



**The Chairman and Members of
North West Area Committee.**

Meeting 16th January 2024

Item No: 11

PUBLIC DOMAIN REPORT JANUARY 2024

Overview 2023

The Public Domain Team had an extremely busy and productive 2023. Many highlights over the last 12 months includes the spring clean-ups, City Neighbour awards completion, Halloween 2023 event, Leaf Collections Initiative and the Christmas tree lighting.

Graffiti removal

To date 1427 sq. meters of graffiti has been removed during the period of January 2023 to December 2023.

Illegal Dumping: 2497 incidents recorded to date

Enforcement: All Businesses in the North West Area are contacted throughout the year prior to Halloween reminding them of their responsibilities under the Litter By Laws

Over 4500 leaflets were delivered to the Finglas and Ballymun Areas running up to Halloween.

Over 350 waste enforcement notices were delivered in the Ballymun and Finglas areas.

Better Ballymun

The successful Better Ballymun day was held on March 3, 2023, with strong support from the Public Domain and Community Development Teams. These teams provided significant resources towards all aspects of the project in the weeks leading up to the event. Both local and national media outlets covered the event, including a report on TV3. The day was marked by a vibrant atmosphere, with input from all the lead groups and schools in the area. A range of initiatives and clean-up activities were carried out, such as planting and painting. The Trinity Comprehensive School and Ballymun Tidy Towns deserve special recognition for their pivotal roles in making the project a success. The team would like to extend heartfelt congratulations to both groups. The Next Better Ballymun day will be held March 1st 2024.



Team Dublin Clean Up

There was a great response to the call for groups to get involved in the 2023 Team Dublin Clean up. There were over 40 groups involved on the day in the North West Area and some of our other Environmental Groups chose to take part on alternative days. The Public Domain Crew were on hand to assist our groups and remove all bags. We will update over the coming months of the next Team Dublin Clean-up 2024.

Ballmun Tidy Towns



Finglas Tidy Towns



Finglas Tidy Towns sculpture “Turn over a New Leaf”

The North West Area Public Domain Team were proud to support this fantastic Finglas Tidy Towns initiative. We would like to thank PACE Social Enterprise who donated this piece of Art to Finglas Tidy Towns. It has been a very welcomed addition to Finglas Village.



IBAL June Report 2023

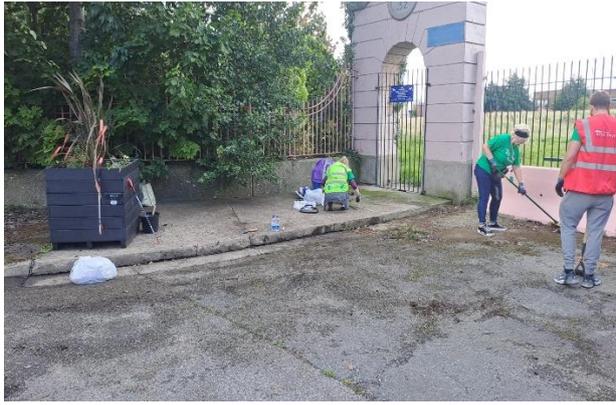


Ballymun: 30 out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Moderately Littered
Ballymun has moved from 31st to 30th place since last IBAL report.

A strong performance by Ballymun with notable improvements at some formerly heavily littered sites e.g., Ballymun Green Car Park. There was plenty of evidence of community initiatives e.g., Better Ballymun posters / Trinity Comprehensive school poetry project / Climate themed Traffic Light Box Art / Trinity Comprehensive History Trail and Tidy Towns sponsored planter boxes. Ballymun Road and Ballymun Town Centre were very much deserving of the top litter grade. The two most heavily littered sites have been stubbornly so for many years – Balbutcher Lane and the Bring Facility at Shangan Road. The Public Domain Team twinned with a strong community response endeavour to improve areas throughout Ballymun and Finglas 2024.

