

# **Annual Public Domain Report January-December 2020**

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## Brief Overview

The onset of Covid restrictions from March 2020 posed some challenges to delivering a public domain programme however many departments and external contractors involved in service delivery managed to devise successful operational strategies to provide essential services. Public Domain continues to provide support to communities affected by the pandemic. Many community groups and individuals showed phenomenal community spirit through socially distant clean-ups planting and environmental initiatives.

Waste Management provided frontline services through this new normal in difficult circumstances and ensured public domain teams could adequately resource these groups and improve their immediate surroundings. Anti-litter and anti- dumping initiatives, community clean-ups, graffiti removal and intensive urban/commercial area cleaning, City Neighbourhoods, Halloween Bonfire Material Removal provided unique challenges to the South Central Area however the co-operation between departments and external contractors and agencies along with goodwill of local communities ensured these projects could be completed.

A brief overview follows of the work carried out across the South Central Area from the Liberties to Kilmainham and Inchicore, Bluebell, Drimnagh Ballyfermot and Walkinstown.

Public Domain enquires, complaints, requests for support can be made by contacting the team [southcentralpublicdomain@dublincity.ie](mailto:southcentralpublicdomain@dublincity.ie)

## Facts & Figures

South Central Area January –December 2020 Apx 800 requests were logged, investigated and assigned to group (departments) responsible for appropriate action to be taken. 1,931 illegal dumping complaints received in 2020 with an estimated 25% upsurge in illegal dumping during the first lockdown in the early part of 2020. Overall 2,476.52 tons of illegal dumping removed from across the entire city in 2020. It is not possible to quantify waste per area.

377 Requests to support Community Clean-ups were responded to and Public Domain Crews facilitated removal of Dublin City Council Blue bags. Interested groups or individuals can request bluebags or other supports such as clean up /planting equipment /tools by emailing:southcentralpublicdomain@dublincity.ie

167 Waste compliance letters issued in South Central Area including a compliance programme on Lissadel Rd, Pimlico, Tyrconnell Road, and Emmet Crescent.

## Graffiti

Apx. 2,330 metres of graffiti have been removed or painted over across the South Central Area. Repeat locations are largely within the City areas of Dublin 8. Thomas St, Carmans Hall Marks Alley Engine Alley, Hanover Lane and Arch etc. The Inchicore Area namely, Brookfield, Spa Road, Emmet Road, Inchicore Village and Tyrconnell St. / Park have had extensive graffiti treatment and this will be ongoing for 2021.



### **Intensive Cleaning**

Gum Removal, sticker removal and intensive cleaning was completed at the following sites: Thomas St; Cornmarket, High St, James St. Market St. Ballyfermot Rd Shopping Centres, Claddagh Green Shops and Bluebell Shops.



### **Painting Programme**

Painting programme Dolphins Barn, Marrowbone Lane, Pimlico and Bridgefoot St –Bollards railings guard rails etc. painted. Further works committed to for 2021 in Dolphins Barn and Inchicore.

### **CCTV**

Mobile CCTV systems deployed at a number of areas where illegal dumping has been reported Ballyfermot Shops rear lane, California Hills and Cherry Orchard Green.

### **Dog Fouling**

Dog Fouling initiative –. Waste bags were available from the security desk or on request from Public Domain. Dog Warden Enforcement Patrols were deployed at a number of dog walking spots through out the South Central Area i.e. Marrowbone Lane , Robert St South Earl St and Pimlico, Dolphins Barn, Emmet, Crescent, Le Fanu Park. Increased patrols planned for 2021

### **Environmental Initiatives**

- Brandon Terrace weed treatment and clearance
- St Audeons Terrace Weed treatment and clearance
- Ashgrove and Coombe Court Litter pick, weed treatment and power cleaning
- Emmet Crescent Tree and Shrubbery Trim, Litter pick and weed treatment
- Clanbrassil Close Clearance and clean-up

