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SOUTH WEST INNER CITY ELECTORAL AREA

Public Realm & Capital Programmes

Meath Street Public Realm Improvement Scheme – Advance works by the utility Uisce Éireann to renew underground water infrastructure on Meath Street are continuing. Due to the complexity of these works, it is now expected that the main paving works will commence at the start of 2026.

Dolphin's Barn Street Trees – work continues 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 will be completed later this month, while tree planting will take place later in the year when conditions allow.

Vicar Street Parklet – a contractor has now been appointed to undertake refurbishment of the small playground beside Mallin House to create a new parklet. It is hoped to commence work in October/November.

Public Seating Installations – installation of new seats and public benches at 12 locations across SWIC will commence shortly. Locations have been chosen where the seats offer a respite on long streets or at public transport stops. These seats are an Age Friendly initiative and support funded by the Discretionary Fund.

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 towards the end of the year.

Housing

Emmet Crescent

Planters have been restored and brightened up with fresh flowers.

Choice Based Lettings

Three properties in Emmet Crescent have been let through Choice Based Lettings.

Tyrone Place / Emmet Crescent

The annual Family Fun Day, organised in partnership with the Family Resource Centre, took place on 17th July. This year, due to development works on Vincent Street West, the event was relocated to the National School grounds. The day was a great success, with the smaller setting creating a warmer and more enjoyable atmosphere compared to the larger field on Vincent Street.

Choice Based Lettings

Two properties in Tyrone Place have been let through Choice Based Lettings.

Coombe Court

The tenant was unable to maintain the front garden. Sundrive Road Depot staff assisted by cutting back the overgrowth and restoring the area to good condition.



Coombe Court



Braithwaite Street

Herberton - Clinic

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

Dolphin House - Clinic

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

Braithwaite Street

Storm damage caused a large branch to fall from a mature oak tree, exposing internal decay. A significant crack was also identified along the side of the tree, and an arborist deemed it unsafe.

Oliver Bond House - Clinic

The weekly clinic takes place every Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Robert Emmet Centre, in collaboration with our colleagues from Housing Rents.

Choice Based Lettings

Properties are currently being viewed following nominations from Housing Allocations.

Windows Upgrade

The windows project at Oliver Bond House is now substantially complete. External snagging remains and is expected to be finished within the next two weeks, weather permitting.

Emmet Buildings

The playground refurbishment is complete, and improvements have also been made to the surrounding grounds.



Emmet buildings playground



Robert Emmet playground

Robert Emmet Walk / Close

The contractor will begin work on the playground area shortly, following an on-site visit during which the plan was finalised.

Voids

Address	Type of Unit	Vacant Possession Date	Status
Braithwaite Street	2 Bed	05/06/2025	With Contractor – estimated completion 04/10/2025
Bulfin Court	1 Bed Flat	02/03/2025	With Depot – estimated completion 04/10/2025
Bulfin Court	1 Bed Flat	29/07/2025	With Depot – estimated completion 04/10/2025
Bulfin House	1 Bed Flat	07/07/2025	With Contractor – estimated completion 07/11/2025
Bulfin House	1 Bed Flat		Social Worker moved to Richmond
Ceannt Fort	3 Bed House	10/04/2025	RTL – nomination received 28/08/2025
Coombe Court	1 Bed	13/07/2025	With Depot – estimated completion 30/10/2025
Dolphin House	2 Bed Flat	30/03/2025	Ready To Let
Dolphin House	3 Bed Flat	03/11/2024	Short Term Maintenance Let
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 - Awaiting nomination, emailed onto allocations 11/07/2025 - CBL
Dolphin House	1 Bed Flat	15/05/2025	With Depot
Dolphin House	1 Bed Flat	06/10/2024	Ready To Let - Awaiting nomination, emailed onto allocations 11/07/2025 - CBL
Dolphin House	3 Bed Flat	15/12/2024	With Depot – estimated completion 30/09/2025
Dolphin House	2 Bed Flat	29/10/2024	With Depot – estimated completion 30/09/2025
Dolphin House	1 Bed Flat	15/03/2025	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 - Awaiting nomination, emailed onto allocations 11/07/2025 - CBL
Dolphin House	1 Bed Flat	16/06/2024	Ready To Let

