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# Director of Services Report South Central Area Committee Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2025



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## **SOUTH WEST INNER CITY ELECTORAL AREA**

### **Public Realm & Capital Programmes**

**Meath Street Public Realm Improvement Scheme** – Build works on the approved Meath Street public realm scheme will commence this year and continue into 2026.

It is proposed to commission public art as part of the wider programme of work to revitalise Meath Street. The Dublin City Arts Office will begin the process of commissioning an artwork in the spring and in advance of this, the Arts Office and Area Office will host a community workshop to discuss and agree themes for artists to respond to during a future competition. The community workshop will take place on at 5pm on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January at The Digital Hub, Thomas Street. The workshop will be advertised in the coming days.

**Newmarket Interim Pedestrian Improvement Measures** – Installation of a series of rapid install measures to substantially improve pedestrian facilities at Newmarket will commence in January. The works will see parking restrictions, changes to traffic, improved crossings points and the substantial widening of the pedestrian area on the south side of the square. The work will take approximately 6-7 weeks.

The Area Office will continue to improve to this area throughout the coming year, with the installation of new planters, street furniture and animations later in spring/summer.

**Kilmainham Mill Parks** are planning to present to the February Area Committee Meeting

### **Economic Development**

**Shopfront Improvement Scheme 2025** – The latest edition of this grants scheme has been announced. The scheme is open to

businesses across the SWIC area and provided supporting grants up to a maximum of €3000 to assist with the refurbishment or upgrading of shop and business fronts. The SIS is supported by the Area Discretionary Fund.

### **Kilmainham Inchicore Network** **- next meeting: 20 January 2025 5.30pm**

A presentation from Irish Railway Works Residents Association (IWERA) was made at the December meeting. This included a brief background of the last 50 years of the RA, the creation of a new constitution and evolving roadmap for progressive community engagement in 2025 that will include an AGM planned for Spring 2025.

KIN continues to share information about what is going on locally through monthly newsletter and website [www.kilmainham-inchicore.ie](http://www.kilmainham-inchicore.ie)

### **Inchicore Regeneration Consultative Forum** - next meeting: 20 January 2025 4pm

Please note the new time of IRCF meetings: 4pm.

The December meeting of IRCF was cancelled, due to an insufficient number of delegates available to attend. At the January meeting the Emmet Road Development Integrated Design team are expected to make a presentation.

*IRCF Civic and Community Spaces Subcommittee (CCSS)* next meeting 17 January 2025

### **Community of Practice, Regeneration Boards Dublin 8 - 15 January 2025**

### **REMINDER - LAST CHANCE to REGISTER**

*Regenerating Communities - Constructing Hope*

You are invited to take part in a national conversation about the possibilities for

better provision of public housing that places people at its heart.

January 15th 2025: At the offices of Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission

16-22 Green Street, Dublin 7. 12.00 – 4.30pm

*This will be a hybrid event and you are welcome to attend in person or on line.*

Please book *now* to ensure your place for this event, please feel free to share the invite and the link with other interested parties.

**Booking link is here:** [regenerating-communities-constructing-hope-regeneration-cop.eventbrite.ie](https://regenerating-communities-constructing-hope-regeneration-cop.eventbrite.ie)

### Housing

The Local Area Office coordinated an on call operation over the Christmas period whereby members of staff were available for any urgent queries that arose. Several requests by Dublin City Council residents were responded to. Staff were also assigned to make contact and ensure the wellbeing of the most vulnerable tenants in DCC older person complexes.

