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## Director of Services Report South Central Area Committee Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2024



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## SOUTH WEST INNER CITY ELECTORAL AREA

### Public Realm & Capital Programmes

**Meath Street Public Realm Scheme:** A design team led by DBFL Consultant Engineers was appointed earlier this year is currently undertaking detailed design work to inform a tender for construction of this project (likely to issue at the end of the year with work in 20215 and 2026). This current phase of work includes extensive surveying of the street (currently underway) and engagement with utilities to determine other work requirements on the street.

A public information session will be announced in due course to update businesses and residents on the progress of the project.

**Newmarket Pedestrian Improvement Measures:** A road safety audit and the preparation of a tender for works is currently underway for this scheme.

**Blackpitts Landscaping:** This project has now been fully completed with the installation of seating.

**Dolphin's Barn Streets Tree Planting:** Its expected that our contractor Redlough Landscapes will commence civil works for new tree planting on Haroldville Avenue, Reuben Street and St Anthony's Road in late August / September. Notices advising local residents of the work will be posted in advance.

**Goldenbridge Terrace:** A landscaping proposal for this area has been developed and is currently being advertised to local residents for comment. Comments are requested by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2024 to [inchicoreprojects@dublincity.ie](mailto:inchicoreprojects@dublincity.ie).



Goldenbridge Terrace

**Bulfin Road/ Emmet Road wide Path:** Dublin City Council is proposing environmental improvements along the pathway at the eastern side of Bulfin Road/Emmet Road junction. This will remove hard surfaces and replace with planted area to create a more pleasant street environment.

Public Consultation is open until Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2024, please email your views to: [inchicoreprojects@dublincity.ie](mailto:inchicoreprojects@dublincity.ie)

**The Iveagh Market:** A programme of enabling work has now been largely completed at the Market. This is allowing detailed surveying and design work to be undertaken in a safe environment and has also included substantial clearing up of the building and securing of the site. A tender for the substantive roof works is expected to be published later in the year.

Earlier this month, the Area Office and the design team facilitated a local interest group to visit the market building and receive an update on the project.

### Economic Development

**Shopfront Improvement Scheme 2024 (SWIC):** The closing date for applications for this scheme is now passed. In total, the Area Office is supporting 26 projects across the area this year with an expected overall investment by applicants of €127,000.



### Smart D8 Health & Wellbeing Testbed:

The Area Office is a lead partner of this smart city programme, working to transform healthcare and community wellbeing outcomes in Dublin 8 ([www.smartd8.ie](http://www.smartd8.ie)). Smart D8 recently announced the latest 5 pilot projects to be supported ranging from solutions in the areas of speech therapy, dementia care, to medication management of those in homeless/addiction services.

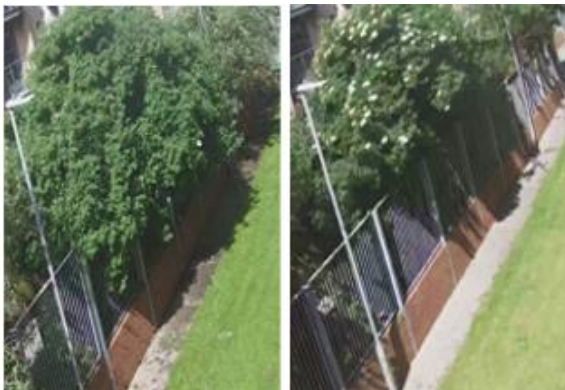
Smart D8 also successfully engaged with over 700 local people in the first 6 months of the year by partnering with local organisations to deliver free healthier lifestyle and wellbeing programmes.

**Vicar Street Playground/Parklet:** This project entails refurbishment of a small playground at Vicar Street-Swifts Alley. The project will be tendered shortly for delivery later this year.

## Housing

### Tyrone Place

Hedge trimming took place in the complex in June 2024:



A Family Fun Day in association with the Family Resource Centre will be run on the 18<sup>th</sup> July on the Green Area beside Tyrone Place and /Richmond Barracks.

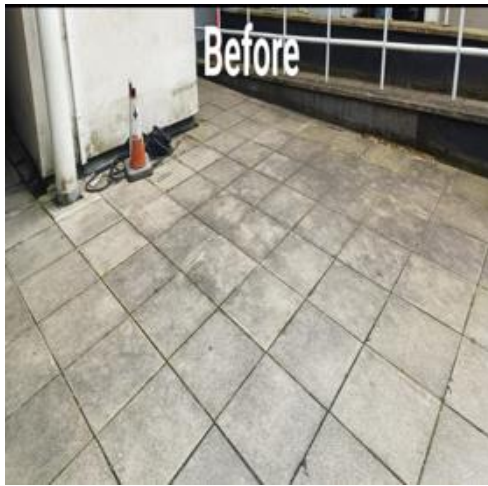
### Islandbridge Court

A summer project for July has been organised in association with DCC and the Residents Association including events for both children and older persons in the complex.

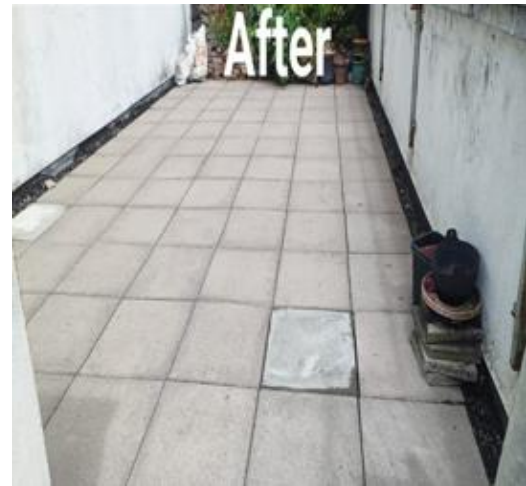
### Weavers Row

Power-washing has been carried out at Weavers Row, this included cleaning and re-sanding of the entrance path and courtyards. Works were carried out by New Creation Cleaning.

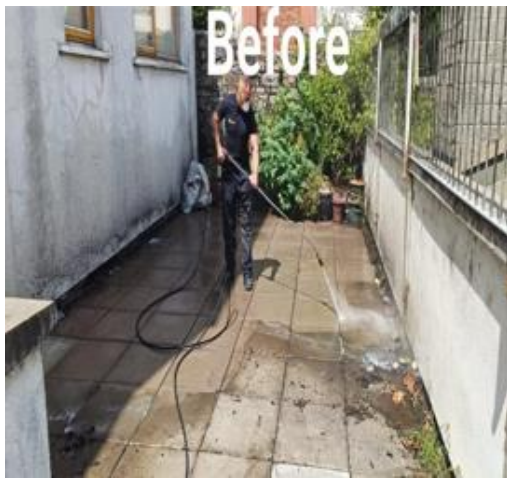
DCC Painters have been requested to paint the entrance ways and stairwells within the complex.



