

Director of Services Report South Central Area Committee Meeting 16th April, 2025















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Historian in Residence

SOUTH WEST INNER CITY ELECTORAL AREA

Public Realm & Capital Programmes

Meath Street Public Realm Improvement Scheme – A walk-in public information event to display the finalised plans for Meath Street will be held on Wednesday 23rd April between 3pm until 7.30pm at the Hyatt Centric Hotel on Dean Street. Members of the design team will be in attendance to answer any queries. The tender for this project is expected to be published at the end of this month. The current expectation is to commence site work in the autumn.

Iveagh Markets – Tendering is currently underway for planned emergency stabilisation and roof renewal work to the markets. An announcement of the preferred contract will be made in May. The current expectation is to commence site work in the autumn.

Tenters Greening – Works continue at four locations around the Tenters to introduce open planted areas as part of ongoing area greening work.

St Luke's Avenue/ Cork Street Greening – the refurbishment of the central median has now been completed.

Weaver Street – tree planting at Weaver Street has now been completed. This area has seen substantial investment in its public realm in the past 12 months including new footpaths, carriageway resurfacing and landscaping. The Area Office will advance pavement repairs and planting to the area at The Coombe Memorial later this year/ early 2026.

Dolphin's Barn Street Tree Planting (**Phase 2**) – civil works to facilitate 15 no. planned street tree planting in buildouts on Haroldville Avenue, Reuben Street and

Saint Anthony's Road will commence in May.

Vicar Street Playground/Parklet – tendering for this project, to create a small parklet with play equipment at Vicar Street, is currently underway. It is hoped to undertake work later this year.



Carman's Hall – a design for street trees is currently being finalise ahead of tendering. It is expected that this project will be delivered at the end of this year.

Emmet Road – a tender for this small landscaping scheme at the junction with Bulfin Road will issue shortly.

Goldenbridge Terrace – design finalised. A tender for this landscaping scheme will issue shortly.

Benches and Seating -

councillors/residents groups in SWIC are welcome to submit suggested locations for public seating for consideration.

Economic Development

Shopfront Improvement Scheme 2025 –

The 2025 edition of this grants scheme is currently advertised. The scheme is open to businesses across the SWIC area and provides supporting grants up to a maximum of €3,000 to assist with the refurbishment or upgrading of shop and business fronts. More details at www.dublincity.ie.



www.Kilmainham-Inchicore.ie

<u>Kilmainham Inchicore Network - next</u> <u>meeting: Monday 28th April 2025</u> <u>5.30pm</u>

At the March KIN meeting, delegates from various member organisations shared information about their current activities:

Circle VHA have recieved the keys to the newly built assisted living accomadation, which includes 52 dwellings. This project is in colloboration with ALONE, HSE, Dublin City Council and Circle VHA. The new residents are expected to hake posession in the coming days.

Inchicore Environmental Group (IEG)

IEG planned to have a stand at the upcoming fair to be held in Richmond Barracks, on the 5th and 6th April 2025. They advised about the Canal Clean-up scheduled for the last Saturday of each month, meeting at BERA Hall at 10am. All equipment supplied. Coffee and tea provided afterwards. Contact

<u>inchicoreenvironmental@gmail.com</u> for more information.

KIN Education and Lifelong Learning committee a well attended, facilitated workshop was held at Inchicore College CDETB on Monday 7th April 2025. Participants ranged from professionals directly involved in education to a range of organisations involved in the promotion of Lifelong Learning, including South Dublin City Partnership, Core Youth Services & local creches. This workshop developed a set of future principles including its Purpose, Remit and Potential Deliverables. The next meeting to be held at 10am, on Thursday 8th of May 2025 in Mecry Secondary School. All practitioners involved with Education and Life Long Learning are invited to attend.

Inchicore Community Safety Forum Public meeting, Wednesday 2nd April

Canal Area Community Safety Public Meeting took place on Wednesday, 2nd April in Inchicore College of Further Education. Members of **Dublin City** Council and An Garda Síochána were in attendance to listen to local community about their safety concerns, with a view to address these issues. Some updates include: the appointment of 2 new community officers for Inchicore, Garda Eoghan Lynch and Garda Christine Kelly. There was a targated leaflet drop in the area advising residents of a spate of burglaries in the area. A more visable Gardaí presence in the area over the last few months was welcomed. The Gardaí plan to have a visible presence on board the Luas transport system to aid crime prevention and anti-social behaviour.

Liffey Valley Park Masterplan

A feasibility study of Liffey Valley Park/East Timor Park is complete. A final meeting of the Liffey Gaels steering group will take place on 1st May 2025 to discuss next steps.

KIN Newsletter

KIN continues to publish a monthly newsletter sharing information about what is going on locally. It is circulated to subscribers and is also available on the website:

www.Kilmainham-Inchicore.ie



Inchicore Regeneration Consultative
Forum – next meeting: Monday 28th of
April 2025 @4pm

At the IRCF meeting held on Monday 31 March 2025 delegates received the following presentations:

Emmot Road Development Enabling Works

A presentation from Mr. Noel Gill, Contracts Director, Hegarty Construction gave an overview the planned Enabling Works, which are due to commence on 14th April 2025. The site offices will be housed in the former Eve Tuiscint Health Centre.

This Initial Phase of the project will be to erect the necessary hoarding to secure the safety of the site. Followed by the removal of and diversion of existing services/utilities which traverse the site. They planned works also include the demolishing of the existing structures, leaving the site clear for the next phase of the development.

Emmet Road Development Progress Report.

The Project Manager (PM) gave a progress report on the Emmet Road Development (ERD), which included information that the preliminary selection process for the contracting firm to undertake the main construction project is now underway, which was recognised as a major milestone in the planned development.

Mick Mulhern DCC Assistant Chief Executive, Housing and Community Services kindly attended and outlined his work experience to date, explained his current involvement in the project and his commitment to ensuring the minimum disruption to the local community during the construction phase of the project.

Independent Assessment of Community Needs

In the context of the Emmet Road
Development, the IRCF - Civic and
Community Spaces Subcommittee
(CCSS) have prepared a draft brief for the
Independent Assessment of Community
Needs, which will be shared with the
community for consultation. The next

meeting of the CCSS is scheduled to take place on Friday 25th April 2025.

