



Director of Services Report South Central Area Committee Meeting 18th September, 2024



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SOUTH WEST INNER CITY ELECTORAL AREA

Public Realm & Capital Programmes

Meath Street Public Realm

Improvement Scheme: The detailed design phase of this project is underway and will continue until the end of 2024. It is expected a tender for construction will be issued towards the end of the year. Design work includes surveying and slit trench testing which is currently underway.

Newmarket Public Realm Improvement

Scheme: A tender for interim pedestrian improvement measures is expected to be issued in September. This work is being overseen by the Transportation Section and will include extended pedestrian areas, clearer crossing points and changes to parking arrangements.

Extensive public realm improvements for Newmarket and adjoining streets were approved under Part VIII in 2017 but to date no firm timescale to proceed to detailed design stage has been received from Roads Design Division.

Dolphin's Barn Public Realm

Improvement Scheme: Extensive public realm improvements for Dolphin's Barn and SCR were approved under Part VIII in 2018. These works are also complementary to approved Busconnects proposals (Kimmage to CC Core Corridor). To date no firm timescale to proceed to detailed design stage has been advised by Roads Design Division.

Dolphin's Barn Street Trees: Planned tree pit construction and tree planting at Haroldville Avenue, Reuben Street and St Anthony's Road is expected to commence in coming weeks. In total, we hope to install 15 no. tree planted areas. A start date will be advised to local residents ahead of works.



Carman's Hall Street Trees: A series of tree pits are proposed along Carman's Hall however, we require additional surveying of services to assess whether the locations are viable. Test trenches will be undertaken in September that, if successful, will allow us to proceed with construction and planting later this year or early next year.

St Luke's Avenue Medians: Proposals have been put forward by Parks Services to reconstruct and replant the median areas at Cork Street and St Luke's Avenue. We are now advised that this project should proceed over the coming winter/spring planting season.

Trees for Tenters: Parks Services are undertaking a number of tree planting, tree replacement and greening projects in the Tenters area over the coming months following engagement with the local community.

Vicar Street Parklet: This project should shortly go to tender.

Kilmainham Inchicore Network (KIN)

next meeting 16th September 2024, 5.30pm @ 6 Tyrconnell Road. At the June meeting a proposition to amalgamate KIN and **Inchicore Regeneration Consultative Forum (IRCF)** structures was not accepted by KIN members, it was agreed to review again mid-2025. KIN continues to share information about what is going on locally through monthly newsletter and website www.kilmainham-inchicore.ie

Inchicore Regeneration Consultative Forum – next meeting 16th September 2024, 7pm at 6 Tyrconnell Road.

Updates on Emmet Road Development will be received at the September IRCF meeting, previous updates were received in May 2024.

At the June meeting a proposition to amalgamate KIN and IRCF structures was not accepted by IRCF delegates, to be reviewed mid-2025.

IRCF Civic and Community Spaces subcommittee (meeting 18th October 2024) This subcommittee have met many times over the last 4 months, and continue to meet and engage with Dublin City Council Libraries discussing operational management and maintenance of Community Hub and Library building at Emmet Road Development. Members visited Ballyfermot and Coolock Libraries in June gaining valuable insights into the extensive services that DCC Libraries offer. A full update on the subcommittee work will be given at the IRCF September meeting.

IRCF Education Subcommittee next meeting 19th September 2024.

Life Long learning practitioners from Inchicore and Kilmainham meet quarterly; networking and sharing information about their organisations and work.

Grand Canal Activation and Animation Dublin City Council / Waterways Ireland Partnership: Grand Outdoors Summer (May/June) Programme 2024 evaluation is underway by Dublin City Council and Waterways Ireland; a programme of seasonal water sports on the Grand Canal with participation from local organisations and groups of all ages. Building capacity and long term interest and sustainability of water sports on the Grand Canal is the objective, the next stage includes strategic planning for the 2025 programme.

Inchicore Library, Richmond Barracks. Clodagh Mahon, has been appointed Senior Librarian at Inchicore Library, Richmond Barracks. Expansion of local library services is being planned, linking in

with local community organisations and schools. To sign up for Inchicore Library Newsletter click [here](#)

Inchicore Library update

The project continues to gather pace as we head into the final few weeks of Q3. With decisions made by the project team on the issues surrounding universal access the restoration project has made great strides in nearing the start of works commencing.

A shared desire by all parties involved to restore and maintain not only the outside fabric and look and feel of the building but also the internal fabric of the building is at the forefront of everyone's minds. Added to this the protection of registered structures list which the building is a part of the old Library refurbishment is in safe hands.

As always community engagement is a crucial cog in the wheel of any proposed project and strong lines of communication are open with local cultural, literacy and artists groups whose input is always held in the highest regard.

Inchicore Public Realm Improvement Projects – Goldenbridge Terrace and Emmet Road/Bulfin Road.

Public consultation on both these proposed public realm improvements projects was held over the month July 2024. A [Report](#) on outcomes from public consultation was prepared by design consultants. The next stage, currently underway, is preparation of detailed design documentation for contract tenders. The expected timeline is that a contractor will be appointed before the end of 2024 and work will commence in early 2025.

Goldenbridge Complex and Inchicore Library - feasibility study. Lorne Consultancy, commissioned by Dublin City Council, have completed the feasibility study for a Masterplan on the future use of Goldenbridge Complex and Inchicore Library. A presentation will be given at the October 2024 South Central Area Committee meeting.

Iveagh Markets: A programme of enabling works at the market hall was completed earlier this summer. It is proposed that a tender for the main refurbishment project will be issued in October/November with the expectation to commence works at the start of 2025.



City Walls: A major programme of repair will take place between September and

December to the largest extent of the old city walls at Cook Street. The wall is a national monument. The work includes removal of invasive vegetation, masonry repairs and redecoration of the gate.

Housing

Mary Aikenhead House

A pilot stairwell cleaning was conducted at Mary Aikenhead House, with a focus on gum removal. The method used effectively eliminated gum without damaging the composite surfaces. Given the successful results, it is anticipated that the contractor will proceed with cleaning all stairwells in the complex using the same technique.





Bonham Court

New CCTV cameras are currently being installed at Bonham Court, with a link to Eblana House included as part of the installation works.

Oliver Bond House

Window Replacement Programme

Preparations for the window replacement program have begun. The glazing contractor has started taking measurements and preparing the site for the works container.

Playground

A meeting has been scheduled with the playground contractor to discuss updates to the play areas in T and S blocks, E, D, F blocks, and the play area at A block.

Emmet Buildings

Playground and Football Pitch

A meeting has been scheduled with the contractor to discuss the updates to the play area and football pitch.

Emmet Crescent

Gate Lodge: Removal of burn marks from the wall.



Poole Street Playground

The Poole St playground has undergone intensive power washing to achieve an excellent level of cleanliness.





Tyrone Place Playground
Minor damage to Playground unit repaired.



Islandbridge Court

The painting of the complex has begun and is expected to take approximately 10 weeks to complete. The improvement is already noticeable.



Herberton / Reuben

The Management Company has submitted a comprehensive proposal to Dublin City Council for upgrading the access and lock systems in Block D and Block F.

Bulfin Court

One void unit allocated to a new tenant. Bushes tidied and cleared in the complex.

Dolphin House

Detenancing

Another family from the de-tenanted block has been allocated a new property.

Old Phase

One void unit allocated to a new family. 5 units currently with contractors, these will be allocated as soon as they are ready to let. Graffiti has been removed from several prominent locations.

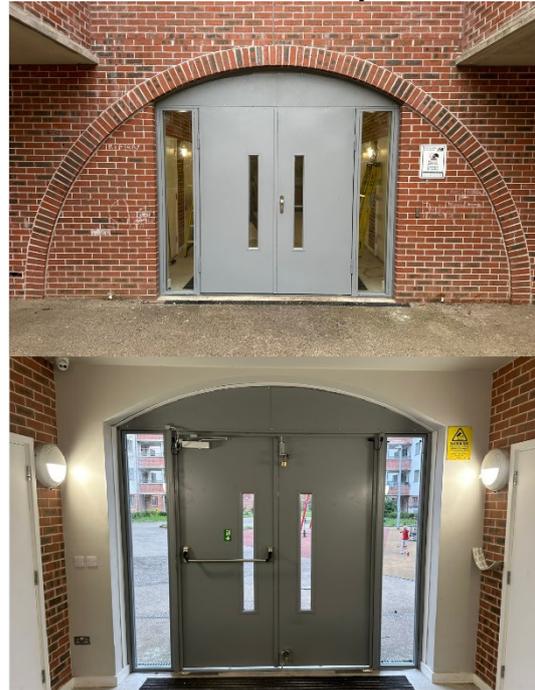


The railings along the canal have been repaired.

