlin Walkinstown Forum Volunteer Evening in Father Kitt Court.
- **Friday, 29th November at 2.30pm** – **Afternoon Tea Dance** with live music from Past Times at the Irish Charles Centre, Newbridge Avenue.
- **Friday, 29th November at 5pm** – **Sandymount Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony**, Sandymount Green.
- **Saturday, 30th November from 11am to 6pm** - Terenure Bumper Christmas Market, Terenure Car Park (with kind permission from the HSE).
- **Saturday, 30th November at 4pm** - Terenure Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, Terenure Car Park (with kind permission from the HSE).

- **Sunday, 1st December at 4pm** – Donnybrook Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, Donnybrook Plaza (car park).
- **Wednesday, 4th December at 5pm** – Crumlin Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, Grounds of St. Agnes Parish Church (with kind permission of the Parish Council).

Weekly Activities:

- Every Monday from 11am-1.30pm – **Verschoye Pottery Club** at Verschoye Court Community Room.
- Every Monday from 2-4.30pm – **Verschoye Art Group** at Verschoye Court Community Room.
- Every Monday from 2-4pm – **Rathmines Art Group** at Maxwell Court Community Room.
- Every Tuesday at 11am – **Dance for Life** dance classes for older people at the Evergreen Centre, Terenure.
- Every Tuesday at 2pm – **Let's Walk & Talk** walking group, meeting outside the Barge Pub, Charlemont Street.
- Every Wednesday from 11.30am-12.30pm – **Chair Yoga** at Beech Hill Court, Donnybrook.
- Every Wednesday at 2pm – **Let's Walk & Talk in Spanish** walking group, meeting at Kildare Place, Kildare Street.
- Every Wednesday at 2.30pm – **Knitting Circle** at Verschoye Court Community Room.
- Every Thursday at 10am – **Parent & Toddlers Group** at the Evergreen Centre, Terenure.
- Every Thursday at 12pm - **Autism Support Group Event** at the Hope Centre.
- Every Thursday at 2pm – **Let's Walk & Talk** walking group, meeting at Sandymount Green.
- Every Thursday from 3-5pm – **Knitting Circle** at Beech Hill Court, Donnybrook.
- Every Friday at 11am – **Let's Walk & Talk as Gaeilge** walking group, meeting at Meeting House Square, Temple Bar.
- Every Friday at 2pm – **Let's Walk & Talk in French** walking group, meeting at Kildare Place, Kildare Street.
- Every Saturday at 10am – **Parent & Toddlers Group** at the Evergreen Centre, Terenure.
- Every Saturday at 2pm – **Let's Walk & Talk** walking group, meeting at the car park of the Dropping Well Pub, Milltown.

Many thanks to all volunteers and those involved in the above for their commitment and efforts.

Environmental Services

Halloween 2019

Removal and reporting of bonfire material during Halloween 2019

- Sites identified and monitored
- Waste Management Rapid Response / contractor (Breffni) removing material.

Tonnage unavailable up to 30th October. Post Halloween report will issue.

Waste Enforcement

Litter Wardens knocking on doors in the South East Area enforcing the 2018 Bye Laws.

1,300 properties visited in September / October.

Graffiti

Identification and removal by contractor and Waste Management.

Letters issuing to private properties and businesses advising of responsibilities to remove graffiti.

Abandoned Bike Removal

South East Area year to date is 199 abandoned bikes removed. Tagging of additional bikes commenced week ending 1st November.

Weed Control

All requests received for weed removal in South East Area have been processed and attended to by Waste Management crews. It is proposed to cease the manual removal of weeds in the last week of October.

Events

Defence Force Remembrance Ceremony, 8th November, Merrion Square.

Dublin City Sport and Wellbeing Partnership (DCSWP)

1. DCSWP Highlight Events & Programmes November – December 2019

Get All Girls Active (GAGA) 2019

GAGA is a Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership core programme which takes place from October to December aimed at increasing female participation through multi-sport initiatives.

The programme culminates in GAGA Day on Wednesday 4 December. Now in its second year GAGA Day is a day-long initiative held to enable and inspire all girls to participate and engage in sport and physical activity through a range of new and existing programmes and events across the city.

As a Local Sports Partnership the GAGA programme and GAGA Day links into the women in sport 20x20 “If She Can’t See It, She Can’t Be It” national campaign <https://20x20.ie>

This campaign is an all-inclusive movement to shift Ireland’s cultural perception of women’s sport by 2020 with a 20% increase in media coverage of women in sport, a 20% increase in female participation at all levels of sport and a 20% increase in attendance at women’s games and events.

The GAGA programme will be delivered in the South East Area during the next few weeks. Details are listed below;

- **Programme:** Metro Rugby
Dates/Times: Mondays 6 – 7.30pm
Location: Donnybrook Rugby Club
Participants: Female 16-18 years
Partners: Leinster Rugby
- **Programme:** Primary School Rugby
Dates/Times: Thursday 28 November
Location: Old Belvedere Rugby Club 9am – 2pm
Participants: Female 9-12 years
Partners: Leinster Rugby
- **Programme:** Dance Fitness
Dates/Times: Tuesday 7 – 8pm
Location: Ballyfermot Sport & Fitness Centre
Participants: Female 14-18 years
Partners: Riccy’s Youth Services, Ringsend

