

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

30th June 2022

Community Development Matters in the Central Area:

North Inner City:

Gospel Rising Festival@ Mountjoy Square Park

This festival took place on the 19th June and featured performances by thirteen choirs from around the country. The line-up included the Discovery Gospel Choir from Cathal Brugha Street and the Gardiner Street Gospel Choir. The “Forget Me Nots” choir for older adults and carers also performed. Other attraction included children’s entertainment and a picnic area supported with a wide range of catering outlets. Over 4,500 people visited this event. It was organised by the Area Office with funding from the N.E.I.C



Afro Brazilian Event @ Mountjoy Square Park

This event took place on Saturday 18th June and took advantage of the staging and facilities in place for Gospel Rising. There were performances of traditional Brazilian dance, music and Samba. The event was organised by MaSamba with assistance from the Area Office. The event was funded through the Arts Office and the Councillors Discretionary Fund



Ukrainian Response

The Area Office has teamed up with Belvedere Youth Project to provide a week long respite holiday for seventy two individuals at the Cavan Centre. The first group of nine departed on Sunday 3rd July. The area office have also made places on our summer kayaking / sailing programme available to the Ukrainian community in association with Belvedere Youth Project.

Saoirse Music Festival @ Liberty Park

This festival took place in Liberty Park on the 11th June. The Festival featured a nine hour programme of music with thirty different acts performing on two separate stages. There was also face painting and a visit from the Sensory Bus.

The festival opened at 12 noon and closed at 9:00pm and went off without incident. Approximately 1,500 people visited the event over the course of the day. The event was funded through the NEIC



A Concert on your Door Step

A series of performances by the Dublin Concert Band has been arranged for the North Inner City during July and August. This project is funded through the NEIC and the Councillors Discretionary Fund.

Venue	Date	Time
Ormond Square	24 th July	12 noon to 1:30pm
Sean O'Casey Avenue, Summerhill	August 14 th	TBC
Liberty Park	August 21 st	TBC
Portland Square	August 28 th	TBC

Newcomen Cottage, Dublin 3 / official opening

The Central Area Office in conjunction with the NEIC and DCC Parks Department have totally refurbished Newcomen Cottage adjacent to the Mud Island Community Garden. The cottage is now used by a number of groups to promote community activity. As well as the works to the cottage, additional works were also carried out as part of this project including treatment to the perimeter of the garden, new gates, access ramps and associated civil works.

The Lord Mayor has been invited to formally open the cottage on Thursday 28th July at 11am. Invitations to all councillors will be issued.

Greening Projects 2022 progress report		
Project	Details	Progress
Buckingham St / Adventure Sports Project	Construction, delivery & planting of 3 new planter units and funding for flowers	Project completed
James Larkin House	Construction, delivery & planting of 4 new planter units and replanting of existing half barrels	Project completed
Hardwicke St	Replanting around trees and statues in public domain	Project completed
Ossory Road	Replanting of units	Project completed
Wolfetone Close	Construction & delivery / Planting of six new planter units.	Ongoing, Phase 1 complete
St Michan's House	Refurbishment of 12 half barrels & large flower bed on Greek St.	Project completed
Glouster Diamond	Replanting of 12 half barrels	July
Patrick Heaney	Replanting of 12 half barrels	July
Liberty House	To be agreed with residents	Project Completed
Portland / Sherrard	Large Planter built and planted up	Phase one completed
Kiln & Forge	Replanting of 6 half barrels	July

Friary Court	Replanting of 16 half barrels and general clean up	July
Courtney Place	Construction, delivery and planting of 6 units	July
Fitzgibbon Court	Replanting of garden area and planter units	July
Chancery House	6 new planter units under construction	July
Dunne Street Flats	20 balcony planters	July
Marmion Court	Refurb of four gardens	July

Pictured below residents from Hardwicke Street and Liberty House engaged in our gardening programme



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Cabra Glasnevin

Summer Community life ...

Festivals are in full flight.

All festivals are assisted with financial support from the community discretionary fund.

In addition, the City Council provides ...

Gazebos...

Tables ...

Chairs...

Bunting...

Chocolates / Sweets...

to support these great events.

We estimate that we will support 10 events this year.

The support of the City Councillors is very much appreciated.

Stoneybatter Pride of Place.

15,000 people attended the Sunday Family Day.



Villa Park, Navan Road.



Skreen Road and district...C.A.S.S.



Drumcondra ...Lemon`s Square.



Finally, the repair of the pitches in John Paul Park is almost complete.



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