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## Director of Services Report South Central Area Committee Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2025



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## SOUTH WEST INNER CITY ELECTORAL AREA

### Public Realm & Capital Programmes



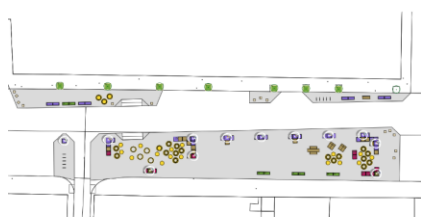
**An Update on Newmarket Square** – A range of pedestrian improvement measures have been taking place at Newmarket since early spring. The first phase of work included removing large expanses of parking, installing a new pedestrian space on the south side of the square, expanding footpaths on the north side of the square and improving crossing points. This work was substantially completed in March.

Some outstanding works as part of this phase - to install a new drainage connection and to finish areas of tarmac with a coloured resin finish - will be completed over the coming weeks.

In addition to these civil works, all parking and loading arrangements around Newmarket have been reviewed and changes to lines and signage etc are underway. All parking in and around Newmarket will now be Pay & Display. Parking Enforcement has been active in the area since the installation of the new layout to enforce new parking and loading arrangements.

A large residential development is still underway at the west end of the square. Once this is completed later this year, footpaths, parking etc will be regularised at this end of Newmarket and along Ardee Street.

A suite of permanent street furniture including planters, seating and additional cycleparking stands will be installed in the Autumn. Planters will include small trees and shrubs and herbaceous plants. The various temporary bollards/zebra boxes etc will be removed.





The Area Office is actively working to programme new uses of the public space. The first of three Newmarket Flea Markets will take place on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July, marking the welcome return of outdoor markets to the area. The market operator will also be holding events in August and September.

The Heritage Office will also be holding open days of the south graveyard of the former St Luke's Church during National Heritage Week 16<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> August.

The ambition is to programme a diverse range of events, outdoor exhibitions and other uses of this new public space in future years.

**Meath Street Public Realm Improvement Scheme** – Advance works by the utility Uisce Éireann to renew underground water infrastructure on Meath Street is continuing. A revised schedule of partial road closures and service interruptions etc has been advised to businesses and residents by GMC (contractors for Uisce Éireann).

Tendering for the main public realm works contract is now underway.

**The Iveagh Market** – an announcement of the preferred contractor for planned emergency stabilisation and roof renewal work to the markets will be made in due course. The current expectation is to commence site work in the autumn.

**Dolphins Barn Street Trees** – work commenced on 9th July on street tree planting at a number of locations in Dolphin's Barn including St Anthony's Road, Haroldville Avenue and Reuben Street. The main civil works to create buildouts will be completed over the summer, with tree planting taking place later in the year when conditions allow.

**Public Seating Installations** – the Area Office is currently tendering for new seats and public benches for 12 locations around SWIC. It is hoped to install these features in Autumn. These seats will also contribute to wider Age Friendly initiatives by the Community Development team.

## **Economic Development**

**Smart D8** – the health and community wellbeing smart city demonstrator in Dublin 8, of which the South Central Area Office is a consortium partner, has announced three new pilot projects for 2025. These include projects to accelerate cancer screening with the use of AI, supporting remote heart health monitoring for patients living with heart failure conditions, and driving positive conversations around men's mental health through community football. Football Cooperative, a social enterprise, will be leading out on the men's mental health through community football pilot and its hoped the pilot will support greater use of under-utilised play spaces around SWIC.

**Shopfront Improvement Scheme 2025** – this year's scheme is now closed. In total, 35 projects are being supported this year with small grants to assist with refurbishments. This includes 5 projects in and around Clanbrassil Street (an area which has heretofore had low takeup of the scheme).

## Housing

### Herberton - Clinic

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

### Robinson's Court

The newly installed vehicle and pedestrian security gate is operating with excellent efficiency, and both residents and the wider community have expressed great satisfaction with the outcome.

### Oliver Bond House

The window replacement scheme is progressing well, with nearly 50% of installations now complete.

### Emmet Buildings

The installation of the new MUGA (Multi-Use Games Area) football pitch has been successfully completed.



### Mary Aikenhead House

Recent works have been carried out at Mary Aikenhead House, including the cleaning of garden areas. A schedule for regular maintenance has also been put in place.



### 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

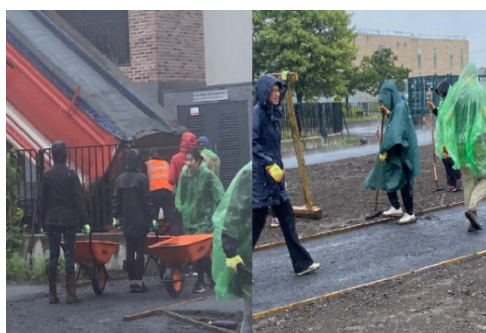
The *Difference Days 'Meanwhile Use'* project held its inauguration on 12th June. Despite challenging weather conditions, over 200 corporate sponsor volunteers turned out and carried out an impressive amount of work, contributing to a vibrant and positive atmosphere throughout the day.

A marquee on site hosted catering, and entertainment was provided by a local music group that included performances by children from the community. The formal launch of the project took place the following Monday evening.

The initiative transformed a previously disused plot within the Dolphin House flat complex into a beautifully landscaped space featuring tarmacked pathways, green areas, shrubs, a potter's polytunnel, community allotments, and a repurposed cargo container now serving as a *Men's Shed* unit.



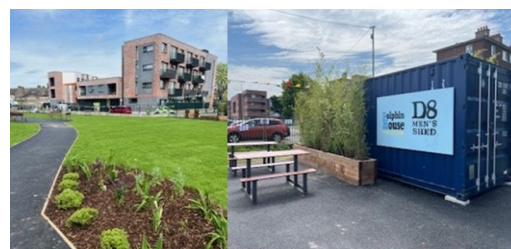
Additionally, a soft-pour Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) was installed behind the community centre, further enhancing the facilities available to residents.



Captured during the course of the works



Works underway



Completion and Inauguration of the Project



### Tyrone Place / Emmet Crescent

The annual Family Fun Day, organised in collaboration with the Family Resource Centre, is scheduled for 17th July. Due to ongoing development works on Vincent Street West, the event will now take place on the grounds of the National School.

### Voids

One property at Memorial Court has been let through the Choice-Based Letting (CBL) scheme. Garda clearance is currently pending for five nominations received for properties advertised under CBL in Emmet Crescent, School Street, and Tyrone Place, all of which are ready to let.

