

To the Chairperson and Members of the
South East Area Committee

Report of the Director of Services, Central and South East

Grand Canal

A meeting was held in January 2020 with Waterways Ireland representatives and Councillors to discuss ongoing management and maintenance of the canals in the city and to agree a new structure for quarterly interaction between Waterways Ireland and DCC. The latest meeting was held on 20th October 2022 via Microsoft Teams and the next meeting will be held in late January 2023.

Portobello Harbour Square

Ait Urbanism + Landscape were appointed as consultant for the project and two initial public consultation workshops were held on 1st and 8th June 2022 at St. Kevin's Community Centre. Concept designs were prepared by consultants based on the outcome of these workshops and these were put on public display at St. Kevin's Community Centre between 3pm and 8pm on Thursday 21st July 2022. Online consultation was open until 19th August 2022 and a large number of submissions were received. Preliminary Appraisal form has been lodged with the Capital Project Support Office (CPSO). Provision has been included in the Parks 2023/24/25 draft Capital Programme for the re-design and development of Portobello Harbour Square. Parks Department will make a presentation to the December South East Area Committee.

Rathgar Village Improvement Plan (VIP)

Herzog Park, Rathgar – Final Phase

The final phase of the project includes the re-alignment of the front boundary of the park and the revised car park layout, as set out in the Part 8 permission. A preliminary site meeting was held with Road Construction engineers on 14th April 2022. Some surveys of the area have been carried out including a drone survey to assist in the design process. Once the design process has been completed it is proposed to begin work on the project in early 2023. When these works are carried out, further landscaping inside the park will be required as part of the works to complete the project.

Ringsend Irishtown Local Environment Improvement Plan (LEIP)

The Ringsend Irishtown Local Environment Improvement Plan (LEIP) was adopted at the June 2017 South East Area Committee meeting. Following that it was proposed to prepare planning applications under Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, for the redesign of (1) Library Square and (2) Cambridge Road.

**Both of these projects are now listed on the Capital Programme 2021 – 2023 and have been awarded funding from the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF).*

Library Square: (Mitchell & Associates) Meetings with internal stakeholders were held during September and October 2018. A meeting was held with local businesses to discuss parking / loading arrangements on 5th December 2018. A presentation was made to area councillors on 13th February 2019 and a preliminary draft design was brought to a public meeting for all stakeholders on Thursday 21st March 2019 in the Ringsend Irishtown Community Centre (RICC). Following a period of consultation up to 19th April 2019, submissions were received

and were reviewed by the project team. A revised design was brought before the Public Realm Working Group on 22nd October 2019. A meeting of all internal stakeholders was held on 28th November 2019 and further required detail was identified by key departments. An invitation to tender for additional services to bring the project to Part 8 was issued to consultants and Mitchell & Associates were formally appointed on 17th November 2021. Preliminary meeting of design team took place on 15th December 2021 and detailed meetings with internal departments were held in January and February 2022. GPR Survey was carried out in January 2022.

A second round of meetings with internal departments was held during April/May 2022 and work on finalising the design was commenced. A Road Safety Audit will be carried out. A meeting was held with local businesses to finalise servicing arrangements for traders on Fitzwilliam Street in November. A public information meeting to present the final designs to the community will be held on Wednesday 7th December in Ringsend Irishtown Community Centre. As part of the Part 8 process design boards will be put on display in Ringsend Library to keep the community informed. Pre-Part 8 drawings will be circulated in January 2023. Councillors will be briefed before we commence the Part 8 process early in 2023.

Cambridge Road: An initial public workshop in relation to Cambridge Road was held on Thursday 30th August 2018 in the RICC. Meetings with Redscape Architects and internal stakeholders took place in September and October and designs were drafted based on consultations which were brought to a second public workshop/meeting on 28th November 2018. Further information was required in relation to road design and drainage requirements for the proposal in particular. In 2019 Road Design & Construction Section, E & T Department, agreed to take on the completion of the project to Part 8 stage. Detailed meetings took place between Roads Design & Construction and internal departments with a view to agreeing an overall design before commencing Part 8 planning process. Parks Services Department requested that a Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) survey be carried out prior to Part 8 to identify location of underground services and any impact on tree planting. Drainage Department welcomed the provision of additional greening providing a SuDS benefit and a proposed new surface water main is being considered in conjunction with Irish Water. Agreement of the final design for the road has been delayed as we wait for the NTA to finalise the route for the East Coast Trail (ECT) which will either traverse Cambridge Road or run along part of Cambridge Road from Canon Mooney Gardens to Thorncastle Street. We are awaiting an update on the East Coast Trail before we can make further progress with this matter.

Cabbage Garden & Cathedral Lane

We plan to relaunch the Cabbage Garden Stakeholders Group in January with an update from Parks on the improvements that we plan to make in the Cabbage Garden in 2023. This will be followed by a public information meeting in February.

City Quay

Draft designs to improve the public realm at City Quay have been shared with the residents and they have a preference for one of the proposals. Before we can progress this the residents have requested that we have a parking scheme in place on both the City Quay and Dowlings Court sides of Lombard Street. I met the Traffic Engineer on site with reps. of the residents yesterday; a portion of both City Quay and Dowlings Court already has a parking scheme in place however we are looking to extend the scheme to the entire of City Quay and Dowlings Court and essentially to prevent unregulated parking which is causing some local difficulties. Residents are keen for the public realm works to the front of City Quay to progress then ASAP.

