

To the Chairperson and Members
Of the Central Area Committee

14th December 2021

Community Development Matters in the Central Area:

North Inner City:

Canalaphobia

This was a new Halloween event designed to test the new section of the Royal Canal Greenway as an events venue and to act as a positive deterrent for anti-social activity. The event was organised by a team comprising local community activists and DCC Community Staff.

The event consisted of a series of six haunted houses each commissioned by local community groups and artists. There was also music and fire performers.

The event was designed to cater for around five hundred visitors. However, over two and a half thousand visited the event. Canalaphobia was well received by the public despite the horrendous weather on the night.



Planter Units

The Community Section manages over sixty bespoke planter units in the Central Area. Units on Dorset St, Ballybough Road, North Strand, Five Lamps and Buckingham Street have been replanted.

A new scheme has been installed in North Earl Street with funding from the Councillors Discretionary fund.



NEIC Progress Report Launch

The Community Section project managed the technical side of the launch of the 2021 NEIC Progress Report at the Larkin Community College. The event was filmed and broadcast live to Facebook.



New Community Development Office

The Community Development Team have moved to a new office at 3 Killarney Court. It is hoped that this new office will make access to the team easier.



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Cabra/Glasnevin Area:

The Community Officers continue to manage the Covid Support line as a priority.

Community clean-ups

Regular monthly clean-ups continue and are supported throughout the area.

Halloween Activities

Spring Bedding and Bulbs have been distributed to over 40 groups for planting over the Halloween Period.

In addition, street parties were supported in 15 locations and also 4 mini festivals.

The combined effect of these activities resulted in a peaceful Halloween.

However, the bonfire in Killala is a concern and plans / arrangements for diversion activities, are being put in place for 2022.

Upcoming Events

We hope to encourage 12 Christmas Clean-ups.

Cabra Village

Faussagh Avenue forms new residents group. All planters have been refreshed at the local shops. Lots of plans to enliven the village with the local residents.



Dunard Park
Major Footpath Project
commences.



**Dunard Community
Centre**

New works completed to
enhance front garden.



Stoneybatter collects its rubbish at recent cleanup.



Altona Lane Environmental Works.... appreciated by Blackhorse Residents.



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