Housing

Oliver Bond House

Bollards

A number of bollards have been requested at various locations to address issues with cars parking in front of bin stores.

Graffiti removal

Graffiti has been removed from one of the buildings in the complex.



Windows Upgrade

DCC Housing Maintenance contractors have engaged several new window fitters, who are now actively working on-site as part of the window replacement teams.

Football Pitch

The football club has been provided with information regarding new sheds for storing their equipment. A response is currently awaited.

Choice Based Lettings

We are currently processing new CBLs competition.

Clinic

We run the clinic every Wednesday morning, with a colleague from the rents team available to assist.

Bonham Court

Dublin City Council and Sisk are currently conducting handover inspections. As part of this process, Sisk will be carrying out some minor works. The inspections and associated works are ongoing.

Robert Emmet Walk / Close

Awaiting confirmation of a start date from the contractor for works on the playground area.

Emmet Buildings

Currently awaiting the contractor's start date to commence works on the playground and football pitch.

128/129 Thomas Street

Six new tenants have moved in, having been successful in the competition held under the Choice Based Lettings scheme.



Herberton

Clinic

Weekly clinic being held on Thursdays 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the F2 centre.

Security in the complex

A Crime Prevention Day is scheduled for 16th April. The Estate Management team at Eblana House, in collaboration with An Garda Síochána, the Crime Prevention Officer at Kevin Street, and Lansdowne Property Management, will conduct a comprehensive security assessment of the Herberton complex. The recommendations from this review will be considered with the aim of enhancing overall security within the complex. Ongoing collaboration with Lansdowne Property Management to enhance the security and robustness of the communal doors in Block D.

Dolphin House

Clinic

A weekly clinic is held every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Dolphin House Community Centre.

Meanwhile Use Project

A Meanwhile Use project is being organized to make use of the vacant land resulting from the Regeneration. A small MUGA (Multi-Use Games Area) will be installed next to the children's play area by the Dolphin Community Centre. The old soccer pitch will undergo landscaping and greening, with walkways and seating added. Additionally, a horticultural area will be created, including a small greenhouse. A special works and launch day is scheduled for 12th June, when all contractors will be on-site to complete and inaugurate the project.

Clean-Up Operation

The Local Area Office requested assistance from the Mobile Specialist Services to clear rubbish from the development site opposite the Phase 1 buildings. The crew responded promptly, and the work was completed by the first week of April.



Robinson's Court

The installation of the new security gate for both pedestrians and vehicles has been completed. Access codes and fobs are currently being prepared, and commissioning is imminent.



Basin Street

Three households have successfully relocated to new accommodation as part of the Basin Street Redevelopment Project.

Oisin Kelly Park

New basketball nets have been installed at the Oisín Kelly Park basketball court.



Braithwaite Street/Summer Street/Pimlico Terrace

Three vacant properties have recently been allocated to new tenants.

Bulfin Court

Three previously void properties have recently been allocated to new tenants. Trip hazards within the complex have been repaired.



Tyrone Place

Funding has been approved for the supply and installation of new synthetic sports grass on the existing grounds, along with new Interplay MUGA goal ends. The existing wet pour surface will be replaced with bound rubber mulch. Works are expected to commence in early May and will take approximately 2–3 weeks to complete.

Robert Emmet Walk/Close

Funding has been approved, and works are scheduled to commence in mid-May. The project will include the removal and disposal of existing play equipment, replacement of the wet pour surface with bound rubber mulch, and installation of new play equipment.

St. Audoen's House

Funding has been approved to upgrade the play equipment, with works expected to take place in mid-June.

Void Units

Address	Type of Unit	Vacant Possession Date	Status
Braithwaite Street	2 Bed Flat	26/01/2025	Awaiting keys
Bulfin Court	1 Bed Senior Citizen	01/09/2024	With Depot
Bulfin Court	1 Bed Senior Citizen	01/12/2024	With Depot
Bulfin House	2 Bed Apartment	23/12/2024	With Depot
Dolphin House	2 Bed Flat	30/03/2025	With Depot
Dolphin House	3 Bed Flat	03/11/2024	On hold as per Depot
Dolphin House	1 Bed Flat	17/11/2024	On hold as per Depot
Dolphin House	1 Bed Flat	16/12/2024	Est. Completion date: 18/04/2025
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	3 Bed Flat	15/12/2024	With Depot
Dolphin House	2 Bed Flat	29/10/2024	With Depot
Dolphin House	1 Bed Flat	01/04/2025	With Depot
Dolphin House	1 Bed Flat	12/01/2025	On hold as per Depot
Dolphin House	1 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	Ready to Let
Emmet Buildings	0 Bed Flat	23/11/2023	Ready to Let
Emmet Crescent	3 Bed House	16/06/2024	Ready to Let
Emmet Crescent	2 Bed House	18/12/2024	Ready to Let
Grand Canal	2 Bed House	29/10/2024	With Contractor
Grand Canal View	2 Bed Flat	24/11/2024	With Depot
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	2 Bed Flat	16/02/2025	With Depot
Mallin Avenue	1 Bed House	06/10/2024	With Depot
Margaret Kennedy Court	1 Bed Apartment	25/01/2024	With Depot
Marrowbone Lane	2 Bed Flat	28/01/2025	With Depot
Mary Aikenhead House	2 Bed Flat	16/06/2024	With Depot
Mary Aikenhead House	1 Bed Flat	12/01/2025	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		Ready to Let
Memorial Court	1 Bed Senior Citizen	23/04/2024	Ready to Let
Memorial Court	1 Bed Senior Citizen	30/08/2024	Nomination Received
Metropolitan Apartments	2 Bed Apartment	03/12/2024	Ready to Let