Kellogg's Environmental clean-up Ballymun in conjunction with Ballymun Tidy Towns

North West Area Public Domain and Community Teams supported Kellogg's and Ballymun tidy towns during a clean-up and replanting of planter boxes. The Public Domain Team distributed all the equipment and arranged for collection of bags from the clean-up. Congratulations to all involved for their efforts in this initiative. The Public Domain Team going forward will engage with Kellogg's and other companies to deliver similar enhancements and clean-ups



Anti-Dumping Initiative

The NWA was allocated € 12243.09 in funding for 2023. The Public Domain Team coordinated the Mattress and WEEE Amnesty Days as part of this project. Two separate events were held to promote the reduction in Electrical Waste and Mattresses. One in Finglas Civic Offices, Mellowes Road, Finglas, D. 11 and one in Ballymun (Trinity Comprehensive School), Main Street, Ballymun, D 9. The events were held over 4 hours each day on the 16th & 23rd September, 2023. Recycle IT recorded over 1000 Items, 4.343 Tonnes of Electrical waste was removed. Over 200 Mattresses were collected. We are hopeful that this will reduce the number of mattresses dumped and discarded over the Halloween period. It also promotes the recycling message at a more local level. As part of the ADI fund 2024 the Public Domain Team will apply for funding for two more pop up recycling days in September 2024



Ballymun Information board and seating area

Public Domain Unit in working with Ballymun Tidy Towns have delivered the installation of an Information Board and seating area accessed by a new gravel path. The project was completed April 2023 ready for the summer months to be used by locals. Ballymun Tidy Towns will plant additional plants around the seating area in 2024.



City Neighbourhood Awards 2023

Our NWA Dublin city annual neighbourhood participants did the area proud again this year getting favourable results on the award night in Croke Park.

Congratulations to all in Ballymun and Finglas

These excellent results reflect the hard work done during 2023 by our Tidy Towns Groups, businesses, senior citizen complexes, and last but not least community groups and residents in both areas. We would like to congratulate all individuals for their ongoing commitment and dedication to their groups. The work that they undertake is very much of value to the North West Area and Dublin City Council greatly values and appreciates their input and great effort in the area and the Public Domain Team will continue to support in any way we can.

Going forward the Public Domain Team will engage with Residents Associations and Environmental Groups to participate in the Croke Park event night.

Dublin City Neighbourhoods Awards 2023. List of Winners NWA

Residential Competition	Group Names	Result
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Houses - 1 to 150	Moat view Court Environmental Group	Winner 1st place
Houses - 1 to 150	Coultry Avenue Environmental Group	Joint second
Over 300	Willow Park & Pinewood Residents Association	Third place
Senior Citizen Complex	Fold Housing Association	Joint third
Senior Citizen Complex	Ballygall Road East Senior Citizen Complex	Joint third
Garden	Knowth Court, Poppintree	Joint first Winner
Community Environment Initiative	Rodney McCreery, Carton Terrace, Poppintree	Joint third
Community Garden	The Meeting Place Club	Third
Urban Village	Finglas Tidy Towns	Winner
Individual Contribution To the Community	Patricia Whelan, Eastwood Community	Joint winner
Best New Entry	Sallowood Community Group	Second place
Endeavour Award (Not improved entry)	Patrick McKeon(Joe's Patch – Poppintree)	Second place
Dublin Community Clean-up	Finglas Tidy Towns	Joint winner
Business Competition Shop Front	Driftwood Café, Finglas.	Overall winner
Business Environment &	Buddy's Farmers Market Ballymun	Joint third

Sustainability Initiative		
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North West Area Halloween



As in previous years the NWA Public Domain Team, collaborated with numerous DCC Departments (Parks, Waste Management, Waste Enforcement, DFB, and Housing) to remove as much stockpile materials as feasible. They also worked alongside Gardaí from Ballymun and Finglas as part of “Operation Tombola” to remove stockpiled material and reduce the negative impacts of bonfires in the area. This collaborative effort commenced on Saturday 21st and concluded on the afternoon of 31st October.

Approximately 4306 information leaflets describing the dangers of bonfires and detailing DCC contact information were handed to residents near areas where bonfires are commonly conducted.

In total, there were 23 burning/bonfires locations, 10 in Ballymun and 13 in Finglas, the majority of which were minor, with minimal damage evident. The successful Amnesty Day, held in September, also significantly reduced the number of mattresses illegally disposed in the run up to Halloween. Over 63 tonnes of stockpiling material was removed in the led up to Halloween. Waste Management Services have indicated that the total figure of stockpiled material collected was **493 tonnes** citywide, which is slightly up from the 2022 figure of **441 tonnes**

The below table highlights the reduction of purpose built bonfires containing pallets and tyres for Halloween night. Overall the domestic waste fires where minor in comparison. Going forward the Public Domain Team will continue to work hard to deliver higher detection of bonfire materials and strive to lower the number of bonfires in the area.

Location	Bonfire (Pallets& Tyres)	Domestic waste
Ballymun	5	5
Finglas	9	4

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