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SOUTH WEST INNER CITY ELECTORAL AREA

Public Realm & Capital Programmes

The Area Office sponsors and has sought to advance a number of public realm projects during 2024 including:

Meath Street Public Realm Improvement Scheme – A design team to oversee detailed design, tendering and construction was appointed earlier this year and detailed design work has progressed through 2024 with construction is expected to commence later next year.

Newmarket Interim Pedestrian Improvement Measures – A series of ‘rapid install’ measures to improve pedestrian facilities at Newmarket were designed and submitted to a non-statutory consultation earlier in 2024. Construction will commence in January 2025 and we will be looking to continue improvements to this area throughout the coming year.

Area Greening Projects – Work was completed earlier this year on a street landscaping project at Blackpitts and some initial projects under ‘Trees for Tenters’ were also completed.

Projects designed but awaiting implementation in 2025 include:

- Dolphin’s Barn Street Trees Planting (Haroldville Avenue, St Anthony Road and Reuben Street)
- Carman Hall Street Trees Planting
- Cork Street/ St Luke Avenue Median Replanting
- Projects in the Tenters area
- Vicar Street Playground/Parklet

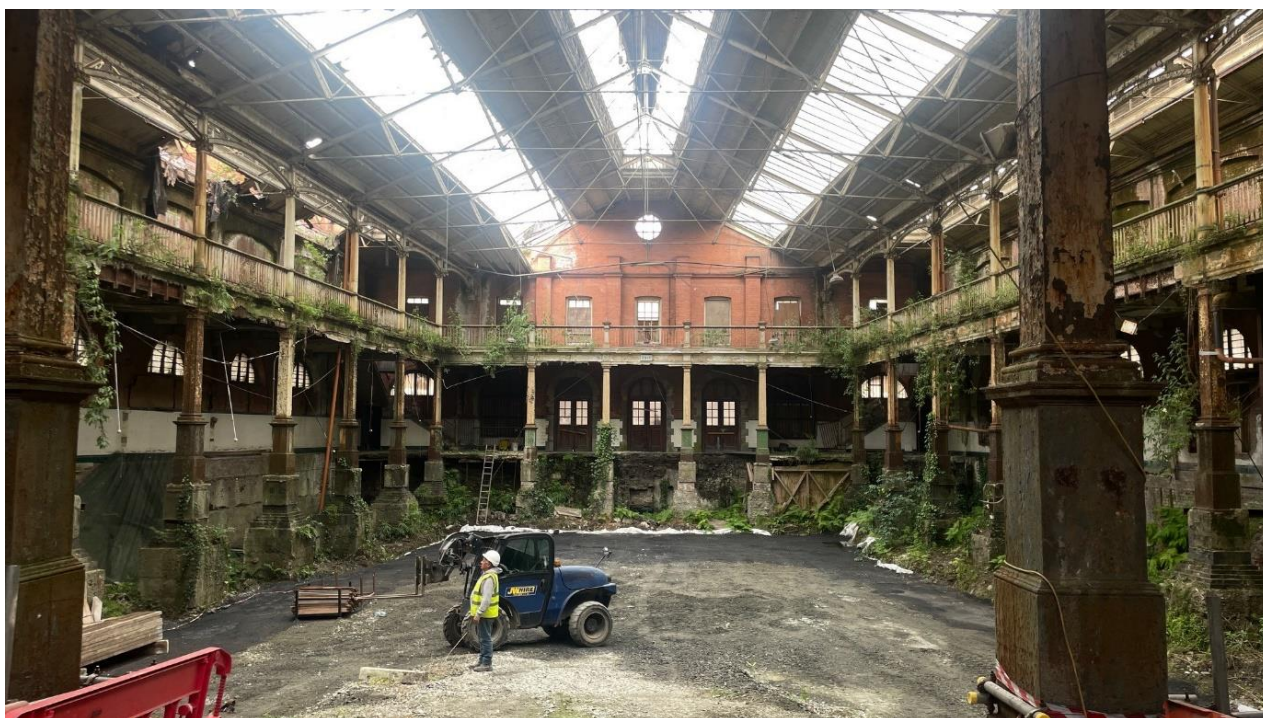
- Emmet Road Landscaping
- Goldenbridge Terrace Landscaping

In addition to planned projects, it should be noted that the Area Office also manages existing landscaped areas, planters etc. and a significant amount of TLC work was undertaken on existing schemes in 2024.

Iveagh Market – This project was significantly advanced in 2024 with the completion of enabling works in spring/summer, detailed surveying of the building and the design and tendering of the roof refurbishment. Work is now expected to commence in spring 2025 and will be one of two significant capital projects underway in SWIC. The Area Office facilitated engagement with the Friends of Iveagh Market Group and measures to communicate the work to the wider community are now being devised.

Various Heritage Works - Work was completed to three historic features in the area – The Coombe Portico, the Gray Street Monument and the Rutland Obelisk James Street. The Area Office also commissioned a condition survey of the west wall of St Catherine’s Park (which includes part-17thC elements) to assess needed repair work in 2025. The Area Office is also progressing some improvements to the public realm of the Liffey Quays, with some design of works completed in 2024.

Due to procurement issues, we did not make progress on a proposed refurbishment of 37 Thomas Court (a protected structure) in 2024. However, it is hoped to advance this project in the coming year.



Active Travel Projects in SWIC – The installation of advanced cycling infrastructure measures from the Rialto Bridge junction to Marrowbone Lane along James Walk and Forbes Lane was completed in 2024. Design of the permanent scheme is ongoing with a new junction arrangement at Suir Road submitted for public consultation last summer and work expected in 2025.

The Active Travel Unit are also developing schemes for Grand Canal Cycleway (linking Portobello with Dolphin's Barn and Inchicore) and improved cycle provision on Donore Avenue.

Economic Development

The Area Office has an active programme to engage with and support businesses in SWIC including:

Shopfront Improvement Scheme 2024 (SWIC) – This was the 10th year of this initiative. In 2024, the scheme supported

32 projects with an overall investment by businesses of €165,000. In total €65,000 of grants were disbursed (c. 2-3k per applicant).

Smart D8 – The Area Office is a member of this consortium, which also includes a number of healthcare/economic actors in the area. In 2024, Smart D8 completed its 4th pilot call for innovations trialling in the local population and undertook an innovative programme of community wellbeing initiatives with 1,000+ local residents participating. More at www.smartd8.ie

Tourism and Culture – The Area Office funded Culture Date with Dublin 8 in May, with the largest festival to date. The Council also sponsored/ actively supported the Liberties Festival in July. The Area Office also actively works with our local tourism partners to promote and manage tourism and visitor experience in this area of the city.

Kilmainham Inchicore Network

next meeting: 15th December 2024

5.30pm - the scheduled November KIN meeting was cancelled, due to low attendance numbers available. A presentation from (IWERA) Irish Railway Works Residents Association will be made at the December meeting.

KIN continues to share information about what is going on locally through monthly newsletter and website www.kilmainham-inchicore.ie

In 2024 KIN met monthly networking and sharing information about what is going on locally. www.kilmainham-inchicore.ie is managed by KIN and a monthly newsletter, circulated and available on the website, is also published.

