



Comhairle Cathrach  
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Dublin City Council

## Director of Services Report South Central Area Committee Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2024



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## SOUTH WEST INNER CITY ELECTORAL AREA

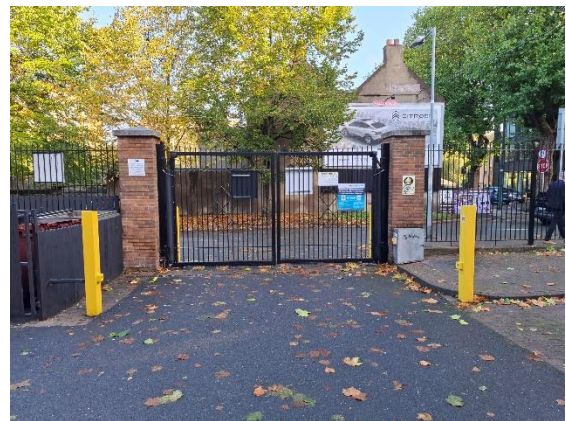
### Housing

#### Islandbridge Court

The painting of the complex has been completed, including the community room, which was painted as part of the project.



The gates and railings throughout the complex have been freshly repainted.







The siding panels have been repainted to restore the playground's charm.



### **Tyrone Place**

Painters are currently onsite and have begun painting the complex.

### **Emmet Crescent**

A community clean-up day was held on the 8th of October with the assistance of DCC and the Family Resource Centre. This was followed by a very successful event to celebrate 21 years since Emmet Crescent officially opened, featuring a DJ, bingo, tea, and coffee.

Additionally, DCC and the Crime Prevention Officer from AGS have

completed a site survey to identify potential improvements around the Crescent. The report has been received, and the recommendations are currently under review.

### **Pimlico Terrace**

Pimlico Terrace flats will receive additional stairwell cleaning by Housing Maintenance. The DCC Abandoned Vehicle Section will remove several abandoned vehicles in the Braithwaite St area.

### **South Summer Street**

Illegally parked carriages have been removed from the South Summer St courtyard by An Garda Síochána.

### **Meath Place**

Work will be carried out in the Meath Place flats courtyard to improve parking facilities.

### **Oisin Kelly Park**

A volunteer group has completed painting and tidying work on the tarmacked pitch in Oisin Kelly Park.

### **Mary Aikenhead**

All the stairwells in Mary Aikenhead are scheduled to be power washed, with chewing gum removal handled by a contractor.

### **Robinsons Court**

A contractor has been chosen to install vehicle and pedestrian gates at Robinsons Court. Additionally, the overgrown vegetation in the area has been cleared.



### **Basin Street**

Overgrown trees from the Basin St flat complex encroaching into The Haven will be pruned back soon. Additionally, the green area in Meath Place flats will be tidied up shortly.

### **Developments**

An application for planning permission under Part 8 for the Basin Street Flats and

Forbes Lane Depot Site will be lodged and published in the *Irish Times* on 14th October.

A public consultation will take place on 22nd October at the F2 Centre, Herberton, Rialto, from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., where plans for the Basin View site will be presented to local residents.

Representatives from the Area Office, the DCC Project Team, and Coady Architects will be available to answer any questions.

### **Clinics**

The Basin St Clinic is held every second Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Solas units at 26/27 Basin St. The next session will be on 9th October.

### **Oliver Bond House**

Our design team recently visited Oliver Bond House and conducted a comprehensive survey as part of the ongoing regeneration project. All work being carried out is non-invasive, ensuring there will be no disruption to tenants during this phase. We are committed to maintaining residents' comfort and peace while progressing with these important assessments.

We are excited to announce that several new choice-based lettings have recently become available in our complex. We hope this will bring new opportunities for our community and welcome new residents. Additionally, we are exploring transfer options within the complex for those interested in relocating to a different unit.

The outdoor screens for displaying information have arrived! This new feature will significantly reduce our reliance on letter drops, streamlining communication. We expect installation to be completed within the next few weeks.

### **Clinics**

The weekly clinic continues to run smoothly, and our collaboration with the



Try Project is also in full swing. This has been a great opportunity to reach more individuals and offer support through various initiatives.

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

The next significant milestone for the redevelopment is the application for planning permission, which is anticipated to occur in spring 2025.

In the meantime, ground works will continue. All residents have been informed of these developments, and transfer applications have been sent to everyone.



### **Weaver Park**

Following a small fire in the park and along the footpath, it was necessary to power wash the area.

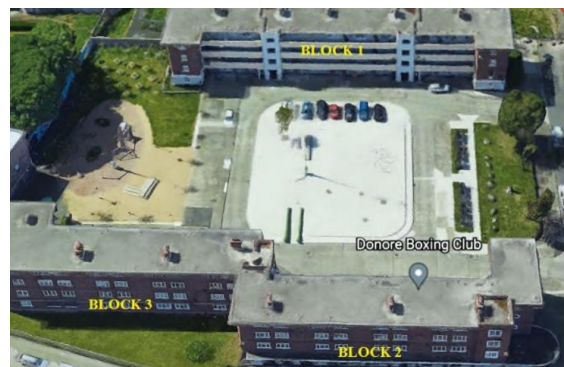


### **St. Teresa's Gardens**

The site at Teresa's Gardens has been officially handed over to Hegarty Demolition and John Paul Construction. The project involves the demolition of a four-story block of flats (Block 1) within the St. Teresa Gardens estate, including the removal of foundations and redundant underground services, diversion of certain existing underground utilities, site clearance, and additional site works.

Area Manager Frank Murphy and Project Estate Officer Melanie Lambert met with all involved agencies to facilitate the handover and provide the keys to the site.

An agreement has been reached to continue the services of Bidvest Noonan Security in the area, including Blocks 2 and 3, leading up to Halloween. This has proven to be highly effective in addressing issues related to anti-social behaviour in the community.



### **Myra Close**

The graffiti has been removed, and the overgrown tree branches have been trimmed.