Aungier Street Triangle

The greening of the Aungier Street Triangle is complete and we will be looking for similar greening projects for 2023. I met Parks during the week to identify greening opportunities in the Bride Street / Whitefriar Street area to consider for next year.

Community Safety Fora

We are arranging for Community Safety Fora meetings to take place for both Pearse Street and also Charlemont / Whitefriar for early in the New Year.

Rosary Hall

After receiving extra funding of €240k which was approved at the April City Council meeting (as well as €125k already allocated), it was decided to retender the entire proposed works. Meetings took place with both main community groups and consultant architects during the summer 2021 to outline and agree the proposed works which included mechanical & electrical works, fire safety works, remedial works and lift replacement.

The Area Manager also engaged in meetings with both community groups regarding governance of the facility and a management agreement was finalised in May 2022.

A supervisory committee comprising of two members of the football club and two members of the Harold's Cross Village Community Council (HXVCC) and the Area Manager will be established to optimise the use of the facility for the benefit of the Community.

Tender documentation was completed and advertised and tenders were received back on February 14th. When these tenders were assessed by Consultants it was apparent that construction inflation has led to a significant increase on the previously estimated cost.

A full Corporate Project Support Office (CPSO) appraisal form has been submitted in relation to the matter and it is hoped to include it in list of projects for capital funding consideration. The disposal of the lease was agreed at the Area committee meeting in June and was brought to the July Council meeting and approved. The requisite monies have now been sourced and the preferred bidder has been contacted in relation to the acceptance of the Tender price with the relevant index uplift on price.

Final further work in relation to the agreed Protocol for Management of the Building was agreed this week between all parties and copy of lease forwarded to Lessee this week.

Age Friendly Initiative Harold's Cross

The Age Friendly Committee for Harold's Cross has been operational since early 2020. A draft report was submitted by the Harold's Cross Village Community Council (HCVCC) in conjunction with Rob Chester, Area Community Officer and it was agreed to progress a number of these proposals, funding permitting. In tandem with this it is proposed to hold a workshop to further engage with the residents and ensure particularly any elderly resident who was not consulted has an opportunity to contribute to the process and be included. It was agreed to defer the facilitation of a Workshop to get the views of the wider community till autumn 2022.

A subgroup under the Housing SPC has been convened to look at the City Wide Age Friendly Strategy. Under this structure, submissions for funding may be advanced, including the Harold's Cross project.

It has been agreed by the elected members that further monies (€8k) will be allocated to this age friendly initiative in the discretionary funding for 2022.

IT Age Friendly tablets have been distributed to residents and have been very well received. Cliff Run Media have supplied over 1,000 units to established age friendly projects across the

country; the tablet comes with one year's free WIFI and are dignity proofed to make access as easy as possible.

It is anticipated that when the works are completed on Rosary that it can play a pivotal role in age friendly activities going forward.

Eir have completed the work involved in getting an additional line into Harold's Cross Park to enable Virgin Media to set up the Wi-Fi hot spot for the area around the café.

A series of Sub group meeting have taken place in 2022 including February 11th, 28th, March 16th and April 8th to progress matters and it is hoped to schedule a programme of events to encourage people to participate in.

The first Ageing Well Café meeting took place on March 8th and was attended by about 40 residents with great support from HXVCC. There was a good cross section of our older persons.

A trip to Russborough House took place on April 11th.

An Ageing Well Café meeting took place on 17th May in McGowan's and a full Age Friendly Committee meeting took place on May 5th.

The sub group met on July 15th and a main meeting took place on the 20th September.

A trip was organised to the National Stud on Tuesday 27th September and was attended by a large group. The next meeting has been scheduled for the 6th December.

An event took place in McGowan's on 7th December

Rutland Grove / Eamonn Ceannt Park

Meeting took place on 30th January 2020 with traffic engineers, Les Moore from Parks, Area Manager and staff and Cllr. Pat Dunne. It was agreed at the meeting that Traffic Section would look again at the feasibility of putting in dedicated parking as per Part 8. Should it be possible to implement, the design would need to be progressed and costed.

Leslie Moore has indicated with response to a July motion that he will engage a consultant to review this issue regarding the Part 8 parking.

As an interim measure planters were installed at the entrance to Rutland Grove to enhance the environment and assist with ongoing illegal parking at the entrance. Regrettably a number of these have been vandalised and a solution is being sought in conjunction with the residents' association.

The presentation on the proposed works at the Parks Depot upgrade took place on May 13th. The Consultant outlined the plans to Councillors and community groups and welcomed input into finalising the design.

A further meeting took place on June 29th 2021 to update the councillors and community groups on modifications to the drawings after Parks Section met with the residents' group on June 17th 2021.

It has been agreed that laminated drawings outlining the proposed upgrade of the depot would be erected on the depot walls to facilitate a better understanding of the proposals, which has happened.

Work is completed on the footpaths across the open green space as agreed under the discretionary funding.

A detailed capital appraisal was prepared for tender stage and works on the depot upgrade are scheduled to start second quarter 2022. However due to construction inflation the cost has exceeded the assigned budget. A report regarding an update in relation to this has been requested for the July meeting and a decision is expected this month regarding the project.

New trees were planted in the estate at the end of January 2022 and a flyer was distributed to the residents outlining the importance of these trees.