Michael Mallin	2 Bed Flat	24/11/2024	With Depot
Newmarket Street	3 Bed House	25/07/2024	Under Offer
Phoenix View	2 Bed Apartment	13/02/2024	With Depot
Oliver Bond	2 Bed Flat	24/11/2024	With Contractor
Oliver Bond	1 Bed Flat	22/12/2024	With Depot
Oliver Bond	1 Bed Flat	25/08/2024	With Depot
Oliver Bond	2 Bed Flat	07/07/2024	Ready to Let
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	27/02/2025	With Depot
Oliver Bond	1 Bed Flat	02/07/2023	Ready to Let
Oliver Bond	2 Bed Flat	12/01/2025	With Depot
Oliver Bond	1 Bed Flat	16/06/2024	Ready to Let
Oliver Bond	0 Bed Flat	04/04/2023	Depot
Oliver Bond	0 Bed Flat	15/08/2022	Ready to Let 09/06/2023
Oliver Bond	2 Bed Flat	30/04/2023	Ready to Let 20/10/2023
Oliver Bond	2 Bed Flat	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	Ready to Let
Oliver Bond	1 Bed Flat	25/02/2024	With Contractor
Oliver Bond	1 Bed Flat	09/10/2024	Under Offer
Oliver Bond	2 Bed Flat	02/02/2025	
Oliver Bond	1 Bed Flat	01/12/2024	With Contractor
Reuben Square	1 Bed Flat	21/05/2024	Under Offer
Robert Emmet Close	1 Bed Flat	22/12/2024	Awaiting keys
Robert Street	1 Bed Flat	05/05/2024	Ready to Let
School Street	2 Bed Flat	21/03/2023	With Contractor
South Gate Apartments	1 Bed Apartment	10/11/2024	With Contractor
St. Anthony's Road	2 Bed House	17/01/2025	With Depot
St. Audeons House	2 Bed Flat	28/01/2025	With Depot
St. Michaels Lane	2 Bed House	17/05/2020	Illegal Occupier
Summer Street South	2 Bed Flat	26/05/2024	On hold - Eviction/ASB issues
Summer Street South	2 Bed Flat	15/04/2024	With Contractor
The Coombe	1 Bed Apartment	14/04/2024	Awaiting nomination
The Tannery	1 Bed Apartment	29/08/2024	With Depot
Thomas Court	2 Bed Flat	08/12/2024	Under Offer
Thomas Court Bawn	2 Bed Flat	01/12/2024	Surveying works being carried out
Thomas Court Bawn	2 Bed Flat	05/01/2025	With Depot
Tyrone Place	Bedsit	14/12/2023	With Depot
Tyrone Place	2 Bed Flat	10/11/2024	With Contractor
Tyrone Place	2 Bed Flat	01/12/2024	With Depot
Tyrone Place	2 Bed Flat	12/01/2025	With Depot
Weaver Square	2 Bed House	01/12/2024	With Contractor

Community



The South West Inner City (SWIC)
Community team was delighted to support
Inchicore for all with their Spring Feast,
which took place at the CIE Sports and
Social Club on Saturday, 28th March
2025.

Inchicore for All was established by a group of local residents at the end of 2023 with the goal of welcoming International Protection Applicant families to the Inchicore Suites Direct Provision Centre. The Spring Feast celebrated the diverse cultures and nationalities living in Inchicore through music, dance, and food, and included families living in direct provision as well as members of the local community.

St Michael's Family Resource Centre History Talk

The Secrets In Dublin Place Names





Wednesday 9th April

11:30am

De Mazenod Centre Bulfin Road Inchicore

Join Dublin City Council's Historian in Residence Cathy Scuffil as she explores The Secrets in Dublin Place Names

Dublin's history can be told in the names of places, streets and laneways that are all around us.

Some place names have clues to the rivers, fields and meadows of the first settlers, others to our saints and invaders.

We need to wonder what is behind the naming of a place... join us for a morning of historical exploration.



In conjunction with St Michaels Family Resource Centre, the South West Inner City (SWIC) Community team organised a History talk for local community participants in The Mazenod Centre, Bulfin Road on Wednesday 9th April 2025.



Cathy Scuffil, Dublin City Council Historian in Residence guided the group through the fascinating topic of 'The Secrets in Dublin Place Names', which demonstrated how settlers to local lands influenced well know street names. The event was well attended and received by all in attendance.

<u>Public Arts of a Private Nature - 'City-mind: Dublin series'</u>



South West Inner City (SWIC) Community team are in the process of supporting Artist Tracy Staunton on her new Project City- Mind Dublin Series. Over the coming weeks Tracy will work in the community space in Islandbridge Court, which will be facilitated by the complexes youth club.

Tracy's current project uses and extends the technique of projections in building interiors to create a cross section of Dublin City. Tracy work's with each building to project images that reflect a poetic reading of the place: its history, its memory and meaning within the City. This is a form of mapping which tells a story of the hidden, the intimate, perhaps unknown City.

The project will be published as part of this eventual exhibition.

<u>Dolphin House Community Centre</u> <u>Easter Bonnet Afternoon Tea Dance</u>



The South West Inner City (SWIC)
Community team in collaboration with



Dolphin House Community Development Association hosted an Easter Bonnet Afternoon Tea Dance on Monday 14th April in Dolphin House Community Centre for older members of the local community.

This was an Age Friendly focused event and a wonderful opportunity for social engagement and interaction. This was a ticketed event and the team worked closely with Dolphin House Community Development Association on the distribution of tickets to residents within the estate, local nursing homes and the wider community.

Following on from this social event, the team are planning further informational and educational initiatives for older persons in the South West Inner City Area. These will take place throughout the year in collaboration with local Community Projects.

Dublin City's Inclusion & Integration Week – support for community groups



Dublin City's Inclusion & Integration Week 2025 is an initiative led by Dublin City Council, aimed at showcasing the positive efforts made by the Council and other organisations to promote social inclusion, integration, and diversity in the city. The South West Inner City (SWIC) Community team is supporting local communities in

organising events across Dublin 8 from May 23rd to June 1st, 2025. A small contribution of up to €300 is available to community groups for small-scale, community-led events and activities that highlight the work of groups and agencies addressing social exclusion and poverty. Groups must submit their application form by 12pm on Monday, April 28th, 2025

To apply and register an event, click here https://forms.office.com/e/6twAGGQBUM?origin=lprLink

Community Funding Support

Community Grant Scheme



Dublin City Council's Community Grant Scheme is now open to provide support to a wide variety of groups and organizations across the city that facilitate projects, events, and activities to encourage social inclusion. The total fund of €386,500 is divided into the following strands:

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

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

 Community Grant : https://citizenhub.dublincity.ie/service/Community Grant Application
 Informal Adult Education :
 https://citizenhub.dublincity.ie/service/Informal Adult EducationGrant

The closing date for submissions is Friday, May 9th, 2025, at 1pm.