Dolphin House	1 Bed Flat	16/10/2024	Ready To Let - Awaiting nomination, emailed onto allocations 11/07/2025 - CBL
Dolphin House	2 Bed Flat	01/09/2025	With Depot
Dolphin House	2 Bed Flat	17/12/2023	Ready To Let - Awaiting nomination, emailed onto allocations 11/07/2025 - CBL
Echlin Street	1 Bed Apartment	22/04/2024	RTL - nomination received 10.09.25, keys to allocations 01/07
Emmet Crescent	2 Bed		Keys with allocations – surrender completed with social worker 26/08/2025
Emmet Crescent	2 Bed	02/09/2025	Voids received keys & surrender 02/09/2025, to be allocated to contractor
Emmet Buildings	0 Bed Flat	23/11/2023	Awaiting keys
Garden View	1 Bed Apartment	13/05/2025	With Depot – estimated completion 30/09/2025
Grand Canal	2 Bed House	29/10/2024	Short Term Maintenance Let
Islandbridge Court	0 Bed Flat	29/04/2025	Short Term Maintenance Let
Islandbridge Court	2 Bed Flat		SOT received 20/05/25
Margaret Kennedy Court	1 Bed Apartment	10/11/2024	Ready To Let – awaiting nomination from allocations
Marrowbone Lane	2 Bed Flat	28/01/2025	With Contractor – estimated completion 4/10/2025
Marrowbone Lane	2 Bed Flat	30/03/2025	With Contractor – estimated completion 4/10/2025
Mary Aikenhead House	0 Bed Flat	18/07/2025	With Depot
Mary Aikenhead House	1 Bed Flat	12/01/2025	Ready To Let – under offer
Memorial Court	2 Bed Flat	04/05/2025	With Depot – estimated completion 19/09/2025
Memorial Court	1 Bed Flat	11/07/2025	With Depot – estimated completion 11/10/2025
Michael Mallin	2 Bed Flat	17/02/2025	Short Term Maintenance Let
Newport Street	1 Bed House	16/05/2025	With Contractor – estimated completion 19/11/2025
Oliver Bond	1 Bed Flat	07/02/2025	Ready To Let
Oliver Bond	1 Bed Flat	25/08/2024	ON HOLD for intertransfer
Oliver Bond	2 Bed Flat	06/08/2025	With contractor – estimated completion 5/12/2025
Oliver Bond	2 Bed Flat	07/07/2024	Ready To Let – Awaiting nomination, keys in the area office
Oliver Bond	2 Bed Flat	12/12/2024	Ready To Let – Awaiting keys
Oliver Bond	1 Bed Flat	27/02/2025	With contractor – estimated completion 5/12/2025
Oliver Bond	1 Bed Flat	02/07/2023	Ready To Let – Awaiting nomination
Oliver Bond	2 Bed Flat	12/01/2025	With Depot – complete, awaiting keys
Oliver Bond	1 Bed Flat	16/06/2024	Ready To Let – Awaiting keys
Oliver Bond	0 Bed Flat	22/08/2025	With AMO for re-inspection
Oliver Bond	0 Bed Flat	21/08/2022	Ready To Let – Awaiting keys
Oliver Bond	1 Bed Flat	23/05/2025	With contractor – estimated completion 5/11/2025
Oliver Bond	1 Bed Flat	06/01/2025	With contractor – estimated completion 15/10/2025
Oliver Bond	2 Bed Flat	16/10/2024	Ready To Let