KIN commissioned Stand Out Films to produce promotional videos of the local area – highlighting one local National School Our Lady of Lourdes National School; DCC's Shop Front Improvement Scheme in the local area, Activation and Animation of the Grand Canal Summer Programmes and seasonal banners for the website.

A call out to local creatives in the community led to two videos shining a light on Creatives in the Community offering an insight into their lives in our neighbourhood.

KIN facilitated a workshop between local creatives, the DCC Arts Office and Dublin South City Partnership seeking to identify possibilities for creative engagement in the local area. This led to the establishment of “*The Camac Collective*”, a multi-disciplinary artist’s collective, that meet monthly, from the Inchicore, Kilmainham, Drimnagh area with currently 45 members but actively growing in membership. The Collective seeks to launch a community-based approach to providing arts amenities in the local area for artists, the wider community and audiences and build creative, dynamic and inclusive community engagement between local

arts professionals and other local stakeholders. *The Camac Collective* plan to formalise their structure in 2025. KIN continue to support this collective.

A proposal for consideration by KIN and IRCF members with regard to the amalgamation of KIN and IRCF was presented by the Independent Chair at the April 2024 meeting, a further presentation was discussed at the June 2024 meeting. It was agreed to maintain both as independent structures and revisit this in another year.

In April 2024 KIN facilitated the Department of Environment bring its successful launch announcing a new national engagement and communications campaign on climate and community resilience to Richmond Barracks with many local environmental initiatives involved. (Irish Times article (28.4.28) on “How one of the least green parts of Ireland is ahead on community-driven climate action”).

KIN and DCC facilitated members of Inse Chór Conradh na Gaeilge secure funding to host a mini Festival of Culture, Community and Place in Inchicore in June: Féile Inse Chór 2024 www.feileinsechor.ie

Inchicore Regeneration Consultative Forum – next meeting: 15 December 2024 IRCF meet monthly, with every second monthly meeting receiving updates from Emmet Road Development Project team.

The new Emmet Road Development design team were introduced to the IRCF at the January 2024 meeting. Throughout the year the design team have outlined detail design planned for development (residential, community buildings), including public realm plans for the open spaces within the development.

IRCF “***Name It***” ***Public Consultation Workshop*** was held on 31st January 2024 at Richmond Barracks. This widely advertised public participation event

(almost 50 people attended) workshopped proposing names for Emmet Road Development. An informed discussion, post relevant presentations, took place with everyone present having an opportunity to voice their opinion. The outcome of 12 proposed names for overall development /buildings/ public spaces / street/path at the New Emmet Road is captured in a Report available: [here](#). This Report was sent to DCC and formed part of the naming process for the Development. An Droichead Órga (Goldenbridge) is the determined name of the Development.

IRCF Civic and Community Spaces Subcommittee (CCSS)

CCSS hold monthly meetings discussing relevant issues relating to proposed civic and community spaces within the Emmet Road Development. These issues include future management and maintenance, economic and social development, community assessment of needs and % for art process. The subcommittee host quarterly meetings with DCC Libraries to discuss the proposed Community Hub/Library building. Over the year visits to other libraries within the city and beyond (Ballyfermot, Coolock, Portrane/Donabate) have been organised and help inform best practice inquiry into future management and maintenance of this community space.

IRCF Education Subcommittee

Life Long Learning practitioners from Inchicore and Kilmainham are facilitated to meet quarterly; networking and sharing information about their organisations. It was decided at the September meeting that the Education Subcommittee would be better placed within the KIN structure, this process has begun.

Community of Practice, Regeneration Boards Dublin 8

The IRCF are active participants and also part of the planning team for the Community of Practice events, facilitated

by Community Action Network, engaging all 5 Regeneration Projects in the Dublin 8/10 areas. In 2024 three events were planned and hosted exploring common experiences across all regeneration areas. Most recently Limerick Regeneration Company outlined how social and economic funding available for regeneration projects were accessed during the regeneration construction period (130 projects from 55 organisations were supported). A discussion about the possibility of access to this funding in various regeneration projects in Dublin 8 and how this might be progressed took place. This process of inquiry will continue through the COP in 2025.

DCC Projects:

Grand Canal - Activation and Animation

This DCC / Waterways Ireland Partnership Grand Outdoors Summer Programme 2024 took place during May and June. Organised watersports on the Grand Canal included participation from local organisations, youth groups and a diversity of local residents. Building capacity and long term interest and sustainability of watersports locally on the Grand Canal is the objective. An evaluation of the last two years of the programme is underway as well as strategically planning for the 2025 programme.

Feasibility Study – Goldenbridge Integrated Service Complex

Lorne Consulting, commissioned by DCC SCA carried out an initial feasibility study to support a master vision for the development of the Goldenbridge Complex, Emmet Crescent Lodge and Inchicore Library. This study, completed in October 2024 will form the basis of a Master Vision for the Future Use of these three public community assets based on an assessment of community needs in the area.

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

During 2024, CSR consultants were commissioned by DCC to draw up plans for public realm improvements of two areas in Inchicore – the gravel area near the Canal end of Goldenbridge Terrace and footpath at Bulfin Road/Emmet Road. A public consultation process took place over the summer of 2024 with majority public support for the proposed greening initiatives, as outlined in a Report. Detailed design has been carried out and now documents are being prepared for contract tenders. It is expected that works will commence in early 2025.

Liffey Valley Park Masterplan

A draft Masterplan for Liffey Valley Park/East Timor Park is near completion and will be ready in early January 2025. During the process public consultation took place seeking ideas and support for the plan. NTA's bus connect route 7 and 6 run adjacent to the park and the plan proposes that increased pedestrian access to the park is a key factor.

Housing

Oliver Bond House

Dublin City Council (DCC) Housing & Community Services received initial approval from the Department of Housing, Local Government, and Heritage to proceed with the regeneration of Oliver Bond House.

TST Engineering was engaged to carry out ground surveys across the complex, as well as surveys of vacant flats. These surveys commenced on Tuesday, 18th March 2024, and were ongoing for approximately four weeks.

The final draft of the community and social audit was received from planning. A key recommendation proposed the inclusion of a multi-use space in Oliver Bond. This space would provide flexible use for

residents and other users. DCC is considering placing the space on one of the ground floor levels of Blocks L, M, or N during the first phase. Detailed information regarding the size and specifications will be available once the design team is in place.

Additionally, recent work on the stairwells in Blocks B, C, E, and F has been completed.

Window Replacement Programme

The window replacement program is now underway. Following the completion of measurements by the glazing contractor, the replacement process has begun, and windows are being effectively installed.

Bonham Court and Poplin Place / Weaver Place

Two new housing developments Bonham Court (57 apts) and Poplin/Weaver Place (55 apts) were handed over to DCC in December 2023/January 2024.

The Housing Team in Eblana House managed the process and all the communication with prospective tenants on receipt of allocation lists from Central Allocations in Civic Offices. As soon as the lists were produced, the local area team commenced the Estate Management process and set up interviews with all prospective new tenants. This was a labour intensive process (as all prospective tenants attended for interview), but proved beneficial as it was the initial meeting point with the prospective tenants and SWIC Housing Team. People who may have required support on moving into and managing a new dwelling were identified and the level of the specific support level discussed with the person.