A further meeting of the Friends of Eamonn Ceannt took place on February 10th. Parks have confirmed small improvements in the park, including wheelchair accessible picnic tables and sensory planting in front of the playground. Big Belly bin was burned out but will be replaced by two standard bins.

Parks have confirmed that as part of an up-grade to the main Eamonn Ceannt Park entrance from Sundrive Road the 'Kissing gate' will be removed from Monday April 4th. The original gate is being repaired and when reinstated will be left half open, should the trial be deemed successful.

The Crumlin Kimmage Festival took place on July 10th in Eamonn Ceannt Park and it was deemed a great success by locals and all who attended.

A 'Friends of Eamonn Ceannt' meeting took place on September 23rd including several updates in relation to Halloween.

A Crumlin Halloween Mini Festival took place in Eamonn Ceannt from 12pm to 4pm on Monday 31st October 2022 and received very good feedback from the community who attended.

The next 'Friends of Eamonn Ceannt' meeting is scheduled for 15th December

Choice Based Lettings / Allocations

There are no units currently advertised under the CBL Scheme. Further units will be advertised in the New Year.

CCTV Benbulbin Road

Following on from the provision of Discretionary Funding for the installation of CCTV at Benbulbin Road, we have continued to try to progress the matter. Adhering to advice from DCC's Data Protection Office, a letter was sent to the Garda Commissioner's Office on the 11th March 2021. This letter requested written authorisation from the Garda Commissioner for Dublin City Council to install CCTV at the location, which is a public area and not within the bounds of a Dublin City Council complex. The current DCC code of practice for installation of CCTV in public places requires such authorisation from the Garda Commissioner. The office of the Commissioner replied on the 11th May 2021 and submitted a number of documents, including An Garda Síochána's Code of Practice for Community Based CCTV Systems. The documents submitted are at variance with Dublin City Council's Code of Practice for CCTV in public places and do not seem to take into account that DCC are installing the CCTV rather than a community based organisation. Discussions took place with local based senior Gardaí in order to try and reconcile the differing positions but following further advice from our Data Protection Office further clarity was required from An Garda Síochána. Further communication from An Garda Síochána outlining their position on this matter stated that their internal policy / procedures will only allow authorisation of this scheme if it is designated a Community CCTV Scheme. Designating this CCTV Project a Community Based CCTV Scheme would impose

greater responsibility on the local community in relation to their role in consultation, installation, maintenance and management of the CCTV system. In addition, given the proposed location of the CCTV and the serious criminality which takes place there, there is a significant potential for health and safety issues to arise for community representatives involved in such a project. It would also have the potential to increase costs for the project.

We held further discussions with An Garda Síochána in April 2022 in relation to this CCTV scheme and while they have not changed their viewpoint they have raised issues in relation to all CCTV schemes which will require further clarification with our own Data Protection Office.

Additionally, the Office of the Data Protection Commissioner has recently issued a substantial fine against Limerick City and County Council in relation to the operation of CCTV in its area. This decision is likely to have knock on effects for other Local Authorities and our Law Department are reviewing the decision to assess its implications for existing and planned CCTV schemes.

The most recent update from DCC's Data Protection Office indicated that discussions are still ongoing between the Local Government Management Agency and An Garda Síochána and no clarification on the issues outlined above is forthcoming as of yet.

Halloween

There were ten bonfires in the area but none of them were particularly large or caused major damage. The efforts of the Public Domain and Area Housing Staff in having bonfire materials removed promptly contributed greatly to a relatively quiet Halloween this year. Once again we were well supported by the local Gardaí in removing this bonfire material. The events in the parks also proved a very popular and useful distraction.

Ant-social Behaviour / Tenancy Warnings / Possession Orders

While there are relatively low levels of anti-social behaviour throughout the area, three Tenancy Warnings have been served in the last few months. A further two Tenancy Warnings are expected to be served before the end of the year. Two of the Tenancy Warnings served are in relation to the condition of the dwellings and the other Tenancy Warning is in relation to ongoing anti-social behaviour. The two pending Tenancy Warnings relate to the condition of a dwelling and abandonment / sub-letting of a dwelling. No Tenancy Warnings have been served in relation to drug related activities. While there has been significant improvement in one case where a Tenancy Warning has already been served, it is likely that Possession Orders will be sought in some of these cases.

Community Development Report Christmas 2022

61st Merchants Quay Scout Group

This 61st Merchants Quay Scout Group has been in operation for over 90 years and cater for those aged 6 and upwards. The Group contributes valuably to our Cabbage Patch Stakeholders Group which continues to bring about improvements to the park and local environment. During November and December their Scouts, Ventures and Rovers are embarking on a creative and inventive project which involves repurposing left over pallets from Halloween and other wood to produce decorative Christmas trees, pallet furniture, birdhouses, bird feeders and planter boxes for the local area. Their OLV Building base will also be transformed into a Winter Wonderland for their Beavers on 10th December with Santa craft workshops, letter writing and festive games taking place along with visits from Jack Frost, Santa and some Elves.

Allotments

The Blarney Park Allotments / Kingfisher Project have elected a 12 person Committee to oversee the development of this project. The Apiary on site with three hives is now being refurbished with new hives and a Perspex viewing screen, so visitors can see the honey bees in action without disturbing them.