### Voids

Address	Type of Unit	Vacant Possession Date	Status
Bulfin Court	1 Bed Flat	13/05/2025	With Depot
Bonham Court	1 Bed Apartment	26/02/2025	Ready to let

Ceannt Fort	3 Bed House	10/04/2025	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	With Depot
Dolphin House	1 Bed Flat	28/04/2024	Ready to let
Dolphin House	1 Bed Flat	15/05/2025	With Depot
Dolphin House	1 Bed Flat	06/10/2024	Ready to let
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	08/09/2024	Ready to let
Dolphin House	1 Bed Flat	16/06/2024	With Depot
Dolphin House	1 Bed Flat	16/10/2024	Ready to let
Dolphin House	2 Bed Flat	17/12/2023	Ready to let
Echlin Street	1 Bed House	22/04/2024	With depot
Emmet Buildings	0 Bed Flat	23/11/2023	With depot
Emmet Crescent	2 Bed House	18/12/2024	Ready to let
Garden View	1 Bed Apartment	13/05/2025	With depot
Grand Canal	2 Bed House	29/10/2024	Being used by Maintenance temporarily
Grand Canal View	2 Bed Flat	24/11/2024	With depot
Islandbridge Court	0 Bed Flat	29/04/2025	Ready to let
Margaret Kennedy Court	1 Bed Apartment	10/11/2024	Ready to let
Marrowbone Lane	2 Bed Flat	28/01/2025	With Contractor
Marrowbone Lane	2 Bed Flat	30/03/2025	With Contractor
Mary Aikenhead House	1 Bed Flat	12/01/2025	Ready to let
Memorial Court	2 Bed Flat	04/05/2025	With Depot
Memorial Court	1 Bed Flat	11/07/2025	With Depot
Michael Mallin	2 Bed Flat	17/02/2025	Ready to let
Michael Mallin	2 Bed Flat	24/11/2024	With Depot
Newport Street	1 Bed House	16/05/2025	With Contractor
Oliver Bond	2 Bed Flat	24/11/2024	Ready to let
Oliver Bond	1 Bed Flat	07/02/2025	Ready to let
Oliver Bond	1 Bed Flat	25/08/2024	With Depot
Oliver Bond	2 Bed Flat	13/04/2025	With Depot
Oliver Bond	2 Bed Flat	07/07/2024	Ready to let
Oliver Bond	2 Bed Flat	12/12/2024	With depot
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	With Depot
Oliver Bond	0 Bed Flat	04/04/2023	With Depot

Oliver Bond	0 Bed Flat	21/08/2022	With Depot
Oliver Bond	1 Bed Flat	23/05/2025	With Depot
Oliver Bond	1 Bed Flat	06/01/2025	With Contractor
Oliver Bond	2 Bed Flat	16/06/2024	Ready to let
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	Ready to let
Oliver Bond	1 Bed Flat	10/09/2023	Ready to let
Oliver Bond	2 Bed Flat	02/02/2025	With Contractor
Oliver Bond	1 Bed Flat	01/12/2024	With Contractor
Phoenix View	2 Bed Apartment	13/02/2024	With Depot
Pimlico Square	1 Bed	23/05/2025	With Contractor
Pimlico Terrace	2 Bed Flat	12/01/2025	With Contractor
Robert Emmet Close	1 Bed Flat	22/12/2024	Ready to let
Sarah Place	Bedsit	21/04/2024	With framework
School Street	2 Bed Flat	26/03/2023	nomination received
South Gate Apartments	1 Bed Apartment	10/11/2024	With Contractor
St. Anthony's Road	2 Bed House	25/08/2024	Ready to let
St. Audeons House	2 Bed Flat	29/12/2024	Ready to let
Summer Street South	2 Bed Flat	26/05/2024	With Depot
The Tannery	1 Bed Apartment	29/08/2024	With contractor
Thomas Court	1 Bed Flat	17/04/2024	With Depot
Thomas Court	2 Bed Flat	08/12/2024	With Depot
Thomas Court Bawn	2 Bed Flat	01/12/2024	Surveying works being carried out
Thomas Court Bawn	2 Bed Flat	25/03/2025	With Depot
Tyrone Place	Bedsit	14/12/2023	With Depot
Tyrone Place	Bedsit	30/03/2025	With Depot
Tyrone Place	2 Bed Flat	01/12/2024	Ready to let
Tyrone Place	2 Bed Flat	12/01/2025	With Depot
Tyrone Place	2	30/04/2025	With Depot
Weavers Row	2 Bed Apartment	02/03/2025	With Depot
Weaver Square	2 Bed House	01/12/2024	With Contractor

## Community

### Community Climate Friendly Planting Initiative 2025

The Community and Social Development Office invited community groups in Dublin 8 to express their interest in taking part in a Community Climate-Friendly Planting Initiative.

The initiative saw 37 community groups and residents' associations receiving bee-friendly plants, compost and flowers to rejuvenate neglected community planters

and spaces across the South West Inner-City bringing colour and life to our urban neighbourhood.

Here are some photo's capturing the wonderful interactions the Community Team had with recipients from across the community and a selection of before and after photos that came into the team highlighting the success of the initiative. The Community Team expressed our thanks to all those who participated as



well as the Dublin City Council Parks section, Public Domain and Roads section who helped us pull this off. A great collaboration all round.



### Highlights from the Initiative



*Brabazon Street Planter; Before / After*



*Emmet Crescent, Inchicore: Planters*



*Gray Street Square: Before & After*





*Gray Street: Before & After*



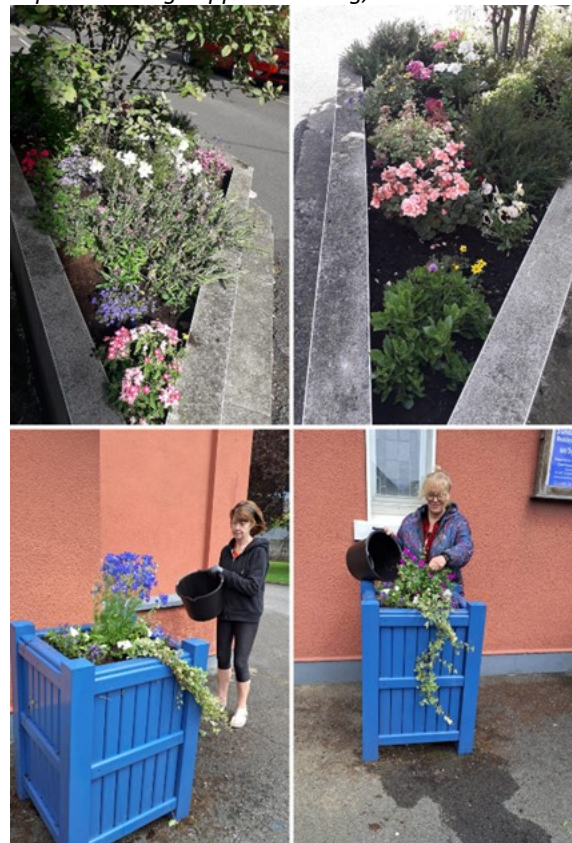
*Timberyard, Cork Street: Before & After*



*Bridgefoot St. Intergenerational Planting*



*Sophia Housing Supported Living, the Liberties:*



*Rialto Environmental Group: Rejuvenating Community Planters in Rialto Village*





Mountshannon, Madison and Mayfield  
Kilmainham



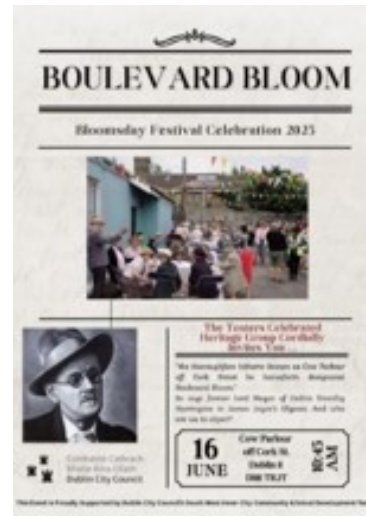
Glenmalure, Rialto



Clanbrassil Close, Dublin 8

## Boulevard Bloom 2025

What a fabulous day we had in Cow Parlor, The Tenters on Bloomsday 16<sup>th</sup> June.



