

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

13th September 2022

Housing Matters North East Inner City:

Choice Based Lettings:

We are currently looking at a new round of Choice Based Lettings which will be offered to the public in early September. Final choice on the properties will be made closer to the date.

CCTV Upgrade:

We have undertaken a major upgrade of the CCTV Systems throughout our complexes and the operational control of the system will be located at Sean McDermott Street. We expect works to be completed in the final quarter.

Avondale House:

The upgraded Key-Fob system with the replacements of the electronics in the security doors will commence on 30/8/2022. All tenants over 16 years will receive a new fob.



Emerald Place, St Laurence O'Toole Court.

Following local consultations, the Central Area Office has had the significant infestation of Buddleia at the site on Emerald Place at the rear of St Laurence O'Toole Court cut back and cleared. There have been significant encroachment issues onto the adjacent Senior Citizens Complex and other local residencies over the years. The site is being managed and secured with very positive feedback from local residents so far.

Fitzgibbon Court:

A new energy efficient LED Lighting system is being installed on the Balconies of Fitzgibbon Court by Public Lighting. We will be monitoring this ongoing with a view to possibly upgrading other complexes.



Halloween:

The annual stockpiling of combustible materials for Halloween has commenced. CAO Housing, together with Public Domain, Caretakers, Maintenance, and others, have been carrying out daily inspections and much of the stockpiling so far has been retrieved and disposed of.

Parking Schemes:

Permits have now been issued to all residents wishing to avail of the new scheme in Patrick Heeney Crescent, Liberty House, Gardiner Street Flats, and Avondale house. The project will be reviewed in January with a view to rolling out the scheme in other complexes.



Poole House Apartments, Poplar Row:

Delays in the finishing of Poole House are drawing to a conclusion and it is hoped that allocating them can begin towards the end of September. They consist of 3x 3 bed, 19 x 2 bed, and 17 x 1 bed units. All units are fully furnished. An appendix at the end of this report gives a first look at the finished apartments.

Sackville Avenue:

The Buddleia infestation has been cut back as has been the encroachment onto the rear walls of a number of houses on Foster Terrace.



Sean O'Casey Avenue:

The Central Area Office Housing Team continue to work with residents to find ways of generally improving and implementing aspects of the Public Realm, Greening Strategies, Community Engagement, and Anti-Social issues, within the Sean O'Casey/Summerhill area. A number of trees have been cut back and new paving and a bollard have been installed on the pathways near the new wall which has already significantly impacted on anti-social behaviour. Scutching and weeding has also been carried out around the estate. A Community Event with music and fun events is being planned for Sunday 4th September.

Tom Clarke House:

