



**Director of Services Report  
South Central Area Committee Meeting  
20<sup>th</sup> September, 2023**



## SOUTH WEST INNER CITY ELECTORAL AREA

### Public Realm & Capital Programmes

**Meath Street Public Realm Improvement Scheme:** A statutory public consultation period under Part 8 continues until 25<sup>th</sup> September. It is expected that a draft Chief Executive's report on the outcomes of this consultation will be presented to the Area Committee in November.

**St James's Linear Park Phase II:** Work has now been completed on this second phase of the refurbishment of the linear park at St James's Walk. The project was led by Parks, Biodiversity & Landscape Services. The area includes play and exercise areas, a community grow space, new paths, seating, artwork and planting.

**Street tree planting:** The Area Office with Parks Services is developing street tree planting schemes for Reuben Street/Haroldville Avenue/St Anthony's Road. It's proposed to engage local residents on these streets on the proposals (via the consultation hub and on-street displays where possible) in the coming weeks. It's hoped to tender for installation later this year.

Schemes are also under development for Cook Street and Carman's Hall, more complex locations. These are now being reviewed internally and we'll also engage local residents/stakeholders in due course. The Area Office has also asked Parks Services to assess the median tree planting along St Luke's Avenue to determine whether these medians can be refurbished to make tree planting more sustainable here.

**Thomas Street to Suir Road Cycleway.** Work to install the interim scheme continues with new traffic arrangements in place on certain streets.

**[Kilmainham Inchicore Network](#)** - next meeting 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023 5.30pm 6 Tyrconnell Road

### **KIN Strategic Plan 2022-2028**

The KIN Strategic Plan 2022-2028 was adopted by KIN members at their June 2023 meeting. KIN's mission is to continue being an established umbrella organisation that is active, collaborative, and forward looking. It supports, promotes, and advocates for our area to advance quality of life, community cohesion/inclusion and a progressive, creative, and sustainable future. A place where people can safely live, work and play. The Executive Summary is publically available [here](#).

### **Inchicore Regeneration Consultative Forum** – September meeting postponed

An Bord Pleanála approved planning permission, with conditions, for Emmet Road Development on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2023. A period of 8 weeks followed for appeals to be made, to date it is unknown if any Judicial Review underway, once this information is known the next IRCF meeting will be planned with the ERD Project Manager present to inform the IRCF of the next steps in the process. Full information available: [here](#).



IRCF Management of Community Space subcommittee – meeting 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 2.30pm, 6 Tyrconnell Road.

DCC have allocated resources, process consultant Rita Burtenshaw, to help process the development of future operations and management of the Community facilities in ERD. Rita has met with the director and independent chair and will meet with the subcommittee. The outcome from this process will be a short action based report outlining next steps.

IRCF Education Subcommittee – meeting 14<sup>th</sup> September, 10am Mercy Secondary School  
The education subcommittee will meeting quarterly per annum, allowing for networking among life-long-learning professionals in the area. In the future, themed meetings will determine the agenda.

The Community of Practice (COP) for Regeneration in Dublin 8/10 and 12 Group - next meeting Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023, 9.30am – 1pm Richmond Barracks.  
The COP, facilitated by CAN, have received DCC funding to complete a programme of events over the next year. In 2022 a wide group of stakeholders from Regeneration Boards and Forums in Dublin 8 and 10 came together and reflected on their operation and processes. The events provided a space for safe and structured dialogue and the sharing of experience from different perspectives, outcomes from those meetings were a series of actions with regard to communication processes, now being delivered. More information on the programme for the next year will be circulated to IRCF delegates shortly.

### **Grand Canal Activation and Animation**

The partnership of Dublin City Council and Waterways Ireland to activate and animate the Grand Canal, nurturing positive perceptions, preserving and enhancing the sense of place carried out a “Grand Outdoors – Summer of 2023 Programme” of activities that supports local communities to grow the water recreation culture and use of the Grand Canal, under the direction of ICL consulting. An Autumn 2023/ Spring 2024 programme is currently being prepared, it includes supporting the development of a new initiative (club) in partnership with community groups to include water recreation as an activity for their young and adult members.

### **Inchicore Library**

An overview of the existing design and plans for Inchicore Library has been carried out, indicating that efficient savings in terms of cost and time scale can be achieved. This overview also suggests design modifications to make the refurbishment project more affordable. Universal design access requirements mean that either a ramp or lift are sufficient access requirements for the Library, a Protected Structure. This allows for further cost reduction. The potential to reengage original project architects Donal Walsh and Associates exists and is being explored, allowing for time efficient preparation of amended design, taking into account affordability and deliverability. It is not anticipated that the amended plans will require a further planning application.