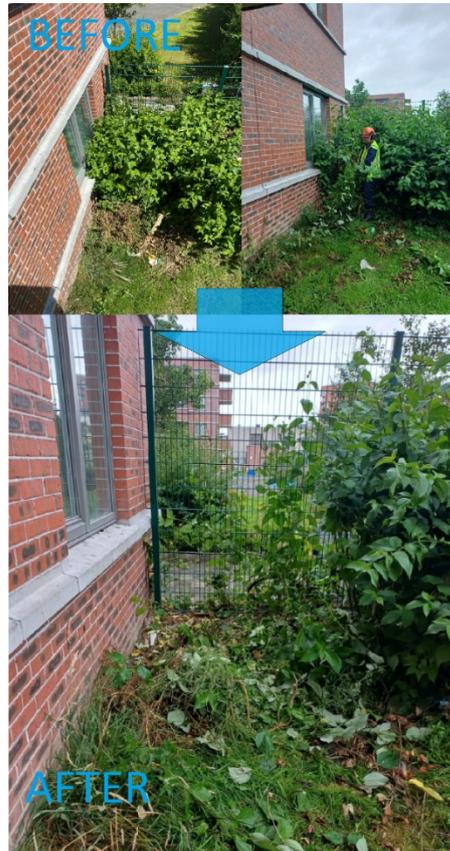


Block A New Phase

New door installed to courtyard



The bushes around Block G have been trimmed back.



Richmond Place Development (Housing With Supports)

Dublin City Council, Circle VHA, ALONE, and the HSE are delighted to present Housing with Support homes at Richmond Place, Inchicore.

The 'Housing with Support' model provides a supportive environment that enables older people to live full lives in their own homes within their community. This is a new model of housing, support, and care.

Dublin City Council will retain the nomination rights for this development. A total of 297 letters have been sent to all applicants on the Older Persons List for Area J.

The South West Inner City Area Office is currently conducting Garda checks for the first group of nominations we have received.

Voids

Address	Type of Unit	Vacant Possession Date	Status	Estimated Completion Date
Ave Maria Road	1 Bed House	19/03/2024	With contractor	29/09/2024
Ave Maria Road	1 Bed House	27/08/2024	Awaiting vacant possession	N/A
Basin Street	0 Bed Flat	24/07/2024	Complex pending redevelopment	N/A
Basin Street	2 Bed Flat	01/12/2024	Complex pending redevelopment	N/A
Basin Street	2 Bed Flat	29/04/2024	Complex pending redevelopment	N/A
Basin Street	2 Bed Flat	21/02/2023	Complex pending redevelopment	N/A
Basin Street	2 Bed Flat	15/12/2022	Complex pending redevelopment	N/A
Basin Street	2 Bed Flat	28/01/2021	Complex pending redevelopment	N/A
Basin Street	2 Bed Flat	01/05/2024	Complex pending redevelopment	N/A
Basin Street	3 Bed Flat	31/08/2022	Complex pending redevelopment	N/A
Basin Street	2 Bed Flat	24/10/2021	Complex pending redevelopment	N/A
Basin Street	3 Bed Flat	13/12/2020	Complex pending redevelopment	N/A
Basin Street	0 Bed Flat	01/06/2022	Complex pending redevelopment	N/A
Basin Street	2 Bed Flat	01/05/2024	Complex pending redevelopment	N/A
Basin Street	2 Bed Flat	01/11/2022	Complex pending redevelopment	N/A
Basin Street	2 Bed Flat	25/06/2024	Complex pending redevelopment	N/A
Basin Street	2 Bed Flat	01/06/2024	Complex pending redevelopment	N/A

Basin Street	2 Bed Flat	25/05/2023	Complex pending redevelopment	N/A
Basin Street	2 Bed Flat	15/01/2024	Complex pending redevelopment	N/A
Basin Street	2 Bed Flat	01/10/2022	Complex pending redevelopment	N/A
Basin Street	2 Bed Flat	22/06/2023	Complex pending redevelopment	N/A
Bertram Court	1 Bed Apartment	05/07/2023	With Contractors	30/11/2024
Braithwaite Street	2 Bed Flat	21/01/2024	With Contractor	Complete – keys due week beginning 16/09/2024
Bulfin Court	1 Bed Senior Citizen	24/03/2024	With Depot	30/09/2024
Cammock Purcell	2 Bed Apartment	09/05/2024		Complete – keys due week beginning 16/09/2024
Chandler's Guild	1 Bed House	11/01/2024	Ready to Let	N/A
Coombe Court	1 Bed Senior Citizen	18/01/2024	Estate Management	Under Offer
Dolphin House	1 Bed Flat	05/07/2024	With Depot	30/09/2024
Dolphin House	3 Bed Flat	17/12/2023	With Depot	30/09/2024
Dolphin House	2 Bed Flat	26/05/2024	With Depot	30/10/2024
Dolphin House	2 Bed Flat	16/06/2024	With Contractors	30/10/2024
Dolphin House	2 Bed Flat	02/07/2024	With Contractors	30/10/2024
Dolphin House	2 Bed Flat	04/09/2024	With Depot	04/11/2024
Dolphin House	1 Bed Flat	16/06/2024	Ready to Let	N/A
Dolphin House	2 Bed Flat	17/12/2023	Temporarily being used by another tenant	N/A
Echlin Street	1 Bed House	22/04/2024	With Depot	Complete – keys due week beginning 16/09/2024
Emmet Buildings	0 Bed Flat	23/11/2023	Ready to Let	N/A
Emmet Crescent	3 Bed House	16/06/2024	With Contractor 12/08/2024	
Garden View Court	1 Bed Senior Citizen	11/07/2023	Ready to Let	N/A
Greenville Place	1 Bed Flat	11/04/2024	Ready to Let	N/A
Islandbridge Court	1 Bed Flat	01/0/2023	Ready to Let	Under Offer
Islandbridge Court	0 Bed Flat	14/04/2024	Painters using this unit	Painters using this unit
Islandbridge Court	2 Bed Flat	20/05/2024	Ready to Let	Keys to Allocations 26/08/2024 – Under CBL
Islandbridge Court	0 Bed Flat	04/12/2023	Ready to Let	CBL – Awaiting nomination
Lourdes Road	2 Bed House	05/05/2024	With depot	Complete – keys due week beginning 16/09/2024
Margaret Kennedy Court	2 Bed Apartment	07/05/2024	With Contractor (Under offer)	13/09/2024
Marrowbone Lane	1 Bed Flat	17/03/2024	Ready to Let	Under CBL
Mary Aikenhead House	3 Bed Flat	16/06/2024	With Depot	01/11/2024
Mary Aikenhead House	1 Bed Flat	06/06/2024	Ready to Let	Under CBL
Maxwell Street	1 Bed House	12/07/2024	With contractor	10/11/2024