The Tenters Celebrated Heritage Group led out on a fantastic community event which highlighted the Tenters Community's connection to the historical cultural literature of James Joyce's *Ulysses*.

Community members shared in the celebration and socialised with music, dancing, tea and the wearing of hats and bonnets to honour the cultural significance.

The event was designed to be intergenerational in nature and introduced the historical significance of the area to 6<sup>th</sup> class groups from four local schools who partnered in the project and put together their own creative writings inspired by Joyce's *Ulysses* to be bound and presented to the incoming Lord Mayor.







## Dublin PRIDE 2025

The Community and Social Development Team are proud to be a part of the DCC LGBTQ+ Committee which held a large celebratory event on the morning of Dublin Pride, 28<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

The breakfast which Dublin City Council host in collaboration with BeLonGTo saw 650 young people from across the country come to Dublin City Council's Civic Offices for a pre-PRIDE-parade breakfast party, which brought an opportunity for social connection and comradeship before heading off to march in the 2025 Dublin PRIDE Parade escorted by An Garda Síochána, MaSamba Samba Band and DCC staff.

It was a truly joyous, vibrant and



electrifying occasion and the Community and Social Development Team in SWIC hope participation in such will be the start of the team marking the occasion each year,

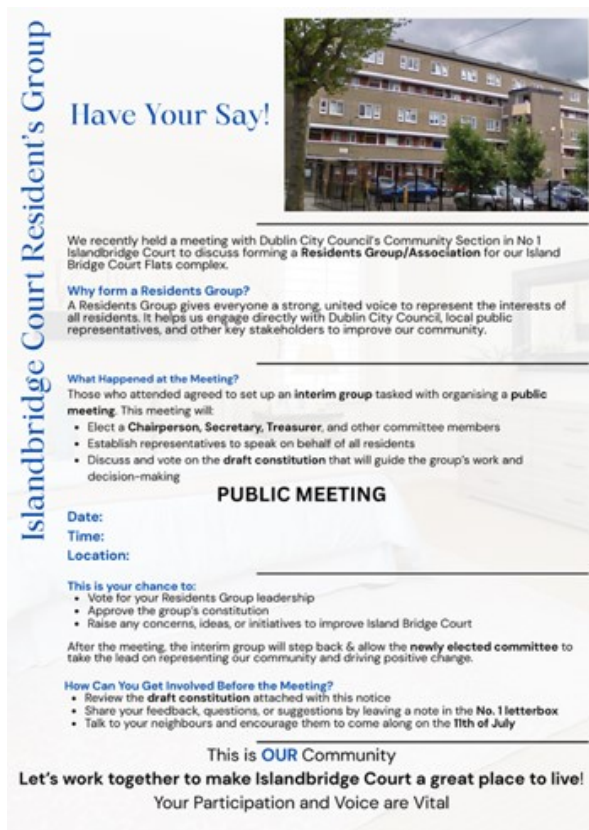
particularly looking at local events to work actively toward our work plan in meeting Goal 4 of the *Dublin City Local Economic and Community Plan 2024 – 2024*; *Foster and nourish the City's communities to become more sustainable, thriving, safe, caring, welcoming, and inclusive*. Objective 4.1; *Encourage greater social inclusion, diversity and safety by working in partnership with and empowering individuals and groups across all communities*.



## Islandbridge Court

Over the past three years, the Community and Social Development Team at Dublin City Council has been actively engaging with residents of Islandbridge Court. During this time, residents have successfully established a voluntary-led Summer Project and Youth Club and have played a key role in environmental enhancement initiatives within the complex.

Building on this progress, the team has recently met with residents to explore the formation of a formal Residents' Group. Dublin City Council will continue to support and guide local volunteers throughout this process, while encouraging ongoing active community participation and development within the complex.



Through this unique, experiential-based learning format, participants were provided with non-formal drug and alcohol education that emphasised the serious risks associated with substance misuse.

Thanks to the ingenuity and dedication of the services involved, young people had the opportunity to learn in a dynamic and impactful way. Feedback from participating services has been



overwhelmingly positive, with reports indicating that some young people have significantly reduced use or in some cases, completely ceased - their substance use because of their

involvement in the activity and continued youth work participation.

This initiative stands as a testament to the power of youth-led, community-supported non-formal education and their continued youth work participation.

**Escape Room Initiative – June & July 2025** Building on the success of previous years, CORE Youth Service, Canal Communities Local Drug and Alcohol Task Force, and Canal Communities Regional Addiction Service once again opened their innovative Escape Rooms to the local community and services across Dublin City during June and July 2025.

The SWIC Community Team was pleased to support this creative and forward-thinking initiative by providing access to space within the Goldenbridge Integrated Complex.



This engaging activity invited teams of young people from across the city to Inchicore to solve a series of puzzles, riddles, and clues to 'escape' from themed rooms - each one

designed around a different substance.



This initiative stands as a testament to the power of youth-led, community-supported non-formal education and the continued collaboration between services across the city.



## Summer Projects 2025



With Summer Project season ahead the Community Social and Development Team are going out to visit the 17 summer projects funded through the Dublin City Council Summer Project Funding Scheme.

Above are images from Foroige Christchurch who hosted an incredible series of events celebrating Irish Refugee Week! From poetry and tasty global snacks to Lego robotics, creative henna tattoos, hard core punk music, and inspiring stories from participants, diversity and interculturalism were at the heart of it all.



The SWIC Community & Social Development Team identified a need for the provision of specific young-person centred summer support in two local areas: Oliver bond and Donore Ave/Margaret Kennedy Rd.

The team linked in with both Oliver Bond Residents Group and the HSE Health Worker for Donore Ave. Pamela Carroll with a vision to support the roll out of two summer programmes in those areas.

These collaborations will see a wonderful summer projects and programmes of activities delivered to young people across the South West Inner-City Area and we hope each and every participant has a blast this summer!

### **Oliver Bond House Complex:**

Over the past few months, the team have been busy planning and preparing for the implementation of this summer programme of activities, which will be delivered directly by the Community and Social Development team in collaboration with Oliver Bond Residents Group.

Several activities will also kindly be supported by Solas Youth Project, Liberties Community Project worker Liz Duffy, and Foróige Youth Service.

From July 14<sup>th</sup> – August 15<sup>th</sup> there will a series of 11 activities which young people from Oliver Bond House can register for - noting some activities are limited in spaces. All young people must be accompanied by a parent or guardian over the age of 18 for the direction of each activity.

This initiative is fully funded by the South Central Area Office and The Community and Social Development Team.