### **Kilmainham Mill**

DCC have commissioned Catherine Heaney to undertake a process to develop a master vision for Kilmainham Mill and its future uses. This process will include a number of focus groups to take place in early October. The DCC CRES department will be presenting to the Area Committee and two SPCs in September. One of the focus groups will be aimed at the local community/businesses, an invite list of relevant local groups/businesses is being prepared.

With the support of DCC, Kilmainham Mill Group are hosting a series of talks at the Outhouse, Kilmainham Gaol over 4 Wednesday evenings in late September/October, beginning 27.9.23 6pm. More information: [here](#)



### **Liffey Gael East Timor Park Masterplan**

DCC commissioned CSR Consulting to undertake development of a masterplan for Liffey Gael/East Timor Park. This masterplan is at a final stage and soon will be publically available to view. During the design process public consultation meetings took place including discussions with Liffey Gaels Park Steering Group and Liffey Gaels Good Counsel GAA. The [NTA Bus Connects](#) proposed routes [6](#) and [7](#) run adjacent to the park. During construction phase of the bus connects projects a NTA building depot will be located at the north east section of the park.

Part of the masterplan design includes pedestrian access from the north east corner of the Park. In order to align with a pedestrian crossing of the N4 N6 dual carriage way, the Masterplan site boundary was extended to include DCC lands between the N4 N6 road and the Liffey. This boundary site expansion was necessary in order to design pedestrian access into and within this northern land section, previously there was no access at that point. Presentation of the masterplan to Area Committee will occur in the coming months.

### **Housing**

#### **Oliver Bond Regeneration**

The professional cleaning crew started the cleaning job but this was causing damage to the tiles. Works had to cease and discussion is ongoing with DCC Engineer to try to come up with a solution.

The new playground that was installed is operational and working out well. In order to make it more secure for the children DCC is looking to secure suitable and appropriate fencing to make it safer and prevent dogs from fouling on the playground where children are playing.

CBL's are ongoing and the Area Office continues to engage with the community in relation to the process.

A weekly Housing clinic will commence in the Robert Emmett Community Centre on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 10am. An Executive Housing Officer from Rents Section and the Project Estate Officer will be in attendance to deal with all housing related queries. Deirdre Smith , Oliver Bond Regeneration Co-Ordinator can be contacted at Tel 6708880 to assist in arranging appointment with the Project Estate Officer at other times if required.

A monthly clinic with the TRY and Solas project is ongoing where the Project Estate Officer engages with their service users in conjunction with their project leaders.

Painting is ongoing and the next blocks to be done are L, M and N Blocks.

We are awaiting new Dog Fouling signs and these will be erected when received.

#### **Emmet Buildings**

The Area Office is looking to get a powerwash carried out and included on the programme and awaiting to hear back from Housing Maintenance on cost.

The removal of overgrown shrubbery and buddleia is ongoing.

#### **Emmet Walk/Close**

New LED lighting have been installed at Emmet Walk.



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### **Emmet Crescent**

Hopscotch & Snakes /Ladders to be painted on the area inside the recently installed planters. 'Children at Play' and 'Slow Down' signs to be erected.

### **Canal Walkway/Linear Park**

An onsite meeting took place with DCC, Waterways Ireland and the Gardaí to see what improvements could be made to improve the safety of the walkway along the Canal/Luas tracks with very positive results. Follow up was made with DCC and the CCTV Contractor to discuss the possibility of coverage of the walkways,

### **St Audeon's House**

The Area Office is looking to get a powerwash carried out and include on the works programme – awaiting to hear back from Housing Maintenance on cost.

Awaiting on cost regarding pruning of large trees and removal of buddleia.

Area office are looking at a plan for updating playground area and have requested a costing from contractor.

### **Garden View Court**

The Area Office is looking to get a powerwash carried out and included on the works programme – awaiting to hear back from Housing Maintenance on cost.

Waiting on Dog Fouling signage. Will be erected when available.

### **Michael Mallin House**

The Area Office is looking to get a powerwash carried out and included on the works programme – awaiting to hear back from Housing Maintenance on costs.

Area Office met City Architects to examine feasibility of redesign of playground.

### **Bonham Street Volumetric**

It is envisaged that units will be ready to let Q1 2024. DCC have designated a Project Officer (Eric Brennan) to engage with residents. [eric.brennan@dublincity.ie](mailto:eric.brennan@dublincity.ie)

### **Basin Street**

The proposed variation of rezoning the Basin View Site was passed on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023 by our Elected Representatives. The four week public consultation period is over & several submissions were received. Variation No. 1 of the Dublin City Development Plan 2022-2028:



Site at Basin View, Dublin 8 went before the full City Council and was adopted at the Monthly Council Meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> September. We are in the process of rolling out the *Building Community Resilience Project*; the first part of the programme has been completed and the next stage will commence shortly.

