

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

November 2022

Cabra/Glasnevin Area Report

Area Office

Following Covid-19 restrictions at the Cabra/Glasnevin Area Office the public counter is now open 10am to 1pm Monday to Friday.

Public queries are also dealt with via phone and email.

Cabra Office email is Cabraoffice@dublincity.ie

Cabra Office phone line is 2227400

Blue bags for clean-ups are collected by the public by appointment or during counter hours – other equipment like gloves, pickers and hi-viz vests are also supplied to support community efforts. At this time of year we have a large number of community groups actively cleaning their areas and removing fallen leaves.

This has been noticed and positive comments received from the local business community.

Reports of litter or dumping are also be emailed and phoned in the Cabra Office and the office then coordinates with Waste Management and Litter services

Litter Hotline 1800 248 348 or e-mail litter.central@dublincity.ie

All queries made to the office are dealt with as appropriate or forwarded to the relevant department within the City Council.

Front Counter

The Front Counter at the Cabra Glasnevin Area Office is open between 10am and 1pm daily. It should be noted that people are returning to visiting the counter with a full range of queries and or requests for services.

Requests are being brought for a full range of Council services. In some cases this has included assistance with form filling and the staff must be commended in their approach to working with the public.

Community Clean -Ups

A large number of blue bags are handed out across the counter each day. Individuals and Groups in the area are collecting a high volume of leaves and bagging them for collection by Council Staff. The Cabra-Glasnevin Office and Community team continue to support community clean -ups in the area, by providing clean up equipment, bags and removal of bags.

A number of extra-long litter pickers have also been acquired to support litter collections along the canal and local rivers.

General Operatives and the street cleaning teams working in the Cabra area have been commended to the office by the public for their hard work.

The “17 Shops”

A further meeting will be convened in the New Year. Parking enforcement have been asked for information on a 30 min free parking allocation at the shops, this is being investigated.

Shop keepers would like to have a 30 min free parking allowance to allow customers to use the shops and move on. Parking enforcement in the area has increased at the request of the business owners.

Dublin City Council Offices, Cabra Road

Maintenance of the Cabra Glasnevin Area Management office has taken place with external painting of the rear of the building, yard clearing, flowers on the front of the building and Christmas lights being installed.

Out and About Ezine

The Cabra/Glasnevin Ezine has been issued and is on the website for December with the January 2023 issue available from the 2nd week in January. Electronic distribution will be through the DCC Central Area Social Media platforms.

Martin Savage Park

A pair of “Ball Stop” nets are to be provided in Martin Savage Park on health and safety grounds for all park users.

Ventry Park

Park works remain ongoing.

Cabra Community Policing Forum

Sgt Pat McGilloway has now retired from the Gardai. Sgt John LeStrange is now formally the community policing sergeant for Cabra. Sgt LeStrange has over 18 years on the force and was previously with community policing team in Blanchardstown.

Navan Road/Pelletstown Local Community Policing Forum

The next meeting of the forum is proposed for January 26th 2023. Location to be advised.

Mountjoy Garda Station

Inspector Mary McCormack has now moved to take charge of the Detective Unit in Fitzgibbon Street and Mountjoy Garda Stations. Community policing for the U District will now be under Inspector Alan Govern.

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Area Housing Report Cabra / Glasnevin/ NWIC

St Marys Place North/ Dorset Street Flats

Progress is currently being made with the detenancing process in both St Marys Place and the middle block and it is hoped that the two blocks will be fully detenanted by the end of Q1 2023. One on one meetings with tenants took place over the summer in relation to detenancing and the new development. Housing Maintenance is currently undertaking an extensive scheme which involves securing and clearing out all empty units and blocking access to detenanted landings. Site investigations and Surveys are continuing.

St Bricins Park

The Housing and Community Services Department is currently progressing the submission to the DHLG. The number of new housing units being provided on the site is 10. A newsletter was submitted to the surrounding area during the summer and feedback was received in the local office from residents. All queries were addressed and it is hoped that further consultation will take place in Q1 2023.

O'Devaney Gardens

It is hoped that Phase 1A will be handed over by the contractor in mid Q4 2022 and will be allocated before Christmas. Bartra have been on site over the summer carrying out surveys and site investigations in relation to road realignment and drainage and it is hoped that work will commence on site in early Q1 2023. Further information in relation to the development will then be circulated through the Central Area Committee.