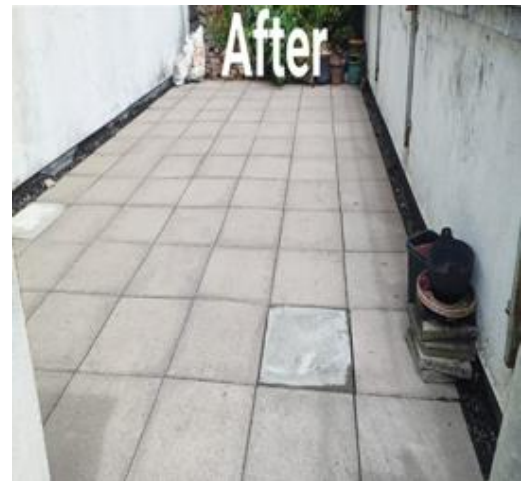
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### **School Street/Thomas Court Bawn**

Information meeting to be held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July at School Street Family Resource centre.

Members of the Design Team, Metropolitan Workshop and staff from Dublin City Council will be present on the evening to discuss proposals & hear resident's views.

*Image of the proposed development below.*



Bin chambers have been installed and will be put into use from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July.

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

As a result of ongoing antisocial behaviour onsite, Dublin City Council has engaged Bidvest Noonan as a full time security on site.

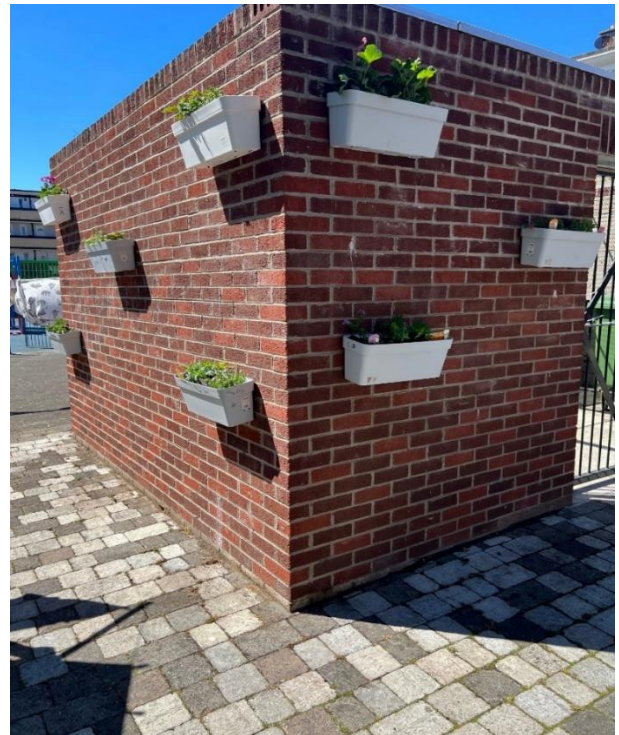
CCTV cameras are to be decommissioned onsite and be moved to alternative location within the immediate area, suitable location to be decided with the contractor and LAO.

Demolition of the back block is currently under review and contractors are been engaged presently.

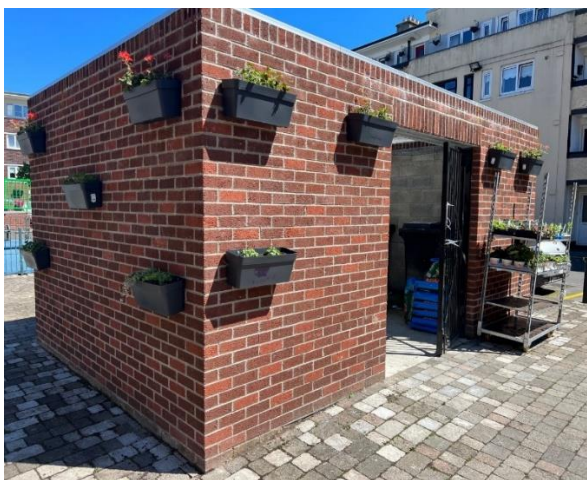
### **Mary Aikenhead House**

A planting initiative has been undertaken at the new bin chambers in Mary Aikenhead. Fifty planters have been attached to the walls by Dublin City Council and planted up by local children from the complex under the guidance of tenants with knowledge of plants & flowers. The approach used was very child centered with the children selecting the plants they wanted & where they were to

be planted & then allowed to initial the planters themselves.







### **Bonham Court**

Fob entry systems have been installed on the external doors in the development. The code entry systems have been disabled and all tenants issued with new fobs

The CCTV system has been reviewed and additional cameras installed. The LAO is currently working on getting a link established back to Eblana House.

### **Bulfin Court**

Two void units allocated to new tenants.

### **Dolphin House**

Old Dolphin Park

Demolition works ongoing



### **Detenancing**

Two more families from the de-tenanting block have been allocated new properties.

### **Men's Shed**

Two 'No Parking' boxes placed outside building





### **Oliver Bond**

Work has recently been completed on the stairwells in B, C, E & F Blocks



## **Community**

### **Blooming in the Tenters**

Despite the unseasonal weather Blooming in the Tenters event took place on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June (change of date from last report). There was great attendance from local schools, and visitors near and far.

A dramatic performance from Ulysses and unveiling of Boulevard Bloom brought loud cheers from the crowds and the event ended with music and refreshments which was enjoyed by all.

### **Opera in the Park**

The second Opera in the Park a live performance of Hansel & Gretel by E. Humperdinck took place on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June in Grattan Crescent Park.

As its previous debut in St James Walk it was a tremendous success, and enjoyed by approx. 250 attendees of all ages.

### **Dublin City Council Community Grants scheme 2024**

The Dublin City Council Community Grants scheme 2024 now open for applications.

The Local Community Development team have notified community groups and organisations of same in the South West Inner City and will provide support to those who may need assistance completing applications.

Dublin City Council's Community Grant scheme provides support to a wide variety of groups and organisations across the city annually that facilitate projects, events and activities to encourage social inclusion.

The total fund of €386,500 divided into the following strands across the city:

- 1) Community Grants (€300,000 with a maximum grant available of €1,500)
- 2) Informal Adult Education (€86,500 with a maximum grant available of €800)



Applications are made through Citizen's Hub using the following links with terms and conditions also provided:

<https://citizenhub.dublincity.ie/grants>

Please note the **closing date** for submissions is **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2024 at 1pm.**

## Summer Activities

### Summer Projects

Dublin City Council Community Team are supporting 17 summer programmes in the SWIC in 2024. These include:

Two voluntary summer projects which are organised and ran by local voluntary committees.

- 1) Islandbridge Summer Project
- 2) Bridgefoot Street Summer.

15 non voluntary summer projects which are ran by services and afterschool's locally.

Young people in the SWIC will have an opportunity to go on multiple trips, take part in locally based activities, fun days within their community and in some cases even overnight trips with their summer project.

Additional summer activities in June and July that have /are being supported by the Dublin City Council Community team.

- St Andrews Community Centre, Mid-Summer Night event with the Ritz Brothers
- Maryland Community Association Street Feast
- Féile Inchoir
- St Michael's Family Resource Centre Fun Day
- A number of senior citizen bus outings planned by local groups/organisations.

### Mini Fun Day Basin Street Flats

As Basin Street Flat complex is due to undergo huge changes with its planned redevelopment the SWIC Community

team and working closely with residents from Basin Street Flat Complex to organise their first ever Mini Fun Day.

The event will take place on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July between 12p.m. – 3p.m. in the complex.

Activities will include sports, games, face painting magic and much more. The event is supported by Solas Project, The Fountain Resource Group as well the Dublin City Council local area housing section.

