

**To the Chairperson and Members  
Of the Central Area Committee**

**11<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

**Item No.11**

**Community Development Matters in the Central Area:**

**North Inner City:**

**Christmas events:**

Planned Christmas events were significantly curtailed due to the pandemic. However, we were able to supplement ongoing events in a few instances.

- We provided an entertainment package for the regular afterschool's project at Chancery House / Dublin Central Mission.
- We provided catering for the weekly bingo / knitting circle at Chancery House / Dublin Central Mission.
- We provided support for an outdoor movie night Wolfe Tone Place.
- We provided support for children's Christmas activities at the Francesca Arkin's Dance Academy, The Lourdes Taekwondo Club and Sherriff YC football club.
- We provided a permanent Christmas tree for the George's Pocket complex.
- We provided a Christmas tree for Portland Square.
- We provided support for the Mud Island Christmas Market held on the 11<sup>th</sup> December 2021.
- We provided support to the St. Mary's Mansions outdoor Christmas Event held on the 11<sup>th</sup> December 2021

**Sherard Street Lower:**

The Planter units at Sherard Street Lower have been replanted at the request of the local community. This project was funded from the Councillors Discretionary Fund.

**All Together Choir:**

The Community Section is working with the Association of Brazilian Families in Ireland (AMBI) to support a community choir for members living in the Dublin Area.

AMBI already has a couple of projects running in the Dublin area, especially NEIC where their Portuguese classes take place every week. Apart from the Portuguese classes, they offer Capoeira and Dance workshops to schools and information sessions for newcomers.

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### **Cabra/Glasnevin:**

The Community Officers continue to manage the Covid Emergency line and supporting 80 voluntary community groups, during these difficult times.

#### **2021 Report**

Overall 2021 was a good year. Local residents groups have been extremely active thanks to the help and encouragement of the City Council. Hundreds of informal clean-ups were held, including the planting of perennial / annual plants and bulbs. These actions have led to a serious improvement in the visible appearance and the community atmosphere throughout the area. We have not forgotten our vulnerable people and senior citizens. These groups have also received strong support.

#### **2022**

Our Villages Programme has led to great positivity.  
Drumcondra, Glasnevin, Phibsborough, Stoneybatter and Cabra.

We request that a similar funding programme as in 2021, is approved under the Discretionary Fund to build on the work of recent years.

Montpelier Park Christmas clean-up



Cabra Village,  
Faussagh Avenue Project





Friends of Ashington Park



## Stoneybatter Christmas clean-up



Phibsborough Village



Clareville Court Christmas Party





The City Council working with the Navan Road Community Gardaí Hampers Programme for the elderly.

Gardaí report that there is a significant number of people over the age of 90 in the Navan Road area.



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