Oliver Bond	2 Bed Flat	18/08/2024	Being used by engineers temporarily
Oliver Bond	1 Bed Flat	08/09/2024	Short Term Maintenance Let
Oliver Bond	1 Bed Flat	25/02/2024	Short Term Maintenance Let
Oliver Bond	1 Bed Flat	10/09/2023	Short Term Maintenance Let
Oliver Bond	2 Bed Flat	02/02/2025	With contractor – estimated completion 15/10/2025
Oliver Bond	1 Bed Flat	01/12/2024	Ready To Let – Awaiting nomination
Pimlico Square	1 Bed	23/05/2025	Ready To Let – Nomination received 10/09/2025
Pimlico Terrace	2 Bed Flat	06/06/2025	With Contractor – estimated completion 29/09/2025
Robert Emmet Close	1 Bed Flat		File under review with Allocations
Robert Emmet Close	1 Bed Flat	22/12/2024	Short Term Maintenance Let
Sarah Place	Bedsit	21/04/2024	Short Term Maintenance Let
School Street	2 Bed Flat	26/03/2023	Ready To Let – Awaiting nomination
School Street	2 Bed Flat	05/09/2025	Go ahead given to start works 05/09/2025
South Gate Apartments	1 Bed Apartment	10/11/2024	With Contractor
St. Anthony's Road	2 Bed House	25/08/2024	Ready To Let – Under offer to de-tenanting applicant
St. Audeons House	2 Bed Flat	29/12/2024	Awaiting nomination – CBL from 12/09/2025
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
The Tannery	1 Bed Apartment	29/08/2024	With contractor – estimated completion 10/10/2025
Thomas Court	1 Bed Flat	17/04/2024	Back with the depot
Thomas Court	2 Bed Flat	08/12/2024	With contractor – estimated completion 30/09/2025
Thomas Court Bawn	2 Bed Flat	01/12/2024	Surveying works being carried out
Thomas Court Bawn	2 Bed Flat	25/03/2025	With Contractor – estimated completion 10/10/2025
Tyrone Place	1 Bed Flat	01/09/2025	To be issued to contractor
Tyrone Place	Bedsit	14/12/2023	With Depot – estimated completion 4/11/2025
Tyrone Place	2 Bed Flat	03/07/2025	With Contractor – estimated completion 10/11/2025
Tyrone Place	2 Bed Flat	15/07/2025	With Contractor – estimated completion 10/11/2025
Tyrone Place	Bedsit	30/03/2025	Short Term Maintenance Let
Tyrone Place	2 Bed Flat	09/08/2025	To be issued to contractor
Tyrone Place	2 Bed Flat	30/03/2025	With Depot – estimated completion 19/10/2025
Weavers Row	2 Bed Apartment		Short Term Maintenance Let
Weaver Square	2 Bed House	01/12/2024	With Contractor – estimated completion 21/09/2025

An Droichead Órga - Enabling Works Contractor (Hegarty Demolition Ltd) progressing works on site. Demolition of the HSE building to commence 1st September, estimate 2 weeks to complete. Contractor excavating and removing redundant services in the green area. Utility works installing new and diverting existing services on Patriots Path and St Vincent

Street West ongoing. There are several individual contractors on behalf of Gas Networks, ESB, OpenEir and Uisce Éireann working on-site in parallel with Hegarty. Co-ordination of works is difficult with limited advance notification from utility companies, including works scheduled at weekends.

Utility contractors are responsible to advise businesses and residents in advance. Hegarty advise the IRCF monthly of scheduled works. Branding artwork for site hoarding on Emmet Road will be installed over the coming weeks. Concluding the tender evaluation for the main construction contract. The preferred contractor will be identified in due course.



Patriots Path Services



HSE asbestos removal



Greenfield site clearance

Community

The Community and Social Development Team have been working with local stakeholder groups across the Liberties and Inchicore to organise community Halloween events in 2025. Both *The Liberties Haunt* and *Gore in the Core* will take place on the 31st of October and aim to offer a fun-filled Halloween experience with a variety of activities. Details of both events will be promoted online and through local youth and community groups and services.