McGovern's Corner	1 Bed Apartment	30/03/2024	Under Offer	
Meath Place	2 Bed Flat	25/07/2024	With Contractors 13/08/2024	01/11/2024
Memorial Court	1 Bed Senior Citizen	26/11/2023	Ready to Let	Awaiting Nomination
Memorial Court	1 Bed Senior Citizen	23/04/2024	With Depot	20/09/2024
Memorial Court	1 Bed Senior Citizen	30/08/2024	With Depot	30/11/2024
Newmarket Square	3 Bed House	25/07/2024	With depot	11/10/2024
Oblate View	1 Bed Flat	08/04/2024	Ready to Let 06/06/2024	Under Offer
Oliver Bond	2 Bed Flat	07/07/2024	With Depot	26/10/2024
Oliver Bond	2 Bed Flat	20/02/2024	Ready to Let	Awaiting Nomination
Oliver Bond	1 Bed Flat	17/04/2022	Ready to Let	Awaiting Nomination
Oliver Bond	2 Bed Flat	07/04/2022	Ready to Let	Awaiting Nomination
Oliver Bond	2 Bed Flat	11/12/2022	Ready to Let	Awaiting Nomination
Oliver Bond	1 Bed Flat	02/07/2023	Ready to Let	Awaiting Nomination
Oliver Bond	1 Bed Flat	16/06/2024	Ready to Let	Awaiting Nomination
Oliver Bond	0 Bed Flat	04/04/2023	Depot	10/11/2024
Oliver Bond	0 Bed Flat	15/08/2022	Ready to Let 09/06/2023	Awaiting Nomination
Oliver Bond	2 Bed Flat	30/04/2023	Ready to Let 20/10/2023	Awaiting Nomination
Oliver Bond	2 Bed Flat	17/03/2024	Ready to Let	Awaiting Nomination
Oliver Bond	2 Bed Flat	16/06/2024	To be issued to contractors	11/12/2024
Oliver Bond	2 Bed Flat	18/08/2024	Being used by engineers temporarily	Being used by engineers temporarily
Oliver Bond	1 Bed Flat	25/02/2024	With Depot	
Oliver Bond	2 Bed Flat	30/05/2023	Ready to Let 31/05/2024	Awaiting Nomination
Oliver Bond	2 Bed Flat	11/02/2024	Ready to Let	N/A
Oliver Bond	2 Bed Flat	17/09/2024	Ready to Let	N/A
Oliver Bond	2 Bed Flat	04/02/2024	Ready to Let 31/05/2024	Awaiting Nomination
Oliver Bond	1 Bed Flat	26/11/2023	Ready to Let	N/A
Oliver Bond	2 Bed Flat	07/04/2024	Ready to Let	N/A
Pimlico Square	1 Bed House	06/12/2023	Ready to Let	N/A
Pimlico Square	1 Bed House	01/05/2024	With Contractor	01/11/2024
Pimlico Square	1 Bed House	05/12/2022	Ready to Let	N/A
Reuben Square	1 Bed Flat	21/05/2024	Ready to Let	Awaiting Nomination
Robert Street	1 Bed Flat	05/05/2024	Ready to Let	Under CBL
Robinson's Court	1 Bed Senior Citizen	04/02/2024	With Contractor	21/09/2024
Robinson's Court	1 Bed Senior Citizen	19/01/2024	With Contractor	21/09/2024
Sarah Place	Bedsit	19/04/2024	With Depot	22/11/2024
Sarah Place	2 Bed Flat	21/04/2024	With Depot	17/10/2024
School Street	2 Bed Flat	21/03/2023	With contractor	Complete – keys due week beginning 16/09/2024
St. Audeon's House	3 Bed Flat	18/09/2022	With Contractor	N/A
St. Audeon's House	1 Bed Flat	04/09/2022	With Contractor	N/A
St. Michaels Lane	2 Bed House	17/05/2020	Illegal Occupier	With Law Dept

Summer Street South	2 Bed Flat	26/05/2024	With Contractor	01/11/2024
Summer Street South	2 Bed Flat	15/04/2024	With Contractor	01/11/2024
Summer Street South	2 Bed Flat	16/01/2024	With Contractor	01/11/2024
The Coombe	1 Bed Apartment	14/04/2024	Ready to Let	Awaiting nomination
The Coombe	4 Bed House	22/02/2024	With contractor	Complete – keys due week beginning 16/09/2024
The Maltings	1 Bed Flat	22/12/2023	With Contractor	Keys to Allocations 05/09/2024
The Timberyard	2 Bed Flat	16/04/2024	Ready to Let	Under CBL
Thomas Court	2 Bed Flat	20/11/2022	With Contractor (under offer)	13/09/2024
Thomas Court	1 Bed Flat	11/02/2024	With Contractor	30/09/2024
Thomas Court	2 Bed Flat	07/11/2021	With Contractor (under offer)	13/09/2024
Thomas Court	5 Bed House			With Engineers
Tyrone Place	2 Bed Flat	03/09/2023	Ready to Let	Section 15
Tyrone Place	Bedsit	14/12/2023	With Depot	10/11/2024
Tyrone Place	Bedsit	28/01/2024	With Depot	03/10/2024
Tyrone Place	2 Bed Flat	19/05/2024	Ready to Let	Keys to Allocations 05/09/2024
Weavers Row	2 Bed Apartment	10/04/2024	With Contractors (CBL)	Near completion

Community

Bulfin Ladies Club

The community team has supported active retirement groups in summer days out working alongside Dublin South City Partnership. Everyone involved enjoyed a trip to the scenic setting of Russborough house and a personalised guided tour of the house and grounds.

Integration Fun Day - 23rd August

Working in conjunction with the Dublin City Council sports Integration officers, the Ukraine crisis centre and School Street Family Resource Centre the community team delivered an Integration family fun day in St. Catherine's Sports Hall. There was carnival games, musical entertainment, face painting and sport for all to enjoy. The event was very well attended, a huge thanks to all involved and the staff in St. Catherine's Sports Hall.

Ukraine Independence Day-24th August

Twinned with the above event was a celebration of Ukraine Independence day, "Pulse of freedom", held at St. Patrick's Tower in the digital hub. The community team working in collaboration with the

Ukraine Crisis Centre, provided support and guidance for the event.

It was a great chance for people from all over the community to come together and enjoy some traditional Ukraine food, music and entertainment.

Tenters Residents Association

Once again, the Tenters Residents Association enjoyed their annual street party on Sunday 15th September, with the help of the South Central Area community team. Colourful marquees, some music and tasty homemade treats were enjoyed by all who attended as the Tenters community spirit was in full flow.

St Paul's Senior Citizens Club

This year St Paul's Senior Citizens Club celebrates 50 years in the community. The group meets once a week for beloved bingo, tea, chats, and plans outings throughout the year.

The group will be marking their milestone with additional celebrations; Dublin City Council Community team will continue to support the group with their plans.

Inchicore Work Estate Residents Association (I.W.E.R.A) are publishing their new quarterly newsletter "On Track". Dublin City Council will have a small pull out in this fantastic initiative with information on the various sections in the Area Office, a list of elected representatives and an introduction to the community development team in the area.

Mini Fun Day Basin Street Flats
After the huge success and active role residents played in the Mini Fun Day held in Basin Street Flat complex in Saturday 27th July, the SWIC community team are organising a meeting with residents and Crosscare with a view to establishing a voluntary run summer project for 2025 in the complex.

Grant Writing & Capacity Building Workshops
South Central Area and Kimmage Rathmines Community Development Teams are working collaboratively with Dublin South City Partnership to co-ordinate a series capacity building and skills based workshops for local community groups - committee skills and grant writing workshops.

The workshops will commence with Grant Writing Workshops taking place on Thursday 26th and Monday 30th September from 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. and will be followed by Committee skills training in October. Workshops have been advertised to groups/organisations locally.

Crowdfund
The Autumn 2024 round of the above is now open with a deadline of **Wednesday the 23rd of October** to have projects fully costed, any relevant permissions in place and the project page created on Spacehive.
Through the fund, community groups, social enterprises, local charities and individuals with community support could potentially receive a pledge of up to 50% of their crowdfunding target, capped at €5,000. The purpose of the fund is to invest in projects that will enhance green

spaces, create colourful, vibrant and inclusive public spaces, or support sustainable communities and environmental initiatives.

To help project creators understand the process two workshops, both online and in person are available for groups to attend. Dublin City Council Community Development team have circulated information to local community groups and organisations for their consideration.

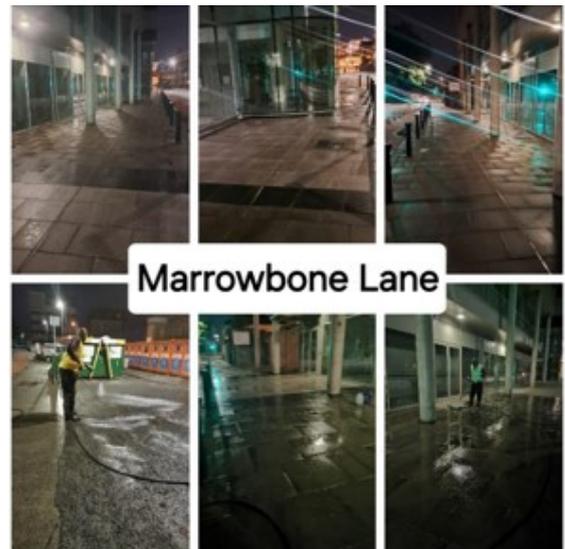
Dublin City Council Community Grants 2024
The closing date for Dublin City Council Community Grants was 16th August; grants are currently being processed locally by community teams.