St Finbars Court

A contractor has been appointed and works will commence in Q1 2023. Housing Maintenance are continuing to keep the site cleared of illegally dumped materials and the Area Office will organise removal of weeds and overgrown shrubbery before Christmas.

Bannow Road Site

Senior Management reported back to Central Area Councillors in relation to progress made and outcomes of discussions pertaining to the land with Transport for Ireland. It has been decided that an AHB will develop both social housing and cost rental on the site. More information will be available and consultation will be arranged in the coming months.

Infirmary Road

The Infirmary Road development will consists of 38 units in total located in two blocks, with a mix of 1, 2 and 3 bed apartments and duplexes in both blocks. The development has received Part 8 approval to include the demolition of two buildings on site, which excludes the Married Quarters as there is a preservation order in place for this building. The programme for Infirmary Road initially indicated going to tender in March 2021 but due to major delays it is now expected to go to tender in Q1 2023 to be on site in Q2 2023.

Area Housing Statistics, December 2022
Cabra / Glasnevin/ NWIC

No of anti-social complaints per 1997 act Drug related	0
No of anti-social complaints per 1997 act not Drug related	16
No. of Complaints	9
Total Complaints	25
No of anti-social Interviews per 1997 Act	5
No of other interviews	8
Total interviews	13
No of requests for mediation	0
No of complaints referred to the Central Unit for action	0
No of Tenancy warnings issued	0
No of excluding orders issued	0
Allocations	
Housing (Band 2 & 3)	1
Transfers (Band 2 & 3)	2
Older Persons Housing (band 2 & 3)	2
Older Persons Transfers (band 2 & 3)	3
Medical and welfare	0
Older persons medical and welfare	0
Homeless	1
Transfer HAP	1
Fire/flood/Emg – Maintenance	0
Estate Management	1
RAS/HAP exit	1
Total Allocations Made	12

The allocation of a large number of units in the new Hamilton Gardens development is currently underway with some residents currently moving in.

The detenancing process of Broombridge Court Senior Citizens complex is currently underway.

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Community Development Team Report

Major events organised for Halloween were for the most part a great success. Ashington Park held an event with over 500 people in attendance. Cinema shows were in Dorset St, Montpelier and Killala.

The event in Killala while well supported also had elements of anti-social behaviour that curtailed the showing of a second movie. The concept of using the Killala swale for community events however is a sound one and to that end there will be a Christmas event held on the swale. The Community Development Team feel that the more community events held on the swale the more opportunity there is to normalise such activities.

Christmas Tree lighting events are being planned for the coming days with Councillors being invited to attend. The Lighting of the tree in Drumcondra was a great success and well attended.

Winter flowers have also been distributed to community groups in the area which keep engagement with the groups while also ensuring attention to the public domain all year round.

Cabra Library Grounds Upgrade



Major garden and environmental improvements:

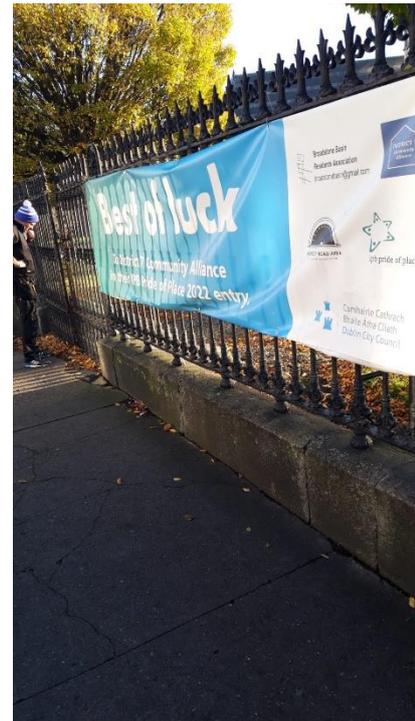
This area was overgrown and used by groups to hide weapons and other objects of anti social behaviour.

The new planting provides an enhanced environment for the Cabra Cross area.

The Blessington & District Residents Group

Pride of Place is a major competition highlighting the best of community projects. Blessington and District Residents Association entered this year and have been supported by the Community Development Team.

Representing the Dublin Central area, Blessington & District Residents Association are hopeful of winning a major prize at the annual awards which will be awarded in January 2023 at the Burlington Hotel in Dublin.