Bath Avenue & District Residents Association

For 40 years, BADRA has been actively working on behalf of the local community of Bath Avenue and environs, addressing the concerns of its members with a special focus on environmental issues. They're involved in many community projects and activities and our team were very pleased to support a special trip for over 100 parents and children to the Wild Lights of Dublin Zoo on 13th November.

Christmas Calendar of Events

This year we have the largest ever Calendar of Christmas Events for the South East Area (see below) with over double the number of events from pre-Covid years. It is clear that many groups and projects are seizing the opportunity to celebrate the season properly for the first time in three years, however it does place considerable pressure on our time and resources.

Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremonies

We are delighted to see the return of the popular Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremonies this year, these events are a highlight of the annual Community Calendar. Events will take place in Sandymount, Harold's Cross, Crumlin, Terenure and for the first time in Kimmage Village at the Supervalu Car Park.

Christmas with our Older Residents

As well as an extensive programme of Christmas Parties and Events for our older residents, the Community are assisting our Community Gardaí to provide a small present for our vulnerable Older Persons in **Rathmines, Terenure and Rathgar** in the run up to Christmas. Care packs will also be distributed in the **Ringsend, Irishtown and Pearse Street areas**.

Environmental Projects / Friends of Green Spaces

We are delighted to supply planting material for the 25 multi coloured Planter Boxes newly constructed by Crumlin Community Clean Up and installed at **Scoil Iosagáin in Crumlin**. Funding is now exhausted for the provision of Planters, we will be assessing requests for new or re-furbished units for Community Plan with a view to restarting in spring 2023.

Holy Trinity Church

The Community Team are supporting the Christmas Art Exhibition at **Holy Trinity Church Rathmines**, the theme for this year is Love, Joy, Hope and Peace, with art work from all ages on display for December and early January.

Ranelagh Arts

During November, the Arts Centre hosted SINK, an exhibition by Monika Crowley which employed a variety of methodologies and materials across installation, silkscreen works on paper, monotype prints on tea-towels, oil paintings on canvas and video. The Centre is now inviting curators to submit applications to be part of their 2023 programme. Expressions of interest should be emailed to art.ranelagharts@gmail.com

Ringsend Substance Abuse Diversion Project

A Day Out taking in Go-Carting at Kyle Karting is being organised by Raytown Angling for young people from the **Ringsend & Irishtown areas**, through sponsorship from our team. This follows the very helpful volunteering provided by the young people at our recent Dockers & Demons Festival events.

Spring Bulb Donations

A large selection of spring bulbs were distributed to community centres and environmental groups in November, ensuring plenty of colour and vibrancy will be on view in our villages, complexes and along our streets in the New Year. Groups/areas covered were Ballsbridge Tidy Town, Bath Avenue & District Residents Association, Beech Hill Court, Boyne Street, Bremen Road, Brunswick Place, Carmelite Community Centre, Canon Mooney Gardens, Charlemont Court, City Quay, Conway Court, Donnybrook Residents Association, Donnybrook Tidy Towns, French Mullen House, George Reynolds House, Glovers Court, Herbert Park Allotments, Iveagh Trust, Leo Fitzgerald House, Long Lane, Maginnis Square, Markievicz House, McDonagh House, Mercer House, Milltown Parish Centre, Palmerston Gove, O'Rahilly House, Peter's Place, Portobello Tidy Towns, Ramleh Park, Ranelagh Community Response, Ranelagh Tidy Towns, Ringsend Allotments, Ringsend & Irishtown Community Centre, Ringsend & Irishtown Tidy Towns, Ross Road, Smock Alley, St. Andrews Resource Centre, The Pumphouse, Whelan House, Whitefriar Gardens, Woodstock Court, York Street and YWCA Baggot Street. Many of the above Centres and Tidy Towns Groups have in turn passed on some of their bulbs to other smaller groups and individuals in their area.

Talk About Youth Project - Drug and Alcohol Awareness Week

This programme of activities was organised in response to the increased levels of drug use in the **Pearse Street area** post-pandemic and took place as part of Inclusion & Integration Week. The objective of this programme was to discourage use of drugs and alcohol at a young age by promoting awareness and positive lifestyle habits through educational and healthy activities and by strengthening community resilience by coming together with parents and interested agencies. Activities included a Mindfulness Event, Rock Climbing, Go Quest Adventure Trip, a Quiz Night and a Photography Competition. Hanging Banners with photographs were put on display in local flat complexes and Information & Wellness packs produced for adults/parents/guardians. Over 100 young people from a range of nationalities (including Iran, Iraq, Somalia, Afghanistan, South Africa, China, Colombia, Brazil, India, Spain, Germany, Palestine and the Congo) participated.

Village Christmas Lighting

We are assisting the Villages of **Rathgar, Kimmage and Terenure** to install their Christmas Shop Lighting, some light strings are in need of renewal and for Kimmage Village this will be the start of a roll out of lights to eventually fill the entire streetscape.

Various / Miscellaneous Ongoing

Supports for ongoing initiatives include New-born Knitting, Digges Street Football Pitch Whitefriar Strings Project, BRU Crumlin, the Evergreen Club, Men's Shed projects and arrange of smaller groups across the area.

South East Area Community Events – Christmas 2022

Tuesday, 22nd November from 7-9pm – **Charlemont Community Resource Centre Festive Musical Evening** at the TK2 Centre, Charlemont Street with live music from Angel.