- **Programme:** HITT Fitness Classes
Dates/Times: Tuesdays from 3 – 20 December
Location: St. Louis Girls School, Rathmines
Participants: Female 13-18 years
- **Programme:** Zumba Classes
Dates/Times: Tuesdays/Fridays. Time TBC
Location: St. Louis Girls School, Rathmines
Participants: Female 13-18 years

2. **DCSWP CORE Programmes November – December 2019**

Below are details of highlight core programmes during the next period. DCSWP are currently in the planning period for the Autumn / Winter period. For full details please contact Dee O'Boyle in the DCSWP office at 222 5433 / sports@dublincity.ie

Couch To Parkrun (CORE) Underactive Adults

The October / November Couch to Parkrun programme continues over the period and takes place on the grounds of St. Vincent's Hospital;

- **Programme:** Couch to Parkrun Mount Merrion
Dates/Times: Tuesdays 4.30 – 5.30pm
Location: Mount Drummond Sheltered Housing Complex, Harold's Cross

Forever Fit (CORE) Older Adults

The Forever Fit programme is aimed at older adults and focuses on activities to improve balance, increase mobility, strength, coordination and prevent falls.

Details of Forever Fit programmes running in the South East Area during the next period are outlined below.

- **Programme:** Chair Fit, Mount Drummond
Dates/Times: Mondays 7pm – 8pm
Location: Mount Drummond Sheltered Housing Complex, Harold's Cross
Participants: Older Adults –55+ years
- **Programme:** Chair Yoga, Woodstock, Ranelagh
Dates/Times: Tuesdays 3 – 4pm
Location: Woodstock Sheltered Housing Complex
Participants: Older Adults – 55+ years
- **Programme:** Chair Yoga Beech Hill
Dates/Times: Wednesdays 11.30am – 12pm
Location: Beech Hill Court, Donnybrook
Participants: Older Adults – 55+ years
- **Programme:** Dance For Life
Dates/Times: Tuesdays 11am – 12pm
Location: Evergreen Centre, Terenure
Participants: Mixed Older Adults 55+ years

Schools Cross Country Primary School Children

The Ringsend Cross Country event will take place on Wednesday 4th December from 10am – 1pm. The event is aimed at primary school children between the ages of 8 – 12 years.

Youth Fit - Youth at Risk 10-21 Years

The following Youth Fit wellness programme will take place in the area over the next period. The Youth Fit programme is targeted at youths potentially at risk in the area aiming to provide support and viable outlets for young people to get involved in sport and physical activity and look after their health and wellbeing.

- **Programme:** Ringsend College Wellness Programme
Dates/Times: Mondays 9 – 10am
Location: Ringsend College, Irishtown
Participants: Mixed 14 – 17 years

3. General Programmes November – December 2019

- **Programme:** Men on the Move
Dates/Times: Tuesdays/Thursdays 7-8pm
Location: Evergreen Centre, Terenure
Participants: Male. All ages.
Partners: HSE Health Promotion Officer
- **Programme:** After-school programme
Dates/Times: Wednesdays 5-6pm
Location: Charlemont Street Community Centre
Participants: Mixed Primary School Children

4. Co-funded Programmes November – December 2019

Boxing Development Officer Update

The **Startbox** Initiative, a partnership between the Irish Amateur Boxing Association (IABA) and Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership will be recommencing during the school year. The programme is an ideal way for young people (10 – 17 years) to first engage with amateur boxing, Ireland's most successful Olympic sport. It is delivered by our 5 dedicated IABA / DCSWP Development Officers via local schools (primary & transition year level) in communities across the Dublin City area. Approximately 2,000 young people take part each year in the programme.

The programme is structured into Bronze (non-contact), Silver and Gold phases. The first phase focuses on general strength and fitness, method and technique. The Silver Programme consists of higher intensity sessions and limited contact and the Gold phase takes it on to another level again.

The DCSWP / Leinster Rugby Development Officer is currently engaging with schools across the South East Area in relation to the Silver Boxing Programme.

Cricket Development Officer Update

The Cricket Development Officer will be liaising with local officers to deliver Schoolyard Cricket Sessions in from mid-November - December in the following schools in the area;

Schoolyard Cricket Sessions	Star of the Sea NS	Mid-November	Wed- 1.00pm-2.30pm	Ringsend	Primary School Children	Male
Schoolyard Cricket Sessions	Cricket-Strathford NS	Mid-November	Wed 11.00am-12.30pm	Rathgar	Primary School Children	Male / Female
Schoolyard Cricket Sessions	Cricket-St Matthews NS	Mid-November	Thurs 1.00pm-2.30pm	Sandymount	Primary School Children	Male / Female

Football Development Officer Update

Football programmes in October / November will continue to target schools in the local area. Other initiatives will include football racial awareness programmes, grassroots programmes, and DCC specific initiative and football sessions for females in local clubs.

WOMEN'S FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER UPDATE

NAME OF PROGRAMME OR ONE-OFF EVENT	DETAILS	START DATE	FINISH DATE	DATE & TIME	LOCATION	AGE	GENDER
Glow Football	Social Inclusion	Early Dec	One night event	TBC	South Side	10+	Female
Glow Football	Social Inclusion	Early Dec	One night event	TBC	North Side	10+	Female
Primary School Session	School Coaching Session	25/11/2019	16/12/2019	Mondays 10am-11:30am	Crumlin	10yrs -14yrs	Female
Late Night League Finals	Social Inclusion	Mid Nov - Mid Dec	Mid Nov - Mid Dec	TBC	Irishtown	14+	Male / Female

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