On completion of the Estate Management process, the units were assigned to the tenants based on their housing needs (1 bed, 2 bed etc.). Viewings were arranged and the heating/ventilations systems

explained and general areas identified to tenant, fob access, bin store, bicycle shed access etc. A tenancy pack was prepared for all new tenants. Included in the pack was an operating manual for the units in the apartments and their ESB MPRN nos. A list of contact no's was included. The new Housing Needs Assistance form required for Social Welfare for furniture grant was also included in the pack duly completed and signed for the tenant to present to Social Welfare. All units are now occupied.

An information evening was held for the new tenants. This was to introduce the residents to each other and to provide information for some Community Services available in the area.

The following services attended the information evening:

- Dublin City Council Local Area Office Housing Team
- Dublin City Council Community Development Officer
- Local Youth Services
- The local Community Development Project

The staff from the Local area office linked in with the contractors & the architects regarding the snagging of the apartment complexes and were on hand daily to co-ordinate this process between tenants and contractor. Staff from the local area office carried out a maintenance inspection on the buildings and coordinated a list of issues that needed to be addressed to the project manager & SISK. A new fob entry system was installed in Bonham Court. Each tenant received fobs to gain access to the main entrance to their block. The Local Area Office arranged for additional CCTV cameras to be installed at Bonham Court, with a link to Eblana House which was included as part of the installation works. A similar proposal for Poplin/Weaver is currently being examined.

The allocation process and transition of the tenants into their new dwellings went smoothly and all units were fully occupied by April 2024. The local area office and new tenants have developed a successful ongoing working relationship and residents are now well settled in their new homes.

Saint Audoen's House

New bin stores were installed, along with outdoor information screens. These screens aim to reduce the need for letter drops and provide a dedicated space for community groups to share information. A contractor was appointed to carry out improvement works in the play areas of the complex in the New Year.

Michael Mallin House

Design work commenced on the new playground for Michael Mallin House, and a new bin store was installed.

Emmet Buildings

A contractor was engaged to carry out improvement works in the play areas of the complex. The pitch will be resurfaced to a high standard, and the current playground will undergo thorough cleaning. Additionally, a new bin store has been installed.

Robert Emmet Close and Walk

A power washing project was undertaken to ensure the pathways and surrounding areas were thoroughly cleaned and restored. Updates to the pathways and surrounding areas were also included. A contractor is scheduled to carry out improvement works in the play areas of the complex in the New Year.

Dolphin House

Demolition works were completed on the Old Dolphin Park site.

Seven units were vacated, and residents were rehoused to facilitate the regeneration of the development.

A new courtyard door and two fire doors

were installed in Block A.

The Local Area Office arranged a deep clean of internal stairwells and communal areas. All buildings in the new phase were painted, and railings along the canal were repaired.

An intensive power washing program was completed, and overgrown bushes and shrubbery were removed.

A housing clinic provided an effective point of contact for residents throughout the year, receiving positive feedback from Community Representatives and residents.

Herberton / Reuben

Block F on St. Anthony's Road was fully tenanted, with all new units allocated.

The roof in Block D was repaired.

A housing clinic offered a valuable point of contact for residents during the year.

A walkthrough of the complex was conducted with the Management

Company, Dublin City Council, and An Garda Síochána to develop a plan addressing antisocial behaviour and upgrading security measures.

The program to replace all locks in Block D is ongoing and nearing completion.

Basin Street

Regular community engagement meetings took place throughout the year regarding the PPP redevelopment of the complex.

The development recently progressed to the Part 8 planning stage, during which observations and comments on the

application were received. An information evening was held at the F2 Centre in Herberton to share details of the plans.

The project is scheduled for formal ratification by the Council in the early New Year, with de-tenanting to begin once planning permission is granted.

Mary Aikenhead

The rubbish chutes were welded shut during the year following the construction of new bin chambers. A community day for children was organized, during which plant

boxes were installed on the bin chamber walls. Each child received their own plant, personalized with their name.

Robinson's Court

Work on the new gate is set to commence soon. A contractor has been selected, and plans have been finalized.

Islandbridge Court

The playground was upgraded, with old equipment removed and new units installed. The soft pour surface was power washed.

The fencing surrounding the playground area was replaced and painted.

Communal areas within the complex underwent an intensive power washing program.

The painting of the complex and the community room has been completed.

Memorial Court

The internal stairwells, corridors, and communal rooms were painted.

Tyrone Place

Communal areas, including the playgrounds and stairwells, were treated and power washed.

A new community garden area was cleared and is now ready for use by local residents.

The painting program for the complex is currently ongoing.

Bowbridge Court

The intercom system in Blocks 1 to 24 was completely replaced. Each property received a new handset with video camera functionality, and the units at the front entrance were upgraded.

Grand Canal Basin

Meetings were held with DCC Area Office, the Parks Section, and Waterways Ireland to explore collective initiatives aimed at improving safety along the canal area. This collaboration resulted in the cutting back of foliage and rushes. The

introduction of water sports also helped increase activity along the canal, which in turn deterred some antisocial behaviour. Additionally, a lighting survey was conducted.

Emmet Crescent

A community clean-up day took place with the assistance of DCC and the Family Resource Centre, followed by an event to celebrate the 21st anniversary of Emmet Crescent's official opening.

DCC and a Crime Prevention Officer from An Garda Síochána conducted a site survey to identify potential improvements in the area around the Crescent. The report was received, and the recommendations have been implemented.

Sarah Place

In response to issues with emergency vehicle access due to parked cars, new bollards were installed at the entrance. New playground equipment was also installed.

An arborist was employed to trim and remove several branches from a large tree that was encroaching into neighbouring properties. The branches were damaging the roof tiles of the Georgian building next to the complex.

School Street / Thomas Court Bawn

Residents have been kept informed throughout the year about the proposed redevelopment of the complex, initially via letters. Public consultations were held in collaboration with the DCC Housing Development Team, the Local Area Office, and the Design Team.

The next major milestone in the redevelopment process is the submission of a planning permission application, expected in spring 2025. Meanwhile, groundwork will continue as planned. All residents have been updated on these developments, and transfer applications have been distributed to everyone.

Additionally, new bin sheds were installed at the complex in February 2024.

Weavers Row

A deep cleaning of the stairwells, courtyard, and entranceways has been completed. Dublin City Council (DCC) painters have been engaged, and the painting of the stairwells is expected to begin in early 2025. Residents will be notified in advance and asked to remove all frames and other items from the area.

Coombe Court

Resurfacing work, including the repainting of parking lines, was completed at Coombe Court. APCOA was engaged to manage and enforce parking regulations within the complex. Throughout the year, the Local Area Office worked closely with APCOA and local residents to ensure regular patrols and effective enforcement of parking rules.

St. Teresa's Gardens – Site

Due to ongoing antisocial behaviour on-site, Dublin City Council engaged Bidvest Noonan to provide full-time security until October 2024. This initiative has proven highly effective in addressing such issues within the community.

CCTV cameras on-site were decommissioned, and all associated equipment poles were removed. The site was officially handed over to Hegarty Demolition and John Paul Construction for redevelopment.