Halloween
Dublin City Council Community team, have held meetings and facilitated sessions regarding activities for Halloween 2024 with local community groups/organisations.
Further information on events and activities taking place at Halloween in South West Inner City to follow.

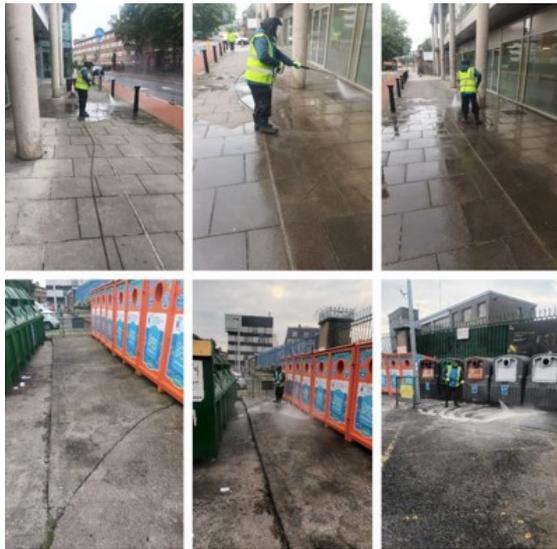
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Graffiti Treatment South West Inner City
872m of graffiti was treated during the Months July & August-some examples below: Weaver Park, St Lukes Ave, Bridgefoot St, Emmet Crescent, Marks Alley West, Merchants Quay, Goldenbridge, The Coombe, Francis St, Hanover Lane Arch, St Augustine St, Back Lane Crane St, Blackpitts, Engine Alley, Harcourt Lodge, John Dillon St, Kilmainham Lane, Steevens Lane, Suir Rd Bridge and environs, Memorial Rd.

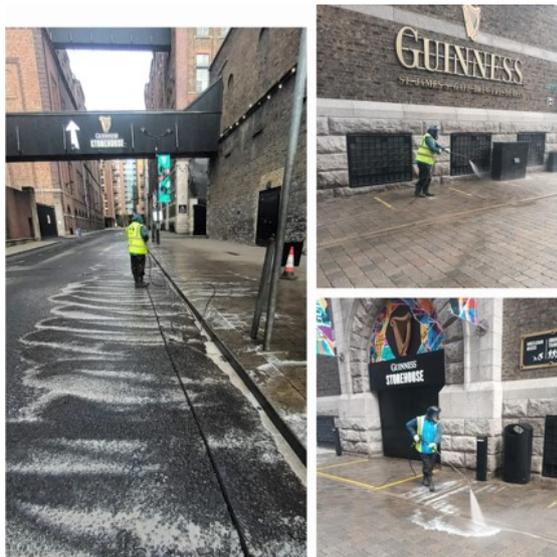
Waste Management Cleaning



Various Locations Washed by the night crew



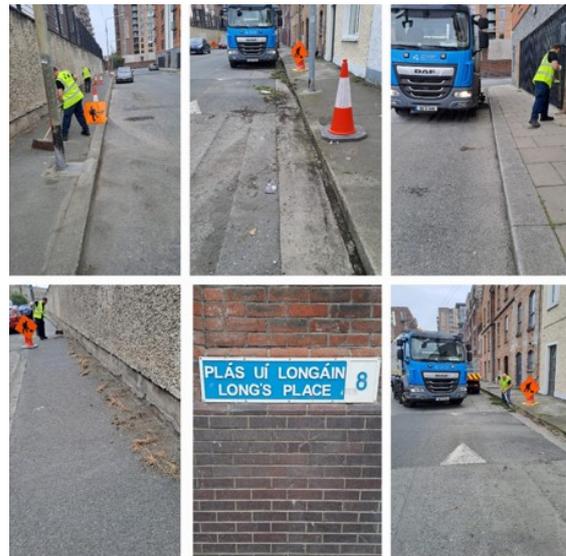
Early shift power washing Marrowbone Bottle Bank & Guinness Storehouse



Steps from Mount Brown to Bow Lane West & environs Swept and cleared of weeds & debris.



The 7/7 Suburban Shift deep cleaning Long's Place Sunday 1st September



Report on Citizen Hub requests for July/Aug 2024	Open Cases	Closed Cases	Grand Total
Abandoned Bicycles	3	0	3
Abandoned Vehicle	14	36	50
Bulky Household Waste Collection	1	59	60
Community Clean Up Collection	1	66	67
Illegal Dumping	6	571	577
Litter Offence	0	73	73
On Street - Weed Control	4	8	12

Public Bin Maintenance	5	130	135
Report a Dead Animal	0	21	21
Report Electoral Poster	0	4	4
Report Fallen Leaves	0	8	8
Report Graffiti	3	35	38
Request a Dog Fouling Sign	0	2	2
Street Cleaning Sweep Your Street	0	106	106

Dublin Canvas Utility Box Art Works 2024



Installation on Meath St/The Coombe. Imelda May pictured attending the launch. Art work by UniqueSteve.

Art works: located at Donore Ave, Cork St. – *Nuts* by Jason Vincent & Work in progress by Izzy Fox (Telephone kiosk)



Winetavern St, -*Full Moon* by Sara Maneiro Rey

Marrowbone Lane – *Marrowbone lane flats* by John Hoban and Bridgefoot St. – *Abundance through the year* by Mindy Tang



Flowering Planter Kilmainham Plaza

21 Three Tiered Flowering Planters and 14 Flowering Baskets throughout SWIC at: Cornmarket, Cork St., Rialto, Inchicore and Kilmainham. The floral display has been provided and maintained under contract to a very high standard adding colour and vibrancy to the SWIC & urban villages.



The City Neighbourhood Awards

The SCA Neighbourhood Award Show took place at the Hyatt Centric on Monday 16th September 7pm. The winners will be invited to The City Awards in Croke Park on Friday 4th October. The results will be in the October Area Committee.

Comhairle Cathrach
Dublin Area Council
Dublin City Council

Comórtas Comharsanachtaí Chathair Bhaile Átha Cliath 2
Ceanntar an Lártheisi
Dublin City Neighbourhoods Competition 2
South Central /

Cuireadh chun Freastail ar Searmanas Bronnta

Tionad: Hyatt Centric, Sráid an Déin, Na Sairisí, Baile Átha Cliath, D08 W3X7

Dáta: An Luan, 16ú Meán Fómhair 2024.

Ain: 7pm (beidh sílaistí beaga ar fáil ag 6.00pm)

Duaiseanna á bhronnadh ag an gComhairleoir Vincent Jackson, Cathaoirleach ar Choiste Ceanntar an Lártheiscirt

Invitation to Attend Awards Ceremony

Venue: Hyatt Centric, Dean St, The Liberties Dublin, D08 W3X7

Date: Monday, 16th September 2024.

Time: 7pm (light refreshments from 6.00pm)

Prizes presented by Councillor Vincent Jackson, South Central Area Committee Chair

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Clean Slate

Weeding and cleaning of the paved and landscaped area adjacent to Herberton complex opposite Clarkes Terrace & Ashgrove/ Coombe Court located at The Coombe.

The South Central 2024 Anti-Dumping Initiative

Cirtex a Longford based company recycle old mattresses, saving thousands of tons of material from going to landfill. From steel springs and polyurethane foam to fabric and fillings, every part of the mattress is recovered. We engaged this contractor as they are an innovative company using recovered textiles to produce a wide range of valuable products, including thermal and acoustic insulation for domestic and commercial use, floor underlay, arena fibre, and insulator pads for mattresses and furniture cushioning. **139 Mattresses were recovered and transported to the Cirtex facility for treatment.**



BALLYFERMOT DRIMNAGH ELECTORAL AREA

Housing

Tristan Square

The allocation of the units has been progressing with 150 of the units occupied and the remaining units set to be occupied over the next 2 weeks.