Thursday, 24th November at 2pm – **Mount Argus Bingo Club Christmas Party.**

Friday, 25th November from 3.30-8pm – **RCSF Holiday Market** at Irishtown Stadium with craft stalls, carnival rides, music and lots more entertainment.

Saturday, 26th November at 2pm – **St. Martins Park Christmas Street Clean Up**, Kimmage.

Saturday, 26th November at 5pm – **Harold's Cross Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony**, Harold's Cross Park.

Sunday, 27th November at 4pm – **Hanover Reach Apartments Christmas Party** with a visit from the Santa Van, Forbes Street.

Monday 28th November at 7PM – **Kimmage Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony**, Supervalu Car Park.

Tuesday, 29th November at 2.30pm – **Beezie** (Play) featuring Sheila Flitton (star of *The Banshees of Inisherin*) at CYWMS Hall, Fitzwilliam Street, Ringsend.

Wednesday, 30th November from 3pm – **Ranelagh Active Retirement Association Christmas Party** featuring live music from Pastimes at Beechwood Community Centre, Mountain View Road, Ranelagh.

Wednesday, 30th November at 7pm – **Crumlin Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony**, St. Agnes Parish Church grounds.

Thursday, 1st December at 2pm – **Get a Life Over 55s (GALs) Christmas Lunch** at the Merry Cobbler, Irishtown.

Thursday, 1st December at 7pm – **Rathgar Christmas Festival**, Christ Church Grounds.

Thursday, 1st December at 7.30pm – **Ranelagh Meals on Wheel Volunteer Appreciation Evening** at Beechwood Church/Church of the Holy Name, Beechwood Avenue Upper.

Friday, 2nd December at 5pm – **Sandymount Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony** at Sandymount Green with Christmas Carols, a PAW Patrol Dance Off and guest appearances from the Snow Queen, Cuddles the Polar Bear and Santa Claus in his Santa mobile.

Saturday, 3rd December from 10-5pm – **Bumper Christmas Market**, Terenure Village Car Park.

Saturday, 3rd December at 4pm – **Terenure Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony**, Terenure Car Park.

Sunday, 4th December at 1pm – **D12 Autism Group Christmas Party**, Morean Hall Walkinstown.

Sunday, 4th December from 3-5pm - **Glovers Court Christmas Party** with DJ Anna Dance Party and family fun at Glovers Court Flat Complex, York Street.

Sunday, 4th December at 4pm – **Lansdowne Park Christmas Candlelight Carols** featuring members of the Dublin Gospel Choir and family entertainment on the Green, Lansdowne Park, Ballsbridge. Donations accepted on the day for Crumlin Children's Hospital.

Wednesday, 7th December at 5pm – **Greenore Christmas Bingo #1**, organised by Greenore Committee, Pearse Street Area.

Wednesday, 7th December TBC – **Neurodiversity Irishtown Ringsend & Pearse Street Christmas Get-Together**.

Wednesday, 7th December at 7pm – **Harold's Cross Age Friendly Christmas Party**, McGowan's Pub, Harold's Cross.

Thursday, 8th December from 3-5pm – **The Spellman Centre Children's Christmas Party**, Irishtown Road, Ringsend.

Thursday, 8th December at 7.30pm – **Rathgar Ladies Club Christmas Party**, Rathgar Parish Centre Church of the Three Patrons.

Friday, 9th December from 7-9pm – **Rathmines Park Christmas Street Party**, Rathmines.

Friday, 9th December at 9pm – **Crumlin Active Age Christmas Party**, Lorcan O'Toole GAA Club, Crumlin.

Saturday, 10th December from 10am – **Merchants Quay Scout Group's Winter Wonderland** for Beavers at OLV Building, Cathedral View Court, off New Street

Saturday, 10th December at 1pm – **Involve Autism Christmas Party**, Evergreen Club Terenure

Saturday, 10th December at 3.15pm – **CY Bingo Christmas Bonanza** at CYWMS Hall, Fitzwilliam Street, Ringsend

Sunday, 11th December from 12.30-5pm – **Sandymount Community Centre Christmas Event** with Christmas Carols, a visit from Santa Claus and festive surprises at Sandymount Community Centre, Newbridge Avenue

Sunday, 11th December at 12.30pm – **Ringsend Village Visit from Santa in his Santa mobile** arriving outside St. Patrick's Church, Thorncastle Street, Ringsend

Sunday, 11th December from 1-3pm – **Santa's Magic Wonderland** at Ringsend & Irishtown Community Centre with a Christmas Market, Santa Grotto, Carol Singing and visits from the likes of the Giant Elf and Cuddles the Polar Bear

Sunday, 11th December from from 2-6pm – **City Quay Halloween Party** with the Danspire Dance Party, Captain Ho Ho Magic Show and more in the Back Yard Area, City Quay

Sunday 11th December at 3pm – **Rathmines Seniors Christmas Party**, Rody Boland's, Rathmines.

Sunday, 11th December from from 4-7pm – **Pearse House Halloween Party** featuring the Danspire Dance Party, Captain Ho Ho Magic Show and lots more Christmas treats at Pearse House Flat Complex, Hanover Street East.

Sunday, 11th December at 7pm – **Clonard Road and Hub Christmas Family Event**, Clonard Road Hub Kimmage.