Community Grant Information Clinic



Community & Social Development Team South West Inner City

Funding Information Clinic

The South West Inner City (SWIC)
Community team will host three
information clinics on the Community and
Informal Adult Education Grant Scheme.
All community groups are invited to attend,
either online or in person, to learn about
the scheme's criteria, receive support in
completing an application, and discuss
project ideas. Please register to attend
here:

https://forms.office.com/e/MTEEiT4vpN?origin=lprLink

Information Clinic Details

Date	Time	Venue	
29 th April 2025	10.30 – 12.30 Drop In	St Andrews Community Centre, Rialto	Drop-in / In Person
30 th April 2025	2.00pm -4.30pm	Digital Hub, Roe Ln, D8	Drop- in/In Person
30 th April 2025	6.00pm - 8.00pm	Inchicore Sports Centre	Drop-in / In Person
30 th April 2025	7.30pm - 8.45pm	Online	Register to receive a Link

<u>Community Services - Summer Project</u> <u>Scheme Information Session</u>



Applications for the Community Services Summer Project Funding Scheme closed on April 11th. The South West Inner City (SWIC) Community office received a diverse range of applications from community and youth services throughout the area. In addition to hosting an online information session for interested groups, the team will now progress to assessing all applications received and will make the appropriate recommendation for funding to the Community Central Office. Best of luck to all the Community and Youth Services involved!

Volunteer Led Summer Project Information Evening



Dublin City Council's Summer Project launch was held on Wednesday, April 9th, at 6 PM in Crosscare, Dublin 7, D07 Y768. Bridgefoot Youth Club and Islandbridge Youth Club joined the South West Inner City Team as the local Dublin 8 volunteer led summer projects. Both groups were provided with an opportunity to network informally with their counterparts from the inner city, facilitating the exchange of vital experiences and resources.

The South West Inner City Community
Team attended the CrossCare Voluntary
Summer Project Launch on April 9th.

The team looks forward to working with volunteers in the community on their volunteer-led local summer projects for children and young people up this year.

If you know of anyone in the community who you think may be interested in setting up a summer project or finding out more information about doing so in the future – Please send an email to southcentral@dublincity.ie for attention of The Community Section.



Other Funding Supports

Other Dublin City Council community funding opportunities, such as the 'Bike Week Funding' and the 'Art Office Community Development Grant,' were promoted to community groups and services in Dublin 8. The South West Inner City (SWIC) Community team is available to support groups with their applications for community funding offered by other Dublin City Council departments.

Cultural Date with Dublin 8 Festival



Culture Date with Dublin 8 is an initiative led by the Dublin City Council South Central Area in collaboration with independent creative producer, Grace McEvoy, and it programme partners and supporters. This project places Dublin 8 on the map as a unique, sought-after, cultural destination, connecting communities to their national heritage and cultural institutions while providing a platform for cultural, historical and educational organisations to work together. The festival is taking place from 7th to 11th May, with over 100 events happening at over 50 locations, including walking tours, workshops, history talks, lively concerts, markets, kids' activities, podcasts, theatrical performances, and more.

This year, Cultural Date with Dublin 8 will honour the 250th anniversary of the birth of Daniel O'Connell, with a flagship 'Monster Meeting in D8' at Goldenbridge Cemetery, alongside specialty talks, tours, and performances to celebrate his life and legacy.

Headline events include the popular How to Gael Podcast on 6th May, with a live, Dublin 8-themed episode at the Guinness Storehouse. As part of the 'Late in D8' programme in association with CWB, Dublin 8 resident Paul Noonan, of Bell X1 and Houseplants fame, will be performing an intimate concert at St. Catherine and St. James Church, Donore, on Thursday,

8th May. Historian and author Donal Fallon will host 'A Pint of The Past', a unique evening of music and performance celebrating "Dublin 8's forgotten pubs, breweries, and stories" on Saturday, 10th May, at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

Special events include a photographic exhibition by retired Dublin City Council photographer William 'Billy' Mooney, a long-time resident of Dublin's Tenters, showcasing images chronicling the city's history at The Former Bank on James Street. The Liberties Weavers exhibition will feature an end-of-year talk by Cathy Scuffil, while St. Patrick's Athletic introduces a pop-up museum featuring historic memorabilia from the 1930s to the present day. The popular "Three Castles Burning" podcast will record a live episode discussing the famous 1970 music festival held at Richmond Park. Additionally, a live Irish language podcast, Dáta Dúchais le Raidió Rí-Rá, on the cultural heritage of Dublin 8 will be recorded by Cúán de Búrca and Cían Mac Coisteala.

The festival is filled with many familyfriendly activities. St. Audoen's Park will feature performances from St. George's Brass Band with family tours and activities in St. Audoen's Church. There will be an opportunity to dress like a monk at Christchurch Cathedral's family-friendly crypt tour or be part of a LEGO treasure hunt at Marsh's Library. The Irish Museum of Modern Art will host a family-friendly tour of their current exhibition Art as Agency, and at Kilmainham Gaol, visitors will have the opportunity to hear stories of crimes committed by children during a special children's tour. The Bee8 Initiative will provide a hands-on beekeeping class, and renowned artist and illustrator Aidan Harte will host a 'Lugs Branigan' cartoon drawing workshop at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

Many of the events are free, but booking is required. Check out the full programme at www.culturedatewithdublin8.ie and mark your calendars!

Public Domain

GRAFFITI

187m graffiti treated March-April



St Luke's Ave Cork St. Offensive tagging removed within hrs.



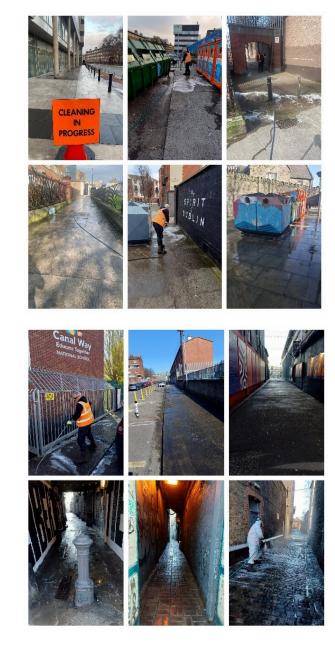


Painted out Graffiti St Augustine St.