## Timetable of Activities

Oliver Bond Summer  
Activities Programme

## July 2025

Monday	Tuesda y	Wednesda y	Thursda y	Friday	Saturda y	Sunda y
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Sign Up - Registration for Activities Session 11am - 12noon 6-7pm Liberties Community Project (Robert Emmett Building)			Samba Drummin g Workshop 12noon - 2pm OB Hill Garden E. G. H Block			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Zumba for Kids 11am - 12:30pm OB Pitch				St. Patrick's Athletic F.C. Football Session 11am - 1pm OB Pitch		
28	29	30	31			
		Samba Drumming Workshop				

Oliver Bond Summer  
Activities Programme

## August 2025

Monday	Tuesda y	Wednesda y	Thursda y	Friday	Saturda y	Sunda y
				1	2	3
				St. Patrick's Athletic F.C. Football Session 11am - 1pm OB Pitch		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		Tye - Dye with Lollipop Apparel 11am - 1pm Steps in OB		Paper Chase Activity and Art Activity 12noon - 2:30pm Steps in OB		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Bingo and Karaoke 1 - 3pm Steps in OB		Tye - Dye with Lollipop Apparel 11am - 1pm Steps in OB		End of Program g Party and Awards 12noon - 3pm Steps in OB		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

**Donore Avenue/Margaret Kennedy Road** the SWIC Community & Social Development Team will also support the Donore Avenue & Margaret Kennedy Road Summer Project which will see 33 children and young people aged 6-13 years engaged in a 2-week summer project.

This project has been organised by HSE Community Health Worker Pamela Carroll in collaboration with the Community Team.

The team wish to take this opportunity to acknowledge the work and commitment by

Pamela in supporting and engaging the young people of the Donore Ave area and her positivity in collaboration with the team. The project will see 5 home-based activities from arts and crafts, Football with St. Patricks Athletic F.C, Tie-Dye with Lollipop Apparel and education workshops with St. Patricks Cathedral as well as 4 trips to various locations. This initiative is partially funded by the South Central Area Office and the Community and Social Development Team.



[www.Kilmainham-Inchicore.ie](http://www.Kilmainham-Inchicore.ie)

**Kilmainham Inchicore Network - next meeting: Monday 21st July 2025 5.30pm**

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

### Dublin South City Partnership

**6th September 2025** An expo is being held in Richmond Barracks focused on the environment to which local area groups are invited to attend.

**17th November 2025** - Education Fair is being held in Inchicore Sports Centre supported by *Bringing Europeans Together Association* (BETA). With a particular focus on apprenticeships, a CE scheme will also be amongst the invitees. It is planned to launch an information booklet at this event.

### St Michaels Estate Family Resource Centre (SMEFRC)

The SMEFRC are starting their summer project on 2nd of July which includes:

- 4 family trips planned including a trip to the beach.
- A seniors tea party to be held in Bulfin Court from 2.30pm - 4.30pm on Thursday 10th of July.
- A family fun day is planned 2.30pm - 4.30 on 7th of July on OLOL School's green.

**D8 Greenbridge Forum 14th of August -**  
There is a biodiversity workshop being held on in IMMA. Further details to follow.

### **Common Ground**

Commonground in collaboration with SMEFRC and Core Youth services are developing a community garden space in Tyrone Place. It was noted that Hegarty Demolition had been very helpful with this project. There is a table quiz fundraiser being held in The Patriots Inn (Date for artist Pat Curran, whos home in Ballyfermot was recently mistakenly firebombed.

### **Inchicore Environmental Group**

- Saturday 28th June I.E.G will hold their monthly clean up, meeting at Grattan Park.
- I.E.G. have been nominated for the city neighbourhood awards 2025.

### **Inchicore College of Further Education**

ICFE will be renamed the City of Dublin FET College. They will be one of four such designated colleagues along with Dublin South West, Ballyfermot and Crumlin. Enrollments are now open for a range of college courses at ICFE commencing in September, including evening classes on a range of subjects of interest to the local community.

### **KIN Education and Lifelong Learning committee**

The last meeting was held on Tuesday 10th of June. It was agreed that the ELL forms a significant network within our local communities and beyond. Each partner will introduce and share their contacts with partners and stakeholders through the themed meetings/workshops. 'Empower' (Enabling Change) was introduced to the group. A workshop will be held on Tuesday 30th September venue tbc. All professionals involved with education and lifelong learning are invited to attend. There was a strong endorsement of the help and support received from Michelle Meier in the KIN Office.

**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](http://www.Kilmainham-Inchicore.ie)



**Inchicore Regeneration Consultative Forum (IRCF) – next meeting: Monday 21st of July 2025 @4pm**

### **An Droichead Órga**

- 1) Enabling Works Contractor (Hegarty Demolition Ltd) progressing works on site:
  - The hoarding installation is complete
  - St.Michael's Community Centre demolished
  - Progressing works removing sections of stone boundary wall on northwest corner
  - Utility works on Patriots Path and St Vincent Street West progressing

Note: Utility providers Gas Networks, OpenEir and ESB carrying out separate works in parallel.

### **2) Main Construction Contract Procurement**

- Tender submissions received and the evaluation phase going.

## Public Domain

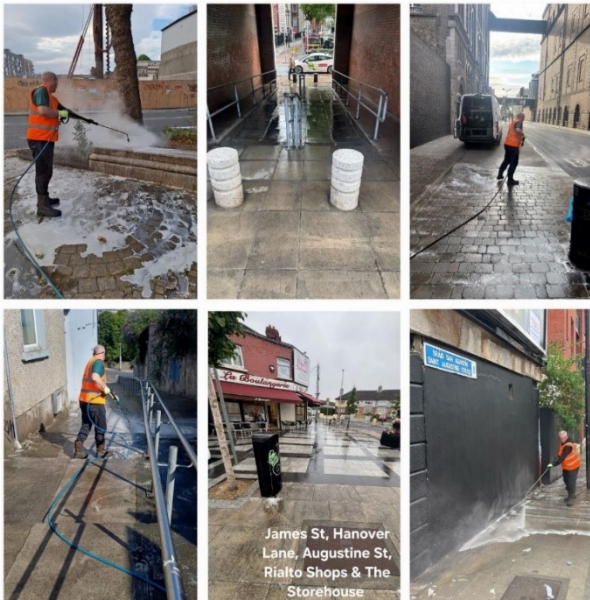
### 248M Graffiti treated in South West Inner City Area

*Locations: Augustine st, Marrowbone Lane, Earl St Sth, Francis St, Back Lane, Lambe Alley*



## The Wash Crew

Areas cleaned June/July: James St Median, Hanover Lane, Augustine St, John's Lane, Cromwells Quarters Mount Brown, Rialto Shops, The Store House, Taylors Lane Marrowbone Lane, Swan alley, Catherine's Lane, Molyneux Yard



The 40 Steps–Cromwell's Quarters linking Mountbrown to Bowe Lane were cleaned and scraped and a follow-up power wash was complete.

Walk & Longs Place. Audio message devices will be deployed at locations subject to proximity to households.

**Dog Foul SWIC** In collaboration with Litter Management anti-dog foul stencils are being applied to pavements at the following blackspots: Marrowbone Lane, Taylors Lane, Pimlico Green, Bridgefoot St, Earl St South, The Linear Park, James' Walk. Audio message devices will also be deployed to remind Dog Walkers of their responsibilities under the Litter Management Acts.





