

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

**Meeting: 19<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

**Item No: 12**

## PUBLIC DOMAIN REPORT

### Waste Management and Illegal Dumping

There were 198 incidents of illegal dumping recorded on CRM for June. These calls were dealt with by Waste Management Services. 10 Graffiti calls were logged and subsequently removed by contractors. There were also 201 Community Clean-Ups supported by the Public Domain Team by allocating blue bags, gloves and other equipment. The Waste Management Power Washing Crew continue to work across the area.



Recent pictures of Oil Spill emergency wash Finglas



In Ballymun



### Ballymun Biodiversity Project

The Public Domain Section in conjunction with Ballymun Tidy Towns are working together to do a series “Wildflowers of Ballymun” Posters. Trinity Comprehensive photography students were involved as well as another young photographer from the area. These were designed by the Ballymun Biodiversity Focus Group who are involved in the new Ballymun Biodiversity Action Plan.



### IBAL Report 2022

Overall the IBAL (Irish Business against litter) report highlighted significant improvements in the Ballymun area.

Ballymun: 31st out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Moderately Littered.

There was a notable improvement in the overall presentation of Ballymun with several of the heavily littered sites in 2021 no longer so – examples of these included the car park at the former Ballymun Shopping Centre, Gateway Crescent and the rear of Ballymun Sports and Leisure Centre. Several different initiatives were noted e.g., Tidy Towns, ‘Better Ballymun’ and ‘Ballymun Recovery – our Community Supports Addiction Recovery’.



### Mattress and WEEE Amnesty Days

There will be Mattress and WEEE amnesty days in September.  
Dates are as follows:

**Saturday 24th September, Finglas Area Office Car Park, Mellows Road, Finglas West, Dublin, 11.**

**Sunday 25th September, Trinity Comprehensive School, Ballymun Road, Ballymun, Dublin 9.**

**The hours of operation are: 10 am till 2 pm**

The public are asked not to leave mattresses on site before or after these times. The Litter Warden Service will be patrolling the areas on both days and will issue On the Spot fines to individual leaving items outside these times.



### Gortbeg Boundary, Finglas

The Public Domain Section and the Local Area Manager met with local residents/ reps in late June to discuss and finalise a detailed design of the boundary treatment.

Quotations for the revised proposal have now been sought from Contractors with a view to commencing work on site in the near future.

### City Neighbourhood Awards

North West Area Public Domain staff have completed adjudication for the annual City Neighbourhood Awards and wish all participants good luck this year. Overall 88 applications were received, 40 from Ballymun and 48 from Finglas.

The local endeavours highlighted during the adjudication process are highly commended. The results will be released on the award night proposed for the 8<sup>th</sup> September at a location TBA.





The competition recognises the great work that schools, businesses and communities carry out to improve and enhance their neighbourhood, keeping it clean and well presented.

**Residential Competition:**

- 1 – 150 Dwellings
- 151 – 300 Dwellings
- 300 Dwellings and Over
- Flat/Apartment Complex
- Senior Citizen Complex
- Garden
- Open Green Space
- Community Environment Initiative
- Allotment
- Community Garden
- Urban Village
- Mixed Use Street

**Special Categories:**

- Individual Contribution
- Best New Entry
- Endeavour Award (Most Improved Entry)
- Team Dublin Clean-up Award

Marks will be awarded for the Residential / Special categories Competition under the following criteria:

- Voluntary Community effort (50%)
- Absence of litter/graffiti (25%)
- Landscaping/biodiversity, where relevant (15%)
- Overall impression (10%)

**Business Competition:**

- Shop Front
- Business Environment Initiative and Sustainability Initiative (Water Conservation/Energy Efficiency)
- Waste Management Initiative
- The “Urban Village” and “Mixed Use Street” categories could be a joint effort involving residents and business.

**Schools Competition:**

- Primary and Secondary Schools are invited to enter this competition.

- Marks will be awarded under the following judging criteria:
- Upkeep of school's precinct i.e. landscaping/biodiversity/absence of litter and graffiti (40%)
- Waste Management/Recycling Initiatives (25%)
- Water Conservation/Energy Efficiency Initiatives (25%)
- Special Environmental Projects (10%)

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