Power Washing

The crew completed power washing at Marrowbone Lane, School St, Basin View, Taylors Lane, The Storehouse environs, Swan Alley, Molyneux Yard, St Catherine's Lane & Vicar Street and Recycling banks Marrowbone Lane, Grattan Crescent and Newmarket



Flanagan's Field

South Central Area supported the annual Lá na Prátái event at the community garden on Reuben St. A wonderful day of inclusion, learning and feasting.













<u>Community Clean Ups</u> South West Inner City Public Domain supports Community Clean-ups and **Environmental Improvements**

Rialto Environmental



Inchicore Environmental Group





National Spring Clean

We are delighted to be supporting three further groups on Saturday and Sunday the 12th and 13th of April as part of An Taisce's National Spring Clean. Mayfield, Mounthshannon and Madison Residents Association will be out cleaning their streets and laneways on Saturday the 12th.

While Dolphin's Barn Canal Biodiversity & Clean-Up Group will be cleaning along the road and canal ways of dolphins barn. Finally we have Biblary Polish Community Centre & Library doing a clean-up Sunday around the Inchicore CIE Works Estate.

Inchicore Environmental Group at the Spring Festival Richmond Barracks





A big well done to IEG who had a presentation table at this year's Spring Festival at Richmond barracks. Public Domain are delighted to be able to support IEG as they spread environmental awareness throughout the Dublin 8 community while at the event.

Grattan Crescent Bottle and Clothes bank Cleaning

Public Domain organised a deep cleaning of the bottle banks and clothes bank on Grattan Crescent in March. Using the opportunity of the banks being lifted for emptying a sweeping and deep clean of underneath was done in addition to the areas surrounding the banks.





Team Dublin Clean Up

The Team Dublin Clean-up will take place on the 26th April 2025 from 11am to 1pm. To make it extra special, Dublin City Council are calling on all volunteer groups to come out at the same time on the same day to help to clean-up Dublin City.

Let's get together to clean-up our streets, laneways, and canal walks and make Dublin a Fair City again All groups that participate in this year's Team Dublin Clean-Up will automatically be entered in the City Neighbourhoods Competition 2025, and could be in with a chance to win cash prizes.



City Neighbourhood Awards 2025

Artwork and the applications for Dublin City Council's City Neighbourhood Awards 2025 are currently being finalised and are close to being distributed. This year's theme will be "Proud to Keep Dublin Clean". As soon as more details and materials are ready they will be passed on ASAP. Any groups/individuals that maybe interested it would be greatly appreciated if the information was passed onto them.

BALLYFERMOT DRIMNAGH ELECTORAL AREA

Housing

Stonemount (Ivy Trust)

Successful applicants have been contacted, Ivy Trust are interviewing at present. First set of tenant training to commence next week.

Applicants for **Stonemount** were:

1 beds 396

2 beds 478

3 beds 215

Holly Brook

Successful applicants are being contacted

Applicants for Holly Brook were

2 beds 368

3 beds 199

Bluebell Waterways

The part 8 process will be commencing shortly, with the members already receiving an advance briefing.

Sons of Divine Providence

The DCC team are continuing the engagement with the Sons of Divine providence and members will be kept updated of any progress.

Cherry Orchard

Site 1 of the Local Area Plan

Negotiations with the HSE are continuing, the part 8 process, subject to prevalidation from the Planning Department, may now begin later in this year.

Site 2 of the Local Area Plan

The preparatory work on the technical design is continuing and the aim remains or the public consultation to take place in quarter 1/quarter 2, 2025.

Site 4 of the Local Area Plan

The LDA has issued the tender and that is due to close at the end of March.

Rafters/Crumlin Road

As stated previously, the project team are continuing to work towards commencing the Part 8 process in quarter 1 2025

Labre Park

As reported previously, Engagement continues between Cluid, Traveller Accommodation Unit and DCC quantity surveying division regarding costs. Stage 2 submission of the stage 2 application to the DHLGH is anticipated Q1 2025 with the Part 8 application to follow in Q2 2025.

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

Property Type	
House	29
Maisonette	2
Apartment	9
Senior Citizens	11
Total	51

Vacant (Void) Property Refurbishments completed in 2025 (year to date)

House	6
Apartment	5
Senior Citizens	4
Total	15

Туре	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	Awaiting Vacant Possession	N/A
House	BARNVILLE PARK	2	03/11/2024	Tenant to view/sign	Ready
House	BARNVILLE PARK	1	14/08/2024	2 nd offer refused, estate management checks being done on new tenant, new offer to be issued	Ready
Apartment	BERNARD CURTIS HOUSE	1	17/10/2024	AGS Checks underway	Ready
Senior Citizens	BLACKDITCH COURT	1	27/08/2024	1st offer refused estate management checks being done on new tenant.	Ready
House	BLACKDITCH ROAD	3	08/01/2025	Tenant to view/sign	Ready
Apartment	CEDARBROOK WALK	2	09/01/2025	With Framework	21/04/2025
House	CHERRY ORCHARD AVENUE	3	04/06/2024	Tenant selected	20/04/2025
House	CHERRY ORCHARD CRESCENT	3	12/11/2024	Tenant selected	20/04/2025
Senior Citizens	CLADDAGH COURT	1	14/07/2024	2nd offer refused estate management checks being carried out	Ready
House	COLEPARK ROAD	3	12/05/2024	2 nd offer refused, new tenant to view and sign	Ready
House	CROMMWELLSFORT ROAD	3	23/11/2024	Tenant selected	30/06/2025
House	CROMMWELLSFORT ROAD	3	24/11/2024	Tenant selected	30/06/2025
House	CROFTWOOD DRIVE	3		With framework	26/05/2025
House	CROFTWOOD GARDENS	2	N/A	Tenant selected	17/04/2025
House	CROFTWOOD PARK	4	12/04/2023	2 nd offer refused	15/04/2025
Apartment	DAVITT HOUSE	0	07/07/2024	With contractor	17/05/2025
Apartment	DAVITT HOUSE	0	19/10/2022	AGS Checks underway	17/05/2025
Apartment	DAVITT HOUSE	0	02/06/2024	With contractor	17/05/2025
Apartment	DAVITT HOUSE	0	04/03/2024	With contractor	17/05/2025
House	ELMDALE DRIVE	3	21/11/2024	Tenant selected	20/04/2025
Senior Citizens	Fr KITT COURT	1	14/02/2025	Tenant Selected	20/04/2025
Senior Citizens	Fr KITT COURT	1	31/01/2025	For framework	TBC
Senior Citizens	Fr Lemass Court	1	31/01/2025	Tenant selected	20/04/2025
Senior Citizens	Fr Lemass Court	1	29/11/2024	With contractor	30/06/2025