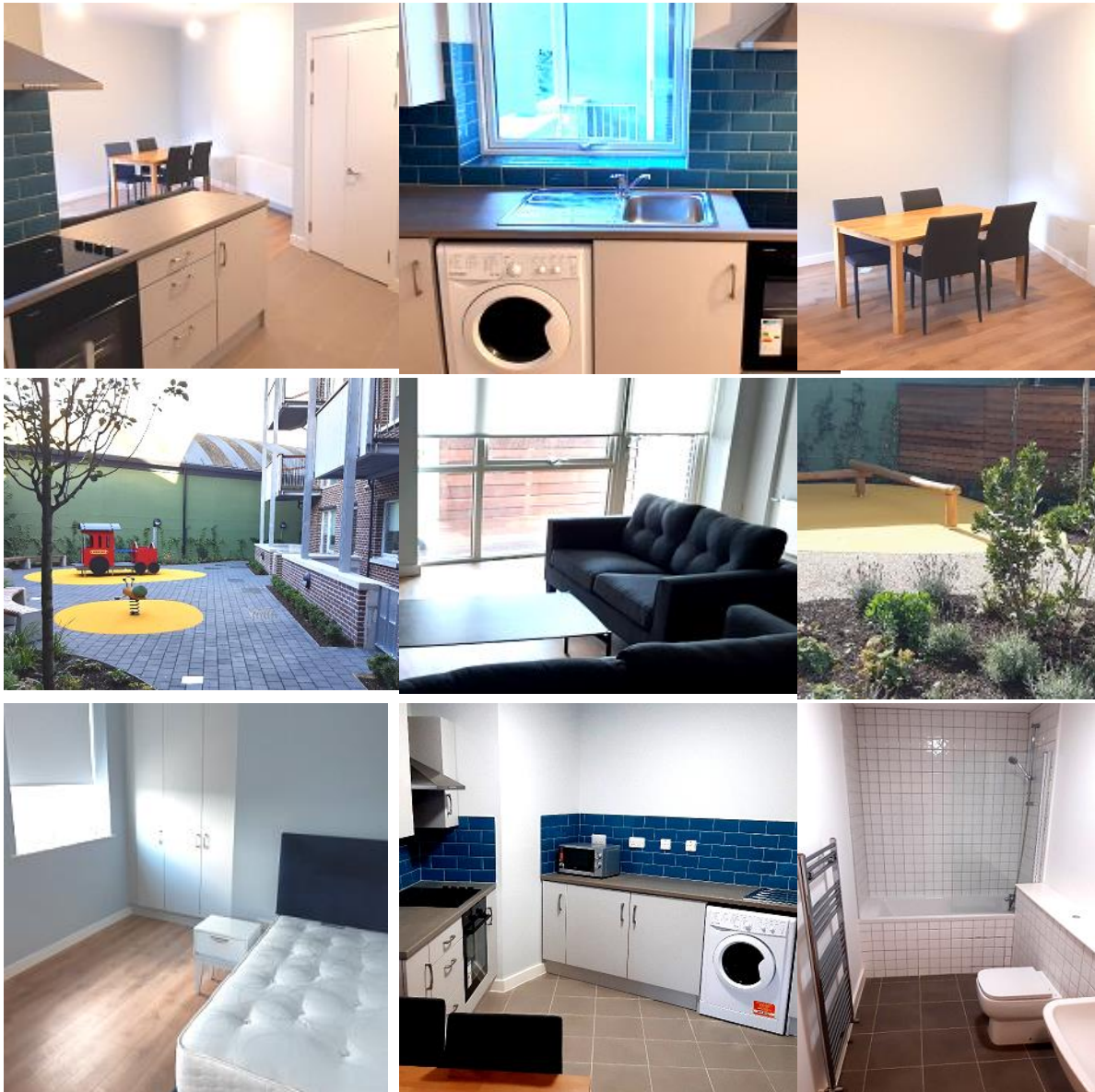
Central Area Office Housing engaged contractors to provide flowers for residents at Tom Clarke House. A number of tenants have since been involved in planting and maintaining the arrangements.

The Liaison Officer has held a number of initial informal discussions with residents in relation to the development of the Orchard Road Depot Site in terms of gauging their opinions on the project.

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A First Look at Poole House



July/Aug 2022 stats

ESTATE MANAGEMENT

Housing Manager:

Paul White

No of anti-social complaints per 1997 act Drug related	11
No of anti-social complaints per 1997 act not Drug related	43
No. of other complaints	57
Total Complaints	111

No of anti-social Interviews per 1997 Act	11
No of other interviews	18
Total interviews	29

No of requests for mediation	2
No of complaints referred to the Central Unit for action	2
No of Tenancy Warnings issued	0
No of Excluding Orders issued	0
No of Section 20s	1

Allocations

Housing (band 2&3)	2
Transfers (band 2&3)	0

Older Persons Housing (band 2&3)	4
Older Persons Transfers (band 2&3)	0
Medical & Welfare	1
Older Persons Medical & Welfare	0
Homeless	2
Transfer /HAP	1
Fire/flood/Emg – Maintenance	1
Estate Management	1
Choice Based Lettings	2