Address	Type of Unit	Vacant Possession Date	Status
Ave Maria Road	1 Bed House	19/03/2024	Under Offer 10/10/2024
Ave Maria Road	1 Bed House	27/08/2024	Awaiting vacant possession
Basin Street	0 Bed Flat	24/07/2024	Complex pending redevelopment
Basin Street	2 Bed Flat	01/12/2024	Complex pending redevelopment
Basin Street	2 Bed Flat	29/04/2024	Complex pending redevelopment
Basin Street	2 Bed Flat	21/02/2023	Complex pending redevelopment
Basin Street	2 Bed Flat	15/12/2022	Complex pending redevelopment
Basin Street	2 Bed Flat	28/01/2021	Complex pending redevelopment
Basin Street	2 Bed Flat	01/05/2024	Complex pending redevelopment
Basin Street	2 Bed Flat	01/05/2024	Complex pending redevelopment
Basin Street	2 Bed Flat	24/10/2021	Complex pending redevelopment
Basin Street	3 Bed Flat	13/12/2020	Complex pending redevelopment
Basin Street	0 Bed Flat	01/06/2022	Complex pending redevelopment
Basin Street	2 Bed Flat	01/05/2024	Complex pending redevelopment
Basin Street	2 Bed Flat	01/11/2022	Complex pending redevelopment
Basin Street	2 Bed Flat	25/06/2024	Complex pending redevelopment
Basin Street	2 Bed Flat	01/06/2024	Complex pending redevelopment
Basin Street	2 Bed Flat	25/05/2023	Complex pending redevelopment
Basin Street	2 Bed Flat	15/01/2024	Complex pending redevelopment
Basin Street	2 Bed Flat	01/10/2022	Complex pending redevelopment
Basin Street	2 Bed Flat	22/06/2023	Complex pending redevelopment
Bertram Court	1 Bed Apartment	05/07/2023	With Contractors
Braithwaite Street	2 Bed Flat	21/01/2024	With Contractor
Bulfin Court	1 Bed Senior Citizen	01/09/2024	With Depot
Cammock Purcell	2 Bed Apartment	09/05/2024	Ready to Let
Chandler's Guild	1 Bed Apartment	11/01/2024	Ready to Let
Coombe Court	1 Bed Senior Citizen	18/01/2024	Estate Management
Dolphin House	1 Bed Flat	05/07/2024	Awaiting nomination
Dolphin House	3 Bed Flat	17/12/2023	With Depot
Dolphin House	2 Bed Flat	26/05/2024	With Depot
Dolphin House	2 Bed Flat	16/06/2024	With Contractors
Dolphin House	2 Bed Flat	02/07/2024	With Contractors
Dolphin House	2 Bed Flat	04/09/2024	With Depot
Dolphin House	1 Bed Flat	16/06/2024	Awaiting nomination
Dolphin House	2 Bed Flat	17/12/2023	Temporarily being used by another tenant
Echlin Street	1 Bed House	22/04/2024	With Depot
Emmet Buildings	0 Bed Flat	23/11/2023	Ready to Let
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
Greenville Place	1 Bed Flat	11/04/2024	Ready to Let 10/04/2024
Islandbridge Court	1 Bed Flat	01/0/2023	Ready to Let

Islandbridge Court	0 Bed Flat	14/04/2024	Ready to Let
Islandbridge Court	2 Bed Flat	20/05/2024	Ready to Let
Islandbridge Court	0 Bed Flat	04/12/2024	Ready to Let
Lourdes Road	2 Bed House	05/05/2024	Awaiting nomination
Margaret Kennedy Court	2 Bed Apartment	07/05/2024	Under Offer 10/10/2024
Mary Aikenhead House	2 Bed Flat	16/06/2024	With Depot
Mary Aikenhead House	1 Bed Flat	06/06/2024	Ready to Let
Maxwell Street	1 Bed House	12/07/2024	With contractor
McGovern's Corner	1 Bed Apartment	30/03/2024	Under Offer
Meath Place	2 Bed Flat	25/07/2024	With Contractors 13/08/2024
Memorial Court	1 Bed Senior Citizen	26/11/2023	Ready to Let
Memorial Court	1 Bed Senior Citizen	23/04/2024	With Depot
Memorial Court	1 Bed Senior Citizen	30/08/2024	With Depot
Newmarket Street	3 Bed House	25/07/2024	With depot
Oblate View	1 Bed Flat	08/04/2024	Ready to Let
Oliver Bond	1 Bed Flat	25/08/2024	With Depot
Oliver Bond	2 Bed Flat	07/07/2024	With Depot
Oliver Bond	2 Bed Flat	20/02/2024	Ready to Let
Oliver Bond	1 Bed Flat	17/04/2022	Ready to Let
Oliver Bond	2 Bed Flat	07/04/2022	Ready to Let
Oliver Bond	2 Bed Flat	11/12/2022	Ready to Let
Oliver Bond	1 Bed Flat	02/07/2023	Ready to Let
Oliver Bond	2 Bed Apartment	09/11/2024	Ready to Let
Oliver Bond	1 Bed Flat	16/06/2024	Ready to Let
Oliver Bond	0 Bed Flat	04/04/2023	Depot
Oliver Bond	0 Bed Flat	15/08/2022	Ready to Let 09/06/2023
Oliver Bond	2 Bed Flat	30/04/2023	Ready to Let 20/10/2023
Oliver Bond	2 Bed Flat	17/03/2024	Ready to Let
Oliver Bond	2 Bed Flat	16/06/2024	To be issued to contractors
Oliver Bond	2 Bed Flat	18/08/2024	Being used by engineers temporarily
Oliver Bond	1 Bed Flat	08/09/2024	With Contractor
Oliver Bond	1 Bed Flat	25/02/2024	With Contractor
Oliver Bond	2 Bed Flat	30/05/2023	Ready to Let 31/05/2024
Oliver Bond	2 Bed Flat	11/02/2024	Ready to Let
Oliver Bond	2 Bed Flat	17/09/2024	Ready to Let
Oliver Bond	2 Bed Flat	04/02/2024	Ready to Let 31/05/2024
Oliver Bond	1 Bed Flat	09/10/2024	Ready to Let
Oliver Bond	1 Bed Flat	26/11/2023	Ready to Let
Oliver Bond	2 Bed Flat	07/04/2024	Ready to Let
Pimlico Square	1 Bed House	01/05/2024	With Contractor
Reuben Square	1 Bed Flat	21/05/2024	Under Offer
Robert Emmet Close	1 Bed Flat	09/10/2024	Ready to Let



Robert Emmet Walk	2 Bed Flat	11/09/2024	With Contractor
Robert Emmet Walk	2 Bed Flat	18/08/2024	With Depot
Robert Street	1 Bed Flat	05/05/2024	Ready to Let
Robinson's Court	1 Bed Senior Citizen	04/02/2024	Ready to Let
Robinson's Court	1 Bed Senior Citizen	19/01/2024	Ready to Let
Sarah Place	Bedsit	19/04/2024	With Depot
Sarah Place	2 Bed Flat	21/04/2024	With Depot
School Street	2 Bed Flat	21/03/2023	With contractor
St. Audeon's House	3 Bed Flat	18/09/2022	Ready to Let
St. Audeon's House	1 Bed Flat	04/09/2022	Ready to Let
St. Michaels Lane	2 Bed House	17/05/2020	Illegal Occupier
Summer Street South	2 Bed Flat	26/05/2024	With Contractor
Summer Street South	2 Bed Flat	15/04/2024	With Contractor
Summer Street South	2 Bed Flat	16/01/2024	With Contractor
The Coombe	1 Bed Apartment	14/04/2024	Estate Management
The Coombe	4 Bed House	22/02/2024	Under Offer
The Maltings	1 Bed Flat	22/12/2023	Ready to Let
The Timberyard	2 Bed Flat	16/04/2024	Ready to Let
Thomas Court	2 Bed Flat	20/11/2022	Ready to Let - Under Offer
Thomas Court	1 Bed Flat	11/02/2024	Awaiting nomination
Thomas Court	2 Bed Flat	07/11/2021	Ready to Let - Under Offer
Tyrone Place	Bedsit	11/08/2024	With Contractor
Tyrone Place	1 Bed Flat	11/06/2023	With Contractor
Tyrone Place	2 Bed Flat	03/09/2023	Ready to Let
Tyrone Place	Bedsit	14/12/2023	With Depot
Tyrone Place	Bedsit	28/01/2024	With Depot
Tyrone Place	2 Bed Flat	19/05/2024	Ready to Let
Weavers Row	2 Bed Apartment	10/04/2024	With Contractors (CBL)

## Community

### Afternoon Tea Dance

To celebrate International Older People day and Positive Ageing week Dublin City Council Community Team in conjunction with Dublin South City Partnership and Rialto Community Network organised an ever-popular Afternoon Dance in St Andrews On Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 2pm.

There was great attendance on the day with fantastic entertainment, delicious refreshments, chats, dancing and singing

which ensured the afternoon was a success enjoyed by all.