The steel crew are installing increased fencing at the rear of the southern block backing onto the Haven Centre in two parts, the first of which is scheduled to be done in advance of Halloween.

Meetings between the Residents Committee for the complex are continuing and interactions regarding the proposed PPP for the area are ongoing.

### **Mary Aikenhead**

Works are complete on the new bin chambers in the complex. It is envisaged the old steel chutes will be decommissioned shortly & the new bin chambers will then come into operation.

The local Area Office has begun the process of setting up a residents committee in Mary Aikenhead House.

### **Robinsons Court**

The Housing Team met with the Residents of the complex recently and addressed some improvements that we were proposing to increase the security of the complex.

Public Lighting carried out a survey of the lighting in the complex which came back that there was adequate lighting in the complex. We are looking to upgrade our CCTV and are proposing to have a camera installed giving improved visibility to the entrance of the complex.

Our electrical services section are currently completing installation of Video Doorbells for all residents.

The Area Office met with Housing Engineer on site with regard to installation of secure vehicle & pedestrian access gate & plans are currently being drawn up.

### **Tyrone Place**

CBL's for voids in Tyrone Place advertised and competition closed on 25<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

### **Bowbridge**

Complex is going to be painted. Front door locks repaired after vandalism.

### **Islandbridge Court**

Residents Association has been set up. Due to the number of people on holidays the first official meeting will take place on 14<sup>th</sup> September. One set of new motorized gates in operation from 4<sup>th</sup> September. Second set of motorized gates commissioned to be installed shortly.

An age profile for children in the complex was completed. The damaged/old playground equipment to be removed and replaced with new equipment suitable for the relevant ages.

MCD Landscapers to clear out weed overgrowth in the complex in preparation for replanting.



### **Memorial Court**

Pedestrian gate has been motorized. Larger gate into garden are totally refurbished with new wood panel insets.

### **Sarah Place**

New line markings including double yellow lines painted. Area that had been worked on previously by Irish water and back filled with tar have now had the cobble lock replaced. An age profile the children in the complex was completed and damage/old playground equipment to be removed and replaced with new equipment suitable for the relevant ages.

### **Dolphin House**

The Dolphin House Regeneration Masterplan was approved on the 4th Feb 2021 by the Dolphin House Regeneration Board. We are progressing the masterplan in conjunction with the Dolphin House Regeneration Board and the Dolphin House Community.

#### De-tenanting

Three families relocated to Block F Herberton. The Area Housing Manager and the Project Estate Officer met with the remaining tenants of the long block who have a de-tenanting priority. A number of voids have been identified in Area L for offer to the remaining tenants and they will also be offered the option of applying for all of the CBL's in Area L.

#### Old Football Pitch Site

Inspections carried out and quotes received to enhance and upgrade the area. The site has been cleaned, awaiting confirmation date of the demolition programme for Dolphin Park before progressing any further.

#### Community Centre

A number of upgrading works & repairs have commenced to include roof repairs, gutter replacement, boiler upgrade and electrics repaired in the home work club. Quotes for further works to include ramps, handrails and fire doors received. It is anticipated works will commence in Q4.

#### Painting of Complex

Painting crew back onsite. Priority jobs and adverse weather may disrupt the ongoing works.

### **St Teresa's Gardens Development Site**

#### **LDA**

Planning permission granted on 29<sup>th</sup> June for 534 social and cost rental homes.

On-going reports of anti-social behavior on the site, teenagers accessing the units above Donore Boxing Club – Area Housing Manager met with the Project Manager Martin Donlon on-site and it has been agreed that all windows in the units in the front block will be secured. Housing maintenance anticipate having this work completed by mid-September. Ongoing dumping in and around the site. Project Estate Officer has implemented a regular cleaning programme. Housing Delivery Manager Laura O'Gorman has confirmed that the demolition will be carried out in two phases and is likely to commence Quarter 2 2024.



### **Margaret Kennedy Road/Court**

The Area Office have engaged a specialist door company to supply and fit a new front door with a more robust locking mechanism to Margaret Kennedy Court. These works are due to be completed in 2 weeks.

Two 3 bed properties currently secured on Mary Kennedy Road. These properties will be advertised through CBL.

Weeding has been carried out within the Courtyard.

### **Cork Street / Chamber St Volumetric - 55 Units**

Current Estimated Completion of scheme –Q4 2023

It is anticipated that these units will be allocated under CBL.

