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To: The chairperson and members of
North Central Area Committee

**PUBLIC DOMAIN TEAM UPDATE FOR THE
NOVEMBER MEETING OF THE NORTH CENTRAL AREA COMMITTEE**

Citizen Hub Stats for October:

Process	Closed	Open	Total
Abandoned Vehicle	9	11	20
Bonfire Materials	83	19	102
Community Clean Up Collection	115	0	115
Illegal Dumping	83	0	83
Litter Offence	6	0	6
On Street - Weed Control	0	3	3
Public Bin Maintenance	192	0	192
Report a Dead Animal	12	0	12
Report Fallen Leaves	36	0	36
Report Graffiti	2	3	5
Request a Dog Fouling Sign	0	4	4
Street Cleaning Sweep Your Street	45	0	45
Grand Total	583	40	623

Illegal Dumping	Closed	Open	Total
Abandoned bins	3	0	3
Abandoned trolley	4	0	4
Dumped (Labelled)	2	0	2
Dumped bags (Not labelled)	40	0	40
Fly tipping	10	0	10
Hazardous Waste	1	0	1
Household Junk	11	0	11
Other	12	0	12
Grand Total	83	0	83

Halloween:

Halloween Stockpiling removed from Edenmore:



Clearance of bonfire materials from Castletimon Gardens:



Autumn Leaf Fall & Composting Workshops:

21 Leaf Composting Workshops have been organised for autumn 2023, to support communities who want to make free peat free compost for use in their areas. These workshops commenced on Saturday 21st October and will run until Sunday 12th November. The workshops are important, as they teach communities the correct way to make leaf mould compost. Each community receives an introductory online session, a 2 hour hands on workshop with Dr. Compost in their area, a maximum of 8 leaf baskets, a pitch fork, a watering can and signs for their baskets. This initiative supports Climate Action & the Circular Economy.



Graffiti:

Graffiti was removed from a number of locations right across the area. Some examples include the walls of Killester Bridge & a utility box in Artane.

Killester Bridge



Artane



Planters:

The public domain team upcycled and relocated 2 tiered planters to a retail area in Artane along the Malahide Road. We have been working closely with Artane Tidy Group to clean up and enhance this space. The containers were planted up by the group with pollinator friendly plants supplied by us.



A new wooden PACE planter box was also ordered for Castleview Estate to match the one they already had, as a reward for all of their hard work cleaning and developing their area and a beautiful new red penny farthing planter was given to Tuscany Downs Environmental Group to reward them for all of their hard work enhancing their green space



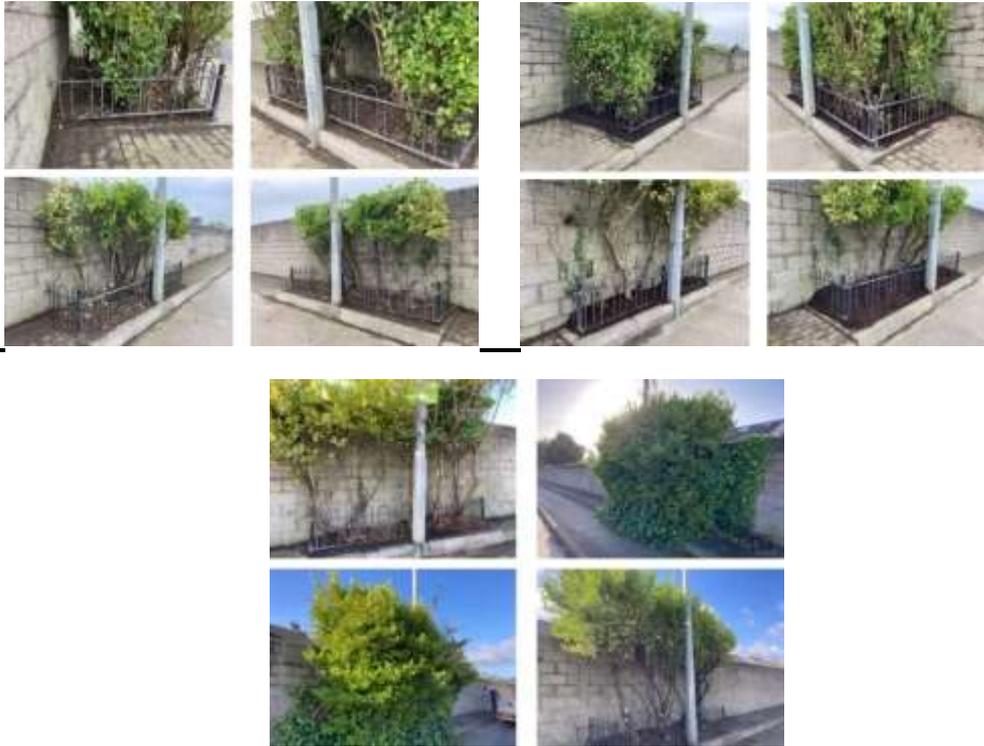
Signage

The damaged directional sign in Killester Village has been repaired and re-instated.