### Emmet Crescent

Residents from Emmet Crescent in Inchicore celebrated a milestone 21<sup>st</sup> year since the crescent was developed.

The Community section in collaboration with the Public Domain team supported the residents in their celebration with a litter pick on the day before the event with all necessary equipment and also refreshments for all the hardworking volunteers afterwards.

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October the residents came together to have a party with a D.J., BBQ, Face painting and Bingo.

### Halloween Events

#### A Sizzling Session with Spirits, Sausages and Sounds



Halloween event will take place in St Andrews Centre Rialto Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October and will include demonstration by psychic medium Mona McCurdy, finger Food, live music by Irish trad punk band,

Ispiní na hEireann, doors open at 7pm entertainment starts 7.30pm sharp.

Tickets €10 (including raffle entry for a free reading) to book, go to Eventbrite or ring 01 – 453 0744.

### Liberties Haunt 2024

Wicked Fun Awaits at the Liberties Haunt Halloween Festival again this year!

Dublin's Liberties is to Host a Community-Led Halloween Extravaganza with Fun for All Ages

**Thomas Court, Opposite St. Catherine's Graveyard – October 31st, 2024:** The Liberties is set to transform into a thrilling playground of spooky delights as it hosts the highly anticipated **Liberties Haunt Festival**, a community-led event that is guaranteed to deliver a wickedly good time for all ages. The festival will take place **from 5 PM to 8 PM**, in the heart of Dublin's historic Liberties district.

The venue will come alive with a captivating array of **carnival games, street performers, and live stage acts**, ensuring endless entertainment for families and visitors alike. From magicians to performers of all kinds, the festival promises an unforgettable experience. Plus, there's no trick without a treat—festival-goers will enjoy **free goodies** distributed throughout the night.

Children and adults alike can test their skills with **classic carnival games**, try their luck at prize stalls, and be wowed by mesmerizing performances from talented local artists. A perfect night for dressing up, there will be plenty of photo opportunities for families to capture their spooky costumes as they immerse themselves in the eerie atmosphere.

#### **Event Highlights Include:**

- **Carnival Games:** Play your way through family-friendly games and win spooktacular prizes.



- **Live Performances:** Local stage Acts bringing eerie performances of music, and dance.
- **Street Performers:** Balloon Artists and Magicians will roam the streets, bringing Halloween fun to life.
- **Free Treats:** Popcorn and Candy Floss will be available for the little ones (and grown-ups too!).
- **Much More!:** Expect a few surprising activities throughout the night



The **Liberties Haunt Halloween Festival** is a free community event organised by Dublin City Council with support from local Youth and Community Groups and Businesses, aimed at bringing families together for a safe and fun-filled evening. This celebration embraces the spirit of Halloween while showcasing the creativity and vibrancy of the Liberties community.

**Admission is free, and all ages are welcome.**

#### **Event Details:**

- **Date:** October 31, 2024
- **Time:** 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM
- **Location:** Thomas Court, The Liberties, Dublin 8
- **Admission:** Free



#### **Liberties Haunt 2024 – Outreach Activity Booklet**

As part of South Central Area's Halloween Outreach Work, the team put together an activity booklet to be distributed across the community targeting Afterschool's Groups, Homeless Family Hubs, Ukrainian Crisis Centre Children's Programme, and Family Resource Centres.

This aspect of our Halloween Outreach work will see over 500 activity booklets distributed to children in the community who are not of age to be engaging in local youth services and children and young people who may be missed due to their low level participation in community projects and clubs aside from school and afterschool projects.

The activity booklet is a full 16 pages with puzzles, facts, Halloween History, colouring, and advertisements of the Main Halloween Events throughout.

The booklet has been produced in Plain English and child-friendly language to ensure the booklet is accessible to parents and guardians while being enjoyable to children this Halloween Season.

## **Samhain/Halloween**

The Samhain Stage this year once again evolves as it looks to continue its progression and shapeshifts like the mythical creatures it pays homage to.

Following on from the success of last year's event, the area office is collaborating a number of local Residents associations, Environmental Groups, Art groups, Youth services and family resource centres across Inchicore, Kilmainham and Islandbridge to support and assist them to create their own version of how they see a Halloween event and help them deliver it for all the people who live in these areas and their surrounds.

These events are being created and supported not as one off events but as more of an invitation for all the areas involved to come together early in the new year to work together on creating a large scale event for Halloween '25 and to help foster the atmosphere of collaboration and unity to work together on many more exciting projects into the future.

**F2 Centre Family Halloween Haunted House** Dublin City Council Community team will again support the F2 Centre, Rialto outh Project and Fatima Groups United with this year's Family Halloween Haunted house.

The event will take place on the F2 Centre on 31<sup>st</sup> October between 4p.m. – 6p.m.



## **Liberties Weavers**

Through continued support and collaboration with the South central area office the Liberties weavers have made it through to the finals of the National Lottery Good causes awards, added to this achievement they have been chosen to appear in the National Lottery advertising campaign which will run for 12 months on TV, Radio and across National Lottery social media channels.

## **Comhairle na nÓg (Youth Council)**

Registration is open for the 2024 Dublin City Comhairle na nÓg Youth Conference. Young people aged 12-17 years who live or attend a School / Youth Organisation in the [Dublin City Council Administrative Area](#) can be registered to attend.

The purpose of this event is to seek the views of young people on matters that are important to them. All young people attending will have the opportunity to give their views on youth issues and discuss them. They will learn how to stay involved with Comhairle na nÓg and become a



member. The current Dublin City Comhairle na nÓg members will present on the work they have done over the last year. Event Details:

- Date: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> of November 2024
- Time: 9.15am - 2.45pm.
- Location: The Round Room
- Address: The Mansion House, Dawson St, Dublin 2. (Please note this is not in the Mansion House, Entrance is at the side of Fire restaurant)

Dublin City Council Community Team have circulated information to secondary schools and youth Service's locally to encourage them to register and take part in this year's conference.



### **Inchicore works resident's association (I.W.E.R.A) 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary**

IWERA have been busy with the design and publication of their new Journal "On Track" and also marking the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their local resident's association formation.

As they look to create momentum on their projects and seek to develop a strong sense of community in their locality, the Community section in the South Central area office will assist and support them as they look to not only publish their new Journal but also create a series of community events that will bring all the residents of the area together to celebrate significant occasions in the calendar.

## **Public Domain**

**Graffiti Treatment SWIC 104m** of graffiti was treated in St Nicholas Place, The Iveagh Market, Lambe Alley, Liffey Steps-Victoria Quay



**IVEAGH MARKET** *Before & After*



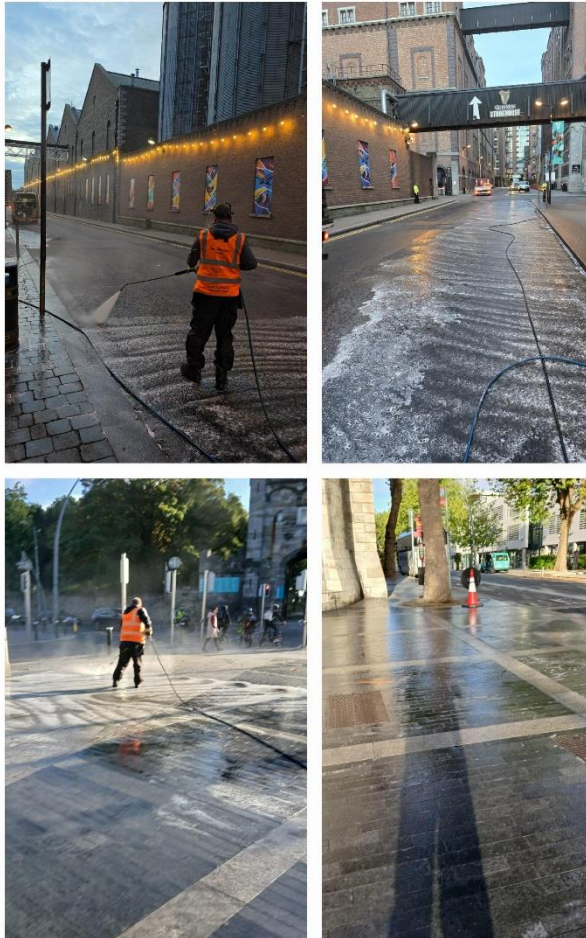
**LIFFEY STEPS – VICTORIA QUAY**  
*Before & After*