### 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	Bedsit	06/12/2024	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
Bulfin Court	1 Bed Apartment	16/12/2024	
Bulfin House	2 Bed Apartment	23/12/2024	
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	03/11/2024	With Depot
Dolphin House	1 Bed Flat	17/11/2024	With Depot
Dolphin House	1 Bed Flat	16/12/2024	With Depot
Dolphin House	1 Bed Flat	28/04/2024	With Depot
Dolphin House	1 Bed Flat	06/10/2024	With Depot
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	1 Bed Flat	16/10/2024	With Depot
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
Grand Canal	2 Bed House	29/10/2024	With Contractor
Greenville Place	1 Bed Flat	11/04/2024	Ready to Let 10/04/2024
Islandbridge Court	0 Bed Flat	14/04/2024	With Depot
Islandbridge Court	0 Bed Flat	04/12/2024	Nomination Received
Mallin Avenue	1 Bed House	06/10/2024	With Depot
Mary Aikenhead House	2 Bed Flat	16/06/2024	With Depot
Maxwell Street	1 Bed House	12/07/2024	Under Offer
Meath Place	2 Bed Flat	12/11/2024	With Contractor
Memorial Court	1 Bed Flat		Nomination Received
Memorial Court	1 Bed Senior Citizen	23/04/2024	Ready to Let
Memorial Court	1 Bed Senior Citizen	30/08/2024	With Depot
Metropolitan Apartments	2 Bed Apartment	03/12/2024	With Contractor
Michael Mallin	2 Bed Flat	24/11/2024	With Depot
Newmarket Street	3 Bed House	25/07/2024	Under Offer
Kilmainham Village	1 Bed House	14/0/2024	
Oliver Bond	2 Bed Flat	24/11/2024	With Contractor
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	2 Bed Flat	12/12/2024	With Contractor
Oliver Bond	1 Bed Flat	02/07/2023	Ready to Let
Oliver Bond	2 Bed Flat		
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	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	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	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	01/12/2024	With Contractor
Reuben Square	1 Bed Flat	21/05/2024	Under Offer
Robert Emmet Walk	2 Bed Flat	11/09/2024	Ready to Let
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
School Street	2 Bed Flat	21/03/2023	With contractor
St. Anthony's Road	3 Bed House	01/10/2024	With Depot
St. Anthony's Road	1 Bed House	03/11/2024	With Depot
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	Awaiting nomination
The Maltings	1 Bed Flat	22/12/2023	Ready to Let
The Tannery	1 Bed Apartment	29/08/2024	With Depot
Thomas Court Bawn	2 Bed Flat	01/12/2024	With Depot
Tyrone Place	Bedsit	11/08/2024	Ready to Let
Tyrone Place	1 Bed Flat	11/06/2023	Ready to Let
Tyrone Place	Bedsit	14/12/2023	With Depot
Tyrone Place	2 Bed Flat	19/05/2024	Ready to Let
Tyrone Place	2 Bed Flat	10/11/2024	With Contractor
Tyrone Place	2 Bed Flat	01/12/2024	
Viking Lodge	2 Bed Apartment	01/12/2024	Ready to Let

## Community

### Last of the Christmas Events

Our Christmas & winter season saw three very successful Christmas tree lighting ceremonies, Santa Claus visiting a number of groups of children as well as the Community Team supporting multiple

Christmas fairs, celebrations, tea dances and get-togethers. We also put together a Christmas themed activity booklet which saw 300 children from across the area in clubs, and emergency accommodation provided with an activity for over the extended Christmas break period.



Following on from a busy and successful festive season in the South Central Area which saw many, varied Christmas events both organised and supported by the community team. We are currently in the process of planning for an exciting 2025 for the South West Inner City.

All of these events would not have been possible without the support from a whole host of local community organisations and groups, residents associations, youth services, local businesses and our Community Gardaí.

The Community Development Team (Lois Salmon, Colin Doyle & Amy Collins) are liaising with the above mentioned groups and organisations with a view to evaluating last year's activities and drafting this year's calendar of events. This month, the team are planning and drafting their program of regular and new initiatives and events for 2025 which will include specific activities in the areas of:

- Culture, Heritage & History
- Young People & Children
- Age – Friendly
- Integration & Inclusion
- The Arts, Music & Creativity
- Environmental and Sustainability Initiatives
- Summer, Halloween, Christmas & Celebratory Events

### **Public Sector Human Rights and Equality Duty**

The SWIC Community Team will be participating in Dublin South City Partnership's training in *Public Sector Human Rights and Equality Duty* training.

Beginning in January, the collaborative training will run until April, with various community organisations participating. The Community Team thanks DSCP for the invitation to be a part of the training and welcomes the opportunity, acknowledging the importance of having Public Sector participation to bring well-rounded shared experience and learning in a positive collaboration space.

### **Dublin City Local Economic and Community Plan 2024 – 2029**

Dublin City Council published their new Local Economic and Community Plan 2024-2029 (LECP) in November 2024. The six year plan details 6 High Level Goals with 3 Objectives relative to each which are designed to address the needs of Dublin's diverse communities and its dynamic economy.