An on-site meeting took place between DCC and residents of Oscar Square to address concerns raised about the installation of the ESB access gates installed at the boundary of the development in Oscar Square. Residents believe these gates will become a magnet for ASB and youths entering the new development. Residents requested that a metal sheet be installed on these gates so they cannot be used as a climbing frame. DCC design team have agreed to liaise with the ESB & Sisk to find a solution, advised this could take a number of months. These works are not yet completed.

DCC have designated a community liaison (Melanie Lambert) to engage with residents.

Melanie can be contacted at [melanie.lambert@dublincity.ie](mailto:melanie.lambert@dublincity.ie)

### **Reuben / Herberton**

The Project Estate Officer has started a drop in clinic in the F2 Centre. This is for local residents seeking to have housing queries addressed. This clinic operates one day a week from 10.00am -12.00 noon.

### **Herberton 39 units Part V.**

On-going remedial works. 34 of the 39 units have been allocated – selections for all units are completed.

### **Ash Grove**

Cleaning of the guttering has been completed. Housing Maintenance to send in team in a few weeks to do a clear out and clean-up of the area.

### **Weavers Row**

The stairways within Weavers Row have been badly damaged due to flooding. Maintenance has carried out works to drains and should not cause any more damage. Area Office have meet with Engineer to establish methods in which stairwells can be cleaned and painting works can then be carried out.



## Community

The SWIC Community Development Team have concluded their Summer Activities Programmes for 2023 which included:

- A series of Garden Parties
- Family Fun Days in Oliver Bond
- Supporting Summer Programmes / Youth Activities / Sports Groups
- Planting Schemes / Planter Boxes
- Promoting the City Neighbourhood Competition
- Supporting Older Persons / Community Groups
- Organised Outings for the families in Viking Lodge Homeless Hub

The Community team are now planning and embarking on their Autumn / Winter programme to include:

- The Liberties Haunt
- Samhaín Festival Inchicore
- Winter Planting Schemes
- Community Health & Wellbeing Days
- Afternoon Tea Parties
- Festive Events / Tree Lighting Ceremonies
- Community Grant Scheme Reports & Recommendations
- Supporting the Yellow Flag Schools Diversity / Social Inclusion Initiative
- Musical events on the New Linear Park – Opera in the Open and Orchestral sessions for local schools
- Social Inclusion Week events

## Iveagh Markets

DCC invited tenders to appoint an Integrated Design Team to develop and oversee essential stabilisation works at the Iveagh Markets. Tenders have been received and evaluated and it is our intention to finalise and sign contracts (following a cooling off period) in the coming weeks. Once appointed and mobilised the design team will carry out initial investigative works on the building which will include the clearance of debris, loose fabric and organic growth and the installation of temporary propping. The design team which will be led by Grade 1 Conservation Architects will develop a conservation programme of essential stabilisation and repair works to the Protected Structure including the roof, valleys, internal gutters, parapets, large roof-lights, rainwater disposal system, and securing brick walls, windows and door openings. The stabilisation works will be undertaken in 2024 at an estimated cost of €7.5m excluding VAT and design fees. These works will secure the structural fabric of the building and allow for the development of reuse proposals going forward.



## PUBLIC DOMAIN REPORT FOR SWIC

### Weed Treatment Programme

- The Greentown Environmental Newway Spray Weed treatment programme has been hampered by high rainfall in July and August. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Treatment has been completed and a further two treatments are due to take place over the coming weeks.
- Waste Management Manual weed treatment in the following areas has taken place: Ushers Quay, Merchants Quay, Victoria Quay, Mount Brown & Old Kilmainham.



Contractor Manual Weed Treatment has taken place at the following locations: Thomas Court; Robert St; Braithwaite St; Pimlico Terrace & Green; Summer St; Longs' Place; Newport St, Cook St; St. Audoen's Terrace, St Michael's Lane; Schoolhouse Lane; Engine Alley; Vicar St; Dolphins's Barn from Earls' Court to SCR and including Boles Plaza; Dolphin House environs; Cork St; Rialto Street; James Walk from Longs place to Rialto Bridge. Oliver Bond St & Bridgefoot St & Donore Avenue outside old St. Teresa's