**The Liberties Festival 2024:** The 54<sup>th</sup> Liberties Festival will run from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> July with over 45 events taking place across The Liberties. It's Dublin's longest running community festival and Dublin City Council is a proud sponsor. More details at [www.thelibertiesfestival.com](http://www.thelibertiesfestival.com).

### Animation of the Grand Canal

This project is joint collaboration between Dublin City Council and Waterways Ireland. The community section has been involved in the formation of a new paddle sports club to increase the usage of this fantastic amenity in the centre of the city. Now in its second year a call out was made to local schools, community groups, sports clubs and youth groups to participate in the activities on the water this year.

Not only this but as the projects momentum gained pace huge strides were made in the local community with a large increase of local residents taking part in Stand Up Paddling and kayaking paddle sports. This was down to these residents seeing the successful project running last year and feeling a strong sense of trust and a bond with the fledgling club.

## Public Domain

### Graffiti Treatment SWIC

204m of graffiti was treated some examples below: Merchants Quay, Goldenbridge, The Coombe, Hanover Lane Arch.

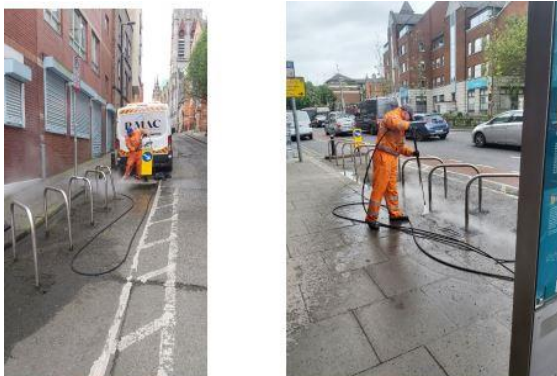
Graffiti treated at St Augustine St. Crane Street, Francis Street, Hanover Lane, New Street South, Thomas Davis Street West, St. Michaels Close



### Deep Clean Sheffield Bike Stands SWIC

1. Earl Street South
2. Grattan Crescent by Inchicore National School
3. High Street at Focus Ireland
4. James's street at James's Hospital Luas stop
5. James's Street by Post Office
6. Johns Street West
7. Meath street
8. Merchant Quay
9. St Augustine street near junction with Thomas street
10. Taylors Lane
11. Thomas Davis street
12. Marks Alley





### Waste Management Report South Central Area

Abandoned Vehicle	31
Community Clean Up Collection	41
<b>Illegal Dumping</b>	<b>245</b>
Litter Offence	60
Public Bin Maintenance	92
Report a Dead Animal	10
Report Electoral Poster	22
Street Cleaning Sweep Your Street	56
Dumped bags (Not labelled)	119
Dumped Bags (Labelled)	20

## Waste Management Night Wash Facility

Swan Lane off Thomas St



Usher Street and Usher Quay



## Street cleaning / Manual Weed Removal Kilmainham





## **BALLYFERMOT DRIMNAGH ELECTORAL AREA**

### **Housing**

#### **Tristan Square**

Work is continuing in relation to the selection of the successful housing applicants. Once this work is complete the successful applicants will be notified.

#### **Bluebell**

The current stage of public consultation has been completed and all submissions are being considered by the LDA while preparation of the application for planning continues.

#### **Sons of Divine Providence**

DCC are continuing to negotiate terms and conditions of the land transfer with the Sons of Divine Providence. An expression of interest regarding the project was circulated to relevant members of the OGP Framework for design team services. There was a positive response with eight out of ten framework members responding.

A procurement consultant was engaged to advise and oversee the procurement process. The Architects Division are working to refine the brief to procure an integrated design team. This process is expected to take approx. six months to complete.

The Steering Group will be reconvened when this process completes to enable DCC share more relevant project updates with the group

#### **Cherry Orchard**

##### **Site 1 of the Local Area Plan:**

The design team are continuing to finalise the design in order to ensure its compliance with all applicable regulations and the issue of the land swap between Dublin City Council and the Health Service Executive is being progressed. The door

to door survey referred to in previous reports has now been completed and a report will be produced for Dublin City Council.

##### **Site 2 of the Local Area Plan:**

As reported previously, work is continuing in relation to the preparation of the technical design for the project with the public consultation now likely to take place in Quarter 3, 2024

##### **Site 4 of the Local Area Plan:**

The planning application for this development is with an Bord Pleanála. A decision is expected by the end of July. The outcome of the application will be reported to the members when it is known.

#### **Rafters /CrumlinRoad**

DCC has received Stage 1 initial project and budget approval for the delivery of a social housing scheme on this site.

The project proposal is to provide a new social housing scheme with a mix of one, two and three bedroom homes. An integrated design team has been progressing with design development and an updated Stage 2 application is due to be submitted to the D.H.L.G.H. shortly.

#### **Labre Park**

Cluid and their design team are continuing to work through design options, conducting further investigations, awaiting results of the River Camac flood alleviation study and redesigning the site plan.

Following pre-planning discussions with the Planning Department, it has been agreed that the development and Part 8 process will be split into 2 phases. This will now provide an additional 4 new-build homes at Labre Park.

- Phase 1 is for 12 new build homes along with the refurbishment/energy upgrade of 19 existing homes. Subject to funding, a proposed new community centre will also be constructed at the front of the estate.

- Phase 2 is for a further 6 new build homes at the western end of the site. This area will initially require an application for a 'Material Change to the Development Plan' to bring the zoning in line with what is proposed. Part 8 planning will then be progressed.

It is anticipated that the stage 2 funding application will be completed in late July and submitted to the DHLGH in mid-August following DCC peer review. Part 8 application for Phase 1 is expected in November/December 2024.

Interim improvement works to the bays are currently being investigated by the TAU team which will upgrade welfare facilities, surfacing etc. These works will aim to provide better quality living conditions for the residents while awaiting the completion of the wider Labre Park regeneration.

Additionally, a contractor has been procured and location agreed for the installation of a new playground. The

playground will be located near the entrance of Labre Park within the fenced green area. Works are expected to commence July/August.

The following is a summary of the vacant units in the Ballyfermot Drimnagh area.

Property Type	
House	37
Maisonette	3
Apartment	12
Senior Citizens	11
Total	63

Vacant (Void) Property Refurbishments completed in 2024 (year to date)

