

1<sup>st</sup> November 2022

To the Chairperson and Members  
Of the Central Area Committee

**Public Domain/Environmental Services Unit Report**

**Litter Hotline/CRM**

In the period 1<sup>st</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> October 2022, incidents were reported via Litter Hotline/CRM for the Central Area.

**Incidents - Central Area Office**

Type of Request	Count of Incidents for October	January - September 2022	2022 Total
Abandoned Bicycles & Trolleys	0	15	15
Abandoned Vehicles	0	1	1
Bonfire Materials	153	21	174
Community Clean Ups	18	45	61
Homeless Materials	1	6	7
Illegal Dumping	173	2559	2718
Litter Offence	1	31	31
Over Flowing Skips	2	12	14
Report Graffiti	2	49	51
Report Litter Offence	1	31	32
Sweep Your Street	2	13	15
Street Furniture	0	1	1
Weed Control	0	17	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>2774</b>	<b>3124</b>

In addition to the CRM incidents, the Public Domain crew carry out inspections of their assigned routes on a daily basis. Collecting any dumped bags/materials which is not reflected on the above figures.

The total tonnage of collected illegally dumped items by our 5 outdoor staff members was:

- **43.74 tonne** for October 2022. There was an additional 2.86 tonne collected last week.  
Total Tonnage for 2022: **365.61 tonne**

### **Overtime**

Over time was carried out **5** times for a mixture of standard waste removal and concentrated bonfire material removal during October. **7.04** tonne of bonfire material was removed during the overtime for the weekends of 22<sup>nd</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> October and 29<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> October.

### **Community Clean-ups**

Community Clean up equipment was distributed to **18** Community Groups / individuals between 1<sup>st</sup> October – 27<sup>th</sup> October. Requests for the removal of bags from community clean ups were handled by Waste Management and Public Domain staff.

### **Graffiti Removal**

There has been a change in the computer software used to record the statistics for Graffiti removal resulting in this months' stats being unavailable.

PMAC, Graffiti Removal Experts removed graffiti from **8** locations:

Cycle Track along the Canal at North strand.  
Gloucester Diamond Park  
West Road, Eastwall  
Capel Street Hoarding  
Anglesea Row  
Campbells Court  
Nth Brunswick Street  
Ballybough Canal walkway

### **Service Boxes**

A refresh of the service boxes on James Joyce Street next to the LCSP Offices was carried out:

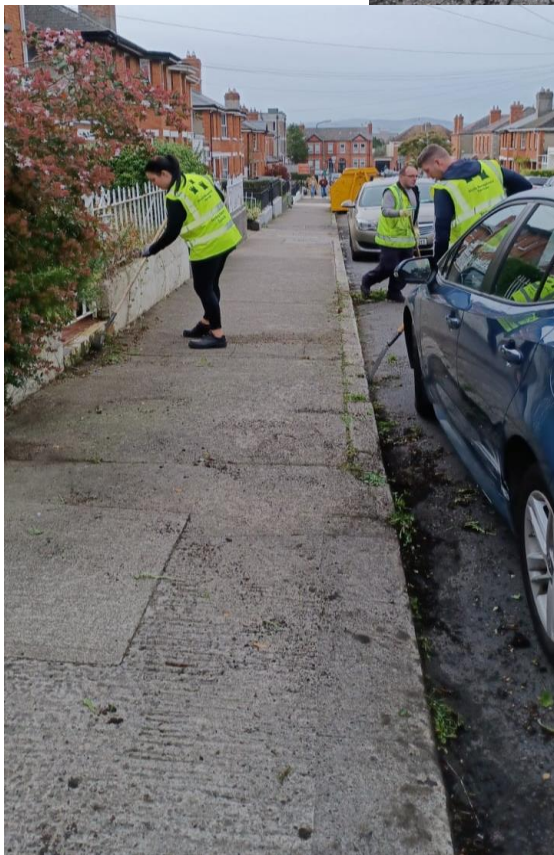




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### **Weed Removal, Waste Management**

Waste Management carried out intensive weed removal weekend of 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> October around Home Farm, Valentia Road and Mobhi Road.