Before



After





### DUBLIN CANVAS

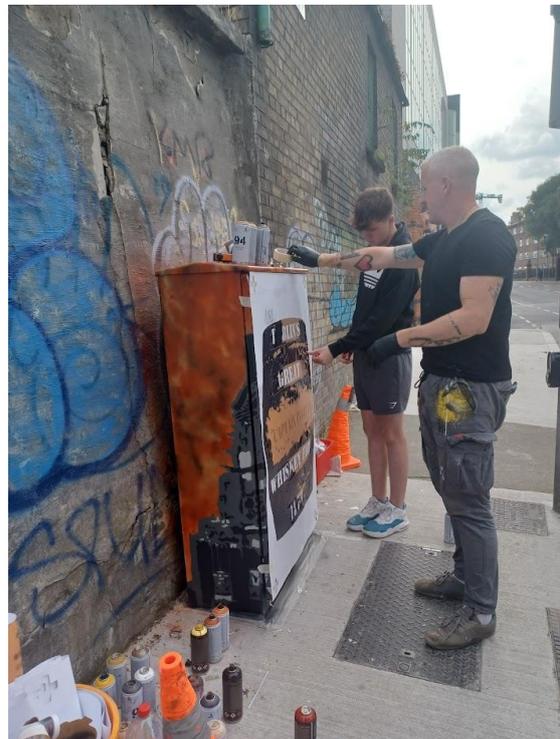
The project for artworks on Traffic signal utility boxes is almost complete. Marrowbone Lane Utility Box depicting the great Whiskey Fire of 1875 by Geoff and his Son the duo that completed the Willie Bermingham Art piece on traffic box in Inchicore. Dean St/Patrick St Art Work Cornmarket Traffic Signal Box, Watling St and this stunning piece- Weaver Park Traffic Signal Box



WEAVER PARK-DUBLIN



WATLING ST



MARROWBONE LANE



CORNMARKET



### The City Neighbourhoods Awards

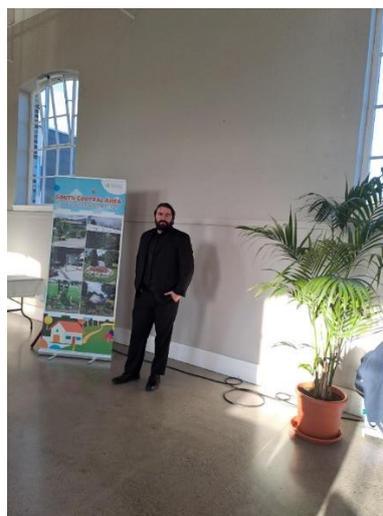
The awards ceremony took place in Richmond Barracks on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September. Certificates of achievement were presented by Cllr Nicoullaud the Chair of the Area Committee to all successful entrants. The City Neighbourhoods awards recognises the hard work of local community members.



- SWIC groups in the Residential Competition won first prize in ten categories.
- Doug Hazel the Manager of Flanagan's Fields Community Garden won the Individual Award for outstanding contribution to his community with Flanagan's Fields securing first prize in the Community Garden category.



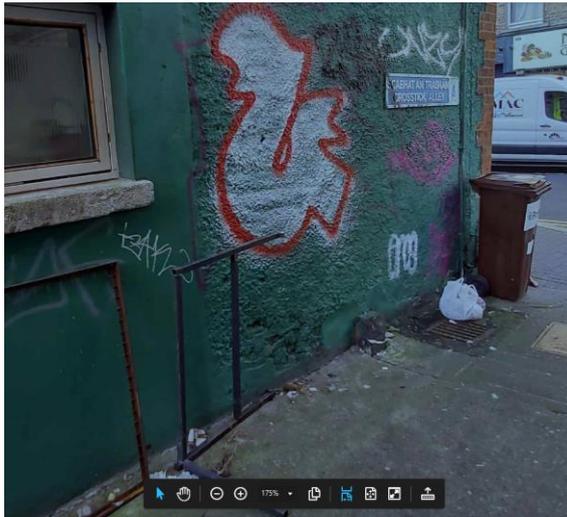
- The Business Community was well represented in this year's competition in the following categories: Shop Front and Environmental & Sustainability Initiative first prize awarded to Space Out Sister Francis St and Small Changes Inchicore.





### GRAFFITI PROGRAMME 2023

Graffiti treated at: Hanbury Lane, Engine Alley, Lambe Alley, Hanover Lane & Arch, Swifts Alley, Crossstick Alley, Fumbally Lane, Clanbrassil Street, Con Colbert Road, Timberyard, Meath Street, John Dillon Street, Francis Street, St Augustine Street, Bridgefoot Street.