The project includes the demolition of a four-story block of flats (Block 1) within the St. Teresa's Gardens estate. This work involves the removal of foundations, redundant underground services, and the diversion of select existing underground utilities, as well as site clearance and additional site works.

The Donore Boxing Club will remain operational within the existing block.

Void Units

Address	Type of Unit	Vacant Possession Date	Status
Ave Maria Road	1 Bed House	27/08/2024	Key with Maintenance
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	Nomination Received
Chandler's Guild	1 Bed Apartment	11/01/2024	Ready to Let
Dolphin House	1 Bed Flat	05/07/2024	Awaiting nomination
Dolphin House	3 Bed Flat	11/08/2024	With Depot
Dolphin House	2 Bed Flat	29/10/2024	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 Contractors
Emmet Buildings	0 Bed Flat	23/11/2023	Ready to Let
Emmet Crescent	3 Bed House	16/06/2024	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	Nomination Received

Islandbridge Court	0 Bed Flat	14/04/2024	With Depot
Islandbridge Court	0 Bed Flat	04/12/2024	Nomination Received
Mary Aikenhead House	2 Bed Flat	16/06/2024	With Depot
Maxwell Street	1 Bed House	12/07/2024	Under Offer
Memorial Court	1 Bed Flat		Nomination Received
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	Under Offer
Oliver Bond	1 Bed Flat	25/08/2024	With Depot
Oliver Bond	2 Bed Flat	07/07/2024	With Contractor
Oliver Bond	2 Bed Flat	20/02/2024	Under Offer
Oliver Bond	1 Bed Flat	17/04/2022	Under Offer
Oliver Bond	2 Bed Flat	07/04/2022	Under Offer
Oliver Bond	2 Bed Flat	11/12/2022	Under Offer
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	With Contractor
Oliver Bond	0 Bed Flat	04/04/2023	With 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	Under Offer
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	Under Offer
Oliver Bond	2 Bed Flat	11/02/2024	Under Offer
Oliver Bond	2 Bed Flat	17/09/2024	Under Offer
Oliver Bond	2 Bed Flat	04/02/2024	Under Offer
Oliver Bond	1 Bed Flat	09/10/2024	Under Offer
Oliver Bond	1 Bed Flat	26/11/2023	Under Offer
Oliver Bond	2 Bed Flat	07/04/2024	Under Offer
Pimlico Square	1 Bed House	01/05/2024	With Contractor
Reuben Square	1 Bed Flat	21/05/2024	Under Offer
Robert Emmet Close	2 Bed Flat	01/10/2023	With Contractor
Robert Emmet Walk	2 Bed Flat	11/09/2024	With Contractor
Robert Emmet Walk	2 Bed Flat	18/08/2024	With Contractor
Robert Street	1 Bed Flat	05/05/2024	Ready to Let
Robinson's Court	1 Bed Flat	11/08/2024	With Depot
Robinson's Court	1 Bed Senior Citizen	23/06/2024	Awaiting nomination
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. 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	Under Offer
The Maltings	1 Bed Flat	22/12/2023	Ready to Let
Thomas Court	2 Bed Flat	26/11/2024	Under Offer
Tyrone Place	Bedsit	11/08/2024	With Contractor
Tyrone Place	1 Bed Flat	11/06/2023	With Contractor
Tyrone Place	Bedsit	14/12/2023	With Depot
Tyrone Place	2 Bed Flat	19/05/2024	Ready to Let
Weavers Row	2 Bed Apartment	10/04/2024	Ready to Let

Community

Community and Social Development Team – South West Inner City

Key Points 2024

Youth:

A number of events, initiatives and projects happened over 2024 which targeted and included Youth across the South West Inner City (SWIC) ran by or supported by the SWIC Community and Social Development Team. This included the following:

- The Little Fitness Programme (Inclusive Fun Educational Fitness) rolled out to the children and young people living in Focus Ireland, Viking Lodge Emergency Accommodation Family Hub, with the programme engaging those children and young people on exercise, dance and art

workshops.  Little Fitness

- To celebrate Easter the SWIC Community Team supplied *Paint Your Own Easter Egg Activity Packs* and chocolate treats to those living in the Focus Ireland, Viking Lodge Emergency Accommodation Family Hub.



- 17 summer projects were proudly supported by the SWIC Community Team in 2024. This saw over 1200 children and young people engage in summer projects, summer activities and family fun days through both non-voluntary and voluntary organisations and groups. The team commends the wonderful and truly impactful work done by the youth services, family resource services, volunteers and those engaging with children and young people in the area.



- Animation of the Grand Canal – This project was a collaboration between DCC and Waterways Ireland. The aim of this joint initiative is to increase the usage of the amazing amenity that is the Grand Canal particularly by young people and community groups.
- Building Connections – The SWIC Community Team worked closely with the Focus Ireland Child Support Worker from Viking Lodge Family Hub to build relationships and make connections with organisations in the area that the mothers and children from the hub can partake in to support their wellbeing, play and connection needs. This saw the hub residents be connected in with projects in the SWIC area to allow them to use kitchen facilities, mothers attend women's groups, and children attend afterschool's groups and youth services.

Age Friendly:

The SWIC Community Team organised and supported an array of events, day trips and ensured the inclusion of older members of the community in walkability/accessibility audits from across the SWIC.



Key highlights include:

- 3 Afternoon Tea Dance events took place in 2024, providing 200 older residents of the SWIC area with great opportunities for social engagement, connection and fun.



- Community SWIC Team and DCC provided support to a number of day outings for senior citizens during the summer months.

History, Arts and Culture:

The Community Team arranged and endorsed many activities which support the richness of the SWIC areas historical significance, vibrant culture and promotion of the arts.

Some of the key initiatives and events which took place this year include:

- The Liberties Weavers Exhibition in Pallas Studios
- A number of performances of *The Importance of Being Oscar* by Michael Judd
- *The Tenters Remembered* Booklet – Put together by the *Tenters Celebrated Heritage Group*, the booklet is a collection of stories, essays and poetry surrounding the simple art of communication and all the ways it takes form and how

communication vital to the maintaining and celebration of communities.



- *Opera in the Open* – bringing opera to our parks and green spaces during the summer months
- Launch of the *East Coast Dance Festival* in Inchicore. The festival celebrates the art of Dance through performance, screening, discussion training and craft
- *Féile Inse Chór* mini festival
- The *Blooms Day in the Tenters* event
- Emmet Crescent, Inchicore's 21st Birthday Celebration
- History Talks – *When the Post Boxes Turned Green* presented by Cathy Scuffil, the DCC Historian in Residence
- Culture Date with Dublin 8 Festival



Environmental:

The SWIC community team committed to the encouragement of environmental projects in the community in 2024, striving toward our cities environmental and sustainability goals. This saw over 40 local groups and people provided with plants, topsoil, bags and equipment for neighbourhood clean ups and communities encouraged and supported to apply for the DCC City Neighbourhoods competition. This was done in collaboration with public domain and litter and waste management.

Seasonal:

What a year of fantastic seasonal events!