- Herberton St/James Walk/ Mallin Ave Colberfort and Carrick Terrace Shrubbery Trimming manual weed treatment and power wash
- Inchicore village cleaning, litter pick a and manual weed treatment
- Turvey Park Clearance and Turvey Park resurfacing.
- Camac Park Manual weed treatment/clearance
- Skips provided for Flanagan's Fields & Cherry Orchard Community Garden



- WEE Day provided for Marrowbone Lane and Ballyfermot Civic Centre.
- Bulky Items amnesty various locations across City, The Four Terraces off James Walk, Herberton Complex, Liberties, Inchicore, Bluebell, Drimnagh and Cherry Orchard.
- Onsite WEE collection on Bluebell Road.

- Camac Park and Muskerry Rd Name Stone provision.
- Cherry Orchard Green ADI , Litter Pick, Illegal dumping clearance, CCTV & Signage, SWALE treatment, fencing, landscaping Community led clean-ups and ongoing tree planting for 2021 in partnership with

local community, Housing and  
Community Development



### Illegal Dumping

- Illegal Dumping removed and site hoarded at Molyneux yard in conjunction with Waste Enforcement and Waste Management. Engine Alley power washed
- Lissadel Road, Rafters Lane, avenue Clearance Weeds /shrubby /illegally dumped materials at exterior maisonettes and environs.
- Illegal Dumping clearance at St Oliver is Training grounds and Housing Dept. Lands in conjunction with Development and Waste Management. Further works to address boundary and site entrance for 2021.
- Illegal Dumping removed adjacent to California Hills, Drumfinn Road in conjunction with Waste Enforcement.
- Illegally dumped materials removed from environs Barnville Park follow up from 2019 ADI also site works reinstate fenced boundary and at site adjacent to train station Park west Ave. Weed treatment and intensive clean of Park West Ave in conjunction with Waste Management.
- Illegally Dumped materials removed from Le Fanu Road Shopping Centre at Grange Cross in partnership with local business community.





### Three-Tiered Planter

45 Three Tier Planters throughout the area. New location Sarsfield Rd. 19 in SWIC and 26 in Ballyfermot Drimnagh Area.

19 Traffic Junction Boxes painted by local artists through Dublin Canvas unfortunately a box at Mount Brown was vandalised and returned to standard grey colour.

### City Neighbourhood Awards

34 Entries to Area based competition. All entries awarded a prize. This year One4All Vouchers and Certificates of achievement were distributed to groups participating in the competition thanks to funding from the Litter Management Office. New entrants supported by Community and Public Domain. Gray st, The Tenters, The Four Terraces, Clanbrassil Close, Rialto Cottages, Stillgarden ,Frontline bikes all based in the SWIC. Noteworthy winners: Camac Park – regular Clean ups, planting and weeding. Cherry Orchard Community Garden composting manure from the Equine Centre and selling local produce to residents and cafes based in the area. Bluebell Environmental Group shared joint 1<sup>st</sup> Inchicore Environmental regular clean-ups, weeding, planting and environmental initiatives. Stillgarden for transforming the entrance to Goldenbridge Industrial Estate.





### Halloween 2020

259 CRM requests for bonfire material removal were actioned and 165 Tons of Bonfire Material was removed successfully removed from the Public Domain by Breffni, Parks Dept. and Waste Management with the co-operation and assistance of An Garda Siochana. This greatly increased the enjoyment for young and old and reduced the risk of harm to the community and the environment. New Initiatives included evening collections in collaboration with Kevin st Garda station.





### Weed Programme

The Annual Weed Programme commenced in late Summer due to Covid restrictions and challenges with using innovative method of plant based oils and super- heated foam to blanket and smother targeted weeds and to sterilise seeds so reducing future growth. Suburban areas particularly Drimnagh Ballyfermot and Inchicore was the focus of the treatment programme. This was completed in November with over 50m of roads and paving successfully treated. Dublin City Council have led the march on trying to reduce chemical use to address weeds on cycle/ walkways and public roads/verges.