South Central Area	
House	33
Apartment	18
Senior Citizens	17
Total	68



ype	Location	Bedrooms	Vacant possession date	Status	Estimated Completion date/Status
House	CHERRY ORCHARD GREEN	2	N/A	Awaiting vacant possession	N/A
House	CROFTWOOD GARDENS	3	N/A	Awaiting Vacant Possession	N/A
House	CROFTWOOD PARK	3	N/A	Awaiting Vacant Possession	N/A
House	BALLYNEETY ROAD	2	03/04/2024	With Contractor	04/07/2024
House	BALLYNEETY ROAD	3	12/04/2023	Tenant Selected	
House	BARNVILLE PARK	1	16/06/2024	For framework	TBC
Senior Citizens	BERNARD CURTIS COURT	1	31/03/2024	With depot	28/07/2024
Senior Citizens	BERNARD CURTIS COURT	2		With depot	28/07/2024
Apartment	BERNARD CURTIS HOUSE	2	14/04/2024	With Contractor	14/07/2024
Apartment	BERNARD CURTIS HOUSE	2	06/08/2023	Tenant Selected	13/03/2024
Apartment	BERNARD CURTIS HOUSE	2	16/06/2024	For framework	TBC
House	BENMADIGAN ROAD	2	04/07/2023	Tenant selected	28/06/2024
Senior Citizens	BLACKDITCH COURT	1	09/06/2024	With Depot	TBC
Senior Citizens	BLACKDITCH ROAD	1		With Contractor	30/06/2024
House	CHERRY ORCHARD AVENUE	3	04/06/2024	For framework	TBC
House	CHERRY ORCHARD GROVE	3		AGS checks being carried out	12/07/2024
Senior Citizens	CLADDAGH COURT	1	26/11/2023	Tenant selected - financial contribution	26/01/2024
Senior Citizens	CLADDAGH COURT	1	27/09/2023	Issued to Depot	10/05/2024
House	CLEGGAN ROAD	2	30/05/2024	For framework	10/10/2024
House	CLIFDEN DRIVE	3	19/10/2023	Tenant selected	05/07/2024
House	CLIFDEN DRIVE	3	01/09/2023	Tenant Selected	05/07/2024
House	CLOVERHILL DRIVE	3	10/03/2024	With Contractor	10/10/2024
House	CLOVERHILL DRIVE	3	12/03/2024	With contractor	30/10/2024
House	CLOVERHILL ROAD	3	11/02/2024	With contractor	30/10/2024
House	COMERAGH ROAD	2	21/11/2023	Tenant Selected	04/07/2024
House	COLEPARK AVENUE	3	22/01/2024	Acquisition	30/06/2024
House	COLEPARK AVENUE	2	05/05/2024	For framework	24/10/2024
House	COLEPARK ROAD	3	12/05/2024	For framework	12/10/2024
House	COOLEY ROAD	2	31/03/2024	For framework	30/09/2024
House	CROFTWOOD GARDENS	2	N/A	For framework	TBC
House	CROFTWOOD PARK	4	12/04/2023	With contractor	TBC
House	CROFTWOOD PARK	3	22/08/2023	Tenant selected	12/07/2024
House	CURLEW ROAD	3		With contractor	28/06/2024
Apartment	DAVITT HOUSE	0	21/02/2023	Tenant Selected	01/08/2024
Apartment	DAVITT HOUSE	0	25/11/2023	AGS Checks underway	21/06/2024
Apartment	DAVITT HOUSE	0	20/09/2023	AGS Checks underway	21/06/2024

Apartment	DAVITT HOUSE	0		AGS Checks underway	01/08/2024
Apartment	DAVITT HOUSE	0	04/03/2024	AGS Checks underway	01/08/2024
House	DRUMFINN AVENUE	4	<b>20/10/2023</b>	Tenant selected	04/06/2024
House	ELMDALE DRIVE	3	<b>31/03/2024</b>	For Framework	30/10/2024
House	ELMDALE DRIVE	4	<b>21/06/2024</b>	For framework	28/10/2024
Senior Citizens	Fr KITT COURT	1	<b>23/04/2023</b>	Issued to Depot	05/07/2024
Apartment	KINGS HALL	1	<b>19/10/2023</b>	Tenant Selected	10/05/2024
Senior Citizens	KILNAMANAGH COURT	1	<b>29/05/2024</b>	With Depot	29/09/2024
House	KNOCKMAREE	3		Tenant selected	21/06/2024
Senior Citizens	LA TOUCHE COURT	1	<b>20/09/2023</b>	Issued to Depot	08/05/2024
House	LE FANU ROAD	2	<b>25/02/2024</b>	Tenant selected	28/06/2024
House	LALLY ROAD	3	<b>18/06/2024</b>	For framework	TBC
House	LALLY ROAD	2	<b>16/06/2024</b>	For framework	TBC
House	LALLY ROAD	3	<b>06/02/2024</b>	Tenant selected	19/05/2024
House	LANDEN ROAD	3	<b>10/01/2024</b>	With framework	31/05/2024
House	LANDEN ROAD	3	<b>28/08/2023</b>	Tenant selected	31/07/2024
Maisonette	LISSADEL ROAD	3		Tenant selected	28/06/2024
Maisonette	LISSADEL ROAD	2	<b>26/05/2024</b>	For framework	26/09/2024
Maisonette	LISSADEL ROAD	2		Tenant selected	28/06/2024
Apartment	OBLATE VIEW	1	<b>08/04/2024</b>	With contractor	08/07/2024
House	O'DWYER ROAD	3	<b>25/05/2022</b>	Legal issue with boundary	
House	ORANMORE ROAD	3	<b>20/05/2024</b>	For framework	20/10/2024
House	ORANMORE ROAD	2	<b>14/06/2024</b>	For framework	14/10/2024
House	RAHEEN PARK	3	<b>03/03/2024</b>	With Contractor	25/09/2024
Senior Citizens	ROSSAVEAL COURT	1		Issued to Depot	05/07/2024
Senior Citizens	ROSSAVEAL COURT	1	<b>03/12/2023</b>	Issued to Depot	05/07/2024
Senior Citizens	ROSSAVEAL COURT	1	<b>09/10/2023</b>	Tenant selected	05/07/2024
House	ROSSMORE ROAD	3	<b>06/02/2024</b>	Tenant selected	06/07/2024
House	ROSSMORE ROAD	3	<b>N/A</b>	For Framework	TBC
Apartment	SEVEN OAKS	1		Tenant selected	
Apartment	SEVEN OAKS	2	<b>07/05/2024</b>	With contractor	08/08/2024
Apartment	SEVEN OAKS	2		Issued to contractor	20/05/2024
Apartment	THE STEEPLES	2	19/06/2024	For framework	TBC

## Community

### COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

#### Community Festivals 2024

The Community Team are actively involved at committee level with the community festivals and are providing funding and practical support to the following local events. Festival committees are currently working on event schedules, securing park permits and completing event management plans and risk assessments.

DCC Community Development Team will be supporting community play events that are incorporated into local festival content. This is in support and celebration of the most recent announcement by the United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) as 11<sup>th</sup> June was officially launched as International Day of Play to celebrate the importance of play and the physical and emotional benefits of play for all children and young people. Subsequently, DCC Community Team completed the funding application to the Department of Children, Equality, and Disability & Youth (DCEDIY) and have been successful in securing an additional €3,000 from the National Playday Grant Fund to provide some additional funding for this initiative.



DCC South Central Area Community Team will provide key supports for the following groups:

#### Walkinstown Festival:

Walkinstown festival is due to take place on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024. Festival meetings are becoming more regular and are ongoing up until the festival event date – to date approximately 5 meetings have taken place. Fund raising has been quite successful to date but not as much as in previous years, however the festival committees will continue until the desired amount is secured to deliver a varied and exciting festival line-up. The key aim of this year's festival is to celebrate and involve new communities. DCC Community Team are assisting with this through linking in with existing and new contacts to ensure this element of the festival is achieved. To date, the Bhangra Group have been booked in as a participative performance element which will also bring more diverse community participation to the event.

#### Drimnagh Summer Festival:

The Drimnagh Festival committee has undergone a number of changes in key roles for festival committee members which has brought about issues regarding volunteer capacity, fund raising and postponing the event date. Many of these issues have now been addressed and a new festival committee has been established which has resulted in approximately 3 festival meetings taking place so far and agreed festival dates of Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August are



confirmed. 2 additional events i.e. summer sizzle dance date and local community play event are yet to be confirmed. The festival committee are now working well within their planning process in terms of managing festival budget and working on festival content e.g. stage line-up and family and age friendly activities programme for the event. DCC Community Teams from the Ballyfermot and Crumlin office are in regular contact with committee members, attending festival meetings and providing as much support as required in order to support and increase the capacity of the committee to deliver a successful and safe event.