## **Halloween – Bonfire Material Removal**

The Public Domain, Waste Management, Housing and external contractors have worked very hard to remove as much potential bonfire material from the area as possible. Tonnage collected by our crew and Breffni will be reported on in next month's report as figures are not available at time of writing.

A huge amount of additional resources were put into the Halloween operations over the 2 weeks leading up to the day. Over 500 additional hours were worked by the Public Domain and Contract staff alone. Additional contractors were put on with 2 lorry's working weekday evenings and 15 hours per day on Halloween weekend. On the day of Halloween, we had negotiated with them to extend hours. They worked up to 7 o'clock when it was no longer safe to do so. This was well received by local Gardaí.

Over the weekend of Halloween, there were multiple seizures of wood/tyre stockpiles throughout the NEIC/NWIC and Cabra Glasnevin Areas along with interceptions of materials in transit. Effective lines of communication were in place between the DCC teams and the Gardaí which worked well.

Unfortunately, there were many incidents of violence towards DCC and contract staff including physical assaults, bricks being thrown, vans attacked with bars etc. This was both while working independently and in the presence of Gardaí.

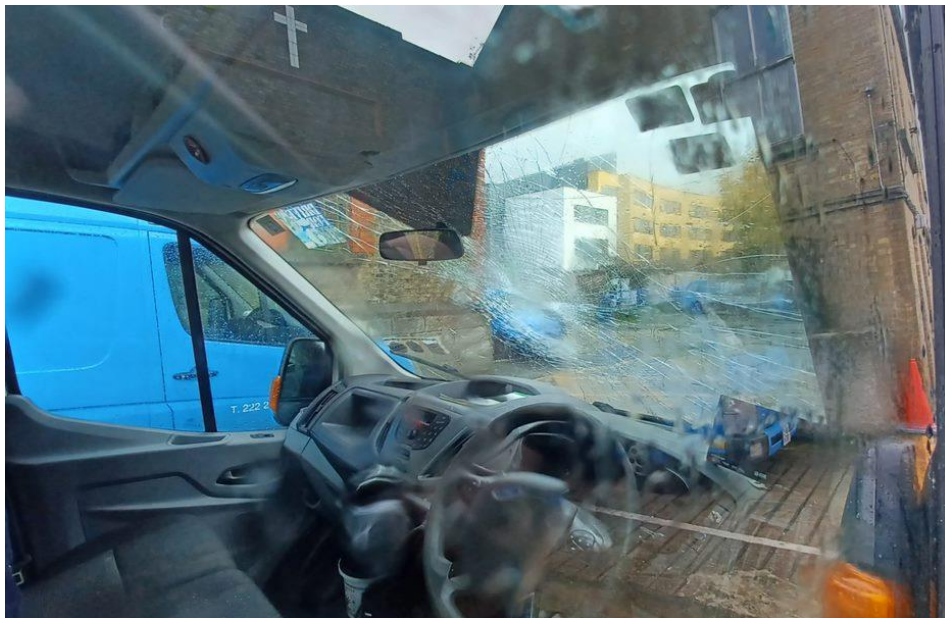
One such incident while collecting materials from Dunard Road, Cabra on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, youths smashed the windscreen of one of our vans and a Contractor was physically assaulted. This is the reality of situations that our direct and contract staff are faced with while trying to prevent bonfires and local management commends their commitment and dedication to the difficult task. (Images of damage below).

DCC management have an obligation under Health and Safety legislation to ensure that all staff and contract staff under their remit have a safe place of work. Risk assessments are carried out for each report and locations where there is unavoidable risk of violence towards staff, will not be collected. No staff member should ever be put under pressure to risk their own safety or the safety of others and Dublin City Council cannot be responsible for this level of anti-social behaviour.





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### **Christmas Tree Locations**

The following are locations for the Central Area Christmas Tree programme:

- Buckingham Street
- Johnny Cullen's Hill (East Wall)
- Poplar Row/Clonliffe House
- O'Connell Street
- Smithfield
- Sheriff St. /Oriel St.
- Sean O'Casey – Two trees
- Cabra @ Fassaugh roundabout
- St. Peters, Cabra
- Drumcondra (Botanic Ave.)
- Additional – Requested by Community/Housing by Portland Square

There could potentially be an additional tree on Capel Street, suitable arrangements have yet to be confirmed.

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