12 - 16 December – **Talk about Youth Intergenerational Christmas Project** in Pearse Street Area with youth club nights at St. Andrews Resource Centre to include activities such as Christmas craft making, cup cake decorating and Christmas card making for the elderly members of our community.

Tuesday, 13th December at 11am – **Lorcan O'Toole Day Care Centre Christmas Party (A)**.

Tuesday, 13th December – **Charlemont Street Youth Club Trip to Snow White Panto** at the National Stadium.

Tuesday, 13th December at 3pm – **Ringsend Christmas Tea Dance** for Ringsend Active Retirement Association/Get A Life Over 55s Groups at Ringsend & Irishtown Community Centre featuring live music from Angel & Frankie McDonald.

Wednesday, 14th December at 11am – **Lorcan O’Toole Day Care Centre Christmas Party (B)**.

Wednesday, 14th December from 9.30-11am – **Ukrainian Family Christmas Event (Adults)**, Evergreen Club Terenure.

Wednesday, 14th December at 3pm – **Orwell Healthcare Christmas Party**, Rathgar.

Wednesday, 14th December from 4-8pm - **Conway Court Seniors’ Christmas Party** at Unit 18, Trinity Enterprise Centre, Macken Street with live music from Angel, bingo, raffle and refreshments.

Wednesday, 14th December at 5pm - Greenore **Christmas Bingo #2**, organised by Greenore Committee, Pearse Street Area.

Thursday, 15th December at 2.30pm – **Ringsend Christmas Bingo** at Ringsend & Irishtown Community Centre.

Thursday, 15th December at 10am – **Terenure Parent and Toddler Christmas Party**, Evergreen Club Terenure.

Thursday, 15th December at 2pm – **Crumlin Senior Citizens Christmas Party**, St. Bernadette’s Parish Hall, Crumlin.

Friday, 16th December from 2-4.30pm – **Evergreen Club Christmas Tea Dance and Dinner**, Terenure.

Friday, 16th December at 6.30pm – **Terenure Guides Christmas Party**, St. Josephs Parish Hall, Terenure.

Saturday, 17th December from 12-2pm – **Ukrainian Children’s Christmas Party**, Evergreen Club Terenure.

Saturday, 17th December at 3pm – **Mount Argus Elf Hunt with Family Hub**, Harold’s Cross.

Saturday, 17th December from 3-6pm – **Markievicz House Christmas Party** featuring the Danspire Dance Party, Captain Ho Ho Magic Show, a visit from Santa and lots more Christmas treats at Markievicz House Flat Complex, Townsend Street.

Saturday, 17th December at 4pm – **Carols at Candlelight** at St. John’s Church, Sandymount.

18 - 23 December – **Boyne Street Christmas Care** with distribution of care packages for older persons and selection boxes for children in the complex by members of the Residents Committee.

Sunday, 18th December at 2pm – **Markievicz House Christmas Bingo** at Markievicz House Flat Complex, Townsend Street.

Sunday, 18th December from 4-8pm - **Conway Court Christmas Celebration** at Unit 18, Trinity Enterprise Centre, Macken Street with lots of festive family fun.

Tuesday, 20th December – **Pearse Area Recreation Centre Trip** to Tayto Park for 70 young people.

Tuesday, 20th December at 2.30pm – **Merrick House Christmas Party**, Terenure.

Wednesday, 21st December at 3pm – **Orwell Healthcare Christmas Party**, Rathgar.

Wednesday, 21st December from 7-9pm – **Charlemont Community Christmas Party** at the TK2 Centre, Charlemont Street.

Monday, 26th December from 12-2.30pm – **Wren Day** at Sandymount Village with music and a blaze of coloured costumes!

Wednesday, 28th December at 2.30PM – **Merrick House New Year's Family Event**, Terenure.

Please note that events can be subject to change.

Christmas Message

The Community Team wishes all our community colleagues, friends and local groups a very happy Christmas. It has been wonderful to return to a full programme of activities this year including festivals, parties, music shows, themed projects, environmental programmes and many special 'one off' events. We are so grateful to have so many community champions who give their time and energy for free, and we look forward to working with them in 2023!

Waste Management / Environmental Services

Halloween Bonfire Material

Weights collected from area offices and Waste Management Service

2022	441 tonnes
2021	515 tonnes
2020	550 tonnes

*Parks and Housing figures not included.

CRM reports of bonfire materials

2022	432
2021	457
2020	729

Bags and equipment delivered to date in November – 162.

Leaf / waste collections of bags in South East – 159.

Public Domain Community Clean: No longer available to Public Domain Officers.

Anti-sticker paint trail in Temple Bar: Ongoing monitoring.

Manual Weed Control (Waste Management) November 2022

- Harold's Cross Cottages
- Patrick Street
- Grosvenor Square / Grosvenor Lane
- Kenilworth Square / Road

- Grove Road

Graffiti Removal November

250 Metres

City Recovery

Burgh Quay (Tara Street to O'Connell Bridge) to be repainted.

Graffiti on Camden Street / Wexford Street shutters (35).

Ringsend Library Plaza deep clean.

Sir John Rogerson's Quay deep clean.

Holles Street (National Maternity Hospital) environs.

Wood Quay Viking Ship & surrounds maintenance.

St Patrick's Close

- St. Patrick's Close Pillar repairs complete. Awaiting report.

Abandoned Bicycles

372 year to date.

Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership Report

January 2023 – Linking in with National Events & Initiatives

The primary goal of DCSWP is to provide opportunities for everyone to get involved in sport & physical activity regardless of age, gender or ability. In 2023 DCSWP will continue to align the planning and delivery of programmes with national and international events. This strategic approach helps maximise promotion of the service, adds momentum to local programmes and initiatives and ultimately increases reach across communities in Dublin City.

Please see below highlight programmes for January / February 2023.

Change for Life 2023

This 8 week programmes first commenced in communities across Dublin City in 2013. Initially the programme focussed on underactive adults but over the years the initiative has grown and expanded to include other core target groups and a Dublin City Staff programme was introduced in 2020. Change for life emulates the format of and runs in tandem with RTE's Operation Transformation programme. The programme will provide fitness assessments, weigh-ins, a 5K timed walk (repeated at week 8) nutritional / dietary advice and multi-exercise programmes.

Get Dublin Walking / Couch to 3 & 5K

These core DCSWP programmes commence in January in local communities. The Couch to 3 & 5K programmes link to parkrun and 5k programmes will link in with the Operation Transformation 5K run in early February. This year participants will be further supported by the launch of the DCSWP couch to 5K podcast (due to be launched in January).

Lord Mayor's 5 Alive 2023

The LM5 Alive is now in its 11th year and once again will link in with Dublin road races from January to March 2023. At the time of submitting the December report details for 2023 remain TBC. DCSWP is working closely with the Lord Mayor's Office and will communicate once details are finalised.

Women in Sport

DCSWP's Get All Girls Active (GAGA) initiative is dedicated to providing opportunities for women of all ages and abilities to become involved in sport and physical activity and to increasing the visibility / representation of Women in Sport. In 2022 Ellen Keane and Kellie

Harrington were appointed as DCSWP ambassadors to promote and celebrate female sporting achievements. While female focussed programmes are delivered throughout the year, GAGA will take on a strategic focus in March by running in tandem with Women in Sport Week (7th-13th March). DCSWP Sport and Co-funded Officers will commence planning in February 2023.

Schools Cross-Country

The schools cross country citywide programme will commence in early January (TBC) in partnership with Athletics Ireland as part of the national Active Flag programme.

Active cities

The Active Cities National Project was launched on November 7th. Since the launch The Dublin City Active City lead has continued to meet with DCSWP officers to identify gaps that fit within the remit of Active Cities funding of disadvantage, disability and minority groups. It is expected to launch Active Cities at local level in early 2023.

In January 2023 the following is planned:-

- Upload orienteering maps on to the map run app. The following parks each have had six maps prepared: Albert Park, Bushy Park, Herbert Park, John Paul Park, Le Fanu Park, Poppintree Park, St. Anne's Park and Sundrive Park.
- Promote use of the maps in local schools and on social media.
- Install outdoor stencils in the grounds of four primary schools to encourage outdoor play.
- Collaborate with local HSE and DCSWP/Co-funded officers to encourage the inactive to participate in the "Change for life" programme.
- Collaborate with local HSE physiotherapist and DCSWP Sport Officers in Harold's Cross / Rathmines / Terenure area to run a strength and balance class to reduce falls for the elderly.

All DCSWP highlight programmes will continue to be supported by our social media channels and the DCSWP Virtual Hub. See below:

- Dublin City Sport & Wellbeing Partnership Virtual Hub: www.dcwspub.ie
- Email: sports@dublincity.ie
- Twitter: [@dccsportsrec](https://twitter.com/dccsportsrec)
- Facebook: [DublinCitySportandWellbeing](https://www.facebook.com/DublinCitySportandWellbeing)
Instagram: [@dublincitysportandwellbeing](https://www.instagram.com/dublincitysportandwellbeing)

South East Area January / February Highlights

The following programmes will take place throughout from January 2023 in the South East Area. These are highlight programmes representing target groups. Details of certain programmes remain in the tentative/TBC stage and will be updated in the January report.

Change for Life - Underactive Communities

Name of programme:	Change For Life Couch to 5k Terenure
Description of programme activity:	8-week programme aimed at adults looking to take up running in a safe environment. Participants build strength and stamina over and 8 week period after which they complete a 5k run/jog/walk.
Age group:	Adults
Gender:	All
Date/time and location:	Terenure Village car-park every Monday at 6.30pm from 16 th January

Name of programme:	Change For Life Couch to 5k Harold's Cross
Description of programme activity:	8-week programme aimed at adults looking to take up running in a safe environment. Participants build strength and stamina over and 8 week period after which they complete a 5k run/jog/walk.
Age group:	Adults
Gender:	All
Date/time and location:	Harold's Cross every Wednesday at 6.30 from 18th January. Exact location TBC.

Forever Fit – Older Adults age 55+ years

Name of core programme:	Forever Fit – St. Andrew's Centre
Description of programme activity:	Older Adults multi-sport programme
Partners:	St. Andrew's and Pearse St. Recreation Centre
Age group:	Age 60+ Years
Gender:	All
Date/time and location:	Charles Centre, Sandymount every Wednesday from 2.30pm

Name of core programme:	Forever Fit – Lorcan O'Toole
Description of programme activity:	Multi-Sport exercise classes – Lorcan O'Toole Adult Group, Crumlin
Partners:	Lorcan O'Toole centre Crumlin/Kimmage
Age group:	Age 55+ years
Gender:	All
Date/time and location:	Lorcan O'Toole centre every Wednesday from 3pm.