#### Opera in the Park:

The Annual Open Air Evening Operas are planned to take place this year on July 11<sup>th</sup> in The Peoples Park @ 7.00pm and August 24<sup>th</sup> in Brickfield Park @ 6.30pm and will be incorporated as part of the Ballyfermot Cherry Orchard Arts Festival and the Drimnagh Festival to fully utilise the events and promote to the wider community.

#### Bluebell Summer Festival:

The initial committee meeting for Bluebell Summer Festival took place on June 27<sup>th</sup>. The festival committee reviewed the committee structure and expanding committee membership through invitation to local organisations to actively to take part in the festival at organisation and delivery level. Addressing this issue involves ongoing work which will hopefully bring new people on board as festival dates, content etc. are established and finalised. To date it is proposed to link the Inchicore CDP Celebration of Community Event as a key element of the festival which will be located at Bluebell Bungalow to highlight the positive impact of the area regeneration. The festival will also focus on promoting and highlighting a new support group for children and young people and their caregivers. This will be further supported in the future through the development of a new sensory unit through the proposed refurbishment of a donated mobile unit which is currently in situ, and adapt it as a sensory, inclusive

and therapeutic space for children and young people with additional needs e.g. those with mixed abilities, ASD, ADHD, Autism Spectrum Disorder and Asperger's conditions. The Bluebell Youth Service will also host a community play event in the local park to kick-start the festival. The proposed festival dates are July 25<sup>th</sup> of July to 4<sup>th</sup> of August– dates and additional locations are yet to be finalised and confirmed.

#### D12 Autism Summer Family Fun Day

On 29<sup>th</sup> June D12 Autism, which is headed up by Margaret Jane and Helen, hosted an Autism Friendly Summer Family Fun Day. The event took place at Good Council GAA Grounds and Sports Hall. This was a highly successful and inclusive event which proved to be a brilliant initiative that went ahead despite the bad weather experienced on the day. Quick thinking and careful planning meant that most of the activities that required shelter could be relocated to the GAA Clubhouse where a broad range of interactive playful and fun activities were available to all who attended, hot favourites were drumming, High 5 Boxing Club, Imagination Playground (DCC), Electric Zoo, Sensoria Van, Brixx Lego Club and of course An Garda Síochána and vintage fire brigade. Following on the success of this event D12 Autism Parent/Care Support Group are hoping to plan similar events in the future.

This initiative was strongly supported by Dublin's outgoing *Lord Mayor Daithí de Róiste* as part of the Lord Mayors Autism Friendly City initiative and by DCC South Central and South East Community Development Teams and Area Offices with funding and practical support in planning and delivering this event. It is hoped the DCC Community Development Team will engage with continued work with this group in identifying a permanent meeting venue/administration space and involvement in proposed inclusive Halloween Events.



For more images and information regarding this great event and initiative see:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/KiMmXBf4i61Hai7R/>

#### Chapelized Festival:

Chapelized Festival took place from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July. With a full programme of events ranging from bake-offs, talks & walks, open air cinema, go-karting and lots more. The Community Team provided funding and practical support, event management plans and risk assessments for the festival committee. A review of the festival will take place towards the end of July, date to be confirmed.



#### Ballyfermot Cherry Orchard Arts Festival:

Ballyfermot Cherry Orchard Arts Festival launched on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June in The Ballyfermot Community Civic Centre, with a presentation to the BeerMats, the 2024 Community Ambassadors. The BeerMats are a local Ballyfermot Band celebrating 30 years together. The programme, running from Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July to Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July sees community groups and organisations providing events for all the family, from teddy bears picnics, lunchtime concerts, community bingo, poetry evening and Opera in the Park will return this year as part of the festival on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 7.00pm. The new committee has brought great energy and plenty of new ideas for the festival. The festival was funded mainly by the Community Team and the remainder was raised by fundraising and sponsorship.

#### Cruinniú Na nÓg:

For Cruinniú Na nÓg this year, Familibase and Dublin City Council hosted the now annual “Unsung Youth” live music event which took place on Saturday June 15<sup>th</sup>

from 2:00 – 6.00pm in the Peoples Park at the Civic Centre in Ballyfermot.

The event consisted of young musicians from the area taking to the stage to perform together. A youth arts digital illustration group (Paint n Pixels) designed the artwork that was shown on an LED screen on the stage. Unsung Youth was supported by The Community Team, Dublin City Council Arts Office and Creative Ireland.



## Halloween 2024

The first meeting of the Ballyfermot Halloween Festival Committee took place online on Wednesday May 8th at 3.30pm. Each youth organisation will host a family friendly event in public spaces throughout the day creating a trail of events from lower Ballyfermot, right up into Ballyfermot

and through to Cherry Orchard for the infamous Cherry Orchard Equine Centre's Haunted House and Fireworks finale.

The South Central Area Community Team will also support Halloween Festival Events in Drimnagh and Walkinstown and Bluebell. Initial meetings for these local festivals will take place in July to establish event locations, content etc. with subsequent schedule of planning and co-ordination meetings from September to event date in October. Following on from the success of the inclusive, accessible "Not So Scary Spooky Space" 2023, the Community Team are currently working with local support groups for children and young people with additional needs to ensure further involvement and engagement in the planning, co-ordination and delivery of this new initiative to host inclusive and accessible Halloween themed event as part of the overall festival.

## Environment

### Plant Sales:

The annual Community Plant Sales which took place during the month of May in 5 locations in the South Central Area; Ballyfermot Civic Centre, Bunting Road Depot, Our Lady's Hall Drimnagh, St Laurence's Grove Chapelizod and Ring St held a pop-up event at the Youth & Community Club. These events were a great success with high attendance at each event to avail of purchase of bedding plants at a subsidised rate. The sales have resulted in encouraging many local residents to engage in gardening by making it a more affordable pastime and supporting those with keen gardening interests in the same way. Additionally, plants were also provided at no cost to local environment and residents groups who have worked tirelessly planting up local communal and public spaces e.g. local greens, planter boxes etc., overall infusing an array of spring and summer



colour to the South Central Area.



*Photos :Drimnagh Plant Sale  
Walkinstown Plant Sale  
Ballyfermot Plant Sale*

## Bealtaine

The South Central Area Community Team from SWIC and Ballyfermot Offices worked collaboratively to organise community events and theatre productions for older residents throughout the South Central Area as part of Celebrations for Bealtaine National Arts Festival. The intergenerational theatre performances from Guna Nua “Magic Play” which took place in Moeran Road Hall on 20<sup>th</sup> May was attended by Older Adults and transition year students from South West Inner City (SWIC) Secondary School. The performance was followed by a brief group

discussion between the audience and actors which was engaging and informative for all. Guna Nua Also performed to local residents at Ballyfermot Civic Centre on 8<sup>th</sup> May. The performance by the Dublin Touring Theatre Company

“Madeira, the Secrets of the Sisters” took place at Ballyfermot Civic Centre on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May and was attended by South West Inner City (SWIC) - Robert Emmet Community Development Project- Older Adults Group and Ballyfermot, Bluebell

and Walkinstown Older Adults Groups. The performance was enjoyed immensely by all who attended and overall feedback was that people would love to experience more local theatre performances in the future. SWIC Community Office provided transport to participants from SWIC to support people to attend performances at Ballyfermot Civic Centre.