Bluebell Waterways

The LDA and DCC met with Bluebell Community Council on 28th August and outlined the next stage of the process – a planning application will be made in the coming months. The meeting was well attended with a very robust discussion taking place.

Sons of Divine Providence

DCC are continuing to negotiate terms and conditions of land transfers with the Sons of Divine Providence. The Architects Division are continuing their work on preparing a brief to procure the services of 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

An update briefing will be given to the members by the project leader at the area committee meeting

Site 2 of the Local Area Plan

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 4, 2024.

Site 4 of the Local Area Plan

Planning permission has been granted for the development and the naming of the development will be progressed next.

Rafters/Crumlin Road

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 a Stage 2 application was submitted to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in early 2024. The next step following Stage 2 approval will be to begin the pre-part 8 process

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.

The programme up to funding application stage has been extended due to design team delays finalising the extent of works and associated costs. Draft plans and costings were provided in early September

which were reviewed by TAU and a number of queries were raised. Once in receipt of clarifications, costs will be reviewed by DCC quantity surveyors. Submission to the DHLGH is expected late September following DCC peer review. Part 8 application for Phase 1 is expected January '25

Property Type	
House	42
Maisonette	2
Apartment	16
Senior Citizens	15
Total	75

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. Task orders are currently being prepared in order to obtain quotations for works.

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

South Central Area	
House	38
Apartment	23
Senior Citizens	23
Total	84

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 now expected to commence late September due to contractor scheduling conflicts.

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

Type	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	BALLYFERMOT CRESCENT	2	21/07/2024	For framework	TBC
House	BALLYNEETY ROAD	2	03/04/2024	On offer	
House	BARNVILLE PARK	1	14/08/2024	For framework	TBC
House	BARNVILLE PARK	1	16/06/2024	With contractor	06/09/2024
House	BARNVILLE PARK	2	30/06/2024	For framework	TBC
Senior Citizens	BERNARD CURTIS COURT	1	31/03/2024	On offer	
Apartment	BERNARD CURTIS HOUSE	2	14/04/2024	Tenant selected	
Apartment	BERNARD CURTIS HOUSE	2	16/06/2024	With contractor	09/09/2024
Senior Citizens	BLACKDITCH COURT	1	14/08/2024	Tenant selected	30/08/2024
Senior Citizens	BLACKDITCH COURT	1	27/08/2024	With depot	TBC
Senior Citizens	BLACKDITCH COURT	1	27/08/2024	With depot	TBC
Senior Citizens	BLACKDITCH COURT	1	09/06/2024	With Depot	31/10/2024
Senior Citizens	BLACKDITCH ROAD	1		With Contractor	30/11/2024
House	CHERRY ORCHARD AVENUE	3	04/06/2024	For framework	30/09/2024
House	CHERRY ORCHARD GROVE	3		AGS checks being carried out	09/09/2024
Senior Citizens	CLADDAGH COURT	1	22/02/2024	Issued to Depot	TBC
Senior Citizens	CLADDAGH COURT	1	14/07/2024	Issued to Depot	TBC
House	CLEGGAN ROAD	2	30/05/2024	For framework	10/10/2024
House	CLOVERHILL DRIVE	3	10/03/2024	With Contractor	15/11/2024
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	27/08/2024
House	COLEPARK AVENUE	3	22/01/2024	Acquisition - On offer	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	02/10/2024
Senior Citizens	CORNAMONA COURT	1	28/08/2024	With depot	TBC
House	CROFTWOOD GARDENS	2	25/02/2024	On CBL	
House	CROFTWOOD GARDENS	2		For framework	TBC
House	CROFTWOOD PARK	4	12/04/2023	With contractor	10/09/2024
House	CROFTWOOD PARK	3	22/08/2023	Tenant selected	30/08/2024
House	CURLEW ROAD	3		With contractor	30/08/2024
Apartment	DAVITT HOUSE	0	21/02/2023	Tenant Selected	TBC
Apartment	DAVITT HOUSE	0	25/11/2023	AGS Checks underway	TBC

Apartment	DAVITT HOUSE	0	20/09/2023	AGS Checks underway	TBC
Apartment	DAVITT HOUSE	0	07/07/2024	For framework	TBC
Apartment	DAVITT HOUSE	0	19/10/2022	AGS Checks underway	TBC
Apartment	DAVITT HOUSE	0	02/06/2024	For framework	TBC
Apartment	DAVITT HOUSE	0	04/03/2024	AGS Checks underway	01/08/2024
House	ELMDALE DRIVE	3	31/03/2024	For Framework	30/10/2024
House	ELMDALE DRIVE	4	21/06/2024	For framework	28/10/2024
House	ERRIGLE ROAD	3	25/07/2024	With contractor	29/11/2024
Senior Citizens	Fr KITT COURT	1	02/06/2024	With Depot	30/09/2024
Senior Citizens	Fr KITT COURT	1	23/04/2023	Tenant selected	30/09/2024
Apartment	KINGS HALL	1	19/10/2023	Tenant Selected	06/09/2024
Senior Citizens	KILNAMANAGH COURT	1	29/05/2024	With Depot	29/09/2024
House	KNOCKMAREE	3		Tenant selected	
Senior Citizens	LA TOUCHE COURT	1		Issued to Depot	30/11/2024
Senior Citizens	LA TOUCHE COURT	1	20/09/2023	Issued to Depot	20/09/2024
House	Le FANU ROAD	3	03/04/2024	Under offer - 2 refusals	
House	LALLY ROAD	3	18/06/2024	For framework	30/09/2024
House	LALLY ROAD	2	16/06/2024	For framework	30/09/2024
House	LANDEN ROAD	2	25/07/2024	For framework	TBC
House	LANDEN ROAD	3	28/08/2023	Tenant selected	06/09/2024
House	LISSADELL DRIVE	3	30/07/2024	For framework	TBC
Maisonette	LISSADEL ROAD	2	05/07/2024	For framework	26/09/2024
Maisonette	LISSADEL ROAD	2		New tenant selected	28/06/2024
Apartment	OBLATE VIEW	1	08/04/2024	Tenant selected	
House	O'DWYER ROAD	3	25/05/2022	Legal issue with boundary	
House	ORANMORE ROAD	3	20/05/2024	Tenant selected	20/10/2024
House	ORANMORE ROAD	2	14/06/2024	For framework	14/10/2024
House	RAHEEN PARK	3	03/03/2024	With Contractor	30/09/2024
Senior Citizens	ROSSAVEAL COURT	1	03/12/2023	Issued to Depot	31/10/2024
House	ROSSMORE ROAD	3	06/02/2024	Tenant selected - 1st offer refused	
House	ROSSMORE ROAD	3		For Framework	TBC
Apartment	SEVEN OAKS	2	07/05/2024	Tenant selected - 1st offer refused	
Apartment	SEVEN OAKS	2		Tenant selected	
Apartment	THE STEEPLES	1	19/07/2024	With contractor	19/10/2024
Apartment	THE STEEPLES	2	29/07/2024	With contractor	29/11/2024
Apartment	THE STEEPLES	2	19/06/2024	For framework	19/09/2024
House	THOMOND ROAD	2		For framework	TBC
House	THOMOND ROAD	2	21/04/2024	With contractor	30/11/2024

Community

Community Festivals 2024

The Community team is actively involved at committee level with the community festivals and has provided funding and practical support to local events. DCC Community Development team also provided key supports regarding event schedules, securing park permits and complete event management plans and risk assessments. As many of the summer and autumn festivals have now taken place committees are currently working on event review meetings and recommendations and plans for 2025.

Alongside the Community Festivals DCC Community Development team has facilitated community play events which were incorporated into local festival content. Additional funding secured from Department of Children, Equality, and Disability & Youth (DCEDIY) provided an additional €3,000 from the National Playday Grant Fund which covered costs for additional support for play activities in Walkinstown, Bluebell and Drimnagh.

DCC South Central Area Community team has provided key supports for the following Festivals which took place from June to September 2024:

Wonderful Walkinstown Festival:

Walkinstown festival took place on 1st September 2024. Through a regular series of festival meetings (approximately 8 meetings) and extensive fund raising, an excellent festival programme was delivered successfully with over 2,000 people attending the event throughout the day. The key focus of this year's festival was to celebrate and involve new communities. To this end the addition of "Shamrock Bangra" added to a diverse and interactive stage line up for the day. It is hoped that this will increase year on year to ensure a highly inclusive annual event that involves a broad range of community groups that supports age-friendly, youth, children, arts, culture,

heritage, history, environmental, health and well-being initiatives.