- Valentine's Day – The SWIC Community Team supported St. Andrews Community Centre with their annual Love Your Heart event. The event allows community members to avail of holistic therapies, blood pressures checks, and health information and defibrillator demonstrations.
- International Women's Day 2024 & International Men's Day 2024 - The SWIC Community Team supported St. Andrews Community Centre with their IWD2024 'Sources of Power' event, the event showcased and celebrate that diversity of women in the community through art, dance, poetry and talks. The team also arranged transport for various Men's Sheds to come together and share experiences and ideas.

Summer:

- Maryland Community Association were support to hold their Street

Feast as part of the National Street Feast Festival

- The Liberties Festival – Dublin City Council proudly sponsored the 54th Liberties Festival which saw over 45 events take place over the festival



- Summer Projects – 17 summer projects across the South West Inner City supported seeing 1200 children and young people participating in summer activities.
- Halloween 2024 was jammed packed with the Community Team organising, co-facilitating and supporting a number of initiatives and events across the South West Inner City. This included The Liberties Haunt event which saw 2,500-3000 attendees, 9 other community groups, resident groups, youth services and arts organisations supported to run Halloween activities and events and targeted Halloween outreach in which the Community Team put together activity packs for children, new communities and family hubs to engage them over the Halloween midterm.



Christmas:

- The Community team organised two events which took place in The Liberties and Dolphin's Barn to ring in the festive cheer with live performances, and Santa making an appearance to switch on the Lights.





The team also supported numerous Christmas events including the *Inchicore For All* Christmas event(s) for children living in IPAS, community Christmas markets, fairs and liaising with Diageo to bring 100 older community members into the Guinness Storehouse for the annual Seniors Christmas Lunch.



As part of the Christmas outreach initiative, the Community Team also created activity booklets and organised a Santa visit for children living in homeless accommodation in the local area this Christmas.

Public Domain

2024 Summary & December Report

Painting of planters, Bollards and Lighting poles along tourist trail

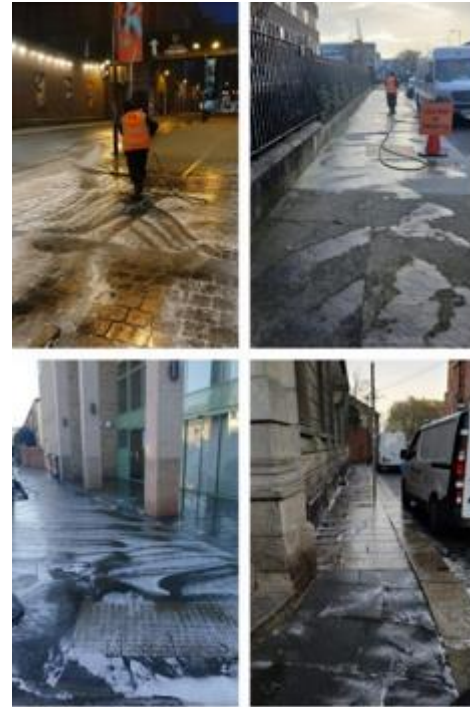
Maintenance of planting schemes Rialto, Liberties and Inchicore & Clean-up, weeding & planting at Ceannt Fort

Contract for three-tiered planters and hanging baskets. Tender process completed for Winter 2024 and Summer 2025 SCA planting to commence shortly.

158 Square Meters Graffiti treated in SWIC up to 26th November 2024. This included public spaces & infrastructure

City Wide Campaigns: Dublin

Community Clean-up, Dublin Canvas Art installations on Traffic Signal Boxes, City Neighbourhoods Competition, Anti-Dumping Initiative, Halloween Bonfire Material Removal. SWIC Hosted the City Neighbourhood Awards for South Central Area at Hyatt Centric.



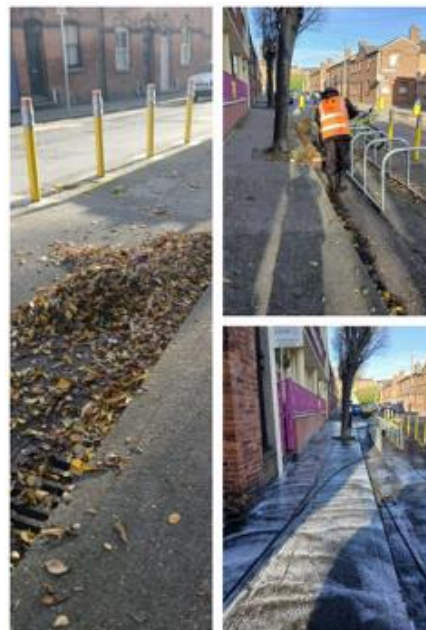
Intensive Street Cleaning with gum removal was completed along the tourist route from High St to James St. Additional cleaning to augment the Waste Management schedule was completed at Merchants Quay, Dolphins Barn, Inchicore and Herberton Complex The contract was tendered for and the successful contractor completed these works.

Weed Control- Implementation of programme-Supporting Environmental Groups and Community Clean-ups

Street Washing Service Waste Management Nov/Dec 2024

The success of the programme has enabled us to include more locations for power washing. See above: Market St. Robert St. St. Vincent's St. West Rialto Primary Care Centre, Johns Lane, Bulfin Shops Inchicore.

The Wash Crew also tackle Leaf Clearing
John Dillon Street. Power Washing
outside Francis St School



SWIC Public Domain 2024 in photos



Historian in Residence 2024 Report of Activities, Historian In Residence Project - Cathy Scuffil, Historian in Residence (HIR) Dublin City Council (DCC) South Central Area (SCA)

2024 has been another busy year for Dublin City Council's (DCC) Historians in Residence (HIR). Different approaches helped share a deeper understanding of local history with community based audiences in DCC SCA with the practical support and guidance of Community Development Sections and others in DCC.

HIR engaged with local history, heritage, cultural and community groups, with students in secondary and third level and fielded a number of queries from the general public. Events were held with St Andrews Rialto, Dolphin House Community at their *Memory Lane Breakfast* and Sister Sheds in Drimnagh, Bluebell, Walkinstown, Kylemore/Chapelizod and Ballyfermot/Cherry Orchard. Talks were also held with University of the Third Age, Warrenmount History Class, Age Friendly Groups in Walkinstown, Technical University Retirement Association and Memorial Court residents. Sessions were held with Transition Year Loreto Crumlin. The **Young Historians** (pilot) project was rolled out with Rosary College Crumlin with a mini exhibition arranged for Crumlin village.

Two local walking trail maps were launched this year with HIR providing research and editing support. **Drimnagh History Map** has a starting point at the site of the proposed future library and is hugely popular locally. This was supported by a podcast series with HIR being interviewed for the first episode. **Ballyfermot Map** also saw a heritage board unveiled near the library carpark. Two further heritage boards, with text and images supplied by HIR and Dublin City Library and Archive have been erected in Donore Avenue and Dolphin's Barn.