Senior Citizens	KILNAMANAGH COURT	1	31/01/2025	With contractor	10/05/2025
Senior Citizens	KILNAMANAGH COURT	1	29/05/2024	1st offer refused/ new tenant to view/sign	Ready
House	LANDEN ROAD	2	25/07/2024	Tenant to view/sign	Ready
House	LISSADELL DRIVE	3	30/07/2024	Tenant to view/sign	Ready
House	LISSADELL GREEN	3	29/11/2024	Tenant selected	10/04/2025
Maisonette	LISSADEL ROAD	2	03/12/2024	AGS Checks underway	10/04/2025
Maisonette	LISSADEL ROAD	2	05/07/2024	AGS Checks underway	10/04/2025
House	MOYCULLEN ROAD	3	03/11/2024	Tenant selected	24/05/2025
House	MUSKERRY ROAD	3	25/08/2024	Tenant selected	Ready
House	MUSKERRY ROAD	2	13/01/2024	1 st offer refused	20/04/2025
House	O'DWYER ROAD	3	25/05/2022	Tenant selected	20/04/2025
House	O'MOORE ROAD	3	09/12/2024	Tenant selected	20/04/2025
Apartment	PHOENIX VIEW	2	18/12/2024	For framework	TBC
House	RAHEEN PARK	3	03/03/2024	Tenant selected	20/04/2025
Senior Citizens	RIVERVIEW COURT	1	03/11/2024	Tenant to view	Ready
Senior Citizens	ROSSAVEAL COURT	1	29/11/2024	For framework	TBC
Senior Citizens	ROSSAVEAL COURT	1	03/12/2023	With contractor	TBC
House	ROSSMORE ROAD	2	N/A	Tenant selected	20/04/2025
Apartment	SEVEN OAKS	1		Tenant to view & sign	Ready
House	SLIEVEMORE ROAD	3	17/11/2024	For framework	TBC
Apartment	THE STEEPLES	1	05/12/2024	Tenant selected	15/04/2025
House	THOMOND ROAD	2	22/12/2024	With contractor	24/04/2025
House	THOMOND ROAD	3	21/04/2024	With contractor	14/04/2025



The Cherry Orchard Implementation Board (COIB) is a group focused on improving the Cherry Orchard Community in Dublin 10.

Members of the Board and Sub Groups include senior representatives from state agencies including Dublin City Council, HSE, An Garda Síochána, TUSLA, Probation Service, CDYSB, Liffey Partnership and St Ultan's Primary School amongst other professionals and local residents.

The Board is supported in its function by a dedicated team, providing project and programme management support.

The Board's goal is to support the Community, unite efforts and build on past successes for a happy, caring and vibrant neighbourhood. The Board meets monthly and its 6 Pillar groups engage continuously with the Cherry Orchard Community.

Pillar Updates:

Education

The Cherry Orchard Implementation Board were delighted to support the St Ultan's Strategic Plan Launch Event. The Chair of the Board, Brendan Foster, was interviewed by students, providing an update on the role and work of the COIB.

Infrastructure

The Infrastructure Pillar continues to engage, on behalf of the Cherry Orchard Community, with parties involved in the proposals under the Local Area Plan and Making Cherry Orchard Better Plan.

Recent meetings have been held with Dublin City Council and the LDA in relation to the new proposed development Cherry Orchard Point.

The group has also held meetings with the Dublin City Arts Office to discuss the community, arts and cultural spaces as part of this development.

Community



The Community Pillar have been engaging directly with residents of Cherry Orchard on the hopes and challenges for the area.

The St Patricks Parade, proudly supported by the COIB, was a huge success, with large numbers out to enjoy the day. Members of the board also attended to show their support.

The Cherry Blossoms Community
Festival, supported by the COIB,
beginning on the 1st of April has a range of
activities available for all ages and abilities
and is sure to be a fantastic month.

Lifelong Learning

The Lifelong Learning Pillar confirmed that, following the last meeting, a 2 week construction programme will be piloted from March. It will be rolled out to 5th and 6th year students in St Setons. There are



currently 4 programmes scheduled in Ballyfermot Training Centre.

Youth Work Services

The group met to analyse the outcomes from the hugely successful Youth Work Services Networking Event.

Almost 90 youth workers from various agencies including the Cherry Orchard Equine Centre, Gardai, Probation Service, Candle Community Trust, the WHAD project, Ballyfermot Youth Service, City of Dublin Youth Services, Familibase, Dublin City Council, St Ultan's school and ABLE, collaborated, shared ideas, their experiences, contacts and how they can work together to improve the lives of people in Cherry Orchard.





Family Health and Wellbeing

The Family, Health and Wellbeing Pillar confirmed a survey to obtain a baseline of trauma informed training services for families and children in Cherry Orchard was carried out. The survey was circulated to managers in statutory and voluntary services in Ballyfermot and the results are currently being analysed.

A review was also carried out on a key objective for this Pillar, **Strengthening**Parenting Programmes available to and in Cherry Orchard. The draft review and findings were discussed with the group at the last meeting.

Community

Area Report April 2025

In conjunction with Slainte Care and the Ballyfermot Civics Centre, the Community Team delivered 60 child swim vouchers and 60 adult gym and swim vouchers to families living in Emergency Accommodation in the area. The vouchers are for the sports and leisure centre in Ballyfermot and will hopefully make families aware of other opportunities and services available to them that operate from the leisure centre.