Drimnagh Summer Festival:

The Drimnagh Festival committee has undergone a number of changes in key roles for the festival committee which resulted in "Dynamic Drimnagh" taking responsibility for the festival by taking on the role of Drimnagh Festival Committee in order to coordinate and deliver this event. Subsequently, approximately 8 festival meetings were held which resulted in the provision of a 3 day festival which took place on Friday 23rd, Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th August and included events such as Community Play Event (Errigal Field), Summer Sizzle Salsa Dance (Our Ladies Hall) Park Run, Football Tournament and Opera in the Park (Brickfield Park) and Family Fun Day (Good Counsel/Liffey Gaels GAA Grounds Davitt Road). All events were well attended with 150 to 3,000 people attending events through the weekend of the festival. The key focus of this festival was to incorporate family friendly and intergenerational activities with the final event, the family fun day, including acts from a broad range of local talent alongside special guests. Both Ballyfermot/Drimnagh and Kimmage Rathmines Community teams worked collaboratively to provide combined support for this newly formed festival committee in order to support and increase the capacity of the committee to deliver a highly successful and safe event.

Opera in the Park:

As mentioned above regarding festival programmes, the Annual Open Air Evening Operas took place on July 11th in The Peoples Park @ 7.00pm and August 24th in Brickfield Park @ 6.30pm. Both events were incorporated as part of the Ballyfermot Cherry Orchard Arts Festival and the Drimnagh Festival and were very well attended with an average audience of 200 per performance.



Bluebell Summer Festival & Autism Support Initiative:

DCC Community team held a number of meetings with the Bluebell Summer Festival committee during June and July and agreed there wasn't sufficient capacity to organise a local festival. Instead, it was agreed to make resources available to promoting and highlighting a new support group for children and young people and their caregivers. This was supported collaboratively through the Festival Committee which included Bluebell CDB, Bluebell Combined Communities and Bluebell Youth Service and Dublin City Council. An event was planned to highlight the development of a local and permanent sensory unit at Bluebell Bungalow. The unit caters for children and young people with additional needs i.e. those with mixed abilities, ASD, ADHD, Autism Spectrum

Disorder and Asperger's conditions. Additionally a community play event was hosted by the committee as a launch event for this initiative. The event took place on Saturday 27th July and was well attended by children with ASD, ADHD, Autism Spectrum Disorder and Asperger's and their caregivers and a range of community representatives who were committed to supporting this initiative. Activities included free play, electric zoo, arts and crafts music and most importantly fun for the children attending and tea, chats and networking support for their parents and caregivers.





Chapelizod Festival:

Chapelizod Festival took place from Monday 1st July – Sunday 7th 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



Ballyfermot Cherry Orchard Arts Festival:

Ballyfermot Cherry Orchard Arts Festival ran from Sunday 7th July to Sunday 14th July which saw 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 returned this year as part of the festival. The new committee has brought great energy and plenty of new ideas for the festival. The festival was funded in the main by the Community team and the remaining funding was raised by fundraising and sponsorship.



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 Firework 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 took place in July to establish event locations, content etc. Following on from the success of the inclusive, accessible "Not So Scary Spooky Space" in 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 an inclusive and accessible Halloween themed event as part of the overall festival.

The Community staff are working with the local Community Gardaí, Dublin Fire Brigade, Animal Welfare and other organisations to provide safety talks to local primary schools and carry out a publicity campaign to remind children to stay safe and play safe over the Halloween period.

Environment

Bulbs not Bonfires:

The Council will provide local residents groups and Environmental projects with spring bulbs and encourage community planting days leading up to Halloween to promote positive activity and discourage bonfires.

South Central Age Friendly Programme

Ballyfermot Age Friendly Programme:

The Ballyfermot Autumn Age Friendly Programme, which runs until Tuesday 24th September from 2.00pm – 4.00pm in The Ballyfermot Community Civic Centre, is currently experiencing high volumes of attendance on a weekly basis.

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 Winter Age Friendly events will begin on Tuesday 29th October and run for 8 weeks up until Tuesday 3rd December, with a mix of Bingo, Line Dancing, Active Agers Health & Wellbeing Talks/Exercise, Tea Dances and some surprise activities.

The Community team have been supporting Together FM to run the Together FM Film Club which runs monthly alongside the Age Friendly Programme. Coming up in October they are screening Frankenstein on Thursday 10th October in the Ballyfermot Civic Centre.

These events have become an intrinsic part of the older people's lives around the South Central Area and have also become

a place to meet new life partners as with Pat and Jean (Photo 1) and a meeting place for long lost family reunions Mark and Ann (Photo 2).



Drimnagh/Walkinstown Bluebell Age Friendly Programme The Drimnagh/Walkinstown Bluebell Autumn/Winter Age Friendly Programme will resume from September 16th. This new programme will include activities based on recommendations from review meetings with key stakeholders. It is hoped that the new Autumn/Winter Programme will respond to the local needs of this cohort of residents and ensure an interesting and fun 2024 Autumn/Winter Age Friendly programme by including activities such as history talks, dance, drama and the ever popular tea dances.

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, The Ballyfermot Community Civic Centre and Slaintecare are working together to upgrade the existing computers and Wi-Fi within the Ballyfermot & Chapelizod areas and Kylemore College have offered to work with us to teach the residents how to use the new equipment. These will be in place in early September.

Fr Kitt Court Animation Programme Fr Kitt Sheltered Housing Complex animation programme will recommence from 16th September with chair yoga and a series of history talks and flower arranging workshops.

The recent development of a local gardening group is an ongoing initiative whereby many of the local residents have been busy over the summer months tending and maintaining outdoor communal spaces within the complex in addition to planting vegetables with a view to providing 'Veggie Honesty Boxes' for local residents. Dublin City Council Community Team are also liaising with Dublin City Council Parks & Landscape Services to provide information sessions on cultivation and maintenance of communal outdoor green spaces to support this initiative.

The Christmas Afternoon Tea Dance is also planned as part of Fr Kitt animation programme as it is greatly anticipated by local residents.

Community Buildings

Walkinstown Community Centre Walkinstown Community Centre is undergoing management changes following the sad passing of the centre manager earlier this year.

Through ongoing work by the management committee and support from the D12 Men's Shed, a number of repairs and enhancement works have been completed e.g. upgrading toilets, painting of interior and exterior of the building etc.

DCC Community Development Team continue to meet regularly with the Board of Management and provide practical and financial support in order to ensure that all health and safety requirements and local community needs are met through the smooth running of this community building and services.

Lord Mayor

Lord Mayors Initiative

Following an invitation from Lord Mayor James Geoghegan regarding Autism Friendly Villages (17th September), DCC Community Development Team will work with the Lord Mayor's Office to implement this initiative. This will involve collaborative work with community officers across the city alongside local engagement that includes children and young people experiencing these conditions and their caregivers. This initiative will support ongoing and existing work regarding local needs in terms of autism awareness and support as it will be aimed at achieving the Lord Mayor's target of obtaining 11 x Autism Friendly Villages/Communities e.g. one in each local area.

Social Inclusion

Dynamic Drimnagh & Drimnagh Historical Group:

DCC Ballyfermot/Drimnagh and Kimmage Rathmines Community Teams Community Development Teams have worked closely with Dynamic Drimnagh to support the Drimnagh Historical Group in the development the "Drimnagh Historical Pocket Map". Further support in terms of developing a detailed user friendly map of local historical sites was researched and edited by local historian Cathy Scuffil. DCC Local Enterprise Office assisted in the design of the pocket map. The Drimnagh Historical Pocket Map was launched at the Drimnagh Festival during 23rd to 25th August where the initial 1500 copies were distributed to local residents. The map is now available online and due to local demand for hard copies, additional maps will be printed and distributed in the coming weeks

DCC Ballyfermot/Drimnagh and Kimmage Rathmines Community Development Teams will also provide financial and practical support to Dynamic Drimnagh with regard to the development of the

"Welcome to Drimnagh" Booklet which is in draft stage. It is planned to focus on this initiative during the Autumn months.

