

**The Chairperson and Members  
South Central Area Committee**

**Halloween 2022 Report South Central Area**

The South Central Area launched our Halloween 2022 campaign in October. Meetings with all relevant stakeholders were conducted from September 2022 both at area and at corporate level. It was agreed from the outset that a multidisciplinary approach delivering a co-ordinated plan to (a) reduce the harm caused by Bonfires to the environment and (b) facilitate alternative activities for young and old to participate in.

Intelligence - based operations proved invaluable in monitoring vacant sites, building sites, open public spaces, green margins and Housing Estates/Complexes etc. Tracking the movement of hoarded bonfire materials yielded excellent results. Persistent removal of identified stockpiles from Basin Street, Oliver Bond and vacant private/DCC sites had a major impact on reducing the movement of pallets and tyres in public open spaces. Public Domain planned and organised operations across the SCA in co-operation with SEA Housing, Waste Management, Parks & Waste Enforcement.

The Gardaí played a pivotal role in stopping the movement of pallets and tyres on street and at various sites across the City notably: Watling Street, James Street, Basin Street, Longs Place, Dromard Green, Lissadel Road, Goldenbridge Industrial Estate and Vincent Street West. Trucks were made available to Kevin Street, Crumlin & Ballyfermot Garda Stations nightly from October 26<sup>th</sup> to October 30<sup>th</sup> an additional resource in halting the movement of pallets and tyres locally.

There was great cooperation and resource sharing between South East and South Central in Dublin 8 and Dublin 12 with a noticeable reduction in bonfire damage across both areas. Planned Operations to remove Bonfire materials from a private property in Drimnagh resulted in retrieval of approximately 450 Pallets and 300 tyres. 300 pallets and a truck load tyres were removed from a private site on James Street.

The main tranche of the 2022 Halloween Campaign began 28<sup>th</sup> October. A team of 12 people worked across the Bank Holiday Weekend to identify & track bonfire material movement. The campaign concluded on 31<sup>st</sup> October 3pm. There were a number of **key stockpiles** as listed below:-

<b>SWIC</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Ballyfermot /Drimnagh</b>	<b>Quantity</b>
Oliver Bond Street Private Site	Pallets & 20 tyres removed	Kylemore Park. /JFK /Killeen Road Industrial Estates 2 visits	4 Truck loads Pallets
Basin Street Flats Basin Street vacant sites	500 Pallets & 20 TractorTyres- Several Visits	Barnville Park & Site	2 Truck- loads Pallets
Goldenbridge Industrial Est/Canal Lands	2 Truck load pallets	Lissadel Maisonettes	Household Junk

James Street Steel	400 Pallets & 30 tyres	Private House Drimnagh	450 pallets and 300 tyres approx.
	Truck Loads Pallets & Tyres	Cherry Orchard Industrial Estate	2 truck loads Pallets & Tyres
		Bluebell & Industrial estates	4 trucks
		Chapelizod Industrial Estate	Truck load pallets

The Bonfires were fewer and decidedly smaller than previous years due to a number of factors:

- Team effort in tracking bonfire movement
- Garda Intervention –securing sites and halting movement of materials
- Waste Enforcement Inspections
- Planned operations
- Community Events

**441 tonnes** Bonfire Material disposed of across the entire city.

The Clean-up operation began on November 1<sup>st</sup> Waste Management and Parks have responded very quickly to remove bonfire residues and stockpiling remnants from Green Spaces and adjacent roads and footpaths.

### **Positive outcomes**

There were two very small fires along perimeter St Michael's estate lands and a small fire in Basin Street and Oliver Bond Flats. See below list of Bonfire sites in the Ballyfermot/Drimnagh Area.

### **Bonfire Sites reported 1<sup>st</sup> November at following locations:**

Ballyfermot/Drimnagh	SWIC
Spiddal Green	Basin Street Flats small burn area
Croftwood Park	Oliver Bond as above
Croftwood Gardens	St Michael's Estate, Vincent Street West
Croftwood Grove	
Cherry Orchard Crescent Green Space	
Cherry Orchard Park	
Barnville Park	
Cherry Orchard Drive margin	
California Hills 4 small fires at railing	
Belgrove Lawns	
Dromard Green	
Markievicz Park small fire footpath	

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