**Clean ups**

37 Community Clean-up bag collections requested across South Central

202 Illegal Dumping Requests actioned

58 Street Cleaning Requests actioned

37 public litter bin maintenance requests actioned



**Environmental Projects/Clean-ups**

Dolphin's Barn-Buddleia and Weed removal

Emerald Terrace Buddleia and Weed removal

Braithwaite St Buddleia Removal

Marrowbone Lane





Before



WESLEY PLACE Clean-up and Grass Seeded

Report from: -

**Bruce Phillips,**  
**Executive Manager**  
**South Central Area.**



## BALLYFERMOT/DRIMNAGH ELECTORAL AREA

### Housing

#### Cornamona

Almost all tenants have moved in and the selections have been made for the remaining small number of older persons units

#### Springvale

The anticipated completion date has been pushed out to the end of quarter 4, 2023

#### Lissadel Maisonettes

Work is continuing including costings in relation to the preparation of a Stage 1 application for submission to the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage

#### La Touche Court

Painting is continuing in La Touche Court.

#### Hillside Manor

All tenants have signed tenancy agreements and moved in to Hillside Manor.

#### Labre Park

Housing had an on-site meeting with Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage officials in July and are continuing to interact with them in relation to the stage 2 application.

#### Bluebell

The LDA design team is in place and the Housing Department are interacting regularly with Bluebell Community Council.

#### Cherry Orchard Point

The Land Development Agency held a pre-planning briefing with the Ballyfermot Drimnagh Councillors on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September and the planning application will be lodged by the LDA with an Bord Pleanála in October.



## **Sons of Divine Providence**

Project Planning has commenced for the stage 2 Application and engagement is continuing with the Sons of Devine Providence in relation to title and development issues.

### **Slieverbloom Court, Drimnagh.**

Tenants have moved into all of the duplexes, most of the apartments are occupied and selections have been made for the last remaining apartments

### **Rafters Road**

An integrated design team has been progressing with design proposals and a revised Stage 2 application was submitted in July 2023. Upon receipt of approval, the project will progress to the planning approval process.

### **Voids**

There are currently 56 void units in the area, a significant increase on the last report due to a high number of properties in Cornamona being allocated to tenants surrendering larger units back to the Council. It is anticipated that 5 of the total number will be allocated shortly. Keys are awaited for another 4 properties with tenants selected. The vetting process with AGS is underway in relation to 3 other properties.

## **COMMUNITY**

### **Community Participation**

#### **Walkinstown Festival**

The 2023 Walkinstown Festival promised a feast of entertainment for all the family and they did not disappoint. The volunteer led festival, only in its second year, was a huge success. On stage, there was music from The Walkeleles, singer-songwriter Natalie Moran, contemporary choir Musically Sound, the Crumlin Orchestra, Samba drummers and more. For the kids, there was storytelling, superheroes, clowns, train rides, stilt walkers and two vintage American Fire Engines along with a host of other games and activities.

The Sensory Bus was a huge success with kids of all ages visiting it throughout the day. It was a great opportunity for locals to chat with local community groups such as the Men's Shed, Scouts, Girl Guides, DSPCA, and Walkinstown Greenhills Resource Centre to name just a few. St James Gaels GAA club hosted sporting activities throughout the day.





### **Bluebell Summer Fun Day**

The Council supported the Bluebell residents' family fun day on Saturday August 19<sup>th</sup>. Bluebell Youth Services and the Bluebell CDP supported the event which was well attended, despite the poor weather. The Council will continue to work with this group to encourage positive collaboration and develop further local initiatives.

### **South Central Summer Projects**

The Council provided funding and support to voluntary and local projects to develop a varied and active programme during the school holidays. Concession passes for Dublin Zoo were provided for local projects and families from the Ukraine Community Project in Inchicore. The City Council also provided funding towards bus hire to help locally funded projects with increased transport costs.

The council plans to engage with Crosscare early in 2024 with a view to developing new projects in the area.

### **Thank You Evening for Festival Committees**

The Community Festivals in the Ballyfermot / Drimnagh Ward were outstanding this year and a great credit to the voluntary committees that organised them. The Council is currently meeting the groups to review the projects and seek ideas on how they can be improved for 2024.

The City Council, through the office of the Lord Mayor, has organised a thank you evening for the Festival Committees which will be held in the Mansion House on Tuesday October 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM. Festival committees from Ballyfermot, Chapelizod, Walkinstown, Drimnagh and Bluebell have been invited to attend. Music will be provided by the Walkeleles.

### **Camac Park Residents**

2023 will see Camac Park celebrate 100 years since its construction. The City Council is liaising with local residents and other Council Departments to mark the centenary. Events will include, unveiling of a commemorative stone name plaque at the entrance to the park, a local street party and a heritage event.

### **Ballyfermot Heritage Group**

The Heritage Group held an open day in Ballyfermot library on August 19<sup>th</sup> and launched a walking trail map and guide to Ballyfermot. The event was well attended and there is great interest locally in the walking trail. The Council, through the public domain officer, will continue to work with the group regarding the installation of a notice board to promote the trail on the Ballyfermot Road.