Festivals & Events included **St. Brigid's Day**, **International Women's Day** at Warrenmount Centre supported by CDETB with *The Way We Were* exhibition in the same venue later in the year. Talks were held for **Bealtaine** and **Summer Festivals** in Chapelizod and Drimnagh. **Bloomsday** saw Cow Parlour in The Tenters, renamed *Boulevard Bloom* as mentioned in Joyce's *Ulysses* with a significant attendance from local schools. Supported by Library in the Community a talk was arranged for **The Liberties Festival**. HIR participated in the launch of **Culture Date with Dublin 8** with events in Kevin Street and The Worth Libraries. **Heritage Week**, **Culture Night** and **Jonathan Swift Festival** were also included.

A panel discussion to mark 20 years of EU enlargement was hosted by South City Partnership in Goldenbridge. HIR presented at the City Development Forum EU Conference in Poznan, Poland hosted by the Irish Consulate. The topic *Regeneration and Isolation* highlighted the efforts of The Liberties community to overcome these issues.

Dublin Festival of History saw talks held in Inchicore, Dolphin's Barn, Ballyfermot, Kevin Street and Walkinstown Libraries. The latter hosted two further talks due to a long list of disappointed applicants. **History on Your Doorstep volume 7** was launched in recent weeks with my contribution focusing on a neighbourhood site and event to highlight local history.

The Crumlin/Walkinstown History Group **History Day with Four Speakers** included HIR. This group were one of two in the area availing of DCC SpaceHive funding to reprint *Crumlin and The Way it Was*. *The Tenters Memories* booklet – with a foreword written by HIR - was the second publication to avail of this funding.

Media contributions included RTE's History Show and Nationwide, Iveagh Trust documentary on Newstalk, Dublin Inquirer

(new heritage boards) and a podcast series for South Dublin County Council.

The Liberties Weavers (TLW) – the project originally founded by HIR in 2019 - had an excellent year. They were guests of Aontas at an EU learners conference in Brussels and organised a *Show and Tell* by zoom with weavers in the US inspired by the City Portal project. Their collaboration with Champlain students from the student accommodation in Thomas Street to produce a documentary saw this awarded a 'Student Emmy' in Boston. Their St. Brigid's event was oversubscribed with locals and tourists enjoying the exhibition of work in the Pallas Studios. They ran a number of WeaveTime events in Dublin City Libraries and other locations. TLW continue to develop their relationship with NCAD and other colleges as well as the wider local community with recent events with the Iveagh Trust that involved IPAS residents. In collaboration with Flanagan's Fields they are growing flax locally, with individual weavers and supporters growing and processing flax at home. Once again, they held a Culture Night event and continue to run three weaving classes for different experience levels each week in

The Liberties with a CDETB tutor. TLW have also developed a Heritage Council award-winning textile tourist walking trail based on HIR research which they hope to expand in the future. Their current theme '*Wear what you Weave*' should lead to a fashion show next year. They appear in the current National Lottery TV Advertisement filmed in Timbryard and were short-listed for a Good Causes Award. They also featured in two national newspaper articles this year. TLW are currently focused on work to achieve CLG status and are very grateful for and fully acknowledge the practical support and guidance of DCC in their continued success.

The above is a general summary of some of the HIR events undertaken in 2024. It has been a very rewarding experience to work with DCC staff in this part of Dublin and most especially with the local communities that have a genuine interest in their history and heritage.

Sincere personal thanks to DCC for the opportunity as always.

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BALLYFERMOT DRIMNAGH ELECTORAL AREA

Housing

Bluebell Waterways

Bluebell Community Council launched its document, "Bluebell Regeneration: A Community Driven Vision for Today and into the Future" which the Council and the LDA are reviewing. As stated, at the launch on the 27th November, the Council and the LDA will continue its engagement with the community.

Sons of Divine Providence

The project team continue to engage with the Sons of Divine providence and a meeting of the members is anticipated for March 2025.

Cherry Orchard

Site 1 of the Local Area Plan

Engagement with the HSE continues, the part 8 process, subject to pre-validation from the Planning Department, may now begin after Christmas.

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 and the aim remains for the public consultation to take place in quarter 1, 2025.

Site 4 of the Local Area Plan

The LDA are continuing to prepare tender documents for the project.

Rafters/Crumlin Road

The project team are continuing to work towards commencing the Part 8 process in quarter 1 2025

Labre Park

As reported previously, submission of the stage 2 application to the DHLGH is expected in Q4 2024 with a Part 8 application expected Q1 2025

The official opening of the new playground is scheduled for the 17th December.

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

Property Type	
House	30
Maisonette	1
Apartment	12
Senior Citizens	15
Total	58

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

South Central Area	
House	48
Apartment	47
Senior Citizens	29
Total	124

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	LA TOUCHE DRIVE	2	N/A	For framework	TBC
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	2nd offer to issue	
House	BARNVILLE PARK	1	14/08/2024	For framework	15/01/2025
House	BARNVILLE PARK	1	21/12/2023	CBL 29/12/24	
House	BARNVILLE PARK	1	16/06/2024	CBL 29/11/24	
House	BARNVILLE PARK	2		For framework	TBC
House	BARNVILLE PARK	2	30/06/2024	CBL 29/11/24	15/01/2025
House	BEN MADIGAN ROAD	2	28/10/2024	For framework	TBC
Senior Citizens	BERNARD CURTIS COURT	1	31/03/2024	On offer	
Apartment	BERNARD CURTIS HOUSE	2	25/09/2024	Under offer	
Apartment	BERNARD CURTIS HOUSE	2	01/10/2024	Estate management checks underway	
Senior Citizens	BLACKDITCH COURT	1	27/08/2024	With depot	15/01/2025
Senior Citizens	BLACKDITCH COURT	1	27/08/2024	With depot	15/01/2025
Senior Citizens	BLACKDITCH COURT	1	09/06/2024	On offer	
Senior Citizens	BLACKDITCH ROAD	1		On offer	
House	CHERRY ORCHARD AVENUE	3	04/06/2024	For framework	03/01/2025
Senior Citizens	CLADDAGH COURT	1	22/02/2024	Issued to Depot	15/01/2025
Senior Citizens	CLADDAGH COURT	1	14/07/2024	On offer	
House	CLOVERHILL DRIVE	3	10/03/2024	On offer	
House	COLEPARK DRIVE	2	14/10/2024	With contractor	31/01/2025
House	COLEPARK ROAD	3	12/05/2024	On offer	15/01/2025
Senior Citizens	CORNAMONA COURT	1	28/08/2024	Transfer being considered - Surrender scheme	
House	CROFTWOOD GARDENS	2	N/A	For framework	28/02/2025
House	CROFTWOOD PARK	4	12/04/2023	With contractor	31/01/2025
Apartment	DAVITT HOUSE	0	21/02/2023	Tenant Selected	30/11/2024
Apartment	DAVITT HOUSE	0	07/07/2024	For framework	30/11/2024
Apartment	DAVITT HOUSE	0	19/10/2022	AGS Checks underway	30/11/2024
Apartment	DAVITT HOUSE	0	02/06/2024	With contractor	30/11/2024
Apartment	DAVITT HOUSE	2	13/09/2024	With contractor	30/11/2024
Apartment	DAVITT HOUSE	0	04/03/2024	AGS Checks underway	30/11/2024