D10 Learning Neighbourhood Launch

Over the past month the community team has been working in a joint effort with UNESCO Dublin Learning City, City of Dublin Education and Training Board, the Liffey Partnership and Sláintecare Healthy Communities to coordinate the launch of the D10 Learning Neighbourhood. This has involved reaching out to education providers both traditional and community led to gather data for a directory of D10 learning providers, that will be published in conjunction with the launch event.

The launch event itself will feature lively panel discussions between community organisations and services, as well as information tables where people will be able to learn more about the different learning opportunities in D10 and the best ways one can avail of them. It promises to be a fantastic day for the whole area.



Cherry Blossoms Festival

The Cherry Blossoms Festival celebrated a fantastic launch night in Saint Ultan's School. Supported by the area office there is a full month long programme of events for everyone in the community to avail of. Aligning with D10s mission to become an autism friendly village a huge theme

throughout Cherry Blossoms has been inclusivity and this resonates through the substantial amount of neurodiverse friendly events taking place.





The Community Team worked with the DCC Parks Team and environmental groups in the area to plant 5 Cherry Blossoms Trees to celebrate the launch of the festival.





Plant Distribution

The Community Team are currently liaising with environmental groups and key persons involved with previous plant distribution events to find out what worked best and where experienced the most demand. The majority of the plants will be sourced from the community gardens in Cherry Orchard. Not only will this be a fantastic opportunity for the team to start collaborating with the environmental actors in the area but we also look forward supporting a local social enterprise and reinvesting in the community as well as the environment.

Sheltered Housing Complexes

The Community Team have begun the process of formally introducing ourselves to residents in local sheltered housing complexes through the medium of a coffee morning. Working in conjunction with the Dublin City Libraries we highlighted all the fantastic services that are totally free and just waiting to be availed of, along with signing up many of the tenants for brand new library cards.

While the process is far from finished it was an excellent tool for fact finding. We plan on utilizing this form of consultation process heavily while we try to reanimate the common rooms in the complexes. All of this work is being carried out in collaboration with services in the area and also with a view to forming committees which will open up the possibility of access to funding and a greater degree of autonomy.



Age Friendly

Last week we hosted our penultimate age friendly event for our spring programme of events by the way of a celebratory tea dance. The spring programme was a massive success. Focusing on the age friendly target of enabling everyone to live longer healthier lives we held an active ageing workshop, a tai chi session and a sound bath and meditation workshop.





We are currently in the process of finalising our Summer Programme which will begin in line with the start of Bealtaine Festival. It promises to be a fantastic programme of events for all who are involved.

Fleadh an Phobail

The community team have been working with a steering committee to finalise the programme of events for the day. All events will be broadcast live from the local radio station Together FM and Radio Fáilte situated in Belfast. The aim of the event is to foster a partnership connecting the two areas through a celebration of Irish Culture, where local community groups and individuals will collaborate to deliver Irish music, dance, and sport & caint workshops. This event proposes to

the be the first of an annual tradition which will take place next year in Belfast, strengthening cross border relationships through a shared passion of heritage and culture.

Funding and Grants

Dublin City Council's Community Grant scheme provides support to a wide variety of groups and organisations across the city annually that facilitate projects, events and activities to encourage social inclusion. The 2025 scheme opened on Tuesday 1st April 2025 @ 12noon with a total fund of €386,500 divided into the following strands:

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

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

https://citizenhub.dublincity.ie/service/Community Grant Application

https://citizenhub.dublincity.ie/service/Informal Adult Education Grant

To ensure this notice reaches as many groups as possible, it has been circulated to all Dublin City Councillors, Dublin City PPN, Dublin City LCDC, Dublin City Local Development Companies and our colleagues across Dublin City Council including the Communication Unit who will share on social media.

Please note the **closing date** for submissions is **Friday 9**th **May 2025 at 1pm.**

Cherry Orchard

For the 3rd Year in succession we were proud to support the children of the area with our largest St. Patricks Day Parade to date. With the help of our good friends in An GARDA Siochana, St. Ultan's Primary School and the many volunteers from Familibase and The Equine Centre a

collective approach always works well in the community.





This year over 3500 took part in the parade which featured amongst other items what we believe to be the first every open top sightseeing bus in Cherry Orchard!

Community Awards May 9th, City Hall.



Since February this year the Community of Cherry Orchard has been nominating those whom they see as making a very positive contribution to their community.

It gives me great pleasure to welcome the special guests and awardees on the night. This special evening celebrates the outstanding contributions of individuals,

groups and businesses have made to the community of Cherry Orchard. We look forward to a very successful and fulfilling evening.

Blossoms Festival 2025



As part of a 3 Part Series "Her Resilience" Dave O'Donovan is hosting a live audience chat with some very powerful women who all have a story to tell.

Tickets available from Eventbrite to listen to Katriona O'Sullivan, Author the book "Poor" and Adel Mc Sorely who is the Operations Manager for Mr. Price Ireland. The first night last Monday with Joanne O' Dwyer was a great night for all with an insight into our guest speaker who is now 20 years clean in her recovery journey.

Public Domain

<u>Public feedback to improvement works</u> @Parkwest Train Station

Following completion of the improvement works at Parkwest & Cherry Orchard Train Station, the Public Domain Office received a lovely email from the local resident who raised the matter originally. Below is her response;

"Good morning Liam,

Wow I these look so much better - very happy to hear the trees will be able to grow better now in the new environment. I've been seeing the work progress the last while when been going in and out of the train station and wondered if it was due to our report.

Firstly, thank you so much for investigating and having the work done. Secondly, for the update. A really helpful and professional response has been provided.

I've shared your note, as well as the before and after photos on our residents Facebook page today. Already got a couple of likes and comments!

We really appreciate it Liam, thanks so much again

Caroline "

These improvement works were only possible due to the continued support of the Local Area Councillors and the Discretionary funds made available to Public Domain.

Before



After



Weed Control Season 2025

Please see below maps for the forthcoming Weed Control Season 2025. The 1st treatment will start week beginning 7th April and then treated every

8 weeks thereafter. Each treatment of the area will take up to 2/3 weeks to complete.