Name of Programme:	Chair Fit
Description of programme activity:	Chair Fit classes aimed improving mobility and balance for Older Adults
Age group:	Age 55 + years
Gender:	All
Date/time and location:	Every Monday from 11am in Harold's Cross Cross Parish Centre.

Name of core programme:	Forever Fit Dance Fit Programme
Description of programme activity:	Older Adult Dance & Fitness programme aimed at improving mobility and improving fitness levels.
Age group:	Age 55+ Years (Mixed)
Gender:	All
Date/time and location:	Evergreen Centre, Terenure every Tuesday at 11am from 17 th January

Thrive – Adults with mental health difficulties

Name of programme:	Yoga For Mental Health
Description of programme activity:	Yoga programme aimed at adults with mental health difficulties.
Partners:	Clonskeagh Day Care Centre
Age group:	18 +years
Gender:	All
Date/Time and Location:	Clonskeagh Day Care Centre every Thursday at 12.30pm from 12 th January.

Health Improvement in the Community

Name of programme:	D6 Holistic Health
Description of programme activity :	Holistic Mental Health & Exercise programme for people experiencing mental health difficulties (referral only)
Partners:	HSE Occupational Therapists
Age group:	Adults
Gender:	All
Date/time and location:	Swan Leisure Centre every Thursday (concluding 26 th January 2023).

Sport Inclusion & Integration (Citywide inclusion & integration programmes (citywide - programmes include participants from the South East Area)

- Sport For All Visually Impaired Indoor Rowing programme in partnership with Vision Ireland and DCSWP Co-funded Rowing Officer every Tuesday from January to March (age 10- 18 years, commencing 31st January).
- Sport for All Table Cricket (adapted cricket) programme in partnership with Enable Ireland, Sandymount and DCSWP Co-funded Cricket Officer every Wednesday from January to March (age 10-18 years, commencing 31st January).
- Sport for All Accessible Powerboat wheelchair programme in partnership with various organisations. Facilitated by DCC East Wall Water Sports Centre (all ages commencing January. Dates TBC and delivery tide dependant).
- Inclusive Volleyball programme in partnership with Bravo Volleyball Club (LGBTQ+) every Tuesday from in Inchicore Sports & Fitness Centre from January to March (18+ years, ongoing December 2022 – March 2023).
- Learn 2 Cycle programme for young people with additional needs looking to start or improve cycling skills in Ballyfermot Sports & Fitness Centre every Friday from January to March (age 4 – 18 years, commencing 13th January).

DCSWP South East Area Co-Funded Programmes:

Athletics in the Community

Couch to 3/5k and walking programmes will be delivered in the South East area in partnership with co-funded Athletics Officers. Officers to re-engage with schools re Daily Mile.

Boxing in the Community

South East area Boxing Development Officer will be re-engaging with primary schools and secondary TY students re the Startbox programme and coaching/leadership education. Officers to continue linking programme to local clubs.

Cricket in the Community

- Cricket Officer to support inclusive programmes (see above) and engage with local schools (St. Matthews NS, Start of the Sea) re softball cricket sessions every Thursday from 11am.
- U 15 Team Training sessions will take place every Friday from 3.30pm in Merrion Cricket Club (mixed).

Football in the Community

The Football Officer in the South East Area will continue with the following programmes/initiatives in the New Year:

- PDP1 UEFA Refugee Course every Wednesday and Saturday in Irishtown stadium (16+ years, mixed).
- PDP 1 Introductory Coaching Course every Wednesday and Saturday in Irishtown stadium (16 + years, mixed).
- PDP 1 Introductory Coaching Course every Thursday in CBS, Westland Row aimed at Transition year students (mixed).
- School sessions will take place in St. Christopher's National school every Friday and St. Matthew's NS every Tuesday over the next period.
- The Youth Mentoring project is aimed at teenagers aged 15-18 years (mixed) and is a partnership project between DCC / DCSWP / Google and local South East area clubs/groups. The programme will be delivered on an ongoing basis in 2023. Full details TBC.
- The Kick Start to Recovery Football programme supports people age 16+ years in the local area who are recovering from addiction. The programme is delivered every Wednesday in Irishtown on an ongoing basis.

Rugby in the Community

Tag rugby in-school sessions to commence in the following South East area primary and secondary schools from Wednesday 4th January;

- Sandford Park (Mixed)
- Scoil Chaitriona (Mixed)
- The Teresians (Female)
- St. Conleth's (Mixed)
- St. Matthew's NS (Mixed)
- Star of the Sea (Male)
- Rugby Development programme to be delivered in-school in Marion College from Wednesday 4th January (Male)

Coaching programmes are currently in the planning stages for 2023.

Rowing in the Community

Secondary school engagement to continue re indoor rowing programmes. On the water programmes will be supported by an increase in equipment. A more detailed report will follow in January.

Swimming in the Community

As previously reported DCC / DCSWP recently appointed a co-funded Swimming Ireland Development Officer. Progress reports to be included going forward. Indoor and open water facilities currently being identified along with plans to increase lifeguarding training. All TBC.

Training for 2023 (All TBC)

- Safeguarding
- Health & Safety (administrative & DCC Sports & Fitness Centres)
- First Aid Training
- PHECC Training
- Disability & Inclusion in Sport training programmes delivered in partnership with CARA.

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