Cabra Parkside Sports & Community Complex

The Community Development Team have organised a face lift for the complex with planters on the building.

There will also be lights going on the building for Christmas.

As a key piece of community infrastructure the centre will be the focus for further activities organised by the Community Team in the New Year.





Ashington Park Residents Association

Ashington is proving to be an active location with events and community activities. The Halloween event was very well attended with over 500 people. The local residents group are active in keeping the park clean and tidy. Here we see some of the Association members during a clean-up supported by the Cabra Glasnevin Community Development Team.

Ashington Park will continue to feature prominently in community activities as the local residents and Community Development Team work in tandem.



Clareville and St Peters Court Senior Citizens

Clareville and St Peters Court Senior Citizens complexes have been given facelifts in respect for the gardens surrounding them both.

After many years St Peters Court Community Centre is also getting a major uplift to the kitchen facilities in the community space. The aim here for the Community Development Team is to engage more groups and societies to use the facility.



Community Group Recognition by the Lord Mayor

The Lord Mayors Invitation to Community Groups from the Central Area in celebration of their work.

Michelle Nolan, from St Etnas Road was guest of honour at the event. Michelle gave a speech on the topic of bio-diversity.

Michelle has been closely involved with the Cabra Community Development team for many years.

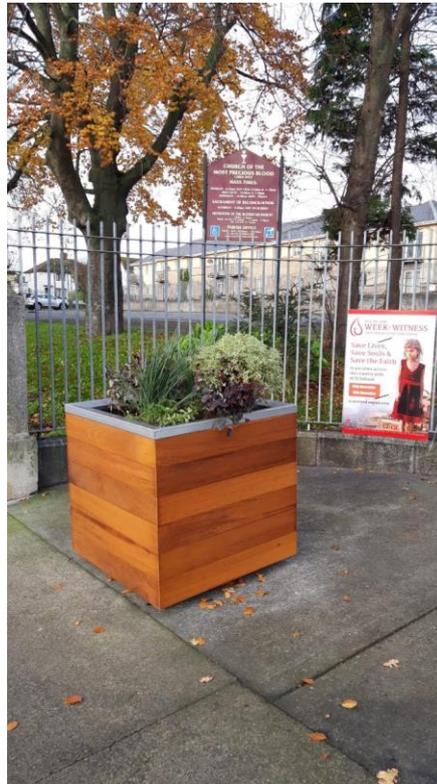
Pictured here with Deputy Lord Mayor Darcy Lonergan.

Lord Mayor Caroline Conroy and Deputy Lord Mayor Darcy Lonergan welcomes the group from Phibsborough Tidy Towns to the Mansion House.

Phibsborough Tidy Towns are a key group in the Cabra Glasnevin area who have a long standing reputation for community activity in the area. The Community Development Team from Cabra are always happy to support their initiatives and were extremely pleased to see them recognised at this celebration of community engagement. It should be noted they have a strong ethos towards sustainability and bio-diversity in their work.



Cabra Village Enhancement



The Church of the Precious Blood in Cabra Village has been enhanced by two quality planters at the Fassaugh Avenue entrance. Finished in polished wood with aluminium topping the planters are part of a program to enhance Cabra village. The planters are subtly branded with the three Castles of DCC.



Lighting of the Christmas Tree in Stoneybatter

At the lighting of the Christmas tree event organised by the Cabra Community Development Team.....

We have Deputy Lord Mayor Janet Horner, Cllr Ray McAdams and Cllr Joe Costello along with retired Archbishop of Dublin Diarmuid Martin and a strong support from Local Gardai (Bridewell)



Central Area Age Friendly Council

The Council attended the annual Age Friendly Conference in Dromoland Castle.

A group from the attending members are pictured here on a beautiful day at the Treaty Stone in Limerick.

The visit to the Treaty Stone was a popular stop on the return journey from the Conference.

The Conference attendance and transport was organised by the Cabra Community Development Team.

Ten people attended the Conference representing the Dublin Central Area.



Dunard Estate

Cherry Blossoms planted in Dunard Estate

As part of the upgrading of the Dunard Estate thirty two Prunus Kanzan have been planted.

They may not look much now but these Asian Cherry Blossoms will produce beautiful pink flowers and bring some welcome colour to the area.

The planting of the trees was undertaken by DCC Parks supported by the Cabra Community Development Team. This is part of the Teams long term program for the estate.

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