Book; "Crumlin and the Way it Was"

DCC Ballyfermot/Drimnagh and Kimmage Rathmines Community Teams 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 continues to be available in the Crumlin Expert Hardware and the St. Agnes Parish Centre or online here:

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

To date approximately 350 copies have been sold.

Dublin Festival of History Week

Both DCC DCC Ballyfermot/Drimnagh and Kimmage Rathmines Community Teams I have provided funding and practical support for this group to host a weekend event for Dublin History Festival. The Crumlin/Walkinstown History Festival event took place on Saturday 24th August at St Agnes' Parish Hall with an afternoon of talks; Iveagh Garden Crumlin/Margaret Mason, The Flanagan Estate/Mark Humphreys, 1916 Kimmage Garrison/Dr Anne Matthews and One Photo Many Stories/Cathy Scuffil.

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. Securing dates for works has yet to be confirmed and this will determine dates and times for celebratory event in retrospect.

Summer Projects

Throughout July and August a number of voluntary and non-voluntary and 'special needs' summer projects took place throughout the South Central Area.

Funding sources through DCC's Summer Project Support fund provided between €500- €800 for each project alongside Zoo Family Passes (doubled from 2024) to support local community projects; 7 non-voluntary and 4 voluntary Summer Projects , including special needs summer projects in the South Central Area Ballyfermot & Drimnagh Wards.

The annual end-of-summer projects event "Summer Project Volunteer Night" was held in Erin's Isle G.A.A. Club on Friday 23rd August, to support and celebrate local volunteers who co-ordinate, facilitate and supervise local summer projects. Crosscare have reported that DCC Local Summer Projects are now in their 49th year which would suggest special celebrations for 2025.



Funding

DCC Community Grants Fund

The grants are currently being processed and report for approvals by Local Area Committee will be provided for the October 2024 Area Committee Meeting. [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/improv>

[ing-my-community/community-grants-and-funding](#)

Crowdfund:

Dublin City Crowdfund 2024 Autumn Round is now open and was announced and information circulated to community groups and online on 5th August. The deadline for applications is Wednesday 23rd October. At that point applications will be expected to have their proposed projects fully costed, any relevant permissions in place and project page created on *Spacehive*. Applicants must also have pitched to the Crowdfund Dublin City fund by this date.

For a full overview of the process and the criteria of the funding, visit <https://www.spacehive.com/movement/dublincity/about>

[DCC Arts Office Community Development Grant](#)

DCC Community Team have sent out updated information to local voluntary and non-voluntary groups regarding DCC Arts Office Community Development Grant. This involves the City Arts Office inviting Community development practitioners and community development groups and organisations as well as Artists and Arts Organisations to collaborate in joint applications to this pilot scheme fund.

The closing date for this was 6th September 2024.

See link;

<https://dublincityartsoffice.submittable.com/>

[2024 Government Community Building Refurbishment Grant Scheme](#)

As a separate funding resource and mainly in relation to community buildings, DCC Community Development Team circulated information to local community groups regarding funding for refurbishment of community buildings. [2024 Government Community Building Refurbishment Grant Scheme](#)

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[Training for Community Groups Grant Writing & Capacity Building Workshops](#)

DCC South Central Area Community Development Teams from all three local offices have been working collaboratively with South City Partnership to co-ordinate a series of cost free capacity building and skills based workshops for local community groups - committee skills and grant writing workshops.

As a pilot initiative, the workshops will commence with Grant Writing Workshops taking place on Thursday 26th and Monday 30th September from 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. The Committee Skills workshops will take place in October and are due to be announced in the coming weeks.

The workshops will facilitate between 20 and 40 members at a time from the South Central Area. Further workshops will be provided based on ongoing liaison with local groups and their expression of interests for additional and more extensive training.

[See link for information: Facebook](#)

Orchard Centre

After a busy summer in Cherry Orchard we continue the great work that has been achieved over the last number of years. Front and centre for September are the Stone Soup Project who have been nominated for an IPB Pride of Place Award, judging to commence on 12th September

Organised by the peacebuilding charity Co-operation Ireland and sponsored by IPB Insurance, the IPB Pride of Place



Awards spotlight and honour outstanding community endeavours. This year marks the 22nd consecutive year of the awards. This year features a wide range of population categories, and other categories including Creative Communities, Inclusive Communities, Community Youth Initiative and Climate Action & Biodiversity, which also feature in the Cities competition.

Last year there was 101 entries from 34 local authorities, culminating in a memorable awards night. Everyone at Ballyfermot Area Office, Orchard Community Centre and wider Dublin City Council wish Eddie Fitzpatrick and The Stone Soup the very best.

Since April this year the Cherry Orchard Implementation Board (COIB) has continued its ongoing work in the area.

6 Pillars of the COIB include Infrastructure, Youth, Education, Lifelong Learning, Community Safety, Family & Well Being and each of these have many crossover points and actions so none of them work in isolation.

All the relevant statutory agencies, community organisations and local community activists are all involved in the plan and its future goals.

We are also delighted to be the venue for the **Jobs Fair on 8th October!**

The Orchard Centre delighted enhance the Diamond Martial Arts (Kickboxing) classes have extended their service in the building to the large sports hall to cover the extra interest. This has made room for

Doyle Halpin Irish Dancers to expand their remit from the Lower Orchard Centre to now include classes in Orchard Centre itself.

COMING SOON

WorldSkills Ireland 2024, a Government and Industry led event, taking place from the 25th – 27th of September 2024 at the RDS, Simonscourt, it is a showcase for students of all ages, to see first-hand the wealth of career options available.

DON'T MISS OUT!

Details very soon on supports for apprenticeships for the Cherry Orchard Community.




Job Fair Expo Tuesday 8th October
The Orchard Centre, Cherry Orchard Grove
 Local employers looking for local talent to work in their organisations will be available and open for job opportunities



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During the summer the first of our seasonal newsletters were delivered to 3,200 households in the area.

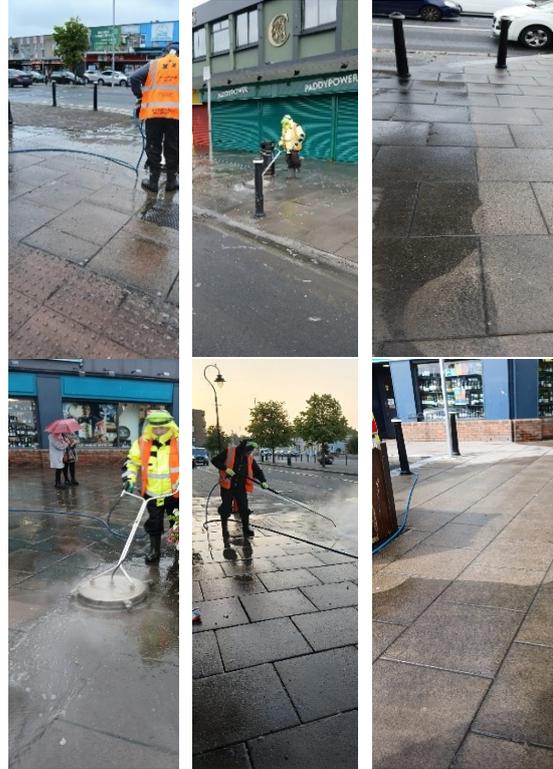
Public Domain

Street Wash Programme across the Ballyfermot Drimnagh Area

Waste Management Service in conjunction with Public Domain Office have initiated a pilot programme of a dedicated suburban street washing crew servicing the South Central Area. The Public Domain Office has identified a number of high footfall/commercial areas that would benefit from this service, including;

1. Ballyfermot Road/ LeFanu Road shopping areas
2. Tyrconnell Road, shops and village centre
3. Chapelizod Main Street & Plaza
4. St Agnes Road, Crumlin village
5. Drimnagh Road, shopping areas

As you can see below the new crew are diligently working their way through the list. Please see below some of the results to date.