*Madeira*



*Magic Play*

### **South Central Age Friendly Programme**

#### **Ballyfermot Age Friendly Programme:**

The Ballyfermot Summer Age Friendly Programme finished up on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July on a rock n roll high with a Neil Diamond and Rod Stewart Tribute Act. With 150 senior citizens jiving and dancing it was a sight to behold.

These events are growing in popularity and are attracting senior citizens from the surrounding areas with nearly 250 seniors on our mailing list. The attendees are actively seeking out other people in their age group who are living alone or still hesitant to re-join activities in the community and inviting them along to the events.

The Autumn Age Friendly events will start back on Tuesday 13th August and run for

7 weeks with a mix of Bingo, Line Dancing, Tea Dances and some surprise activities.



### **Drimnagh/Walkinstown Bluebell Age Friendly Programme**

The Drimnagh/Walkinstown Bluebell Age Friendly Programme continued through spring and early Summer and ended on 19<sup>th</sup> June. Events include themed Afternoon Tea Dances at Moeran Road Hall, Chair Yoga, History Talks, Flower Arranging and finished with finale events at Morean Road Hall on 9<sup>th</sup> May and Fr Kitt Court on 19<sup>th</sup> June with *Summer Afternoon Tiki Tea Dances* with Music from Angel and her band.

The programme will resume again in autumn and will take on board feedback and recommendations from review meetings with key stakeholders to ensure a programme that responds to the needs of this cohort of residents and ensure an interesting and fun 2024 Autumn/Winter Age Friendly programme for the South Central Area.





### Sheltered Housing Complexes

#### Ballyfermot, Cherry Orchard, Chapelizod:

Meetings with the resident committees in the sheltered housing complexes are continuing in an effort to re-animate the complexes in Ballyfermot, Cherry Orchard and Chapelizod.

The Community Team, DCC Housing and Slainte Care are working together to upgrade the existing computers and wifi within the complexes and Kylemore College have offered to work with us to coach the residents on the use of the new equipment. These will be in place in early September.

#### Drimnagh, Walkinstown, Bluebell:

Fr Kitt Sheltered Housing Complex animation programme will continued

throughout spring and early summer until 19<sup>th</sup> June and ended with *Summer Afternoon Tiki Tea Dance*. As a result of this programme many of the participants have expressed an interest in setting up a gardening group as a social and well-being activity to stay healthy and active whilst maintaining outdoor shared spaces. To this end a number of residents have been engaging in informal gardening activities where they have re-planted the window boxes provided by DCC in 2023 and done some minor weeding, pruning and seed heading and planting in shared communal areas. The group area also populating plants and have the beginnings of raised vegetable boxes. To further support this initiative the residents committee have met with DCC housing and community teams to discuss further support and maintenance and repair issues regarding the communal garden at the back of the Common Room and front Communal Spaces. Personnel from DCC Parks have also agreed to provide some practical advice and information regarding the re-design, management and upkeep of this outdoor leisure facility. The outcome of this meeting looks promising as the group hope to further formalise the gardening group over the summer and into the Autumn/Winter months with the support of the Community Development Team.

The Autumn Winter Animation Programme will also resume in September with Chair Yoga, Flower Arranging and History, Health Talks etc.





Flower Arranging and Chair Yoga at Fr Kitt Court

### **Lord Mayors Afternoon Tea at the Mansion House:**

Drimnagh Women's Shed, Drimnagh Mother McAuley Centre Day Care Centre, And Walkinstown, Sister and Women's Sheds enjoyed the final Lord Mayor's afternoon tea which took place on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June. These events have been highly successful and greatly enjoyed by the many groups and organisations from the South Central Area who had the opportunity to attend.



### **Social Inclusion**

#### **Labre Park Play Area:**

DCC Community Development Team continue to support the ongoing progress of this project. As part of the overall design proposal additional options were provided in the event that additional funding should become available. DCC Community Team completed the funding application to the Department of Children, Equality, and Disability & Youth (DCEDIY) and have been successful in securing an additional €17,000 from the Capital Projects Grant (Playgrounds). This additional funding will assist in covering costs of additional elements to the proposed play area and ensure a more comprehensive play facility. The initial design and tender process is now complete and works are set to commence in Q3 (Mid-August 2024). Weather permitting the duration of installation works is approximately 8 to 10 weeks.



Current Space for Play



New Play Area Design  
Proposed Additional  
Element

### Dynamic Drimnagh:

DCC Community Development Team will provide financial and practical support to Dynamic Drimnagh with regard to the development of the "Welcome to Drimnagh" Booklet which is in current draft stage. The booklet is aimed at providing information on local amenities, community development support and local heritage for new residents e.g. 3 recently completed developments at Eleanora Court, Slieve Bloom and Davitt Road, and in preparation for further and future developments e.g. Lansdowne and Moorefield. It is planned to have this completed in time to be launched at the Drimnagh Festival which is due to take place on 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> August.

### History/Heritage

#### Walkinstown/Crumlin History Group:

DCC Community Development (Crumlin & Walkinstown) have been liaising with and supporting the Walkinstown/Crumlin

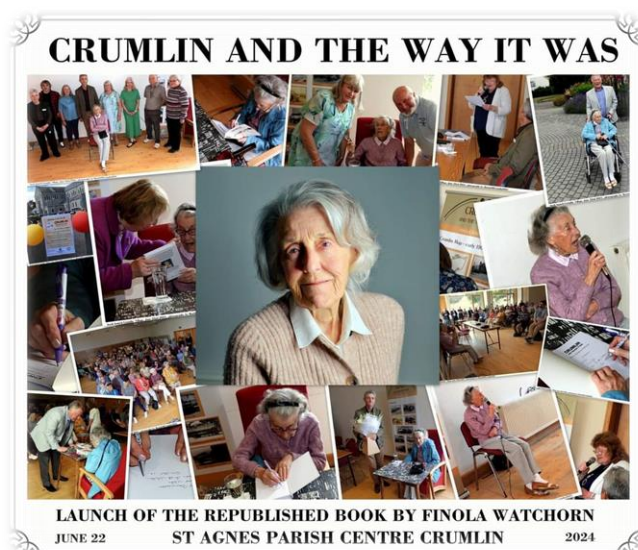
History Group with regard to the republication of "Crumlin and the Way it Was" by local author Finola Watchcorn. The book was launched on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at St Agnes's Parish Hall. The launch event was attended by approximately 300 people throughout the day. As commented by one of the history group's members *"the day if anything it was too successful!"*

The book is available in the Crumlin Expert Hardware and the St. Agnes Parish Centre or online here:

<https://www.crumlinwalkinstownhistory.ie/buy-book/>

The funding of the book did have some involvement from DCC as that it was part of the Crowdfund Dublin City Fund <https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/improving-my-community/crowdfund-dublin-city> where the group received donations and DCC would match that.

Both DCC South Central and South East Community Team will continue to support this group in the future regarding any relevant initiatives e.g. Dublin History Festival, Crumlin/Walkinstown History Festival.