Treatment schedule for the year:

1st treatment - 7th April

2nd treatment – 2nd June - this 2nd treatment will be for all roads of Ballyfermot and Drimnagh

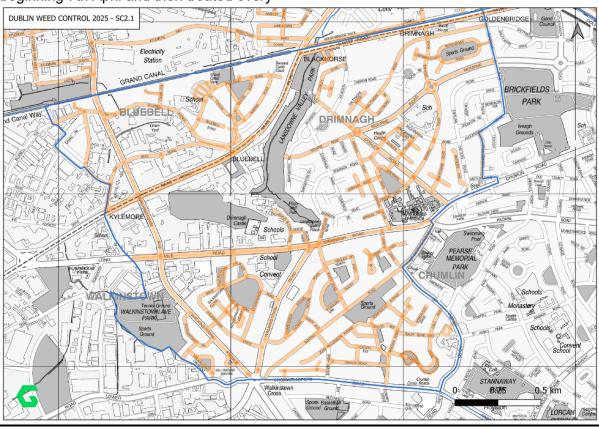
3rd treatment – 4th August

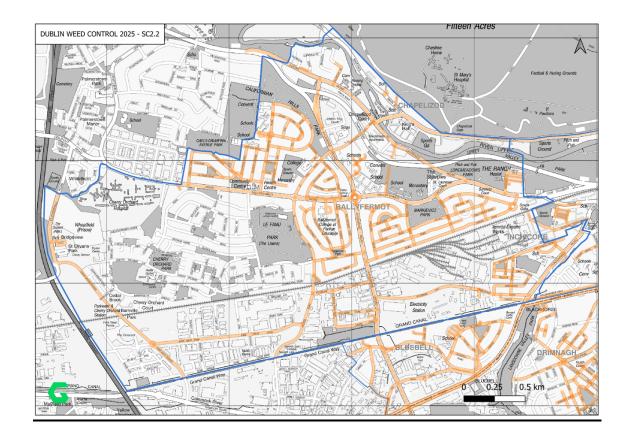
4th treatment – 29th September

Dates above are weather dependant.

This should give good coverage for the season and the treatment in late September should hold off any regrowth for the Autumn/Winter months.

You will also note the Public Domain Office has also arranged that on the 2nd treatment round, that all roads in the Ballyfermot Drimnagh area will be treated, this should assist in reducing the weeds in the non-scheduled areas.





Street Power Washing
Waste Management's South Central
Street Washing Crew out power washing
in Ballyfermot Drimnagh Area





Drumfinn Park Shops

Errigal Road Shops









Benbulbin Road shops

Bluebell National School





Chapelizod Plaza & Main Street











Halfway House, Eleanora Pub, Drimnagh Rd Shops, Tyrconnell Road, Bluebell Shops

Street Furniture Licences

As the nice weather approaches the Public Domain Office has noticed a number of cafés & bars in our area have started to place street furniture out in front of their premises. While this may be seen as a welcome experience for patrons of the individual cafés or bars, allowing customers to sit outside and enjoy the nice weather, it can also cause an obstruction to other pedestrian users, including those with sight or mobility issues.

A Street Furniture Licence is required to put tables and chairs on the footpath outside a Cafe, Restaurant, Hotel or Bar in the City. A café, restaurant, hotel or bar, can apply to Dublin City Council to put tables and chairs on the footpath outside.



Applications for these licences are dealt with under the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 (made under the Planning & Development Act, 2000)

A licence may only be granted for an area immediately adjacent to the premises, which is under the applicant's control where food is sold for consumption on the premises.

Every licence is issued subject to general conditions.

If a licence holder is in breach of the general conditions Dublin City Council is empowered under Section 71 to remove unlicensed items on the Footpath/Roadway.

The cost of the removal of the items is €100 per item and €35 per week or part thereof.

The Public Domain Office will be querying weather licences are in place with the Street Furniture Licence Inspector.

Any business that wishes to apply for a Street Furniture Licence can download an application & procedures form from the web link below. They can also review the FAQ's document.

Web address:

https://www.dublincity.ie/business/busines s-licences/apply-street-furniture-licencedublin-city The Street Furniture Licence unit can also be contacted on the following email: streetfurniture@dublincity.ie

Dublin Canvas



Below are the proposed Dublin Canvas locations for paint/repaint in summer 2025. Timeline for this year's scheme:

Callout Commences - Wednesday 16th April 2025

Submission Deadline - Friday 16th May 2025

Select Process - Tuesday 3rd - Thursday 12th June 2025

Notify artists by - Friday 13th June 2025

Paint Artwork - mid June - mid September (extended to mid-October if the summer is a washout)

Six New Locations

- 1) Ballyfermot Upper, Dublin 10
- 2) Ballyfermot Road/Blackditch Drive, Dublin 10
- 3) 231 Ballyfermot Road
- 4) Tyrconnell Road/Jamestown Road @ Blackhorse Bridge
- 5) Cooley Road, Crumlin D12 N512
- 6) Naas Road, Kylemore Road @ McDonalds

Three existing traffic boxes to be repainted

- 1) AIB Ballyfermot Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 12
- 2) Errigal Road/Drimnagh road, Drimnagh, Dublin 12
- 3) St. Michael's School, Kylemore Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 12

Illegal Dumping, litter and Graffiti removed









Graffiti removed, Cherry Orchard, Pillar located @ 24 Naas Road, Old Naas Road/Bluebell Ave, Kylemore Road Bridge







Grand Canal Way, Thomond Lane, Litter removed Bluebell Avenue Pocket Park









Bunting Road opposite Kestrel Pub, Millrose Estate, Bluebell, Laneway Huband Road, Bluebell

Cathy Scuffil, Historian in Residence (HIR) Dublin City Council (DCC) South Central Area (SCA) April 2025 Report of Activities

HIR has continued working with DCCs Social and Community Development Team, Dublin City Libraries, together with existing local history, heritage and cultural groups in the wider area. History talks have been held in the libraries in Dolphin's Barn and Walkinstown as well as Dublinia as part of their Spring lecture series. History students in secondary and third level continue to be supported, with the Future Historians showcase taking place on Friday 2 May 2025 with students from Rosary College Crumlin, Loreto Crumlin and Clogher Road Community College taking part. HIR is also supporting projects for Culture Date with Dublin 8 with The Liberties Weavers hosting an exhibition and history talk in the historic Tailor's Hall as part of this event.

Sincere thanks to DCC for the opportunity as always. (8th April 2025) Cathy Scuffil cathyscuffil@gmail.com