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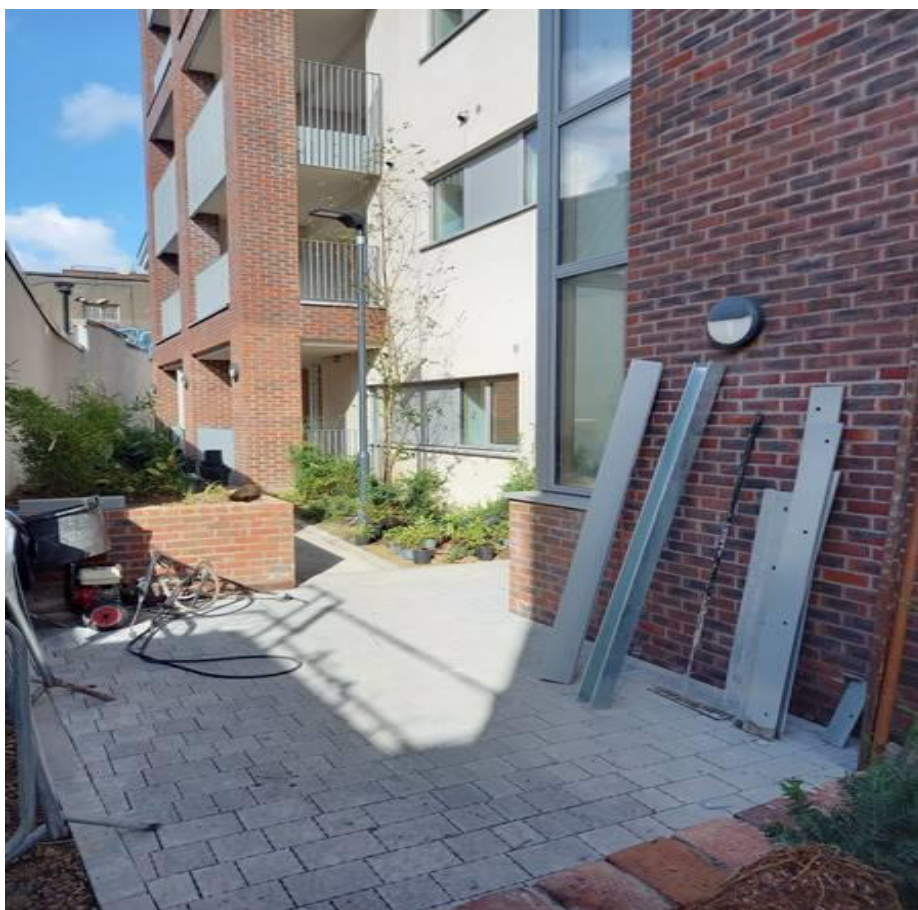
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Sean Foster Place

All apartments are being snagged at the moment.

The external pathways are being reinstated, work is in progress on the rear courtyard.

The bedding plants are being installed at present. Best advice we received from the Builders Control meeting this week is that the hand-over will take place in two weeks time.



Planting programme within Sean Foster Place.

Dominic Hall

The snagging is 84% complete on apartments and the final cleaning is on-going.

The road in Dominic Lane will re-open on the 15th September 2022.

No handover date has been furnished.



Constitution Hill

Housing Maintenance works has commenced on 16 voids.

Site works have begun on site which will involve temporarily breaking the ground in spots across the site. These areas include small spaces in the grass area, some close to our housing blocks (in particular the northern housing block) and some within the car park. The works will provide essential information on the ground condition for our design team and help them form decisions on the new housing scheme. The contractors will work closely with myself and my team to maintain safe access to the estate and facilities for residents at all times. There will be some noise during these works but these will be kept to a minimum and all works will be carried out with the least disruption to residents.

Blackhall Queen Street Complex

Estate Management is liaising with the Caretakers & Residents regarding the upkeep of the complex.

Ground works at the back of 1 Blackhall Parade were completed.

The four community gardens have been put on a list for summer plants to be installed. This is now completed.

Hardwicke Street

The painting of the railing surrounding Hardwicke Street is on-going.



Summer bedding were installed within the complex.

Summer project took place within the complex during July.

Chancery House

The filming of “Flora and her Son” was completed successfully within the complex. The office and the parks section assisted in facilitating access to Chancery Park on Saturday morning for filming to take place.

The Film crew were very happy with the cooperation of the staff in the Parnell street office. This was acknowledged in an email to the office.

Saint Michan’s House

Monthly meetings are on-going with two members of the residents association to discuss all issues related to the complex.

A Summer Project is taking place within the complex and will run for the months July and August.

A Culture Night will take place in the markets area on the 23rd September.

Summer bedding were installed within the complex.

Drumalee Estate/ Court

On-going meetings with Estate Management, Residents and Gardaí take place on a regular basis.

Kevin Barry House

On-going discussions between Estate Management and Residents as issues arise.

A wall plaque was erected in remembrance of a deceased tenant and Dublin City Council employee in the garden area of block 31-60.

Summer bedding were installed within the complex.

Henrietta House

On-going discussions between Estate Management and Residents as issues arise.

Weeding and branches were removed in the high rise garden plant area.

Wolf Tone Close

Ongoing meetings are taking place with residents and estate management concerning the general upkeep of the complex.