In 2025, The SWIC Community Team will focus their work, events and initiatives on: **Goal 4: Foster and nourish the City's communities to become more sustainable, thriving, safe, caring welcoming and inclusive.**

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## **Public Domain**

### **Graffiti Treatment December/Jan**

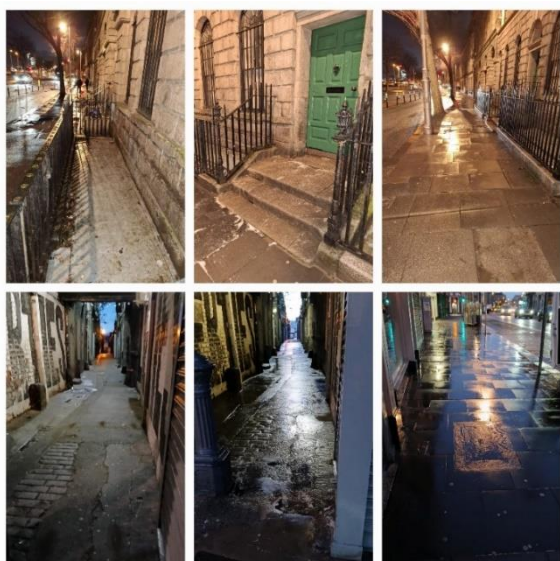
Waste Management Wash Crew SCA

*Brabazon St. & Back Lane D8*

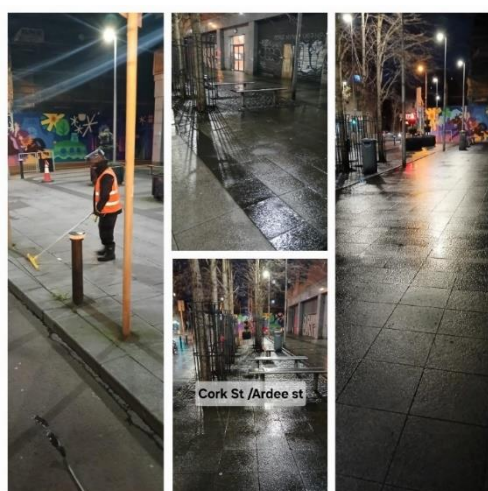




*Merchants Quay, Molyneux Yard, Swan Alley  
Swept and washed*



*Clean up of Cork St/ Ardee St shopping plaza*



*Clean Slate Social Enterprise Clean-up  
Clarkes Terrace Plaza*



## Christmas-Tree Recycling 2025

Dublin City Council will provide a free Christmas tree disposal service at a selection of bring banks, civic amenity centres and local drop-off points from 5<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> January 2025. South City Locations: Rathmines & Windmill Road Bring Centres and Good Counsel Liffey Gaels GAA club



All trees will be recycled for use as compost and wood chips.

## Citizen Hub Requests 10/12/24-08/01/25

	Open Cases	Closed Cases	Grand Total
Abandoned Bicycles	3	0	3
Abandoned Vehicle	7	1	8
Bulky Household Waste Collection	6	16	22
Community Clean Up Collection	2	19	21
Illegal Dumping	5	164	169
Litter Offence	6	27	33
Public Bin Maintenance	0	29	29
Report a Dead Animal	0	3	3
Report Electoral Poster	0	2	2
Report Fallen Leaves	0	5	5
Report Graffiti	2	2	4
Request a Dog Fouling Sign	3	0	3
Street Cleaning Sweep Your Street	0	40	40
Grand Total	34	308	342



## BALLYFERMOT DRIMNAGH ELECTORAL AREA

### Housing

#### Bluebell Waterways

Following a request from the Council the LDA had carried out some redesign work which will increase the volume of car parking spaces available to the social element of the development.

#### Sons of Divine Providence

The engagement with the Sons of Divine providence is continuing and members will be kept informed of progress.

#### 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 will take place early this year.

### Older Persons Complexes

Arrangements were made for dinners to be delivered to residents in the complexes on Christmas Day. The dinners were delivered by the Civil Defence and are being collected from the RDS. The dinners were supplied by The Order of Knights of St. Columbanus. Christmas Trees were erected in all senior citizens complexes.

#### Tristan Square.

The residents Christmas Party was organised jointly by the residents association, Tuath and Dublin City Council and was very well attended.

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	95
Apartment	83
Senior Citizens	47
Total	225

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**

Following the Christmas break the new team should be in place by the end of January and they will be engaging with the various community groups throughout the area to establish strong working relationships to maintain the high level of community engagement in Ballyfermot Drimnagh. The funding provided by the members through the discretionary fund is key to the huge number of community events and festivals that happen throughout the year.