<b>Citizen Hub Report</b>	<b>Open Cases</b>	<b>Closed Cases</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
Abandoned Bicycles	1	0	1
Abandoned Vehicle	5	12	17
Bulky Household Waste Collection	3	40	43
Community Clean Up Collection	1	44	45
Illegal Dumping	11	218	229
Litter Offence	9	62	71
On Street - Weed Control	1	1	2
Public Bin Maintenance	12	42	54
Report a Dead Animal	0	20	20
Report Fallen Leaves	0	3	3
Report Graffiti	2	18	20
Request a Dog Fouling Sign	0	2	2
Street Cleaning Sweep Your Street	4	38	42
Grand Total	49	500	549

Traffic Cones obstructing Public Roads & Footpaths have been removed at: John St South, Longs Place, McCarty's Terrace, Herberton Walk, Newport St, Robert St, Brabazon St, Weaver St, Newmarket St & Poole St.

#### Footpath repairs to Road Maintenance

- Ushers Quay junction with St Augustine Street
- Ushers Quay no 4 Post office
- Thomas Street junction with Bridgefoot street
- Thomas street junction with Meath street, Thomas street NCAD
- Sugar House Lane
- The Coombe
- Grey Street junction with Meath street
- South circular Road junction with Rialto Cottages
- High street by Focus Ireland
- High street junction with Backlane
- Meet street junction with The Coombe



*SWIC seasonal floral display in full bloom now. Kilmainham Plaza, Rialto Roundabout, Cornmarket Plaza, Inchicore Village & Corks/Ardee St Plaza*

#### Clarkes Terrace Plaza & Linear Park

Tree Pits cleaned and weeded by Parks & Wildlife Services Crew. The landscaped area was cleaned and weeded. An environmentally friendly weed treatment was applied to the hoggin. This area will re-dressed with Ballylusk to improve the visual aspect from James Walk and the Luas Line.

In response to concerns raised by Transdev regarding anti-social behaviour around the Misa entrance to St James Hospital, the foliage has been trimmed to improve passive surveillance along The Luas line at the Linear Park Rialto.



Ceannt Fort front garden



The communal garden overlooking Mount Brown has been cleared in an effort to suppress bind weed that had infiltrated and overtaken much of the space. The trees fortunately were saved and weed control membrane has been laid and covered with mulch. When growth has been sufficiently suppressed the area can be re-planted in late autumn.



**Sheffield Bike Stands** were cleaned and manually scraped removing all organic growth at the following locations 1. Earl Street South 2. Grattan Crescent by Inchicore National School 3. High Street 4. James's Street 5. James's Street by Post Office 6. Johns Street West 7. Meath Street 8. Merchant Quay 9. St Augustine Street 10. Taylors Lane 11. Thomas Davis Street 12. Marks Alley

## Community Clean-ups

### Rialto Environmental Group

The group regularly litter pick around the village and the canal. They also maintain the community planters.



IEG hosted its community clean-up last Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July Meeting at Grattan Crescent to focus on the village and partnering with CIE works Estate to clean-up the lanes.

### City Neighbourhood News

The South Central City Neighbourhoods applications have been received and adjudicated. 43 Applications received in South Central Area. 23 Team Dublin Clean-up groups have automatically been entered as they participated in the clean-up event on 26<sup>th</sup> April. The South Central Awards Ceremony will be held in the Hyatt Centric on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. Applicants will receive invitations over the coming weeks.

The City Neighbourhoods Awards Ceremony will be held on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025. The Litter Management Office will post venue on social media once the contract is signed. The winning entries are with the Litter Management Office and judging will begin next week.

## BALLYFERMOT DRIMNAGH ELECTORAL AREA

### Housing

**Cornamona Court** has again being nominated for an award after winning one last year, this time it is nominated for the ICSH Allianz Community Housing Awards 2025. The judges are due on site on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July at 12.30pm. The visit will last for approximately 30-45 minutes and there will be two members of ICSH staff visiting the complex.

### Bluebell

Community Safety Forum recently took place in Bluebell, there was some positives about the area. There was a tidy/clean-up of the garden in Bernard Curtis Court by volunteers.

### Stonemount

The last tenants from the First Phase of Stonemount will be moving in at the end of the month. A tenant training day is taken place for these new tenants in the Civic Centre. The 2<sup>nd</sup> phase should be in a latter half of the year. The apartments will be advertised on CBL and an information session will take place in the Civic Centre

### Voids

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	Awaiting Vacant Possession	N/A
Apartment	BERNARD CURTIS HOUSE	1	9/02/2025	For framework	N/A
Senior Citizens	BLACKDITCH COURT	1	27/08/2024	ASG Checks Underway	Ready
House	CHERRY ORCHARD AVENUE	3	04/06/2024	Tenant selected	Ready
Senior Citizens	CLADDAGH COURT	1	14/07/2024	2nd offer refused estate management checks being carried out	Ready
House	CROMMWELLSFORT ROAD	3	23/11/2024	Tenant selected	25/07/2025
House	CROMMWELLSFORT ROAD	3	24/11/2024	Tenant selected	25/07/2025
House	CROFTWOOD DRIVE	3		With framework	11/07/2025
House	CROFTWOOD GARDENS	2	N/A	Tenant selected	1/08/2025
House	CROFTWOOD PARK	4	12/04/2023	Tenant selected.	15/07/2025
Apartment	DAVITT HOUSE	0	07/07/2024	With contractor	17/07/2025