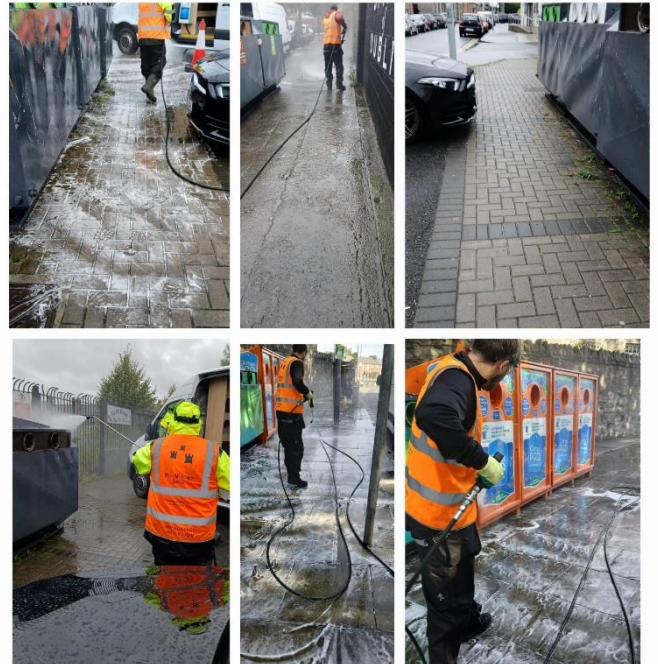
**Waste Management Cleaning: South Circular Road – Lanes Cleaned & Scraped SCA Wash Crew**



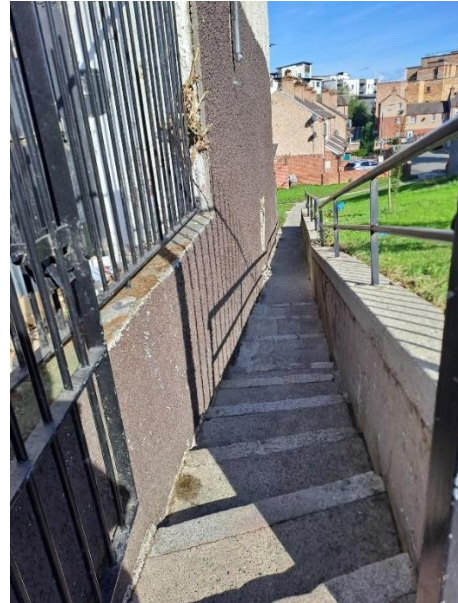
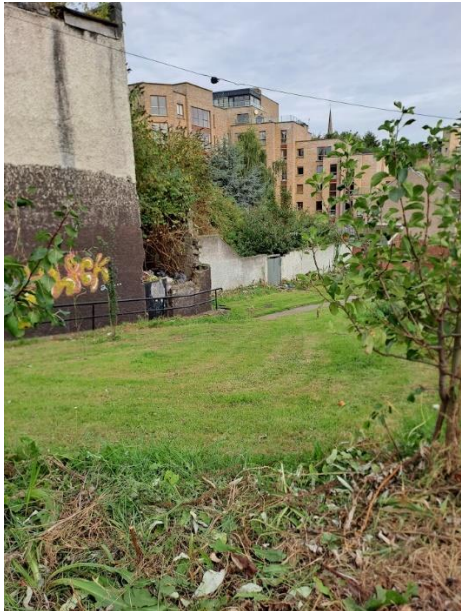
## Cleaning Guinness Storehouse & Kilmainham Plaza



## Bottle Banks SWIC- Newmarket, Inchicore Parish Centre & Grattan Crescent



	Open Cases	Closed Cases	Grand Total
Bulky Household Waste Collection	7	39	46
Community Clean Up Collection	0	29	29
Illegal Dumping	5	265	270
Litter Offence	6	48	54
Report Fallen Leaves	0	2	2
Report Graffiti	2	10	12
Street Cleaning Sweep Your Street	0	38	38



### **Myra Close Green Space - Emmet Road**

Invasive species treated and Overgrowth cut back. Steps power washed and graffiti treated at World Clean-up Day.



**SICCDA organised a community clean-up** around the Liberties for World Clean-up Day Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September. Robert Emmet CDP, FIE (Foundation for International Students)



## **SOUTH CENTRAL AREA CITY NEIGHBOURHOOD AWARDS 2024**

A bumper 44 entries was received for the South Central City Neighbourhoods Competition. The awards ceremony was held in the Hyatt Centric on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024, Cllr Vincent Jackson presented the awards.

Category	Winner
<b>Residential Competition</b>	
1- 150 Dwellings	92-117 Rialto Cottages
151-300 Dwellings	Maryland Community Association
300 Dwellings and Over	Tenter's Residents Association
Flat Apartment Complex	Sarah Place
Senior Citizen Complex	Memorial Court
Front Garden	Bridget Kennedy
Open Green Space	St Laurence Grove Environmental Group
Community Environment Initiative	Inchicore Environmental Group
Community Garden	Flanagans Fields (Back of the Pipes)
Urban Village	COVA- Chapelizod
Mixed Use Street	Stillgarden Social Botanics
<b>Individual Contribution</b>	Peter Kavanagh Cathy Norris
Best New Entry	Bee Garden - Robert Emmet D8
Endeavour Award(Most Improved Entry)	St Margaret's Terrace residential group
Team Dublin Clean up	Elmdale Environmental Group
<b>Business</b>	
Business Environment & Sustainability	n/a
Shop Front	Oxfam House
Waste Management Initiative	Britvic Ireland
Chief Executive award	Stone Soup Project
Schools	Scoil Treasa Naofa

## DUBLIN CITY NEIGHBOURHOODS

**AWARDS 2024** South Central Area had two entries come first place in the City Wide Neighbourhood Awards held in Croke Park



**Anthony Freeman for Bee Garden for Best New Entry Category**



**Rialto Cottages 92-117 for 1 – 150 Dwellings Category**



## BALLYFERMOT DRIMNAGH ELECTORAL AREA

### Housing

#### Tristan Square

The development is now fully occupied. The area housing manager attended a meeting of the residents with Tuath, the approved housing body managing the complex that is setting up a residents association. The local area office will support the residents to organise a Halloween party.

#### Bluebell Waterways

The LDA is continuing to prepare the planning application with the aim of lodging it before the end of the year. The local area office, and the LDA are continuing to engage with Bluebell Community Council and the Bluebell allotments holders.

#### Sons of Divine Providence

A meeting of the members with the project manager has been scheduled for Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 3.00 PM.