Some images from the 2024 Christmas events supported by the community/orchard centre teams;



*Bluebell*



*Chapelizod*





Walkinstown Library



Cherry Orchard



Orchard Centre

**Cherry Orchard Chat**  
CHRISTMAS EDITION ACTIVE AGE 6 DECEMBER, 2024

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

Festive Cheer in Cherry Orchard for the 2024 Active Age Christmas Party

Patrick's Parade + Blossoms Festival + The Stone Soup + Leaders in Learning + Fireworks

**CHRISTMAS TIME IN CHERRY ORCHARD**

**Friday, December 6th** - On a crisp Friday evening in West Dublin, the Christmas spirit was alive and well as the Active Age group from Cherry Orchard gathered for their Annual Christmas Party in the community centre. Kicking off at 5 PM, the evening unfolded with delicious food, lively games, and plenty of festive cheer. By 6:30 PM, the party was in full swing, with music, dancing, and laughter filling the room. Guests shared cherished Christmas traditions, reflected on the highlights of the year, and enjoyed a memorable celebration before getting comfy on the couch for this year's showing of *The Late Late Toy Show*.

**PICTURED ABOVE:** Members of Active Age getting into the Christmas spirit at the 2024 Christmas Party.

**CHERRY ORCHARD 2024: FINEST MOMENTS**

Before diving into the big moments of 2024, let's revisit some Cherry Orchard highlights that truly got the community buzzing this year:

- Maggie Sweeney is off to represent Cherry Orchard as the 2025 Rose of Tralee! We're already practicing our Kerry accents for the big night - "Insear Moggie!"
- No broken hips were reported during the Old Folks Ballroom Dancing marathon. Well done everyone!
- Rumour has it Leonardo DiCaprio is buying a "golf" in Croftwood. The housewarming party plans are top secret... for now.
- The rumour that everyone in Cherrier is getting a new Jacuzzi in their house, has not been confirmed or denied!
- Staff at the Orchard Centre love the area so much, they're asking to extend their work hours. Who knew Cherry Orchard was the new Lanzarote?
- Carol Finlay claims she was definitely sober when she broke her shoulder... Yeah, right, Carol!
- Big news! Kate Lawless has decided to branch out on her own to open a coffee shop, *STARBUCKS* is shi\*\*ing it!
- And finally, Theresa McGouran is set to be canonised. Move over, Mother Teresa - Cherry Orchard's got its own saint in the making!

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**Cherry Orchard Chat**  
CHRISTMAS EDITION ACTIVE AGE 6 DECEMBER, 2024

# EXTRA!! EXTRA!! READ ALL ABOUT IT!

CHERRY ORCHARD CELEBRATES A FANTASTIC 2024

**THE BIGGEST STORIES OF 2024**

**In March**, the largest ever Cherry Orchard St. Patrick's Day parade took place on Friday, 15th March, with over 1,000 participants mostly made up of students and staff from St. Ultan's and Mary Queen of Angels primary schools. The Lord Mayor (and local resident) Dáithí De Róiste led out the parade which consisted of a 1.2km walk around the park, picking up some very small members of the community dressed in green to lead us all home. This was the essence of service coming together to share their experiences and skills with the local community at the centre of the entire morning. St Patrick even showed his face! The Cherry Orchard Community was delighted to hear the Stone Soup project received recognition from Lord Mayor Dáithí De Róiste.

**In April**, Blossoms Festival, huge success across the month of April with over 60 showcase events for all of the community both young and not so young!

**In September**, The Stone Soup made it all the way to the National Pride of Place Awards in Monaghan, whilst they didn't win, making the final after sweeping the awards in Dublin was a huge achievement!

**October** was a busy month with The Annual Leaders in Learning Ceremony taking place in St. Ultan's School. Once again it was 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 Carley (COIB) were present to award the Leaders in Learning Recipients 2024 their bursaries. Leaders in Learning (LIL) is a scholarship available to residents of Cherry Orchard. Funded by the Cherry Orchard Implementation Board, the LIL provides up to €1,500 for students studying third level & 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.

**COMMUNITY**

The Cherry Orchard Fireworks were once again huge success for everyone involved! In excess of 4000 members of the community showed to view the pyrotechnic spectacular! Thanks to An Garda Síochána for their assistance with rolling road closures and traffic movements on the night. A special thanks to Community Sergeant Jim Curran, without in-depth knowledge in community participation the Halloween festivities simply would not be so enjoyable and safe for all concerned. My thanks to local Camera Club Satsun, who assisted with the photos the day.