Apartment	DAVITT HOUSE	0	<b>02/06/2024</b>	With contractor	17/07/2025
House	ELMDALE DRIVE	3	<b>21/11/2024</b>	Tenant selected	24/07/2025
Senior Citizens	Fr KITT COURT	1	<b>31/01/2025</b>	With contractor	20/07/2025
Senior Citizens	KILNAMANAGH COURT	1	<b>31/01/2025</b>	With contractor	10/07/2025
House	LISSADELL GREEN	3	<b>29/11/2024</b>	Tenant selected	Ready
Maisonette	LISSADEL ROAD	2	<b>03/12/2024</b>	Tenant Selected	21/07/2025
Maisonette	LISSADEL ROAD	2	<b>05/07/2024</b>	Tenant Selected	21/06/2025
House	MOYCULLEN ROAD	3	<b>03/11/2024</b>	Tenant selected	Ready
House	MUSKERRY ROAD	2	<b>13/01/2024</b>	AGS Checks Underway	28/07/2025
House	O'DWYER ROAD	3	<b>25/05/2022</b>	Tenant selected	Law Dept
House	O'MOORE ROAD	3	<b>09/12/2024</b>	Tenant selected	16/07/2025
Apartment	PHOENIX VIEW	2	<b>18/12/2024</b>	Tenant Selected	Ready
Senior Citizens	RIVERVIEW COURT	1	<b>03/11/2024</b>	Tenant to view & sign	Ready
Senior Citizens	ROSSAVEAL COURT	1	<b>03/12/2023</b>	With contractor	TBC
House	ROSSMORE ROAD	2	<b>N/A</b>	Tenant selected	Ready
House	SLIEVEMORE ROAD	3	<b>17/11/2024</b>	With framework	31/07/2025
Apartment	THE STEEPLES	1	<b>05/12/2024</b>	Tenant selected	Ready
House	THOMOND ROAD	2	<b>22/12/2024</b>	ASG Checks underway	Ready
Maisonette	Rafters Lane	2	<b>2/3/2025</b>	For Framework	
Senior Citizens	Cornamona Court	1	<b>N/A</b>	For Framework	
Senior Citizens	Cornamona Court	1	<b>8/02/2025</b>	Tenant Selected	Ready
House	Blackditch Road	4	<b>9/3/2025</b>	With framework	5/9/2025
House	Cherry Orchard Green	3	<b>1/12/2025</b>	For Framework	
House	Croftwood Green	2	<b>N/A</b>	With Framework	22/07/2025
Apartment	Grand Canal View	2	<b>13/02/2025</b>	Tenant Selected	Ready
House	Carrow Road	2	<b>7/02/2025</b>	ASG Checks underway	31/07/2025
Senior Citizens	Fr.Kitt Court	1	<b>28/04/2025</b>	For Framework	
Senior Citizens	Fr Kitt Court	1	<b>28/04/2025</b>	For Framework	
House	Raheen Park	3	<b>6/5/2025</b>	With Framework	22/09/2025
House	Lissadel Green	2	<b>1/5/2025</b>	With Framework	29/09/2025
Apartment	Davitt House	2	<b>13/4/2025</b>	With Framework	17/07/2025
Senior Citizen	Blackditch Court	1	<b>20/02/2025</b>	With framework	20/07/2025
House	Cherry Orchard Avenue	3	<b>23/05/2025</b>	For Framework	
Senior Citizens	Claddagh Court	1	<b>N/A</b>	Tenant Selected	Ready

House	Garryowen Road	2	1/6/2025	For Framework	
Maisonette	Huband Road	2	12/06/2025	For Framework	
Maisonette	Rafters lane	2	N/A	For Framework	
House	Lally Road	3	12/06/2025	For Framework	



### Infrastructure

Dublin City Council held a public consultation on the 25<sup>th</sup> June in St Ultans school in relation to the proposed housing development across from the school. The Infrastructure Pillar continue to support the possibility of a social enterprise approach to developments in Cherry Orchard.

### Youth Work Services

The Unsung Youth Music Festival took place in June, with performances from young people in Cherry Orchard and Ballyfermot. Members of the COIB were in attendance to support the event.



### Family Health and Wellbeing

The Spinning Plates: *Addressing Food Poverty in Cherry Orchard and Ballyfermot* research was launched in Wood Quay venue on the 12<sup>th</sup> of June, attended by members of the COIB and its Pillars

### Community Safety

The Finding Your Voice workshop, supported by the COIB, was completed. It comprised of a 4 week course, helping women in Cherry Orchard to rediscover their confidence.



### Lifelong Learning

The Leaders in Learning 2025 programme was launched, Funded by the COIB, the programme provides funding and support to residents of Cherry Orchard who are pursuing further and higher education.



### Education

The group were informed that Cherry Orchard Childcare had been successful in their grant application for the crèche.

They are looking to open 3 new rooms for under 2s, offering 40 new places and an additional 9 staff with the project.

## Community

As part of our events in Cherry Orchard for the month of June, we were delighted to host a workshop on Men's health by Nurse Ann from the Marie Keating foundation, which was followed up with a music session by the D10 Men's shed.



Slightly later than expected, we were then thrilled to welcome An Garda Síochána and the Saoirse group as part of go Purple day.



## Cornamona Court

The team have been working closely with Liffey Partnership's Community Development Team and the residents of Cornamona Court in order to animate their common room.



After two consultations with residents, a list of events and activities that the residents would like to see has been compiled. Residents have also put themselves forward to help organise activities based on their individual interests. As we enter July, planning is well under way as we look to support & host local events as part of Ballyfermot/Cherry Orchard Arts festival. We will also be supporting a local summer camp throughout the month of July & August.

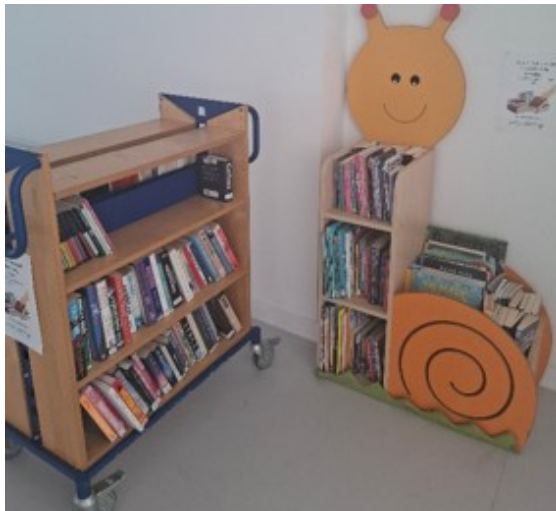


Both Community teams are in the process of putting together a schedule of taster activities so residents can see what these activities will look like and what running them will entail.

There has been fantastic enthusiasm from residents, and they are looking forward to the planned committee skills training so



that they can get up and running. The DCC Community Team have also worked alongside Libraries in the Community to secure a collection of both children's and adult's books for the common room. It is hoped that this will aid book swaps, storytelling sessions and a book club which the residents have requested.



### Ballyfermot Rainbow Ball

On the 27<sup>th</sup> of June Ballyfermot Youth Service were supported to put on Ballyfermot's first Rainbow Ball. The event was a huge success and celebrated inclusivity in the area across all generations. As part of the event BYS linked closely with TFI and Raw Marketing to produce an amazing mural in front of the Civic Centre to celebrate inclusion, visibility, and community.



### Healthy Age Friendly Homes

The team are working with Naomi Dixon, Local Coordinator for Healthy Age Friendly Homes to roll out information sessions in the coming months in our senior citizens complexes. The plan is to start with Claddagh Court and Fr. Le Mass Court.

### Age Friendly Program

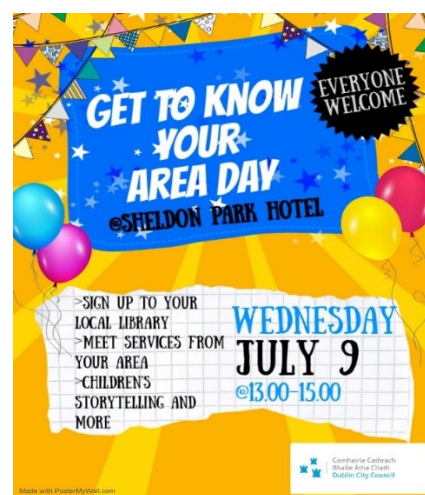
Our Summer Age friendly Program concluded with an amazing talk from Historian Cathy Scuffil. All participants were extremely engaged, and the talk brought back many memories and stories from the audience.

The team are currently working on putting together an exciting Autumn Program and have been working on a special event with local radio station, Together FM.

### Families in Emergency

#### Accommodation – Get to know your neighbourhood day

The Community Team have organised a 'Get to know your area day' for families living in Emergency accommodation. We invited services in the area that would be useful for families to be aware of such as Familbase, The Ballyfermot Family Resource Centre and Liffey Partnership.