Location 1: Ballyfermot Road/Le Fanu Road shops -



1. Ballyfermot Rd, O'Sheas Pub to Molloys Off Licence
2. Le Fanu Rd, Molloys Off Licence to Tim Youngs Pub
3. Grange Cross Corner @ Manhattan Pub
4. Grange Cross Corner @ 194 Le Fanu Rd
5. Grange Cross Corner @ 196 Le Fanu Rd
6. Ballyfermot Rd - Cole Park Shops, Boyle Sports to News Express
7. Ballyfermot Rd - Cole Park Shops, central isle,(as above)
8. Ballyfermot Rd - Tesco Entrance, @ Carpark
9. Ballyfermot Rd - Tesco Entrance, @ Quinn Solicitors



Halloween 2024



The annual Halloween Response forum met on Friday 6th September. The forum sets out who, how, when and where in the planning for the prevention and removal of bonfire stock piles on the lead up to Halloween. It is a collaborative forum between Waste Management, Parks, Housing and the Area Public Domain units, plus other relevant stakeholders.

This Halloween Response Group comprising of Waste Management, Waste Enforcement, Area Public Domain units, Housing, Parks, Customer Service and Communications are setting up to plan ahead for Halloween. In the weeks running up to 31st of October, the City Council will remove combustible stockpiles of pallets and tyres gathered for bonfires. “The goal of the group is to maximise the removal of bonfire stockpiled material by collaborating, sharing best practice and having firm lines of communication, response and awareness”.

It should be noted responsibility for the removal of bonfire stockpiled material rests with the relevant operational department, that means;

- Housing are responsible for the removal of stockpiles from housing complex's & social houses
- Parks are responsible for the removal of stockpiles from public Parks and Green spaces
- Waste Management are responsible for the removal of stockpiles from public areas, incl. streets and lanes etc.
- And Waste/ Litter Enforcement are responsible for enforcement actions where needed against commercial or private individuals allowing stockpiles to be stored on their property.

The Area Public Domain unit's, approximately 5 days before Halloween, provide additional resources to help respond to the over stretched resources of the individual operational departments by contracting in contractors to directly remove Bonfire Material, which the Public Domain Units coordinate over this period. This is a limited resource provided through discretionary funding, and has a clearly defined period where we are able to offer this assistance, and is in no way intended to replace or transfer away from the responsibility of the individual operational departments, it is merely an additional resource at this particular pinch point, were operational departments own resources are stretched beyond capacity.

As always the Public Domain Units will liaise with the relevant operational departments in reporting stockpiled bonfire materials on the lead up to Halloween, to ensure that it is removed as quickly as possible.

Trees & Tree Pits

As part of the Public Domain Unit survey for empty tree pits across the Ballyfermot Drimnagh Area, the Public Domain Unit identified a number of unused tree pits along Blackditch Road, in Cherry Orchard.

Public Domain Unit liaised with our Parks Department about the possibility of planting these empty pits, which could create a very attractive street scape, along this long stretch of road running up through the heart of Cherry Orchard and very close to the beautiful and maturing Stone Soup Gardens.

I am pleased to inform the members, that the Parks Department have developed a scheme to plant approximately 15- 20 trees along this stretch of road in Cherry Orchard, which in time, will create a beautiful street scape for the betterment of the area.

It is anticipated that planting will commence in Q4 of this year.



Weeding Programme

We are currently half way through our 2024 weeding programme, 1st Treatment completed – May 2024 & 2nd Treatment completed – August 2024. An additional snagging treatment was also completed in Aug 2024. Due to this additional snagging treatment, the 3rd treatment which was booked for the start of September can now be pushed out later into the season, which in turn pushes out the 4th treatment. All of which should ensure we see out the entire growth season, with no late growth lingering late into the year.

Kylemore Way

The Public Domain Office, following representations from local business's located at the far end Kylemore Way, engaged with numerous private property and land owners along Kylemore Way to collectively clean up the area, this included individual property owners or their agents removing Graffiti from their perimeter wall, cutting back hedges, trees & bushes emanating from their property which was obstructing the public pathways. While the Public Domain Unit arranged for the public paths and cycle lanes, which had large weed overgrowth, mechanically removed. This collective effort has greatly improved the appearance of this area making it more appealing to visiting customers of businesses, plus creating a safer and more pleasant environment for pedestrians and cyclists alike.

Before



After





City Neighbourhood Awards & the Pride of Place Awards

The South Central City Neighbourhoods Awards was held on Monday the 16th September in The Hyatt Centric on Dean Street, in the Liberties. I am delighted to announce 17 groups and individuals from the Ballyfermot Drimnagh Area received an award on the night, from Environmental Residential groups, to individual awards for Civic minded individuals and businesses. I would personal like to congratulate them all and hopefully everyone enjoyed the evening and will continue their great work into 2025 and beyond.

Also I would like to congratulate the Stone Soup Project on their nomination for an award in in the Nation IPB Pride of Place Awards the under the category of Creative Communities. Judging took place on the 12th September.



Anti-Dumping Initiative

Just a quick update on the anti-dumping initiative advertised by the Public Domain Unit which offered in the Ballyfermot Area, a free mattress recycling collection service for residents.

We had a great up take with 50 households taking part and 66 mattresses collected. This initiative diverted these mattress from going directly into landfill. Recycling has a positive environmental impact and feeds into the circular economy. It also prevented the possibility of mattresses being illegally dumped where they could be set on fire causing environmental damage.

We also advertised the Dublin City Council's Bulky Waste collection Service, which is available to all households in the DCC administrative area, and how for as little as €40 residents can have up to 5

large bulky items, including mattresses, removed 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.



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

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Dublin Canvas

Below a couple of the new artworks commissioned by the Public Domain Unit as part of the anti-graffiti Dublin Canvas Project



Planters in Chapelizod and Crumlin Village carpark

The Public Domain Unit recently arranged to have some planters planted with some ever green trees to provide year round displays supplemented with some seasonal planting.



Walkinstown library, bottle & clothes bank removal



Report from Sid Daly, Public Domain Officer, Waste Management Services.

The bring banks at Walkinstown Library have been a constant source of complaints for a long time. Over the years, complaints have been received from residents, councillors and other elected representatives, and the Library staff and management in relation to illegal dumping, and formerly scavenging of materials from the clothes banks. Waste Management Services and the Public Domain Unit have made numerous interventions in the last four years - animation of bottle banks, removal of clothing banks, movement of the banks away from the area directly adjacent to the newly developed sensory area in the Library's outdoor space etc., and have also spent many days searching the area for a suitable alternative site without success.

While this site was prone to illegal dumping, as are many other ring bank locations across the city, and the imminent recommencement of the use of CCTV cameras as a deterrent might have addressed the illegal dumping to some extent, the problem was more that according to locals, people are using the bottle banks late at night 11pm/2am and early in the morning, pre 7am.

The bring bank facility at Walkinstown Library was originally installed pre SI 600 of 2001 which prevents the installation of bottle banks within a 50 metre radius of residential properties, and was one of the few remaining locations we had in residential areas.

Walkinstown, and D12 in general, is relatively well served in terms of recycling infrastructure. There is a set of bottle banks in a public space close by on Walkinstown Green, and there is a suite of banks in the car park at Walkinstown Supervalu. There are also a number of other on street bring bank facilities and two bring centres in Dublin 12. Most significantly, there is a set of banks in Ashleaf Shopping Centre, which is not part of DCC's recycling infrastructure, but is approximately 500 metres away from the library, a 7 minute walk.

Typically, Waste Management Services would not remove bring banks from a public space without first identifying a suitable alternative. However, taking into account the ongoing issues with late night noise affecting the welfare of residents closest to the facility, and the close proximity of the banks in Ashleaf Shopping Centre, Waste Management Services reluctantly made the decision to remove these bottle banks.

The bring banks were removed from Walkinstown Library on Tuesday 13th August. Signage has been installed to advise patrons of alternative recycling locations, and Waste Management

Services will continue to monitor the site for illegal dumping.

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 owner 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 – Tyreconnell Road Road, Grotto

Before



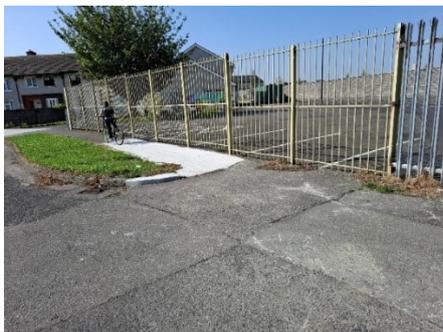
After



Private lands - Illegal dumping - 28
Camac Park, Blubell **Before & After**



Removal of rock armed –Elmdale Drive
Before & After



Walkinstown Drive **Before & After**



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.