House	ELMDALE DRIVE	4	21/06/2024	Tenant selected	15/01/2025
Senior Citizens	Fr KITT COURT	1	02/06/2024	Tenant selected	30/11/2024
Senior Citizens	Fr LEMASS Court	1	29/11/2024	For framework	TBC
Apartment	KINGS HALL	1	19/10/2023	Tenant Selected	08/10/2024
Senior Citizens	KILNAMANAGH COURT	1	29/05/2024	With contractor	31/01/2025
Senior Citizens	LA TOUCHE COURT	1		Tenant selected	
House	Le FANU ROAD	3	03/04/2024	Tenant selected	
House	LANDEN ROAD	2	25/07/2024	For framework	28/02/2025
House	LISSADELL DRIVE	3	30/07/2024	For framework	12/01/2025
House	LISSADELL GREEN	3	29/11/2024	For framework	TBC
Maisonette	LISSADEL ROAD	2	05/07/2024	For framework	12/12/2024
House	MUSKERRY ROAD	3	25/08/2024	For framework	31/01/2025
Apartment	OBLATE VIEW	1	08/04/2024	2 offers refused, 3rd offer issued	
House	O'DWYER ROAD	3	25/05/2022	Legal issue with boundary	
House	RAILWAY AVENUE	2	05/09/2024	With contractor	16/01/2025
House	RAHEEN PARK	3	03/03/2024	With Contractor	30/01/2025
Senior Citizens	RIVERVIEW COURT	1	29/11/2024	For framework	TBC
Senior Citizens	ROSSAVEAL COURT	1	29/11/2024	For framework	TBC
Senior Citizens	ROSSAVEAL COURT	1	03/12/2023	Issued to Depot	15/01/2025
House	ROSSMORE ROAD	3	N/A	For Framework	31/01/2025
Apartment	SEVEN OAKS	1		On offer	
Apartment	THE STEEPLES	1	19/07/2024	On offer	
House	THOMOND ROAD	2	21/04/2024	With contractor	15/01/2025

Community

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

The Christmas tree lighting ceremonies are underway and have been very successful across the area, bringing together community members in a heart-warming celebration of the holiday spirit. Residents have gathered to witness the magical moment when the trees, adorned with sparkling lights and colourful ornaments, are illuminated, casting a warm glow that seems to chase away the winter chill. The remaining events take place in Cherry Orchard on Tuesday, 3rd December at 6.00pm, where families are encouraged to join in for an evening filled with festive cheer and camaraderie. Following that, Walkinstown will host its own lighting ceremony on Wednesday, 4th December at 6.00pm, promising a jubilant atmosphere complete with local entertainment and holiday treats. Finally,

Chapelizod will wrap up the series of events with its lighting up on Thursday, 5th December at 7.00pm, where the community will come together for a night of joy and light.

Great credit is due to the local voluntary committees, particularly in Cherry Orchard, St Ultan's School, Walkinstown Library, Chapelizod Tidy Towns/COVA, Bluebell Parish Centre, and Drimnagh, for their tireless efforts in organizing the carol singers and refreshments that enhance the festive ambiance. These dedicated groups have worked diligently to ensure that each event is not only a celebration of the season but also a gathering that fosters community spirit and connection. Their commitment to creating an inviting and joyful environment is truly commendable, as they bring together

neighbours and friends to share in the magic of Christmas.

In addition to the tree lighting festivities, the local Council is supporting resident groups in the sheltered housing complexes to organize Christmas events in the common rooms of Claddagh Court and Fr. Kitt Court. These gatherings will provide an opportunity for residents, especially those who may feel isolated during the holiday season, to come together, share stories, and enjoy festive activities. With planned activities such as holiday festive games, and seasonal treats, these events aim to create a sense of belonging and joy among the residents, ensuring that everyone feels included in the celebrations.

The collaborative efforts of community members and local organizations highlight the importance of togetherness during this special time of year, making it a truly memorable Christmas for all.



Christmas Wreaths

In the lead up to Christmas minimising the legacy of waste is a high priority and concern. In the Ballyfermot area office we have been trying to keep sustainable policies to the forefront during our Christmas preparations.



Working in tandem with a local community group we have arranged for the repurpose of offcuts from Christmas trees within the south central area. With the help of The Bungalow, rather than being sent to waste, these offcuts are being made into beautiful Christmas wreaths. Many of these wreaths will go to local homes helping to spread Christmas spirit in an affordable, inclusive and environmentally sustainable way.

This is just one way in which the Ballyfermot area office has been promoting curricular economy policies at Christmas.

Age Friendly Programme

The Winter Age Friendly Programme in Ballyfermot & Walkinstown will come to a joyful close on the 9th & 10th of December respectively, marking the culmination of a

series of engaging and enriching activities designed to bring the community together during this festive season. This year, the events promise to be particularly memorable, featuring entertainment by the talented local band Angel and The RAMS, who are known for their lively performances that resonate with audiences of all ages. Attendees can look forward to a delightful afternoon filled with festive feasting, as a variety of seasonal treats will be served, allowing everyone to indulge in the flavours of the holiday season.

In addition to the vibrant atmosphere and delicious food, there will also be an exciting raffle at each event, offering participants the chance to win a beautifully curated hamper, generously provided by Beatrice Casserly from the Social Inclusion team. This hamper will be filled with an array of delightful goodies, making it a wonderful prize that embodies the spirit of giving and community.

The Winter Age Friendly Programme aims to foster connections and enhance the well-being of older adults in the area, ensuring that everyone feels included and valued during this festive time. As attendees gather to celebrate, they will not only enjoy the entertainment and food but also have the opportunity to forge new friendships and strengthen existing bonds within the community. Overall, these closing events are set to be a heart-warming celebration of togetherness, joy, and the festive spirit that brings people closer during the winter months.





2024 in Pictures

2024 has been a great year for events across the South Central Area, showcasing a remarkable array of activities ranging from cultural festivals and educational workshops to community improvement initiatives and health fairs. The Community staff appreciate the unwavering commitment and dedication of the various organisations, community and voluntary resident groups that tirelessly contribute to improving the quality of life for all residents. Their collaborative efforts have not only fostered a sense of belonging among diverse populations but have also created avenues for engagement, learning, and personal growth.

These events have served as vital platforms for community members to connect, share ideas, and celebrate their shared heritage, while also addressing pressing social issues such as health

awareness, environmental sustainability, and economic development. The enthusiastic participation of local businesses, schools, and non-profit organisations has further enriched these gatherings, creating a vibrant tapestry of support and camaraderie that underscores the strength of our community spirit.

Moreover, the positive feedback from attendees highlights the impact these events have had on building relationships and encouraging civic involvement, which are crucial for the continued prosperity of the South Central Area. The Community staff look forward to further opportunities to partner with local stakeholders in the coming months, ensuring that the momentum of 2024 carries forward into future initiatives aimed at enhancing community well-being and resilience.

March

In March over 1,200 children took part in the 2nd St. Patricks Day Parade which made national media and showed what the community in the area are capable of.

April

Cherry Blossoms Festival was in full bloom for the month of April with over 60 events across 30 days for everyone to experience!

April also saw the launch of the Action Plan for the Cherry Orchard implementation Board.

May

The Stone Soup Project were nominated on a national level for their efforts developing a safe environmental space in the heart of the area.