#### Cherry Orchard - Site 1 of the Local Area Plan

As stated at the briefing given in the September area committee meeting the Housing team are continuing to engage with the HSE on the land swap necessary to progress the Part 8 process for the link road. It is anticipated that the part 8 process will begin in late 2024/early 2025.

#### Site 2 of the Local Area Plan

As reported previously, work is ongoing 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 was agreed at the September area committee meeting.

#### Rafters/Crumlin Road

DCC received Stage 2 approval for the project on the 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024. This gives project consent to progress towards the Part 8 stage. The project proposal is to provide a new social housing scheme with a mix of one, two and three bedroom homes.

#### Labre Park

Cluid have presented a CAS stage 2 funding application to DCC for review. This is currently being internally peer reviewed. Findings/comments will be provided to Cluid to update the application and submit to the DHLGH.

Submission to the DHLGH is expected in late October following DCC peer review. Part 8 application for Phase 1 is expected in January '25

As stated previously, Cluid and their design team are continuing to work through design options, conducting further investigations and awaiting results of the River Camac flood alleviation study

Investigations are ongoing in relation to improvement works to the exiting bays as reported last month.

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

Property Type	
House	44
Maisonette	2
Apartment	18
Senior Citizens	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>79</b>

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

South Central Area	
House	40
Apartment	24
Senior Citizens	27
<b>Total</b>	<b>91</b>

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	With contractor	04/01/2025
House	BALLYFERMOT ROAD	3	23/09/2024	With contractor	04/01/2025
House	BALLYNEETY ROAD	2	03/04/2024	On offer	
House	BARNVILLE PARK	1	14/08/2024	For framework	15/01/2025
House	BARNVILLE PARK	1	16/06/2024	With contractor	30/10/2024
House	BARNVILLE PARK	2	30/06/2024	For framework	15/01/2025
Senior Citizens	BERNARD CURTIS COURT	1	31/03/2024	On offer	
Apartment	BERNARD CURTIS COURT	2	25/09/2024	For framework	TBC
Apartment	BERNARD CURTIS HOUSE	2	14/04/2024	Tenant selected	
Apartment	BERNARD CURTIS HOUSE	2	16/06/2024	With contractor	12/10/2024
Senior Citizens	BLACKDITCH COURT	1	27/08/2024	With depot	30/11/2024
Senior Citizens	BLACKDITCH COURT	1	27/08/2024	With depot	30/11/2024
Senior Citizens	BLACKDITCH COURT	1	09/06/2024	With Depot	30/11/2024
Senior Citizens	BLACKDITCH ROAD	1		With Contractor	30/11/2024
House	CHERRY ORCHARD AVENUE	3	04/06/2024	For framework	30/10/2024
House	CHERRY ORCHARD GROVE	3		AGS checks being carried out	15/10/2024
Senior Citizens	CLADDAGH COURT	1	22/02/2024	Issued to Depot	31/10/2024
Senior Citizens	CLADDAGH COURT	1	14/07/2024	Issued to Depot	31/10/2024
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	10/10/2024
House	COMERAGH ROAD	2	21/11/2023	1st Offer refused	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	Transfer being considered - Surrender scheme	
House	CROFTWOOD GARDENS	2	25/02/2024	Tenant selected	
House	CROFTWOOD GARDENS	2		For framework	TBC
House	CROFTWOOD PARK	4	12/04/2023	With contractor	15/11/2024
House	CROFTWOOD PARK	3	22/08/2023	Tenant selected	05/10/2024
House	CURLEW ROAD	3		1st offer refused	30/08/2024



Apartment	DAVITT HOUSE	0	<b>21/02/2023</b>	Tenant Selected	15/12/2024
Apartment	DAVITT HOUSE	0	<b>25/11/2023</b>	AGS Checks underway	15/12/2024
Apartment	DAVITT HOUSE	0	<b>20/09/2023</b>	AGS Checks underway	15/12/2024
Apartment	DAVITT HOUSE	0	<b>07/07/2024</b>	For framework	15/12/2024
Apartment	DAVITT HOUSE	0	<b>19/10/2022</b>	AGS Checks underway	15/12/2024
Apartment	DAVITT HOUSE	0	<b>02/06/2024</b>	For framework	15/12/2024
Apartment	DAVITT HOUSE	2	<b>13/09/2024</b>	With contractor	15/01/2025
Apartment	DAVITT HOUSE	0	<b>04/03/2024</b>	AGS Checks underway	
House	ELMDALE DRIVE	3	<b>31/03/2024</b>	For Framework	10/10/2024
House	ELMDALE DRIVE	4	<b>21/06/2024</b>	For framework	10/10/2024
House	ERRIGLE ROAD	3	<b>25/07/2024</b>	With contractor	29/11/2024
Senior Citizens	Fr KITT COURT	1	<b>02/06/2024</b>	With Depot	30/11/2024
Senior Citizens	Fr KITT COURT	1	<b>23/04/2023</b>	Tenant selected	30/11/2024
Apartment	KINGS HALL	1	<b>19/10/2023</b>	Tenant Selected	08/10/2024
Senior Citizens	KILNAMANAGH COURT	1	<b>29/05/2024</b>	With contractor	30/11/2024
Senior Citizens	KILNAMANAGH COURT	1	<b>12/09/2024</b>	With depot	30/11/2024
House	KNOCKMAREE	3		Tenant selected	
Senior Citizens	LA TOUCHE COURT	1		Issued to Depot	30/11/2024
Senior Citizens	LA TOUCHE COURT	1	<b>20/09/2023</b>	Under offer	30/11/2024
House	Le FANU ROAD	3	<b>03/04/2024</b>	Under offer - 2 refusals	
House	LALLY ROAD	3	<b>18/06/2024</b>	For framework	10/10/2024
House	LALLY ROAD	2	<b>16/06/2024</b>	For framework	12/10/2024
House	LANDEN ROAD	2	<b>25/07/2024</b>	For framework	25/10/2024
House	LANDEN ROAD	3	<b>28/08/2023</b>	Tenant selected	06/09/2024
House	LISSADELL DRIVE	3	<b>30/07/2024</b>	For framework	12/01/2025
Maisonette	LISSADEL ROAD	2	<b>05/07/2024</b>	For framework	05/10/2024
Maisonette	LISSADEL ROAD	2		New tenant selected	28/06/2024
House	MUSKERRY ROAD	3	<b>25/08/2024</b>	For framework	TBC
Apartment	OBLATE VIEW	1	<b>08/04/2024</b>	2nd Tenant selected	
House	O'DWYER ROAD	3	<b>25/05/2022</b>	Legal issue with boundary	
House	ORANMORE ROAD	3	<b>20/05/2024</b>	Tenant selected	11/10/2024
House	ORANMORE ROAD	2	<b>14/06/2024</b>	For framework	10/10/2024
House	RAILWAY AVENUE	2	<b>05/09/2024</b>	With contractor	16/01/2025
House	RAHEEN PARK	3	<b>03/03/2024</b>	With Contractor	30/10/2024
Senior Citizens	ROSSAVAL COURT	1	<b>03/12/2023</b>	Issued to Depot	30/11/2024
House	ROSSMORE ROAD	3	<b>06/02/2024</b>	2nd refusal	
House	ROSSMORE ROAD	3	<b>N/A</b>	For Framework	TBC
Apartment	SEVEN OAKS	2	<b>07/05/2024</b>	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	19/10/2024
House	THOMOND ROAD	2	21/04/2024	With contractor	30/11/2024

## Community

### Halloween 2024

The South Central Area Community Team will be supporting Halloween Festival Events in Ballyfermot, Drimnagh and Bluebell.

