

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

**Meeting: 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

**Item No: 10**

**PUBLIC DOMAIN REPORT**

Report Graffiti North West Area – April 2024

In March 37 sq. meters of graffiti has been removed in North West area.

To date 409 sq. meters of graffiti has been removed during the period of January to March 2024.

Illegal Dumping in North West Area– April 2024

- Total No of Service Requests = 192

Community Clean Ups – April 2024

- Total No of Service Requests = 34

Weeding Removal Programme 2024

A Contractor has been appointed and the 1<sup>st</sup> round of the Weed Removal Programme will commence in the North West Area on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024. The treatment being used again this year is New Way Spray. The environmental benefits of using these alternative methods include - they are glyphosate free, the application method produces significantly lower carbon emission compared to that of other methods (flame/ hot foam), New Way Spray contains 240g/L acetic acid - naturally occurring and bio-degradable, safe for the environment - breaks down naturally in water. All streets/roads assigned prior to the 1st treatment date will receive 4 treatments throughout the season. These treatments will take place in April, June, August and October.

Better Ballymun

Better Ballymun day was held on 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2024. The Public Domain and Community Development Teams were proud to support this fantastic initiative again this year. Significant resources towards all aspects of the projects were provided in the weeks leading up to the event. The day was marked by a vibrant atmosphere, with input from all the lead groups, businesses and schools in the area.

The Public Domain Team in consultation with the Better Ballymun Group identified and recommended a number of areas to be planted, which were problem areas and illegal dumping black spots. Increased emphasis on raising awareness of illegal dumping, litter and recycling was promoted this year

A leaflet pack was supplied to Trinity Comprehensive who distributed the information on the day to residents in and around our illegal dumping black spots in Ballymun. This pack consisted of - illegal dumping reporting information, Environmental Group Information, Recycling Centre information.

A range of initiatives, clean-up activities and planting projects were carried out on the day and equipment was provided for over 30 clean ups taking place.

Some of the areas included in the planting projects were Silloge Gardens, Owensilla, Whiteacre Park and Shangan Park.

There were also other activities such as Recycling Centre demo video, a popup market on The Plaza, tree planting, painting, making and installation of swift bird boxes, cleaning, to name but a few.

The students of Trinity Comprehensive School deserve special recognition for their pivotal role in making the project a success and the team would like to congratulate them on another successful day.



Shangan Park – Before



Shangan Park – After



Owensilla – Before



Owensilla – After



Silloge – Before



Silloge – After

## New Signage – Finglas

The Public Domain Team recently engaged a contractor to install new signage in Finglas.

Two large Welcome to Finglas signs were installed, one at Cappagh Road and the other on the North Road. Following consultation with residents, four standard Raheny Domed signs were also installed at the following locations:

- Sycamore Park
- Glasnevin Downs
- Griffith Heights/Griffith Close
- Finn Eber Fort



## City Neighbourhoods Competition

The City Neighbourhoods Competition will return again this year in the North West Area. We hope to see lots of new groups entering the competition this year. The North West Area looks amazing thanks to all the work being done by Environmental Groups, Residents Associations, Tidy Towns and individual residents. We have been very successful in previous years at the Citywide Awards. We are awaiting delivery of the entry forms and will distribute to all the groups as soon as possible. The North West Area local event will take place in September and the Citywide Event will return to Croke Park in October



### Marewood Crescent Planting Project

The Public Domain Team engaged a contractor to carry out some additional planting enhancements at Marewood Crescent, Ballymun. Despite being a Better Ballymun & Lord Mayor planting project in 2023, this location continued to be an illegal dumping black spot. Since the completion of the additional planting in March, the number of illegal dumping incidents recorded is zero.



Before



After

### Environmental Groups/Residents Associations

Now that spring is upon us Residents/Environmental Groups around the area are working in partnership with DCC to conduct improvements to their neighbourhoods.

Environmental groups are encouraged to make contact with the Public Domain Team who will consider providing support for sustainable local enhancements, subject to resources being made available.



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