We have also arranged for Libraries in the community to come and sign families up for library cards and to let them know about events and services in their local branch.



## Festivals

Great work is happening all across the South Central area in the many Community led festivals that are taking place with more due to happen as the summer unfolds.

The Community team would like to express how invaluable these activities are to the area and how positive it has been supporting the many services, organisations and of course the huge volunteer efforts that go into organising this array of events.

This month sees the Chapelized festival bringing a full schedule of events from Rowing on the Liffey, to outdoor music performances and fun filled quiz nights (28/06/25 – 06/07/25).



Also the Ballyfermot Cherry Orchard Arts Festival (19/07/25 – 27/07/25) which is packed with events to cater for all ages and tastes. From Wrestling to Traditional music sessions to History talks and family fun days.

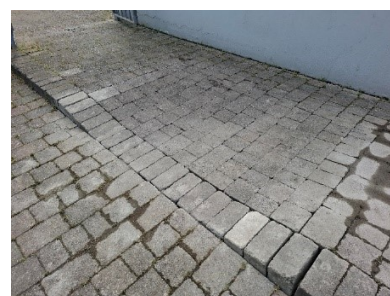


It's lining up to be another great summer month of festivals in the South Central Area

## Public Domain

Ballyfermot Civic Centre - Making it more Age, Disability & Hidden Disability friendly  
The Public Domain Office recently engaged a contractor to carry out some improvement works in and around the Ballyfermot Civic Centre to make the centre more accessible to the public. These works included:

1) The dishing of the cobbled footpaths in the carpark to facilitate full accessibility to the front entrance of the Civic Centre, the Centre is now fully accessible for those parking or accessing the centre from Drumfinn direction. The dishing of the cobbled footpath leading down to the bottle banks, also makes the bottle banks fully accessibility.

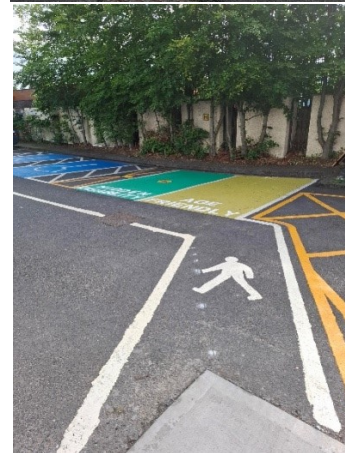




**2)** Installation of a new stainless-steel handrail at the steps to the front of Civic Centre, leading up to the Plaza from Ballyfermot Road. Again, improving accessibility to the centre from all directions.



**3)** A new pedestrian access gate beside the vehicle carpark entrance on Drumfinn Ave, with a clearly delineated pedestrian access route through the carpark to the bottle banks, and to the main entrance of the Civic Centre and Civic Centre plaza. Many members of the community including children use this route when walking to Little Bells Playschool, Mary Queen of Angels Boys Primary School, the Ballyfermot Sports Complex and to Glenaulin Park, be it for the GAA or Football etc.



**1)** Re lining the Civic centre carpark, including the provision of 2 additional disability parking bays for Centre visitors plus a “Hidden Disability” parking space and an “Age Friendly” parking space right beside the bottle bank area, for increased accessibility to both the centre and the bottle banks. (Please note these works are ongoing at this time and not fully completed)



The cost of these works were shared between the Ballyfermot Drimnagh Public Domain Office, with the use of Discretionary funding provided by our Elected Members, Waste Management Recycling Operations Public Domain Office and the Area Office.

I feel this initiative has greatly improve accessibility to the Civic Centre and to the public amenity of the bottle banks, while also improving the safety of members of the public who pass through the Civic Centre site daily, many of whom are young children.

I would like to thank all the elected members for their support and on this project, and Sid Daly Waste Management Services, Recycling Operations, and the Alice Corbett, Area Manager.

#### **Animal Welfare – dead horse removal**

Public Domain must sadly report that it had to arrange for the removal of the corpse of a small horse from the Development site located in between Cherry Orchard Hospital, Wheatfield Prison, and Cherry Orchard Football Club.

It was suggested locally that the horse may have died due to ingestion of Ragwort which is highly toxic to horses. However, the cause of death is ultimately unknown.



At the time of discovery, the horse remains where partially burnt. It is unknown if this was done before or after the sad passing of the horse. It has also been suggested that the horse was left unattended with no access to water and as a result died of dehydration.

This sad event highlights the importance of owner responsibility including Pasture Management by horse owners.



Horse owners need to ensure that where horses are grazing, that the pasture is well maintained and free from poisonous plants, and that the horses are eating high quality hay and have free access to water as a minimum.

Horses should not be left unattended in open fields where they could eat any number of toxic plants with dire consequences or become severely dehydrated because they have no access to water or shade.

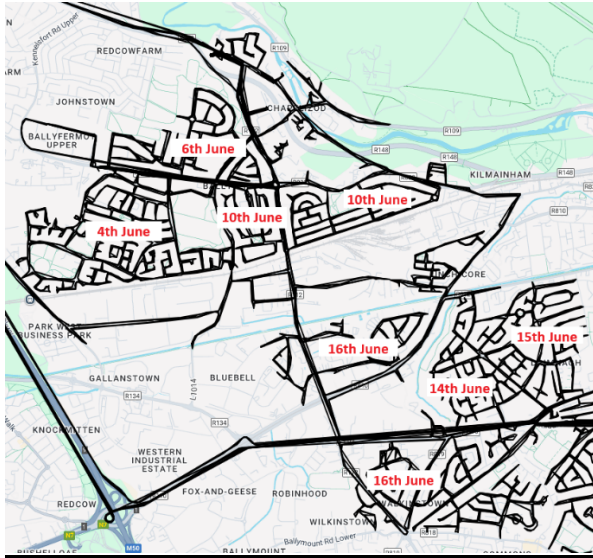
#### **Weeding Treatment Programme – halfway stage review**

Below is a map of the Ballyfermot Drimnagh LEA highlighting the streets in the Ballyfermot Drimnagh areas and the dates that were treated on the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of treatment for 2025:

As you can see the Public Domain arranged for all streets in the Ballyfermot Drimnagh LEA to be treated on the 2<sup>nd</sup>



round of this year's treatment programme. This was an additional preventative measure, normally we can only have 50% of the road network treated in any one year, hence roads usually only get treated bi-annually. This extra treatment should help reduce any major weed growth in the areas not on this year's full programme.



**Anti-Dumping initiative – Free Mattress Collection for Ballyfermot Drimmagh LEA** The Ballyfermot Drimmagh Public Domain Office is proposing a free Mattress Recycling collection initiative which recognises old mattresses as a resource that can be re-purposed for use in our Circular Economy. This initiative provides for the collection & recycling of old unwanted mattresses in August 2025. The scheme is limited to 150 mattresses and will be on a first come first served basis.

The Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications has made funding available, through the Waste Enforcement Regional Lead Authorities (WERLAs) to support this Anti-Dumping Initiative (ADI).

This Anti-Dumping Initiative serves to ensure that illegal dumping remains high on the agenda for communities across the Ballyfermot Drimmagh LEA and that the appropriate supports and interventions are available to combat the problem.