The Ballyfermot Halloween Committee are well organised and planning a great day of activities on Thursday October 31<sup>st</sup>. Approx. 10 family friendly and free events will take place throughout the day starting with the Zombie Run in Le Fanu Park and a finale of fireworks in Cherry Orchard at 7:00pm. The vintage fire truck will be touring each event on the day, starting at the zombie run and finishing at Familibase. (Draft poster attached).

The City Council is supporting Neurovibe Tribe and D.10 ASD to host an accessible and inclusive Halloween themed space in the Ballyfermot Civic Centre on Tuesday October 31<sup>st</sup>. The space is aimed at supporting children and young people of all ages and abilities, with specific focus on supporting those with neurodiverse conditions. The Community staff have organised Halloween lantern crafts and monster masks for the sensory events.

On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 11.00 AM in the Orchard centre Smashing Barriers, will perform a scene that will depict the Hierarchy of Disability, but with a Halloween twist. A common belief within both the non-disabled and disabled communities is the concept of a hierarchy of disability. Disability hierarchy positions certain impairments as more or less disabling than others, with the idea that some impairments are "better" or less severe than others.



The Council will also support the Bluebell Youth Project and Bluebell Residents Association with their Halloween Festival, (awaiting running order of events).

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



Halloween lantern crafts for the school talks.

The South East Area Community Team are supporting the Halloween event in Brickfield Park.

This year we are making a mini documentary of how the whole festival gets put together. Many thanks to local lady Amy Dodd for coming on board for this worthwhile project.

### Graduate Programme

The South Central Area are delighted to welcome Oonagh O'Brien to the Community Development Team. Oonagh has now been with us for 4 weeks and is learning the ins and outs of community development. Oonagh is a Politics and Social Justice student and will be with us for 3 years.

### 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.



### Social Inclusion

The Ballyfermot Sports Complex will host a "Big Breakfast" in the Sports Complex on Gurteen Road on Friday Mornings, starting on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October providing a free breakfast for their Neighbours and an

open invitation to residents from the Rossaveal Sheltered housing complex.



The City Council is supporting the following events to take place during Integration and Inclusion Week which takes place from 11<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> November 2004

- The Ballyfermot Resource Centre opened their Community Welcome Room this month last year as a pilot scheme. The Welcome room provides a comfortable location where people can relax, feel at ease in a warm quiet space. Free tea /coffee and Wi-Fi is available and the room will be open daily initially from 4:00PM – 8:00PM. The Welcome Room has been a huge success with constant footfall especially in the winter months.
- Chapelizod Tidy Towns will host a "Street Feast" event on the Plaza celebrating Chapelizod's culturally diverse community. They intend to have an open afternoon of "bring and share" dishes from different countries and music from around the world.

### South Central Age Friendly Programme;

Ballyfermot Age Friendly Programme:

The Winter Age Friendly events will begin on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October and run for 8 weeks up until Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> October in the Ballyfermot Civic Centre.



Winter <b>AGE FRIENDLY</b> Programme			
THUR 10TH OCT 10.30AM	TOGETHER FM FILM CLUB PRESENTS - FRANKENSTEIN	TUE 19TH NOV 2PM - 4PM	BELLY DANCING CLASS WITH CIDA FROM DUBLIN BELLY DANCING
TUE 29TH OCT 2PM - 4PM	HALLOWEEN TEA DANCE ENTERTAINMENT BY ANGEL (PRIZE FOR BEST FANCY DRESS)	TUE 26TH NOV 2PM - 4PM	ACTIVE AGERS FINAL IN SERIES OF HEALTH & WELL BEING TALKS WITH WILL SHANNON
TUE 5TH NOV 2PM - 4PM	BINGO WITH FAB VINNY LOADS OF FUN & GREAT PRIZES	TUE 3RD DEC 2PM - 4PM	CHRISTMAS TEA DANCE ENTERTAINMENT BY THE RAMS
TUE 12TH NOV 2PM - 4PM	LINE DANCING WITH BERNIE & CATHERINE	THUR 12TH DEC 10.30AM	TOGETHER FM FILM CLUB PRESENTS - SCROOGED
THUR 14TH NOV 10.30AM	TOGETHER FM FILM CLUB PRESENTS - ONCE		
THUR 10TH OCTOBER TO THUR 12TH DEC			

## Sheltered Housing Complexes

### Ballyfermot, Cherry Orchard, Chapelizod:

The Community Team, DCC Housing, The Ballyfermot Community Civic Centre and Slainte Care are working together to upgrade the existing computers and Wi-Fi within the Ballyfermot & Chapelizod areas.

Kylemore College has offered to work with us to teach the residents on the use of the

new equipment. These will be in place in late October, early November.

### Fr Kitt Court Animation Programme

Fr Kitt Sheltered Housing Complex animation programme will recommence from 16<sup>th</sup> September with chair yoga and a series of history talks and flower arranging workshops.



## Lord Mayors Autism Friendly Villages Initiative

On 17<sup>th</sup> September the Lord Mayor James Geoghegan invited DCC Community Development Teams to a meeting regarding Autism Friendly Villages. This involves collaborative work with community officers across the city along with 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 Autism Friendly Villages/Communities i.e. one in each local area.

The initial meeting for Ballyfermot took place on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October. With AslAm, Ballyfermot Community Civic Centre, NeurovibeTribe and other interested organisations.

## Christmas Preparation

The Community Team are working in partnership with the Ballyfermot Community Civic Centre, Liffey Partnership, Together FM, DCC Parks, Neurovibe Tribe and D.10 ASD to create a socially inclusive, affordable Christmas Market in The People's Park with two Santa Grotto's in the centre, one specific for children with special needs.

## Funding

### DCC Community Grants Fund

The Grants have been a great way to connect with the voluntary groups throughout the area and to support their initiatives. In addition to providing funding for groups our Community staff support the groups and encourage them to collaborate and play an active role in their area.

The grants are currently being processed and a report for approval by Local Area Committee will be provided for the October 2024 Area Committee Meeting.

Community Staff continue to provide ongoing information to community Organisations on funding sources: Funding point Local Digest. 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 Autumn Round is now open and was announced and information circulated to community groups and online on 5<sup>th</sup> August. The deadline for applications is Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. At that point applicants 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>

## Pride of Place Update

Eddie Fitzpatrick & the Stone Soup had their Judging event in mid-September and were nominated for a special Chief Executives Award at the Dublin Pride of Place awards in Croke Park on 4<sup>th</sup>



October which they duly won! All eyes are now on the national awards in Monaghan on Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>! Once again we wish all the supporters of The Stone Soup Project the very best.



## Leaders in Learning

The Annual Leaders in Learning Ceremony took place on 1<sup>st</sup> October in St. Ultan's School. Once again it was a privilege to see the range of budding scholars and their collective education pathways, some beginning and others in their final year.

Brendan Foster (Chair COIB), Anne Fitzgerald (Liffey Area Partnership) & Jim Curley (COIB) were present to award the Leaders in Learning recipients their 2024 bursaries.

Leaders in Learning (LIL) is a scholarship available to residents of Cherry Orchard. Funded by the Cherry Orchard Implementation Board, the LIL programme provides up to €1,500 for students studying third level and further education that can improve your future career.

Over 40 Cherry Orchard residents a year get support from the Leaders in Learning Fund to study a variety of courses including carpentry & joinery, beauty therapy, biotechnology, medicine and more.



