

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

Halloween 2019 Report South Central Area

The South Central Area launched our Halloween 2019 campaign in early October. Meetings with all relevant stakeholders were conducted from September 2019, both at area and at corporate level. It was agreed from the outset that a multidisciplinary approach delivering a co-ordinated plan to (a) reduce the harm caused by Bonfires to the environment and (b) facilitate alternative activities for young and old to participate in. This strategy worked very well in 2018.

Intelligence - based operations and drone technology proved invaluable in monitoring vacant sites, lane ways, open public spaces, green margins etc. Tracking the movement of hoarded bonfire materials yielded excellent results. Persistent removal of identified stockpiles from Dublin City Council housing complexes & nearby vacant sites had a major impact on reducing the movement of pallets and tyres in public open spaces
 Public Domain planned and organised operations across the SCA in conjunction with Waste Management, Parks, Housing and the Gardaí. There was great cooperation and resource sharing between South East and South Central in Dublin 8 and Dublin 12 with a noticeable reduction in bonfire damage across both areas.

The main tranche of the 2019 Halloween Campaign began 26th October and ended on 31st October 5pm. A team of 19 people worked over the Bank Holiday Weekend to identify & track bonfire material movement. The Locations included The Liberties, Pimlico, Kilmainham, Inchicore, Ballyfermot, Bluebell, Drimnagh, Crumlin, Kimmage & Walkinstown. **Two hundred and fifty bonfire material service requests** were raised and responded to. A huge volume of work that resulted in the **removal of 187 ton of mixed bonfire materials** from the public domain. The bulk of the material was removed on 31st October.

There were a number of **key stockpiles** as listed below:-

SWIC	Quantity	Crumlin	Quantity	Ballyfermot	Quantity
Oliver Bond Flats - 4 visits	150 Tyres and 200 Pallets removed-	Brickfield environs	Truck load junk	Kylemore Pk. Ind Est (Bluebell stock pile)	2.5 Truckloads Pallets & Tyres
Pier 19 vacant site	2 Truck - loads Pallets	Longmile Road Ind Est.	Truck Load	Kylemore & JFK industrial estates	2-3 Truck Loads pallets
Inchicore Builders Providers	Truck load Pallets			Park West	2 Truck Loads Pallets
Basin St Flats Vacant flat	60 tyres and pallets			Bluebell Ind Est	Truck load Pallets
St Teresa's Gardens	Half Truck Load of pallets, Spindles			Cherry Orchard Ind Est -4 visits	4 truck loads Pallets Tyres and

Back lands					Household Junk
Dolphin House Vacant flat	Truckload Pallets and Tyres				

The Bonfires were fewer and decidedly smaller than previous years due to a number of factors:

- Team effort in spotting and retrieving pallets and tyres
- Flyers delivered to all residents outlining the consequences of hoarding/transporting bonfire materials and publicising the alternative family fun events in the Liberties, Crumlin, Drimnagh, Walkinstown, Ballyfermot and cherry Orchard.
- Family Fun Events across the Area attracted huge numbers
 - The Zombie Run - California Hills-350 entries, Brickfield Park-150 entries & Eamonn Ceannt Park-120 entries
 - Scare D8- 1,000+ spectators
 - Ballyfermot Halloween Festival -4-5,000 spectators
 - Cherry Orchard Fireworks Display 1,000+ spectators
 - D12 Halloween Festival
 - local events Drimnagh, Walkinstown
- Garda Liaison

Cost Halloween Campaign 2019

Halloween 2018	Costs
Truck Hire & Labour	€21,830 (ex. VAT)*
Drone Surveillance	€3,050.40
Leaflets	€2,555.95
Protective Fencing	€2,000.00
Thornton's Disposal of Bonfire Materials	€10,988.12- Waste Mgt
Overtime	€11,653.71
Ballyfermot Halloween festival	€5,000.00
Total	€48,694.37

*TBC

The Clean-up operation began on November 4th. Waste Management and Parks have responded very quickly to remove bonfire residues from Green Spaces and adjacent roads and footpaths. The Clean-up operation is now complete.

Positive outcomes

Bonfires greatly reduced in number and burn time. No out of control /large bonfires. There appears to have been very little anti-social behaviour in Brickfield Park and its environs. The Liberties had very little anti-social behaviour and there was very positive feedback from members of the community and an Garda Siochana regarding the overall success of the Halloween Festival programme.

Bonfire Sites reported 1st November at following locations:

Crumlin/Drimnagh	Ballyfermot /Bluebell/ Walkinstown	SWIC
	Spiddal Green	Bridgefoot St (Park Site)
Clonmacnoise Road(sml)	Croftwood Park/Grove	St Michaels Est.
Kells Road	Cherry Orchard Pde	Dolphin Rd
Somerville Drive	Cherry Orchard Cres	
Carrow Road	Cherry Orchard Ave	

Durrow Road	Croftwood Grove
Cashel Road (x2)	Liffey Gaels
Cashel Avenue	Cloverhill Rd
Dromard Green	Barnville Pk
Windmill Road	Cleggan Rd
Poddle Close	Clifden Green
Bangor Circle(sml)	Cherry Orchard Court
	Walkinstown Green

410 Ton Bonfire Material disposed of across the entire City a reduction of almost 200 Ton across the city.

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