## Public Domain

### Free Christmas tree recycling locations

#### Christmas Tree Disposal Service 2024/25

Dublin City Council will provide a free Christmas tree disposal service at a selection of bring centres, civic amenity sites and local drop off points from **5<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> January 2025**. All trees will be recycled for use as compost and wood chips.

#### Recycling Centres

Oscar Traynor Road Bring Centre, Oscar Traynor Road, Dublin 5  
Grangegorman Bring Centre, Grangegorman Road Upper, Dublin 7  
Rathmines Bring Centre, Gullistan Terrace, Dublin 6  
Windmill Road Bring Centre, Windmill Road, Dublin 12

Opening Hours:			
Monday – Thursday: 9am – 4pm	Friday: 9am – 1pm	Saturday: 10am – 4pm	Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup> January only: 10am – 2pm

Ringsend Recycling Centre, Pigeon House Road, Dublin 4  
Ballymun Recycling Centre, Carton Way, Dublin 11

Opening Hours:		
Monday - Wednesday: 9am – 5pm	Thursday, Friday: 9am – 6pm	Saturday: 9am – 4pm

North Strand Recycling Centre, Shamrock Terrace, Dublin 1

Opening Hours:	
Monday – Friday: 10am – 4pm	Saturday: 10am – 1pm

#### Local drop off points

Christmas trees will be accepted free of charge at the following locations between the hours of **9am and 5pm from 6<sup>th</sup> January until 18<sup>th</sup> January 2025**. Please do not deposit items outside of these times as it is a litter offence and you may be fined.

Good Counsel Liffey Gaels GAA Club, Sarsfield Road, Kilmainham, Dublin 8  
Sandymount Strand Car Park, Strand Road, Dublin 4  
Clontarf Promenade Car Park, Clontarf Dublin 3  
Mellows Park Depot, Mellows Road, Finglas, Dublin 11  
Albert College Park, Whitehall, Dublin 9

#### Croke Park

Christmas trees can be recycled at Croke Park from 2nd to 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025. All visitors must enter the stadium via the St. Joseph's Avenue entrance only; car parking is available.

Opening Hours:
Monday – Friday: 10am – 7pm



### **New Trees planted in Cherry Orchard**

As previously reported the Public Domain Office identified a number of tree pits, as part of our tree pit survey, which appeared to have never been planted on Blackditch Road near Elmdale. These pits seem to have been installed as part of the Elmdale Close/ Drive Development, but were never planted.

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

The Parks Department has planted 16 trees along this stretch of road in Cherry Orchard, which in time, will create a beautiful street scape for the betterment of the area.

Also a number beautiful evergreen trees were planted on several greens in Cherry Orchard that could in time become a tree for decoration at Christmas time for each area.



### **Repair to Ballyfermot Civic Centre Plaza**

Repair works were required to the Ballyfermot Civic Centre Plaza due to damage being caused by trees planted on the plaza, the trees roots had damaged drainage shores creating a trip hazard and had also lifted some paving slabs creating a potential hazard to pedestrians on this very busy thoroughfare. The Public Domain Office engaged a contractor to carry out repair works. Unfortunately this



required the removal of 3 existing trees however these will be replaced with 3 large planted tree boxes similar to those already sitting on the plaza once works are completed.