## Cherry Orchard Jobs Fair

On 8<sup>th</sup> October we hosted our very first Jobs Fair for Cherry Orchard in The Orchard Community Centre.

It was very well attended with a vast choice of job opportunities in the area for all ages. Supported through the Cherry Orchard Implementation Board and a special thanks to Liffey Area Partnership for bringing the idea to fruition.



## Public Domain

### Halloween 2024

The Public Domain Office is currently compiling a list of business and household's to forward to Waste Enforcement Section for investigation. Where Waste Enforcement suspect materials are being deliberately left out for collection for bonfires, they will initiate enforcement action.

It is an offence under Section 32 of the Waste Management Act 1996 for a person to "hold, transport, recover or dispose of waste in a manner that causes or is likely to cause environmental pollution" or to "transfer the control of waste to any person other than an appropriate person". This is a particular issue around Halloween with some businesses and household's leaving potential bonfire material accessible to passers-by.

The Public Domain Office will continue to monitor the situation and any business or household behaving in this manner will be reported to the Waste Enforcement Section for further investigation and possible prosecution, this could result in a fine of up to €5,000 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or both. They may also be held liable to pay the costs and expenses incurred in relation to the investigations, detection and prosecution of the offence.

## Bonfire Materials



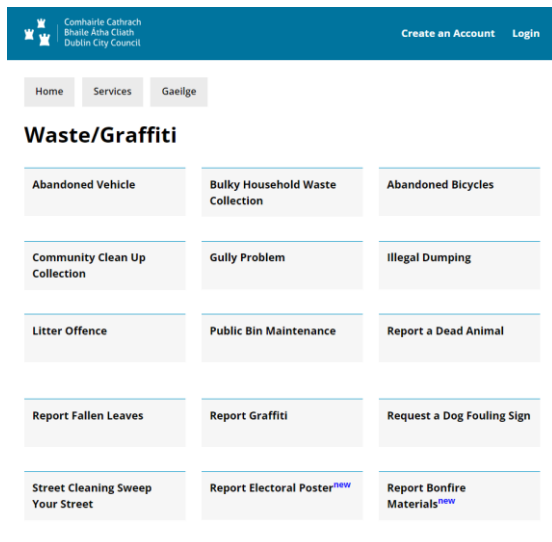
From 1<sup>st</sup> October anyone can log a report of suspected Bonfire Material directly to DCC via Citizen Hub at <https://citizenhub.dublincity.ie/Waste> or you can scan the QR code below.

Here you can report suspected Bonfire Material located on a Public Street or Laneway, Park or Green Area, Private Property or in DCC Housing Complex.

Simple log in or continue anonymously and then follow the on screen instructions. You will be asked to either drop a pin on a map or type in the address, you then select Pallets, Tyres or other. You can state if it's an immediate hazard and you can upload a photo. You will be asked to give a brief description of the amount of material you're reporting plus any additional information that you feel is relevant.

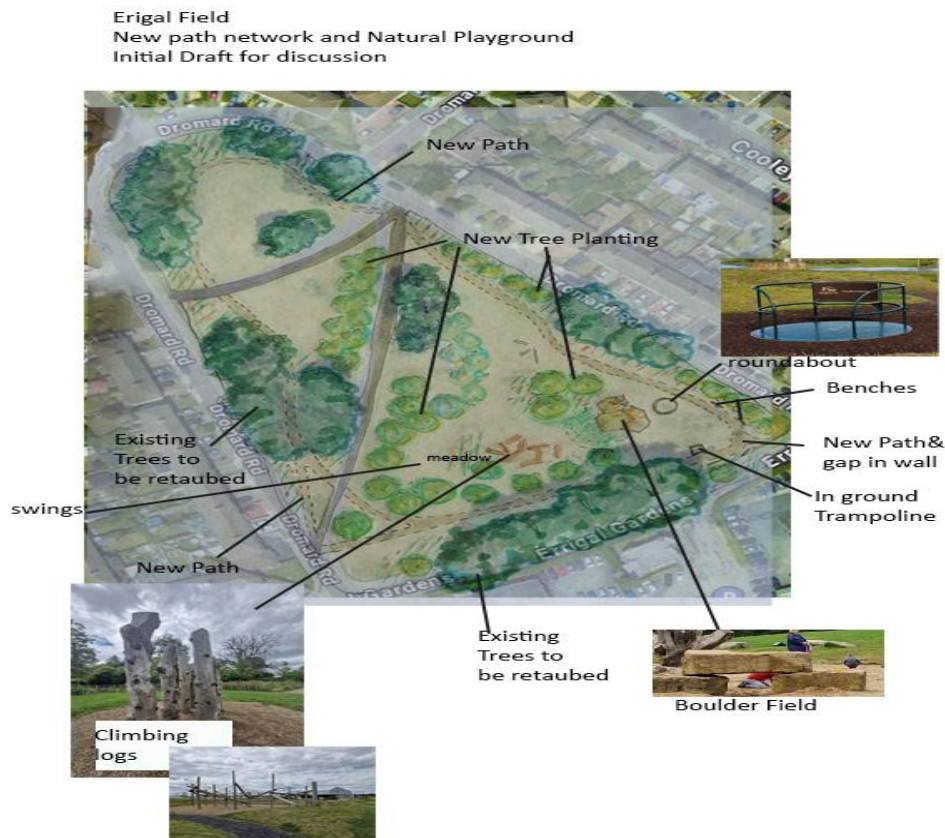






## Errigal Field Drimnagh

Following representations from local residents groups and public representatives the Public Domain Office and the Parks Department have developed a plan for improvement works to Errigal Field, Dromard Rd, Drimnagh, Dublin 12, D12 FY51. Please see below.



The first phase of this project is the installation of a new path system around the inside perimeter of the park. This new path is being funded by the Area Office and is due to be completed by the year end.

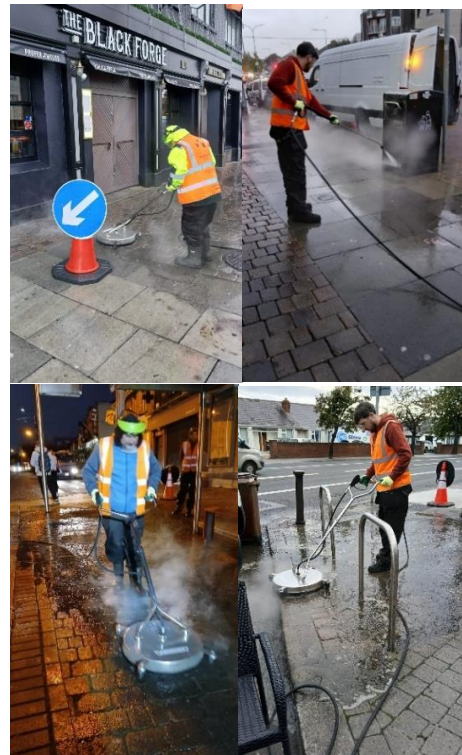
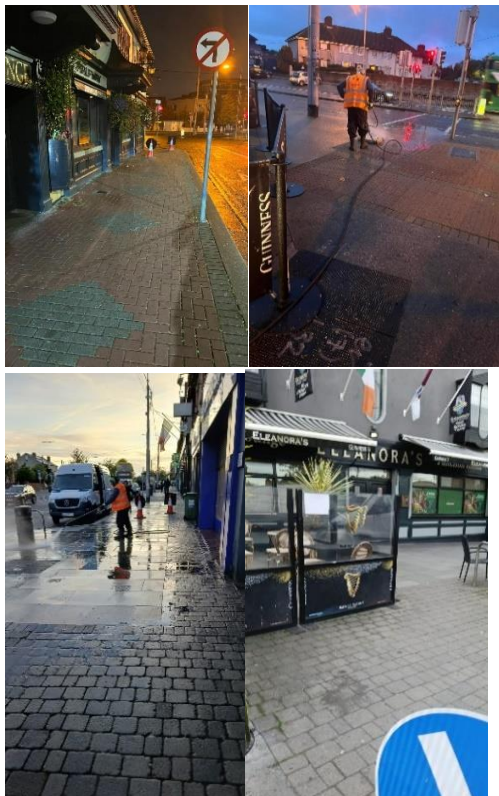
The next phase will see Parks provide new park benches and new tree planting.