### **Halloween 2023**

The Ballyfermot Halloween Committee is planning a great day of activity on Tuesday October 31<sup>st</sup>. Familibase and the Cherry Orchard running club are planning the zombie run in Le Fanu Park and a Halloween party at Familibase and the leisure centre, the Ballyfermot Youth Service and Candle will host a Halloween Disco Party in Markievicz Park and the Equine Centre will host the haunted house

The City Council will host an accessible and inclusive Halloween themed space in the Ballyfermot Civic Centre. This will involve collaboration with local support groups for children with specific needs, local schools and DCC internal resources (mobile sensory play unit). The 'Spooky Sensory Space' will provide an additional and alternative element to the overall Halloween Festival to ensure that the programme content caters for children and young people of all ages and abilities. The Council is liaising with the Fire Brigade and local Gardaí to visit local schools in the run up to Halloween.

The Council will also support events in Bluebell, Ring Street and Drimnagh over the Halloween period.

### **Environment**

The Council is working with the Bluebell allotment holders to improve the condition of the site. With funding from the discretionary budget 2023 many of the larger plots are being subdivided which will facilitate the allocation of 9 new plots. A new committee is being formed and the Council has contacted some of the plot holders who have not maintained their plots over the summer.



### **Social Inclusion**

The Community team are processing the Community grants for 2023 to bring to the October Council Area Committee for report.



### **Social Inclusion week**

Social Inclusion week will take place from Nov 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> 2023.

Groups from across the South Central Area have been contacted and advised to get in touch with Community Development or Social Inclusion Section to see what initiatives/projects they have in mind for the week.



## Welcome Rooms

The first of the two pilot welcome rooms in Ballyfermot will be available for use in early October in the Ballyfermot Family Resource Centre.

The welcome room will provide a comfortable environment where people can feel at ease and at home. It is a free, friendly, warm, safe and supportive space for visitors to unwind and relax over the coming autumn/ winter period.

## Age Friendly Programme



The Age Friendly Programme will start back on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> of October with events based in the Ballyfermot Community Civic Centre. There is a real need for activities to encourage older residents to stay connected.

The Council is planning to establish a committee of the older residents to develop the activities and build a network that supports older people in the community.

Older Residents from the Sheltered Housing Complexes and the Tuesday club will visit the Mansion House for Afternoon tea during October and November.

The Council will be working with the Ballyfermot / Chapelizod Partnership on a joint winter cold weather initiative.

## **Orchard Centre - Cherry Orchard Clean Up's**

During the Summer, at various locations in Cherry Orchard neighbours and friends carried out litter picking.

We would like to sincerely thank everyone who took part, in particular the young people of the area who were excellent role models for their peers, neighbours and the community in general.

In recognition of their efforts goal posts were purchased with funding from the discretionary fund 2023

## **Cherry Orchard Crescent Street Party**

On 9<sup>th</sup> September the first community street party for several years took place with the residents of Cherry Orchard Crescent. A collective community spirit saw everyone come together and set up football pitches, bouncy castles and street games with plenty of candyfloss and ice creams too.





Once again the community spirit was alive and well in Cherry Orchard Crescent.

Our recently Elected Lord Mayor Councillor De Róiste even took time out of his busy schedule to visit the Croftwood area.

In addition residents helped with fun painting on the ground (temporary) in conjunction with our local Sports Development Officer Sharon Kelly.

Since the initial clean up in early June this year it has spread across the area, something DCC will continue to support going forward.





### Greening in Cherry Orchard

In late 2019 a series of Planters were placed on Orchard Meadows and the public feedback was very positive. To continue this trend we have targeted litter and dumping blackspots in the Cherry Orchard area and supported those who are keeping their area clean by providing planters. Each estate shall now look after their planters and choose whatever plants they feel will work best in their estates as through autumn & winter.



### Orchard Centre

Over the Summer the regular events such as GARDA Clinic, Bowls, Active Age Ballroom Dancers all continued. In addition our annual summer programme came to its conclusion in mid-August.

### Halloween Preparation 2023

The Fireworks event and Bonfire collections preparations are progressing well at the moment.



## PUBLIC DOMAIN REPORT FOR BALLYFERMOT / DRIMNAGH

### Summer and Winter floral display for existing planters at various locations in the Ballyfermot-Drimnagh Area.

A joint initiative with the South West Inner City public domain officer will ensure the planters remain in place throughout the year with suitable seasonal planting.





