

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

Halloween 2023 Public Domain Report South West Inner City

CONTEXT

This is the Public Domain Report for Halloween 2023. The reports outlines the Area Office's reactive programme and complements our proactive and very substantial community engagement programmes focused in the inner city and in Kilmainham / Inchicore.

APPROACH

The South West Inner City launched the Halloween 2023 campaign in October. Meetings with all relevant stakeholders were conducted from September 2023 both at area and at corporate level. It was agreed from the outset that a multidisciplinary approach delivering a co-ordinated plan to (a) reduce the harm caused by Bonfires to the environment and (b) facilitate alternative activities for young and old to participate in.

DELIVERY & COLLABORATION

Intelligence lead operations and tracking the movement of bonfire materials yielded excellent results. Persistent removal of identified stockpiles ensured D8 was largely free of any bonfire damage. Waste Enforcement conducted inspections of sites identified by Public Domain and attended an unsecured industrial estate where 200 tyres were removed from the area over the Bank Holiday weekend.

The Gardaí played a pivotal role in stopping the movement of pallets and tyres on streets and at various sites across the city notably: James St, environs of Vincent Street West and Dolphins Barn/Rialto. The Garda helicopter aerially reviewed a number of locations identified by the SWIC Halloween Campaign Team on Sunday 29th October. A contractor truck was made available to Kevin St Garda Station nightly from October 25th to October 30th halting the movement of pallets and tyres locally.

There was great cooperation and resource sharing between South East and South Central in Dublin 8 and as a result there was only one small bonfire which took place in School St Flats.

The main tranche of the 2023 Halloween Campaign began Friday 27th October. Five teams comprising of Housing and Public Domain staff operating in pairs worked across the entire LEA from 27th to 31st October to identify & track bonfire material movement. The campaign concluded on 31st October 4pm.

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

All bonfires in flat complexes in the city area very small. There were two very small fires along perimeter St Michael's Estate lands and a small fire in Basin St and Oliver Bond Flats.

AREAS OF ACTIVITY

There were a number of **key stockpiles** as listed below:-



James St Old Steel Works Site

SWIC	Quantity
Oliver Bond Flats	Multiple loads Pallets
Herberton Road	Truck full waste Tyres
Goldenbridge Ind.	Multiple Truck load pallets
James St Steel Building Site	Pallets & tyres Truck broken pallets
F2 Centre	Pallets and furniture
St Michaels	Multiple pallets

The Statistics: Halloween Public Domain Campaign SWIC 2023

Halloween 2023	Costs
Truck Hire & Labour & Overtime	€ 24,500 TBC*
Thornton's Disposal of Bonfire Materials	€ 4 713.00 TBC funded by Waste Management
Total Cost to SWIC	€ 29,213

493 tonnes Bonfire Material disposed of across the entire city. Approx 65 Tonnes collected by contractor in SWIC

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