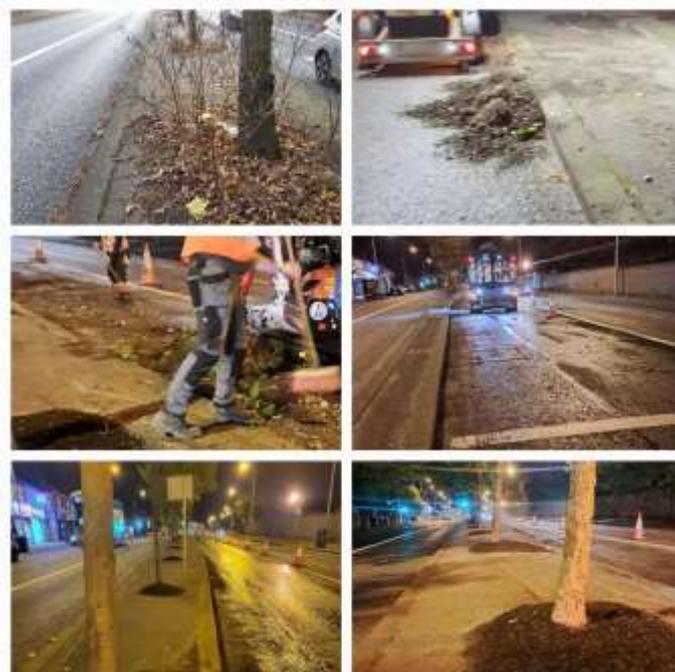


Special Clean Ups:

The Public Domain Team carried out special clean up works on the Grange Road. A tree surgeon was engaged to prune back the trees and tidy up these railed off areas.



The Public Domain Team also organised the cleaning of the central median on the Malahide Road between Clancarthy Road & Griffith Avenue. A traffic management plan had to be put in place and the work had to be carried out in the evening time with approval from Traffic as it is such a busy road. The median was weeded, scraped & cleaned. Tree bases were tidied up and fresh compost was placed around each tree & the kerblines were cleaned and swept too.



Special Clean Ups:

The Public Domain Team organised for the public lighting poles around McAuley Park area to be freshly painted. They were previously an old green colour but have been now painted black and they look great. A few more areas are scheduled for painting over the coming weeks, weather permitting.



Competitions:

Raheny was awarded the Silver Medal in the Supervalu Tidy Towns Competition and they also won the National All-Ireland Pollinator Plan category.

Congratulations to all at Raheny Tidy Village Group on this fantastic achievement. This is Raheny's best ever result in the competition.



The North Central Area City Neighbourhoods Schools Competition winner 2023 is **Scoil Áine GNS Raheny**.

The judges were absolutely blown away by the standard of the entries from the schools this year. Our congratulations to each and every one of them for the huge amount of effort and hard work that they put into their schools.

Primary and Secondary Schools were invited to enter this competition. Marks were awarded under the following judging criteria:

- Upkeep of school's precinct (landscaping/biodiversity/absence of litter and graffiti) 40%
- Water Conservation/Energy Efficiency Initiatives 25%
- Waste Management/Recycling Initiatives 25%
- Special Environmental Projects 10%

Here are some images from the schools that entered the competition. They are upcycling things like old desks and using them as plant containers, making bird boxes out of wine bottle corks & making sheds out of old plastic bottles. They are reducing paper towel usage by encouraging students to bring their own hand towel to school, they are collecting rain water in water butts and one school we visited even has a system in place to collect rain water from the roof of the school which is then gathered in a tank underground and used for flushing the toilets. They are planting and growing their own fruit and vegetables and they are segregating their waste and composting. Students are cycling or using scooters to travel to and from school. Lights and screens are turned off in classrooms when not in use and they have an assigned energy monitor to patrol energy usage in classrooms on a daily basis. Keep up the good work.

Scoil Áine GNS have been invited to attend the awards ceremony in the Mansion House in December 2023. We wish them the very best of luck in the full city wide competition.



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