Illegal dumping is first and foremost a matter of individual responsibility and compliance with the law. While enforcement action is often taken by DCC enforcement teams, this Initiative facilitates a multi-faceted approach to tackling the issue.

The aim of ADI's generally is to reduce incidents of illegal dumping by providing funding for projects aimed at tackling the problem, the focus of the ADI's should be on; (i) prevention, (ii) abatement, (iii) education and (iv) enforcement.

This initiative will also look to raise awareness of the Councils Bulky Waste Collection Service, another corporate initiative to alleviate illegal dumping. Education and awareness continue to play a key role in encouraging long-term behavioural change and it is hoped that this initiative will help inform and increase awareness of the importance of recycling and highlight that there are alternatives to illegal dumping.

## Free Mattress Recycling

### Ballyfermot Drimmagh LEA

**WHY RECYCLE YOUR MATTRESS**

Recycling mattresses reduces the need for raw materials such as steel, foam, and wood, which are used in their production. This helps conserve natural resources and reduces the environmental impact of extracting and processing these materials.

Mattresses are a Bulky Waste item that take up a lot of space in landfill. By recycling them, we can divert significant amounts of waste from landfill, extending their lifespan and reducing the need for landfill space.

Improper disposal of mattresses, such as illegal dumping or burning, lead to environmental pollution. Recycling mattresses helps prevent these harmful practices, reducing pollution and protecting the ecosystems.

Mattresses are bulky items that take up a lot of space in landfill. By recycling them, we can divert significant amounts of waste from landfill, extending their lifespan and reducing the need for new landfill space.

### How To Participate?

Contact the Public Domain Unit by the Email below:

[ballyfermot@dublincity.ie](mailto:ballyfermot@dublincity.ie)

Please supply the following information:

1. Your Full Name, Address, Eircode & Contact Telephone Number
2. The Size of mattress (e.g. Single, Double, or King etc.)

Please note;

- This offer is only available to residents in the Ballyfermot Drimmagh LEA of Dublin City Council.
- We will be collecting Mattresses only (no frames, no bedding etc.)
- Maximum 2 Mattresses per address.
- Mattresses will need to be presented by you, at a predetermined time and place, which will be agreed upon in advance of collection with our collection agent.
- The number of mattresses available for collection is limited, applications will be accepted on a first come basis.
- Collections are expected between 11th-17th August, so register your interest now!



## Bulky Waste Collection Service

Comhairle Cathrach  
Bhaile Átha Cliath  
Dublin City Council



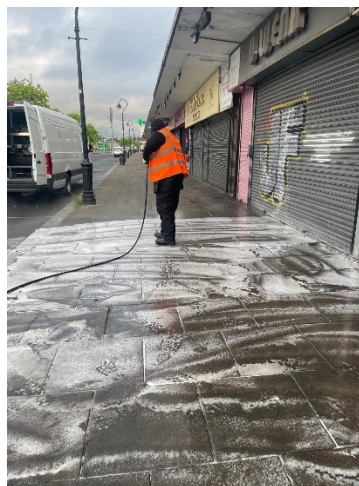
Did You Know that Dublin City Council provide a bulky household waste collection service to all households in its administrative area, for as little as €40 for up to 5 items.

Interested? Simply scan the QR code below, which will bring you directly to Dublin City Council Citizen Hub portal, then simply follow the on screen instruction to arrange your collection.

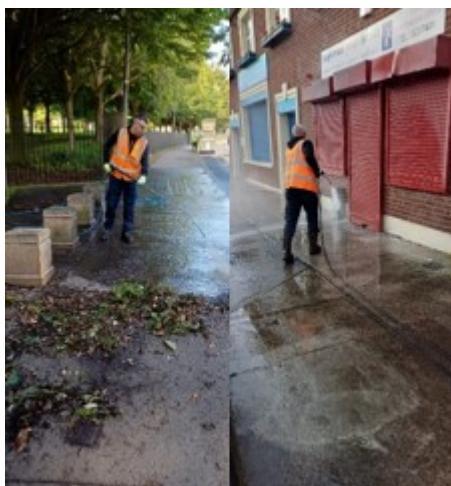


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Terms and conditions apply



### Street Washing Crew – Ballyfermot Drimnagh LEA



*Ballyfermot – Markievicz Park, Colepark Shops, Claddagh Green & Drumfinn*

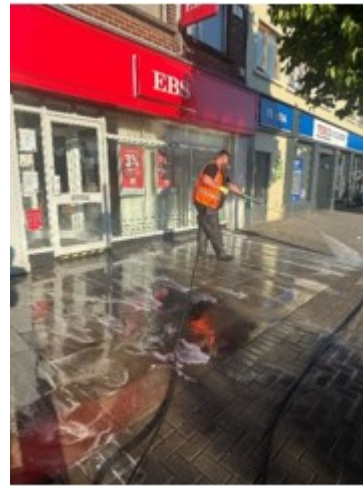
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*Bluebell -Our Lady of Wayside National School*



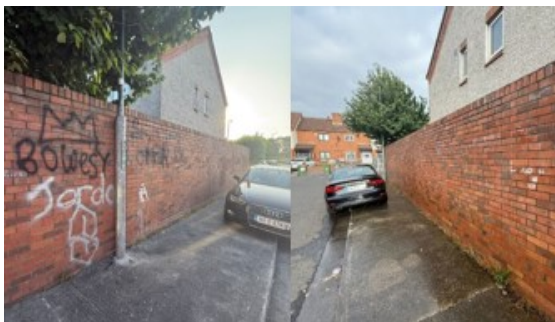
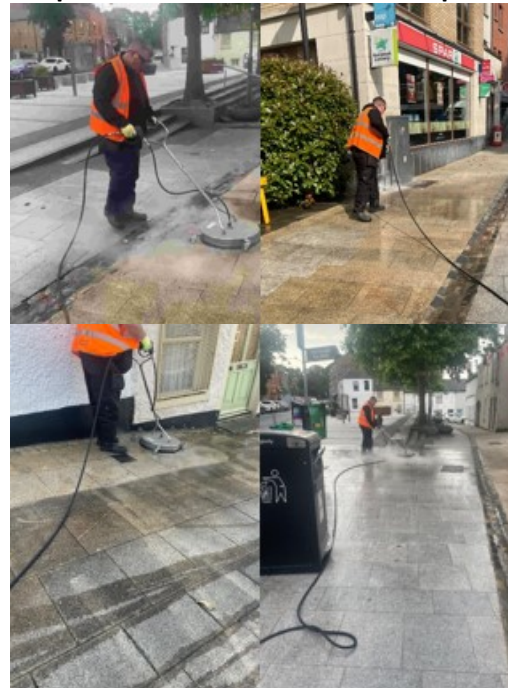
*La Touche Road Shops*



*Crumlin & Drimnagh – St Agnes Road, Drimnagh Road & Lissadel Ave/Green*



**Chapelizod – Main Street Plaza Deep Clean**





### **Landen Road Irish Rail bridge**

The Public Domain Office engaged with Irish Rail requesting that they arrange for the removal of the graffiti from their bridge located on Kylemore Road next to Landen Road.