#### Drimnagh Historical Group:

Progress is ongoing regarding the Dynamic Drimnagh initiative of developing the "Drimnagh Historical Pocket Map"; a detailed user friendly map of local



historical sites. Final edits have been supported by local historical Cathy Scuffil and as mentioned above the map should be published by mid-August 2024.

#### Camac Residents Association:

The City Council community and Public Domain Team are engaged in continued work with local residents in Camac Park to install a commemorative stone at the entrance to the Park. Delays in engraving and installation of the commemorative stone are due to extensive backlog regarding DCC contracted engraving/stone mason company who have yet to provide a date for commencement of work. Securing dates for works will determine dates and times for a celebratory event.

#### Summer Projects

Following Summer Project General Meeting with Crosscare and agreed support criteria for voluntary and non-voluntary summer projects and 'special needs' summer projects DCC Community Development Team are now administering funding support to local summer projects who are eligible for this funding. To date there are 7 non-voluntary and 4 voluntary Summer Projects in the South Central Area Ballyfermot & Drimnagh Wards.

Funding for non-voluntary Summer Projects has been processed and awarded by Crosscare who have informed DCC Community Development Area Teams of updates.

Special Needs Summer Projects will receive an additional €600.00 per project.

Additional funding of up to €300 per project is also available for voluntary summer projects for an additional "Stay Local, Play Local" activities.

The amount of Zoo Passes provided by DCC for each Summer Project will be doubled from the number provided in the previous year (2023). The passes will be administered by Crosscare on behalf of DCC Community Development.

An annual 'end-of-summer projects' event to support and celebrate local volunteers who co-ordinate, facilitate and supervise local summer projects, is planned for September in Erin's Isle GAA Club.



#### Funding

##### Summer Project Funding:

DCC Community Development staff have received and processed all relevant forms and expressions of interest from non-voluntary and voluntary summer project groups to provide information on funding support for 2024 Summer Projects (see above).

##### Ballyfermot Local Drugs Task Force:

DCC Community Team have sent out updated information to local voluntary and non-voluntary summer projects regarding funding support for Summer Projects.

**Fundingpoint:** Local groups have been sent information on the latest edition of the Dublin City focussed Fundingpoint Local Digest. This provides up to date detailed information and links to viable alternative sources of local, national and EU funding to which local community groups could apply.

It is also available to download on the Dublin City Council website at <https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/improving-my-community/community-grants-and-funding>



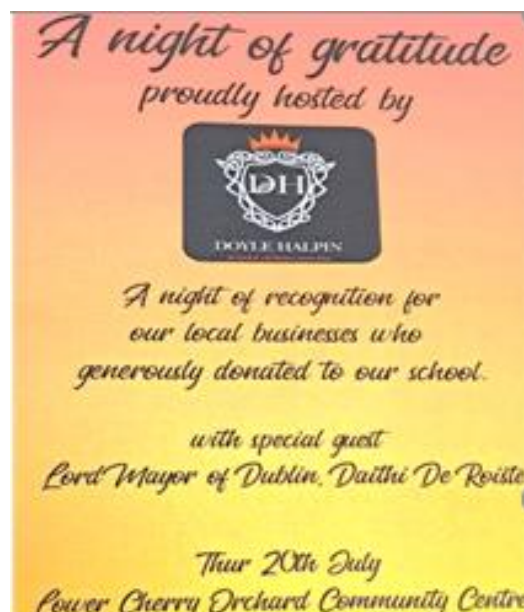
### Crowdfund:

Dublin City Crowdfund 2024 Phase 3 is due to be announced in September on all DCC Media e.g., Facebook, Instagram, DCC Web Page etc. See link [Crowdfund Dublin City | Dublin City Council](#)

[DCC Community Development Team will be attending online training workshops in July with regard to supporting local residents groups and organisations to complete applications.](#)

### Cherry Orchard

Lord Mayor Dublin (May) Daithi De Roiste & Cherry Orchard Project Manager were delighted to attend the Doyle Halpin School of Irish Dancing anniversary celebration in the Orchard Centre. On the evening we were treated to a showcase of the best of Irish dancing in Dublin 10 and very well attended by friends and family of the school.



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May was a busy Month for the Orchard Community Centre. Despite the schools winding down we are very much engaging with Land Development Agency (LDA) with regard to Cherry Orchard point development and, as per usual the need, the foodbank in the area during the summer months will not cease. In addition we are preparing for our Summer Project that shall run through the summer months.

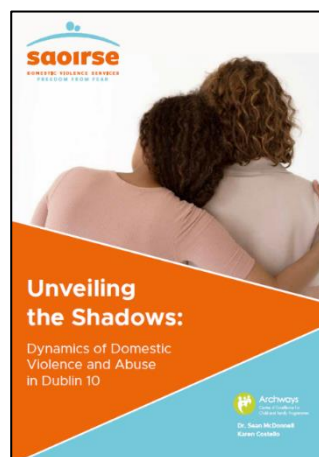


A Swedish delegation arrived into Cherry Orchard during May to hear of the wonderful synergies between many of the agencies in the area.

As part of a Senior Leaders in Swedish Public Service programme we treated them to the best of what the community has to offer. To add a novel approach to their visit we had our brainstorming session in one of the Boxing Rings in Cherry Orchard Boxing Club. Tours of the Equine Centre and the general area were very well received and the feedback from the group has been very positive.



Saoirse Domestic Violence Services who



are now based in the Orchard Community Centre had the launch of their Domestic Violence Study in May. Over 120 attended this very worthwhile study and event and many

thanks to Lord Mayor Daithi De Roiste for launching, Cllr Hazel De Nortuin for supporting via Discretionary Funding, An Garda Síochána and the countless others who supported in person and from further afield.

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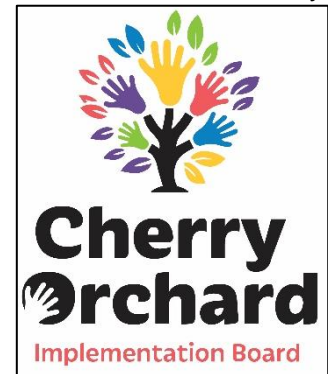


Wednesday 29th May was a landmark day in Cherry Orchard! The Orchard Community Centre on behalf of Dublin City Council in association with The Stone

The Cherry Orchard Project



being driven by Dave O'Donovan and the Cherry



Orchard Implementation Board (COIB) has continually engaged with the local residents and

Soup Project and Pocket Forests CLG collectively launched a new urban forest that includes native flora & fauna. This legacy project will create a lasting impact in regard to the Circular Economy Hotspot in Cherry Orchard as an example of circular economy, community development and further collaboration with other partners who we work with regularly. Delighted to have Lord Mayor Daithi De Roiste out to his very own community to open the park in the presence of many in the community, colleagues and schoolchildren from St. Ultans!

transformed once again a raw piece of the community into a flourishing spectacle by using art and murals to add much needed colour to the area! A novel aspect of this Urban Space is there are no gates and you can access the space from any part 24hrs a day. Due to the community engagement over the last number of years it is litter free and any that does appear is quickly removed by the local community as they have had considerable interest and "buy in" from the start.

There are many of our colleagues who play an unseen part in a project such as this and a special thanks to our colleagues in Public Lights Seamus Mac Sweeney,



Patrick Foran and Frank Dorman who worked with the project to fully replace the light system adjacent to the new project.