A barbeque event took place on Saturday 20th August for all residents.

A Culture Night will take place in the markets area

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Community Development Matters in North Inner City:

Summer Kayaking Project

Six hundred children from twenty groups based all over the north inner city took part in our 2022 Summer Kayaking programme.

The project is organised with City Kayaks based on Customs House Quay.

Participants were drawn from Resident groups, Sports Clubs and scout groups and youth groups

Pictured opposite are members of Corinthian Boxing Club who took part in this project in late August.

This project is funded through the N.E.I.C Programme Office and managed by the Community Section of the Central Area Office



Summer Sailing Programme

One Hundred and ten children from eight groups took part in our 2022 sailing programme. The children sailed on the “Brian Boru” out of in Dun Laoghaire Harbour.

Participants are encouraged to help with all aspects of the operation of the craft.

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Summer Projects

This year the Area Office supported six summer projects catering to a total of five hundred children.

Activities included:

- Seaside excursions to various destinations
- Dublin Zoo
- Swimming @ Markievicz Pool
- Tayto Park, Meath
- Bray aquarium, Wicklow
- Clara Lara, Wicklow
- Clonfert Pet Farm, Kildare
- Family fun days and other home based activities.

This programme is organised by the Residents Groups with support from the Area Office in conjunction with “Crosscare”. The programme is funded through the City Council

Pictured opposite is a group from Kevin Barry House Summer Project at the Hidden Valley Holiday Park, Co Wicklow.



A Concert on your doorstep.

The Dublin Concert Band performed a series of four concerts for us this summer:-

- Ormond Square
- Sherrard Street
- Sean O'Casey Avenue
- Liberty Park.

All of the concerts were well received and it is hoped to arrange similar events in the near future



Halloween

Planning has begun in for Halloween. A programme of events will include activities in the North East and North West of the North Inner City. The Area office is also working with Planning Department to ensure dialogue with the residents in the markets area in order to bring "The Nightmare Realm" Halloween extravaganza to the Fruit & Veg Market.

Sherrard Pride of Place Group

The Sherrard Pride of place group held their monthly clean up on Sunday 28th May.

Residents from all parts of the community came out to assist and were rewarded with entertainment from the Dublin Concert Band and a DJ. A burger van and ice cream van provided food for all involved.

This event was organised by local residents with support from the area office and L.C.S.P

The event was funded with grant aid from the NEIC



Travellers Together:

This is a nationwide group coordinated by Exchange House who are based in the Central Area at Strand Street Great, Dublin 1. They work to promote the issue of suicide amongst the travelling community.

The Area Office are working with this group to produce and promote a series of activities to highlight this pressing issue.

This support comes on the back of the 2021 online concert that was viewed over 13,000 times.

The events are scheduled for World Suicide Prevention day 10th September.

TRAVELLERS TOGETHER
PREVENTING SUICIDE

10 SEPTEMBER 2022

WORLD SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY

O'REILLY THEATRE
6 DENMARK STREET
GREAT - DUBLIN 1

3 PM SPOKEN WORD & DISCUSSION
JOHN CONNORS - MARTIN MAHON
HELEN HUTCHINSON - DAVID COLLINS
SAMANTHA JOYCE - JULIE O'REILLY

5 PM ART EXHIBITION
CURATED BY FRANCESCA HUTCHINSON

6 PM LIVE CONCERT
MC: MARTIN BEANZ WARD
THOMAS MCCARTHY -
TRISH REILLY - DAVID KEENAN
THE FEEZERS - LORCÁN COFFEY
KATHLEEN KEENAN - JOE REILLY
JAMES MCDONAGH - CARLY NEVIN
ANNALISHA WARD - SOPHIA WARD

8 PM CANDLE LIGHT

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ALL BENEFITS FROM THIS EVENT GO TO

WITH THE SUPPORT OF: National Office for Suicide Prevention

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Culture night 23rd September

The Area office is working on two new and exciting projects for Culture Night.

A significant programme of events is planned for Spencer Dock and will involve music, spoken word and street art. Some of the musical acts will perform from a boat in the centre of the dock. This project is being delivered by a team including reps from the Area Office, Waterways Ireland, NEIC and the Arts Office Culture Night team.

A second event is being developed for the Fruit & Veg Market in Dublin 7. The Area Office are helping to secure the buy in of the local community.

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