

**The Chairman and Members of  
North West Area Committee.**

**Meeting: 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

**Item No: 10**

## **PUBLIC DOMAIN REPORT**

### Enforcement/Illegal Dumping

There were 282 incidents of illegal dumping for January this compares with 423 incidents for January 2021. A significant welcome decrease in figures. Areas that are currently experiencing high levels of illegal dumping will be targeted for enforcement action in 2022. Currently Litter Wardens are inspecting bags in the Ballymun Area 1-2 mornings per week. Door to door enquiries regarding bin contracts will resume in March if Health and Safety guidelines allow.

### Better Ballymun 2022

What: "Better Ballymun Day"  
When: 4 March 2022, 9.30 am – 15.00 pm  
Where: Trinity Comprehensive School, Axis Theatre and numerous locations in Ballymun, Dublin

On the first "Better Ballymun Day", in 2020, more than 1,500 people, from all walks of life, came out to do their bit to clean up the area, and make the community a better place to live.

The Better Ballymun project is returning for the second time and has gained a lot of support in the last month with representatives from most voluntary bodies now involved in the project. Supported by Ballymun Tidy Towns, Dublin City Council and the staff of Trinity Comprehensive, students have contacted sports clubs, community groups, organisations and companies to take part in a Day of Action, where each can contribute in their own way.

There will be a lot of media coverage on the day with DCC Media Office in attendance. The Public Domain Team and Community Team are in continuous conversation and planning with the group and will be overseeing the event.

- Opening ceremony with VIP speakers, 9.30 am Trinity Comprehensive School.
- Interviews with staff and students at Trinity Comprehensive School.
- Interviews with members of community groups involved in the day.
- Photographs and footage of many eye-catching community initiatives, including:
  - Organic chicken coops installed at the school
  - Litter picking initiatives throughout the locality

- Tree planting initiatives in a number of locations
- Mens' Shed group unveiling timber structures in Poppintree; Football club unveiling memorial for deceased former members;
- Community book exchange initiative;
- 'Community Vault' community art works exhibition in the Axis Theatre;
- Walk-through Gaeltacht.

#### Anti-Dog Fouling Initiative/Enforcement

Public Domain Officers and Litter Management Office are currently working on plans for new Dog Fouling Enforcement Campaign. At a local level in the North West the Public Domain Team will be present in our area Parks over the next few weeks promoting responsible dog ownership and cleaning up after your dog.

Ballymun Tidy Towns are running a pilot project supported by the Public Domain Team where they are distributing dog poo bags to all the shops in Ballymun and running their own campaign on Social Media with support of Better Ballymun.

#### Finglas Tidy Towns

Finglas Tidy Towns were due to attend the finals of the Pride of Place competition in Kerry this month, however due to Covid 19 restrictions the award ceremony has been postponed until April/May 2022.

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