The final phase will be the introduction of a natural play area, this final phase is open to review and subject to funding being available.

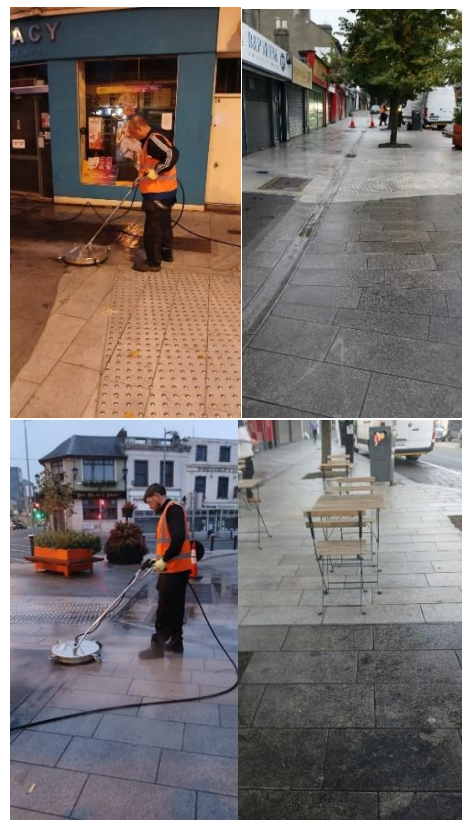
### **Street Wash Programme across the Ballyfermot Drimnagh Area**

Public Domain Office in conjunction Waste Management Service have continued its pilot programme of street washing in the Ballyfermot Drimnagh Area. Below is a number of high footfall/commercial areas that have been recently power washed.

#### **Walkinstown/Drimnagh**

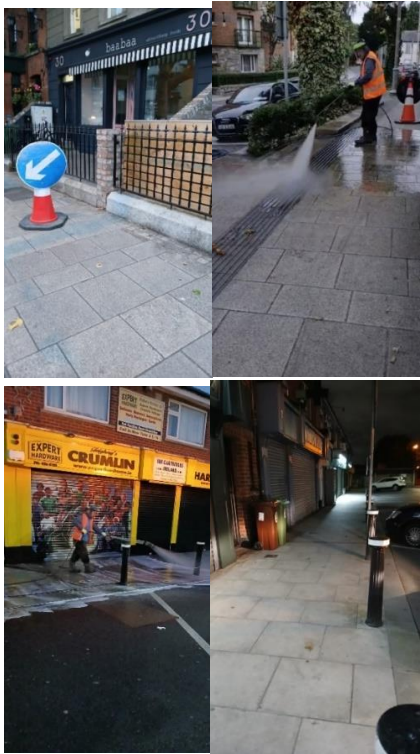


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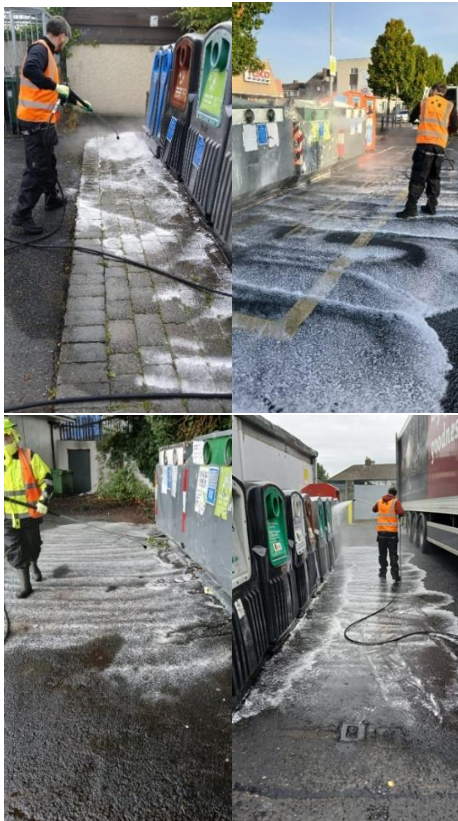




## Chapelizod & Crumlin



## Bottle banks - Ballyfermot, Bluebell & Walkinstown



## Parking Awareness- Make Way Day



The annual Make Way Day was Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2024, unfortunately we continue to have issues with cars parked on footpaths, impeding pedestrian's, including those with mobility issues and young children in buggies and their parents etc.

Below is an image recently taken in Chapelizod Village, as you can see these two cars where completely blocking the pedestrian footpath, having no regard for others, forcing any pedestrians out onto the public road.





Parking Enforcement, on foot of a report from the Public Domain Office, took immediate action and Fix Penalty Notices were issued to the offending vehicles in this instance.

Instances of illegal or obstructive parking should be referred to Dublin Street Parking Services, DSPS email [info@dspd.ie](mailto:info@dspd.ie) or tel. no. 01 6022500 or An Garda Síochána for enforcement.

### **Don't feed the Birds**

The Public Domain Office often receive reports of food being left out to feed wild birds on local greens and streets. Unfortunately, this food also attracts other less welcome visitors, such as rats. The Public Domain Office recently distributed the flyer below in the Walkinstown area due to such reports on a local green.

Depositing of food and other domestic waste in a public place is an environmental hazard and it is also an offence under the Litter Pollution Act 1997.



### **Public Domain Office – New Email address**

The Ballyfermot Drimnagh Public Domain Office has a new direct Email address where we can be contacted: [ballyfermotpd@dublincity.ie](mailto:ballyfermotpd@dublincity.ie)

This email can be used to report issues or ask questions by members or the public on issues relating to the Public Realm, particularly those issues that may not be easily reported on Citizen Hub.

### **Illegal Dumping, Graffiti, & miscellaneous anti-social issues in the Public Realm**

The Public Domain Office continue to address the anti-social issue of Illegal dumping, graffiti & miscellaneous issues 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.

### **Abandoned Vehicle - St Agnes Church carpark**



The Public Domain Office received a complaint from St Agnes Parish Council, Crumlin, that they had been contacted by various sources stating that there was a van parked in the carpark beside the church that seems to have been abandoned. They believed the van to be a serious health and safety risk, as the windows were smashed and there was broken glass all around it. They stated that they had a real fear that the vehicle would be set alight or that children, who often play around this area, would attempt to get into the vehicle, and that they may injure themselves in the process.

As Dublin City Council lease this carpark from the Church the Public Domain Office investigated this complaint.



The Public Domain Office reported its finding to the Abandoned Vehicle Section, who in turn issued a 7 day notice on the van. The vehicle was removed before the notice period ended and subsequently a Waste Management crew cleaned up the broken glass left behind.

#### **Private Property Graffiti removal – Ballyfermot Road shops**

**Before**



**After**



#### **Graffiti removal by utility operator– Slievebloom Rd, Walkinstown**

**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.