**Tesco Car Park and Laneway beside Paddy Powers (DCC Owned) Mechanical Weeding and clean up.**

**Before and after photos**





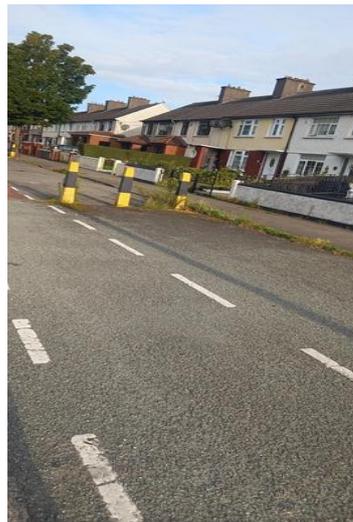
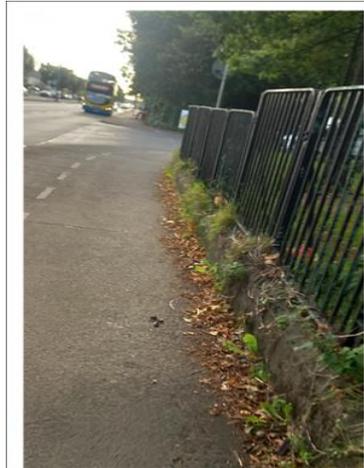
**Before and After Photos**





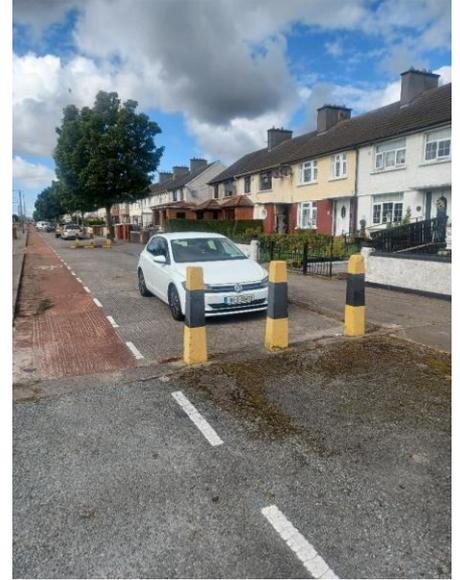
**Ballyfermot Road mechanical weeding and clean up**

**Before photos**





After photos





**Community Clean ups, Public Realm Repairs, Graffiti Removals,**



Delighted to support a number of local community groups on their community clean –up days, including:

Chapelizod Tidy Towns

Jim Mitchell Park Group

Make Walkinstown Great

Cherry Orchard Environmental Group





### Illegal Dumping Le Fanu Road Shops

Public Domain Office, engaged with Dublin City Councils Waste Management Services, Litter Management Office, to successfully issue a Sec .9 notice under the

**(Before)**



**(After)**





## Halloween/Bonfire Materials

Anyone can now log/report bonfire material to DCC via Citizen Hub <https://citizenhub.dublincity.ie/WasteManagement>, be it located on a public street or laneway, park or green area, private property or DCC housing complex.

Simply log in or continue anonymously and follow the on-screen instructions. You will be asked to either drop a pin on a map or type in the address, you then select either pallets, tyres or other. You can state if it's an immediate hazard and you can upload a photo, if you wish. You will be asked to give a brief description of the amount of material you're reporting plus any additional information that you feel is relevant.

The image shows two screenshots of the Dublin City Council Citizen Hub website. The top screenshot is the 'Waste Management' page, where the 'Bonfire Materials' option is circled in red. The bottom screenshot is the 'Reporting Bonfire Materials' form, which includes a breadcrumb trail (Welcome > Location), a question 'Where exactly are the dumped materials?' with radio button options for 'Public Street or Laneway', 'Park or Green Area', 'Private Property', and 'Dublin City Council Housing Complex'. It also includes a question 'How would you like to show the exact location of the issue?' with radio button options for 'Drop Pin on Map' and 'Type the Address'.



## **WEED PROGRAMME 2023**

As previously advised Greentown Environmental are the appointed contractor for weed control in Dublin City Council, a number of roads were identified in Drimnagh, Bluebell, Ballyfermot and Walkinstown area, with the 1st of 4 Treatments applied only in June.

However due to the unusually wet summer, the 2nd Treatment on the selected roads has only just been applied at the end of August/start of September.

Some additional requests have been issued to Greentown Environmental, for particular roads identified within the area that require treatment.

The Ballyfermot-Drimnagh Area Office is currently undertaking a survey of its Area to identify and prioritise roads which require treatment and we hope to add a number of additional roads to the exiting schedule for treatment.

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