September

We celebrated our next wave of scholars through The Leaders in Learning Awards for local residents who need assistance to either start, re-start or continue their education in a range of skills from apprenticeships to nursing and everything in between.

October

Halloween has become a staple in the Cherry Orchard Calendar and so much thanks must go to all the local residents who contribute time and effort to make it a huge success!

November

As the year was coming to a close, Dublin 10 is striving to become a Neurodiversity Friendly space in Dublin. The staff in The Orchard Centre are already signed up for specialist training early in 2025!

Public Domain

Review of 2024 key points from the year

January

1. The introduction of new winter floral displays on Anna Livia Bridge, Chapelizod, and our Public Realm 3 tiered planters located across the Ballyfermot-Drimnagh Area.
2. Mechanical weeding across the Ballyfermot – Drimnagh Area to remove overgrowth blocking/inhibiting access to public pathways, cycle lanes and lanes.
3. Community planters to prevent illegal parking on Chapelizod Main Street
4. Improvement works started on the Pisces Sculpture located in Chapelizod at the Kylemore Road/ Lucan Road junction,
5. Continued engagement with our external stakeholders including private property owners, to improve the appearance of the public realm and address anti-social activities including the removal of offensive and threatening graffiti.
6. The Public Domain Office continued to highlight and address the major issue of illegal dumping within Ballyfermot-Drimnagh Area, included advising on the available



authorised waste collection
operators operating in the area



Dublin City Council's Bulky Waste
Collection service.



March

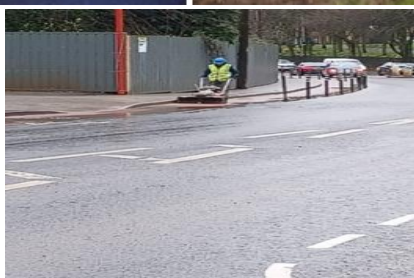
1. Major clean-up operation of serious illegal dumping black spot with the support of Waste Management Services and the Litter Warden Service addressed the historical issue of illegal dumping on Colepark Avenue, located at the rear of Colepark Shops.
2. De La Salle site - issue of the mud and dirt being deposited into the public footpath and road, including the cycle lane. Agreement reached to improve & upgrade the current cleaning regime on site and of the surrounding roads and footpaths including bring forward the installation of the internal road network and to install a static wheel wash system within the site.
3. Pisces sculpture - the landscaping works around the sculpture completed.
4. The removal of significant amounts of graffiti including graffiti of a racist, threatening, offensive or political nature.
5. Team Dublin Clean up call to all residents, volunteers and



February

1. The installation of a new public display cabinet, located outside Tesco carpark on the Ballyfermot Road displaying the Ballyfermot Heritage Walking Trail & Map Guide, in both Irish & English.
2. Continue to address the anti-social issue of Graffiti in the area, which required the engagement of contractors to remove some significant graffiti from public infrastructure/property
3. Illegal dumping was again addressed and we again advertised the availability of the

community groups around Dublin city to join forces to organise the biggest ever clean-up around the city.



April

1. 2024 Weeding Programme - the roads in the Ballyfermot/Drimnagh LEA that had been selected for weed spray treatment in 2024.
2. The Public art initiative "Dublin Canvas" which brings flashes of colour and creativity to Dublin City Council Traffic utility boxes
3. Abandoned Vehicles report advising members of the complexity surrounding Abandoned Vehicles.



4. Graffiti & illegal dumping in the in the area highlighted.



May

1. Team Dublin Clean-Up held on 27th April 2024 - inspiring work being carried out by the large number of volunteers on the day across the Ballyfermot – Drimnagh area.
2. Large grass margins not directly outside resident's homes, in the Cherry Orchard area, were included in Dublin City Council's grass cutting schedule.
3. Bus Connects Liffey Valley to City Centre Bus Corridor Scheme, Report issued in response to the concerns raised by the community about the scheme.





July

1. Summer Planting of our 3 tier planters across the Ballyfermot Drimmagh Area.
2. Wild flowering planted on Kylemore Road, near the roundabout.
3. Empty tree pits across the Ballyfermot Drimmagh Area surveyed,
4. Bluebell Cemetery clearance of overgrowth and cut the grass. And the installation of new water station.
5. Anti-dumping initiative, a leaflet drop was arranged in the Ballyfermot area offering a free mattress recycling collection for residents, raising awareness of the importance of diverting mattresses from going directly into landfill
6. Illegal dumping, graffiti, and abandoned vehicles.



September

1. A new Street Wash Programme across the Ballyfermot Drimmagh Area was introduced. The Public Domain Office identified a number of high footfall/commercial areas that are benefiting from this service.
2. The Halloween response forum met on Friday 6th September, planning for the prevention and removal of bonfire stock piles on the lead up to Halloween.
3. Proposal to create an attractive street scape along Blackditch Road at Elmdale Close/ Drive, a stretch of road running up through the heart of Cherry Orchard by planting approximately 15- 20 trees.
4. A collective clean-up of Kylemore Way with individual property owners removing Graffiti from their perimeter wall, cutting back hedges, trees & bushes and the Public Domain Unit arranging for

the public paths and cycle lanes, to be mechanically weeded.

5. The South Central City Neighbourhoods Awards was held on Monday the 16th September in The Hyatt Centre on Dean Street, in the Liberties. 17 groups and individuals from the Ballyfermot Drimnagh Area received an award on the night.
6. Planters in Chapelizod and Crumlin Village carpark planted with some ever green trees to provide a year round displays supplemented with some seasonal planting.



October

1. Halloween 2024 - Public Domain Office compiling a list of business and household's to forward to Waste Enforcement Section for investigation.
2. Plan for improvement works to Errigal Field, Dromard Rd, and Drimnagh. The Plan includes for the installation of a new path system around the inside perimeter of the park, the installation of new park benches and new tree planting and, subject to funding, the introduction of a natural play area.
3. Illegal Parking in Chapelizod Village, Parking Enforcement issued Fix Penalty Notices to the offending vehicles.
4. The Ballyfermot Drimnagh Public Domain Office has a new direct Email address where we can be contacted:

ballyfermotpd@dublincity.ie



November

1. A joint procurement process was conducted by the Public Domain

Officers for Ballyfermot-Drimnagh Area and the South West Inner City for the provision of Winter and Summer floral display for our existing public planters at various locations in the South Central Area

2. The 20th Annual City Neighbourhoods Awards where held on Friday 4th October in Croke Park. A number of groups and individuals from the Ballyfermot Drimnagh Area received an award on the night.
3. Errigal Field, Drimnagh - The first phase of this project, the installation of a new path system around the inside perimeter of the park commenced.
4. De La Salle Ballyfermot Road - issue of construction debris being deposited out onto the Ballyfermot Road was raised and addressed. New location of their wheel wash facility and improved cleaning regime initiated.
5. Rough Sleeping - 3 pitched tents on the footpath of the Old Naas Road at the rear entrance to McDonald's at Kylemore Rd were addressed.
6. Report issued to members highlighting the amount of waste being disposed of incorrectly
7. Public Domain Team continued to monitor the area reporting illegal Dumping, Graffiti, & other miscellaneous issues in the Public Realm.

