



Date: 7th June 2023

To: The chairperson and members of
North Central Area Committee

Meeting: 19th June 2023

**ARTANE / WHITEHALL LEA – COMMUNITY & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT SECTION UPDATE
FOR THE MEETING OF THE NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE**

The North Central Area Community & Social Development Team (CSDS) continue to meet and support a wide range a community groups in the area on an ongoing basis.

Walking football initiative

Members of Skelly's Lane Men's Shed and Beaumont & District Men's Shed are currently participating in the Walking football programme organised by "Age and Opportunity" which takes place in Rockfield Park.

The programme will last 5 weeks and was organised by the members themselves. The Community Officer spoke to the coach running the programme on the day and he is willing to link in with other groups over the coming months



Plant distribution

The North Central Area's Public Domain Section and both Community Development Sections pooled our resources together for this year's plant distribution for all established / active resident & environmental groups. Over 100 groups were contacted by email, letter, or phone to request that they contact the relevant section to register for a plant voucher that can be spent on plants for the communal areas on their road / estate. The closing date for groups to register for a plant voucher was Wednesday 31st May. A high volume of groups have registered for a voucher. The value of the voucher will be decided depending on the size of the area.

Hampstead Court

The Community & Social Development Office is currently working with the residents group in Hampstead Court, "Hampstead go-getters" with a view to encourage more activity within their newly refurbished community room. The Housing Section are continuing with their refurbishment of the court itself and have also purchased additional features for their communal garden. The residents will also receive an allocation of plants for their garden.

We have arranged for Cormac Moore, our Historian in residence to facilitate the Lemons History talk for residents of both Hampstead and Albert College for Thursday 8th of June at 2pm.

The Ballymun Library will visit the complex to discuss the library in the community initiative in the coming weeks.

Our Sports Development Officer has organised a 4 week chair exercise classes for the residents, dates to be confirmed.

In conjunction with the residents group we hope to be able to offer more activities / talks over the coming months.

All activities that are based in the community room are also for the residents in Albert College Court.

Summer Projects

CSDS are currently linking in with both non-voluntary and voluntary summer projects in the local area. The Assistant Community Development Officer has met with Crosscare to identify local voluntary summer projects that will require funding for their summer project. The section has also written out to all local non-voluntary projects groups that hold summer projects in the area and requested that they apply for funding through ourselves in the local area office.

Santry Community Resource Centre

Santry Community Resource Centre in conjunction with the Royal Oak Residents organised a fundraising walk on Friday 26th May to help fund the ongoing overheads of the centre. CSDS supported this activity by funding the refreshments for this event.



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