To complement these key events, local voluntary groups and community organisations with experience working with young people are invited to apply for support to host small-scale, Halloween and safety-themed events. The closing date to apply is Friday the 19th.

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DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL
SOUTH WEST INNER CITY

HALLOWEEN COMMUNITY BURSARY 2025

DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL – SOUTH WEST INNER CITY

ARE YOU PLANNING A SPOOKY, SAFE, AND FUN EVENT FOR HALLOWEEN NIGHT?

Apply now for funding to bring your community together!

► BURSARIES AVAILABLE: €500 – € 800

🕒 DEADLINE: Friday, 19 th September at 12 p.m.

SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES:

- Spooky storytelling & haunted tours
- Pumpkin carving & costume contests
- Trick-or-treat events & Halloween discos
- Twilight folklore walks & night-games
- Outdoor Halloween film screenings

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25 years - 25 Play Streets (Sunday 21st September 2025, 1pm- 4pm) Car Free Day Event

The community and social development team is supporting Dublin City Council's 25 Years – 25 Play Streets initiative on Sunday 21st September (1pm – 4pm) in seven locations across Dublin 8. To compliment *Car Free Day* and in collaboration with local communities, these events will serve to promote informal play such as cycling, scooting, and traditional games like hopscotch. Traffic Management will support the initiative by arranging any temporary or permanent road closures required, with Traffic Safety Officers expected to attend to assist during the events. Each participating group will receive a Play Street Pack containing essentials like bollards, high-visibility vests, and chalk. Events are expected to last three hours, with parents actively involved throughout. Locations include Donore Rd, Margaret Kennedy Road, Gray Street, Bulfin Gardens - Inchicore, Mount Shannon/Mayfield/Maddison Road, Warren St and Garden Lane- Swifts Alley)



Summer Community Fun Days 2025

A series of Community Fun Days were supported by the Community and Social Development Team across the Southwest Inner City, in collaboration with local community and voluntary groups. These events help local communities build social connections, strengthen neighbourhood ties, and encourage inclusive participation across all ages and cultural backgrounds. Below is a selection of photos from Bridgefoot Street, St Michael's Family Resource Centre in Inchicore, Dolphin's Barn, Tenters Residents Association, and the Ukrainian Independence Day celebration.



Ukrainian Independence Day - August



Tenters Res Ass Community Day - September



Dolphin's Barn- August

Bridgefoot Street

Fatima Family Fun Day

Fatima Groups United's Community Development Team and the F2 Centre hosted their annual Summer '25 Family Fun Day this August. The atmosphere was vibrant, with a strong sense of community spirit and local pride evident throughout the event. A highlight of the day was the much-loved *Fatima's Got Talent* competition, which this year was judged by the DCC SWIC Community Development Worker - reflecting the growing collaboration between the project and the community development team.

Congratulations to everyone involved; it was a hugely successful day, and the dedication and hard work of the organising team were clearly reflected in the smooth running and electric energy of the event.



Summer Projects 2025- Success in Southwest Inner City

Dublin City Council Summer Project Programme was a fantastic success in 2025. Below is a selection of images from the 21 projects supported in the Southwest inner city, delivered through community service-led, voluntary-led, and Dublin City Council-led initiatives in collaboration with the local community.



Donore Avenue/Margaret Kennedy Road Summer Project

This summer, the community team played a key role in supporting the Donore Avenue/Margaret Kennedy Road summer project. In partnership with the SWIC HSE health worker, the team helped deliver a variety of activities and outings for 33 children and young people from the Donore area.