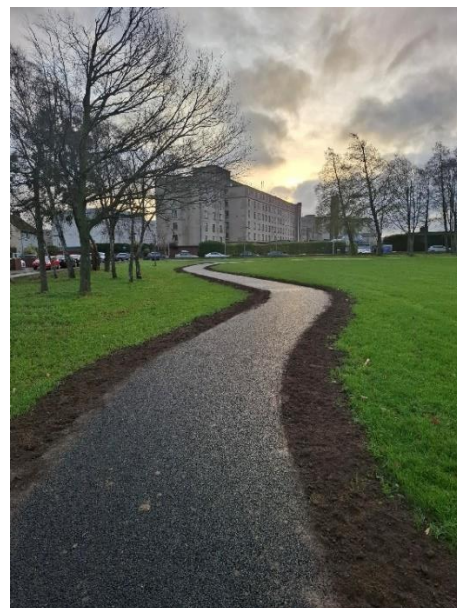
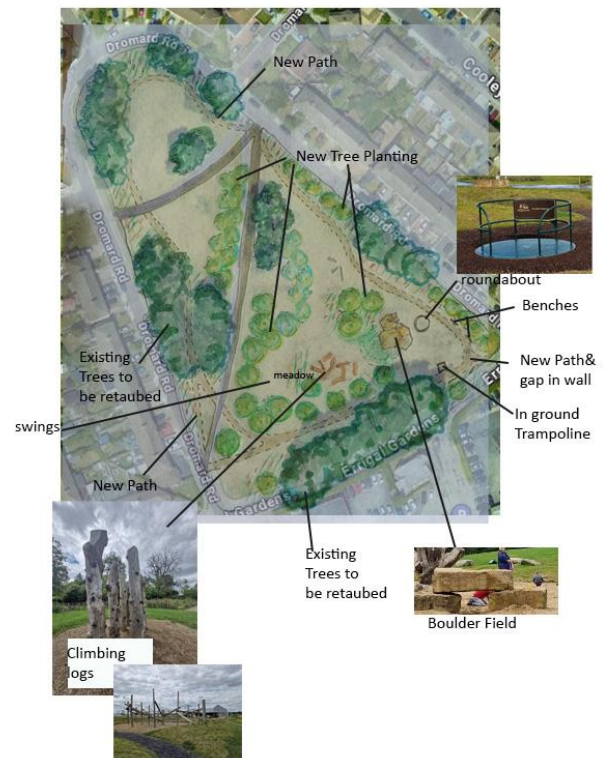


### **Errigal Field improvement works - Phase 1 new path installation**

Phase 1 of the Errigal Field Improvement Works is complete, and Phase 2, the

installation of park benches, picnic table and other seating is underway and the new tree planting is being organised by Parks.

Errigal Field  
New path network and Natural Playground  
Initial Draft for discussion





### **Mechanical bulb planting incl. wild flowering**



The Public Domain Office in partnership with the Parks Department have arranged for a number of high profile areas in the Ballyfermot Drimmagh area to be mechanically planted for flowers & wild flowering, areas include;

- Kylemore Road, between the junctions of Kylemore Ave and Landen Road, for Mechanical planting of flower bulb mixture with wildflowers which should last between 3 to 4 years.
- Chapelizod Slip Road for Mechanical planting of flower bulb mixture which should last between 3 to 6 years
- California Hills, along the internal pathways, for Mechanical planting of flower bulb mixture
- Ballyfermot Library, green space to the front, for Mechanical planting of flower bulb mixture
- Blackditch Road, in the two small parks behind St. Matthew's Church, for Mechanical planting of flower bulb mixture
- Bluebell Avenue, La Touche Road green space facing the Naas Road, for Mechanical planting of flower bulb mixture
- Bluebell Road, at the end green space facing out onto the Naas

Road, for Mechanical planting of flower bulb mixture

- Cherry Orchard Ave, around the front entrance to railway pedestrian bridge and down to Tommy's Shop, for Mechanical planting of flower bulb mixture

### **New Barnville signage**

Public Domain Office has replaced the name sign for Barnville Park with a more attractive and correctly spelt place name sign, thanks to the Councillors Discretionary funding allocation to the Public Domain Office.



### **Graffiti Removal – Blackhorse Pub**

Public Domain Office engaged with the owner of the Blackhorse Pub site to arrange for the removal of defamatory

graffiti on the building located on Goldenbridge Walk.



Graffiti Removal – Davitt Road BAM compound site for National Children's Hospital

This large site on Davitt Road bounded by railing and plinth walls with approximately 40 pillars had all been tagged causing a very unsightly issue detracting from the public realm.

The Public Domain Office engaged with BAM construction the current occupants of this site and arranged for the removal of

all this tagging that seriously detracted from the area.



**Graffiti Removal – HSE warehouse corner of Davitt Road & Kilworth Road**

Public Domain Office engaged with the HSE to arrange for this defamatory graffiti to be removed from their building located



on the corner of Davitt Road and Kilworth Road.



### **Graffiti Removal – along the Canal, Bluebell**

The Public Domain Office engaged contractors to remove graffiti from this wall along the Grand Canal Way @ Blackhorse Bridge/ Naas Road entrance.



### **Winter displays in Public 3 tier planters and Chapelizod Bridge**



### **Winter floral display for public planters at various locations in the Ballyfermot-Drimnagh Area.**

Newly appointed contractors have just recently completed the winter floral displays for our existing 3 tier public planters at various locations in the Ballyfermot- Drimnagh area and our bridge planter in Chapelizod.