Special thanks to Ross Curley, Michael Morris, Áine Moreland, Mana Thomas (LEO), Niall O'Reilly and local staff (Parks), Sabrina Dekker Climate Action Coordinator, Creative Connections and local colleagues from Ballyfermot Area Office and the Orchard Community Centre.

What is The Circular Economy Hotspot?  
[www.dublincirculareconomyhotspot.com](http://www.dublincirculareconomyhotspot.com)



## Public Domain

### **Summer Planting of 3 tier planters across the Ballyfermot Drimnagh Area**

The contractor engaged by the Public Domain Office has recently removed the winter bedding from the 26, 3 tier planters across the Ballyfermot Drimnagh Area and replanted them with summer bedding flowers, adding some vibrancy and colour to our public realm.



### **Kylemore Road Mechanical Wild flowering bulb planting**

A pilot initiative by the Area Office and Parks Department introduced some wild flowering to Kylemore Road, near the roundabout. It's envisaged we should get at least two seasons of this beautiful display before we would need to re plant.



### **Tree Pits**

For the last while the Public Domain Office has been liaising with the Parks Department in compiling a list of empty tree pits across the Ballyfermot Drimnagh Area, including those pits with only stumps left in them. The aim is to either reinstate trees at these locations where possible, however if any tree pits are deemed unsuitably, due to services location etc. we will then arrange for these pits to be permanently reinstated, hence removing hazard from the Public Realm.

A desktop services check has taken place of the identified tree pits and we have forwarded a list of 40 to a contractor requesting a quotation for manual assessment and report.

Once this assessment process is complete we hope to start a reinstatement programme in Q4.



### **Grass Verges - Cheery Orchard**

Following the inclusion to the grass cutting maintenance contract of the large grass margins not directly outside residents homes, in the Cherry Orchard Area, it has been noted how this has encouraged more individual residents in the area to start cutting their own grass verges outside their homes.

This initiative has led to greater civic pride being taken by our residents and giving the area an overall better look and feel and enhancing the community. Below are some photos where some residents have recently started to cut their own verges, and hopefully this will encourage others to do the same in due course.







### **Bluebell Cemetery**

Following representations regarding overgrowth at Bluebell Cemetery the Public Domain Office contacted our Parks Department who arranged for contractors to attend the site and clear the overgrowth and cut the grass. Parks Department also installed a new water station for family/visitors to water flowers & plants and cleared the waste collection area.



### **Drimnagh public phone kiosk to be removed**



Following representation from local residents, the Public Domain Office engaged with Eir to request the removal of this no longer in use public phone kiosk, as it is no longer serving any purpose and detracts from the appearance of the public realm.

The Kiosk, located on Galtymore Road, is the last of the unused Eir public phone kiosks in Dublin.

Eir have confirmed that the kiosk has now been placed on a works schedule and will be removed shortly.

### **Anti-Dumping Initiative**

As part of an anti-dumping initiative a leaflet drop is currently being arranged in the Ballyfermot Area offering a free mattress recycling collection for residents, please see images of the flyer below.

The initiative is about raising awareness of the importance of diverting mattresses from going directly into landfill and the environmental impact this has or even worse the impact of illegal dumping of mattresses, where they may be set on fire causing environmental damage.



The number of mattress available for recycling is limited and will be done on a first come, first served basis. It is anticipated that collections will commence in early August.

We are also advertising Dublin City Council's Bulky Waste collection Service on the back of the leaflet, which is available to all households in its administrative area, and how, for as little as €40, residents can have up to 5 large bulky items, including mattresses, collected from their door. It is hoped more people will avail of this service and that this may reduce the instances of illegal dumping in the area.

## Free Mattress Recycling

### Ballyfermot Area

WHY RECYCLE YOUR MATTRESS

Recycling mattresses reduces the need for raw materials such as steel, foam, and wood, which are used in their production. This helps conserve natural resources and reduces the environmental impact of extracting and processing these materials.

Mattresses are a Bulky Waste Item that take up a lot of space in landfill. By recycling them we can divert significant amounts of waste from landfill, extending their lifespan and reducing the need for landfill space.

Improper disposal of mattresses, such as illegal dumping or burning, lead to environmental pollution. Recycling mattresses helps prevent these harmful practices, reducing pollution and protecting the ecosystems.

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### How To Participate?

Contact the Ballyfermot Area office by the Email below;


[ballyfermot@dublincity.ie](mailto:ballyfermot@dublincity.ie)

Please supply the following information:

1. Your Full Name, Address, Eircode & Contact Telephone Number
2. The Size of mattress i.e, Single, Double, or King etc.

Please note;

- This offer is only available to residents in the Ballyfermot Area of Dublin City Council.
- We will be collecting Mattresses only (no frames, no bedding etc.)
- Maximum 2 Mattresses per address.
- Mattresses will need to be presented by you, at a predetermined time and place, which will be agreed upon in advance of collection with our collection agent.
- The number of mattresses available for collection is limited, applications will be accepted on a first come basis, So register your interest now!!



Comhairle Cathrach  
Bhaile Átha Cliath  
Dublin City Council



**Did You Know that Dublin City Council provide a bulky household waste collection service to all households in its administrative area, for as little as €40 for up to 5 items.**

**Interested? Simply scan the QR code below, which will bring you directly to Dublin City Council Citizen Hub portal, then simply follow the on screen instruction to arrange your collection.**



Alternatively enter the following web address into your web browser;

[https://citizenhub.dublincity.ie/service/bulky\\_Household\\_Waste\\_Collection](https://citizenhub.dublincity.ie/service/bulky_Household_Waste_Collection)

Terms and conditions apply

## Dublin Canvas





### **Illegal Dumping, Graffiti, & miscellaneous anti-social activities**

The Public Domain Office continue to address the anti-social issue of illegal Dumping & Graffiti in the area, with the support of Waste Management Services, Parks Department and hired contractors we endeavour to remove all such instances from the public realm. The Public Domain Office also engage with private land owners to remove illegal dumping or graffiti from their lands which is viewable from a public place. By engaging with private property owners, utility companies such as the ESB, Dublin Bus and Eir, to remove illegal dumping, graffiti or other issues regarding their infrastructure in the public realm, we endeavour to enhance the neighbourhoods and community appearance.

### **Graffiti – Walkinstown Road, outside the Kestrel Pub**



### **Illegal Dumping– Walkinstown library, bottle & clothes bank Before & After**







**Private lands - illegal dumping - Toyota Ireland site, Kylemore Way.**



**Illegal dumping of tyres – Ballyfermot Parade**



**Private lands - illegal dumping -15 – 16A Camac Park, Guardian Red Developers**





## **Rough Sleeping**

If you notice anyone rough sleeping in your community, please report it. There are a number of ways this can be done. You can go directly online to the Dublin Region Homeless Executive website (link below) and report it

<https://www.homelessdublin.ie/homeless/i-am-rough-sleeping/report-rough-sleeper>

**Or**

Download the Dublin Rough Sleeper Alerts app from the Apple store or Google play

The Dublin Region Homeless Executive is provided by Dublin City Council as the lead statutory local authority in the response to homelessness in Dublin. The information you provide will help street outreach teams, run by Dublin Simon Community for the DRHE, to locate the person and offer support.