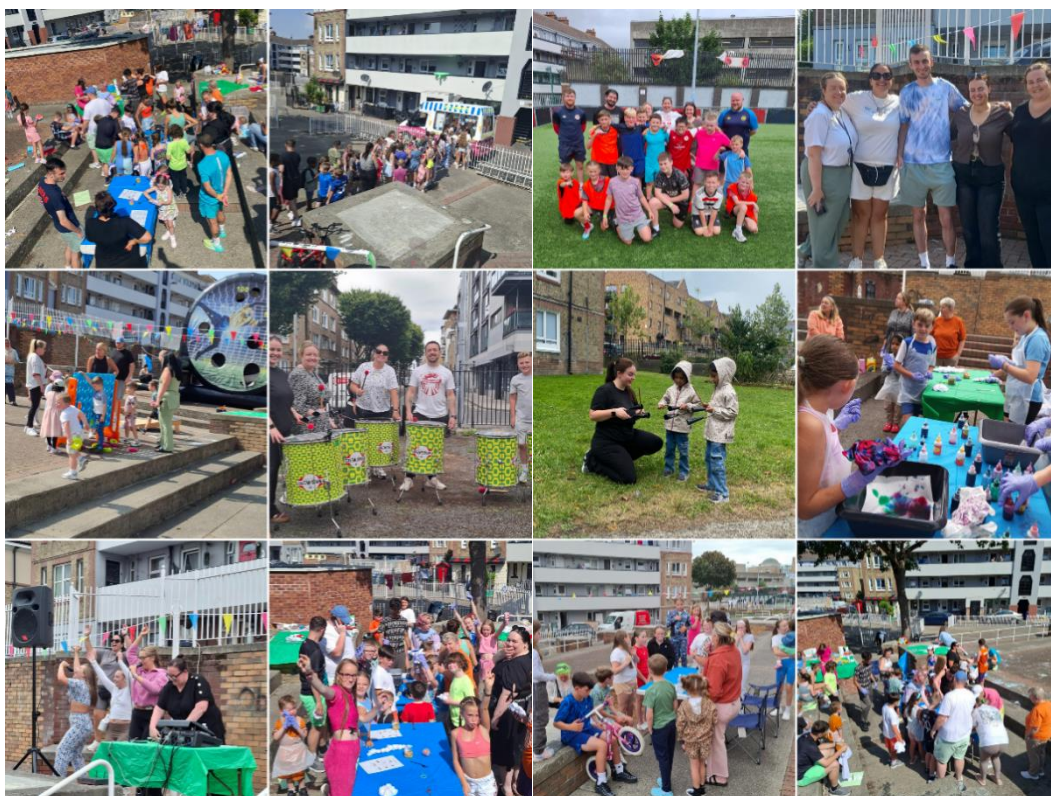
The project was a great success, and the team is excited to support future summer initiatives in Donore, with the continued involvement of the SWIC community development team. This collaboration also marked a positive step in building relationships between the new DCC community development worker and residents and families locally.



Summer in the Bond - Engagement Programme - A Step Towards a Revived Voluntary Summer Project

The community and social development team's summer calendar collaborated with the Oliver Bond residents' group with the aim of reintroducing a voluntary, resident-led summer project in Oliver Bond. As a result, a programme of 11 activities took place, engaging more than 60 individual children and culminating in a community celebration attended by over 100 residents.

The programme served as a valuable engagement tool - encouraging residents, with the support of DCC and *Crosscare*, to consider taking an active role in planning a voluntary summer project for 2026. In addition, this pilot marks a positive and promising step forward in building stronger relationships, fostering positive collaboration, and promoting local leadership within the Oliver Bond community, in partnership with DCC and the community and social development team.



Grant Writing Workshop

In association with Dublin South City Partnership, a Grant Writing Workshop will take place on Wednesday, 24th September at St. Andrew's Community Centre, Rialto. This is a great opportunity for community groups who are struggling with grant applications to learn the skills of effective grant writing and discover new funding opportunities.

Grant Writing Workshop

*Free training to
improve grant
application writing skills*

- ✓ Effective Grant Writing
- ✓ Organisational Readiness
- ✓ AI and Grant Writing
- ✓ New Funding Opportunities

Wednesday 24th September
9.30am - 1pm
St. Andrew's Community Centre,
South Circular Rd., Rialto, Dublin 8

Contact Valerie:
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Public Domain



Aproximately 620m graffiti treated/removed under contract from public areas in the South Central Area

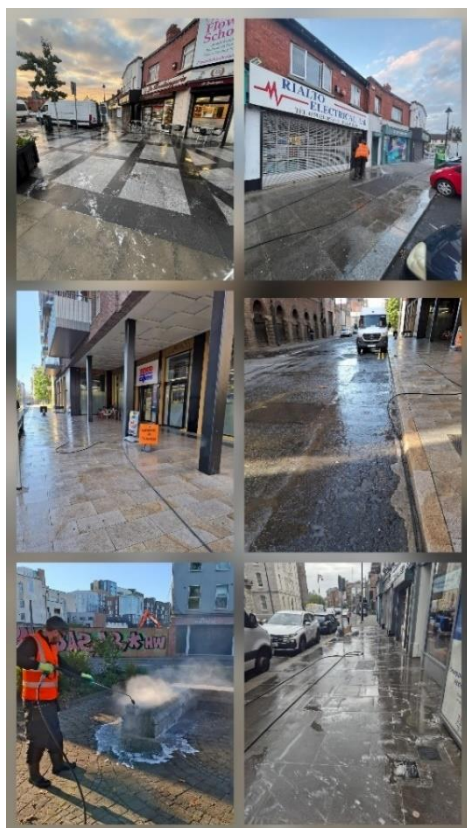
*Hoarding Goldenbridge Site and Emmet Crescent.
Offensive Graffiti removed from Mellows Bridge
Tagging removed from Tyrone Place exterior St
Vincent St West.*

*Meath St, Nicholas Place, Patrick St Thomas St,
Augustine St Usher;s St.Bridgefoot St, Christ
Church SQ, Francis st, High St.*



Meath Street

Public Realm Cleaning



*Rialto Village Shopping Areas , Grand Canal Place, James St
Median, Thomas St shopping areas. Other locations power
washed : Guinness Storehouse environs eg Market st Taylors Lane,
School St, Marrowbone Lane offices and Recycle facility, Lanes:
Swan Lane, Vicar st, Molyneux Yard, Catherine's Lane.*

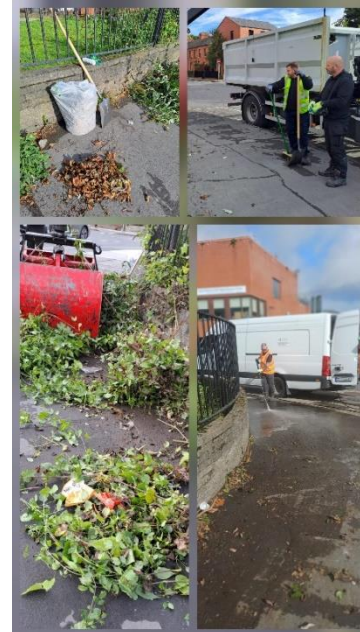
	Open Cases	Closed Cases	Grand Total
Abandoned Bicycles	5	1	6
Abandoned Vehicle	12	15	27
Bulky Household Waste Collection	7	106	113
Community Clean Up Collection	2	45	47
Illegal Dumping	5	317	322
Litter Offence	5	88	93
On Street - Weed Control	3	4	7
Public Bin Maintenance	10	44	54
Report a Dead Animal	0	11	11
Report Fallen Leaves	0	4	4
Report Graffiti	5	31	36
Request a Dog Fouling Sign	0	3	3
Street Cleaning Sweep Your Street	0	50	50
Grand Total	54	719	773



Traffic island and footpaths Sarsfield Road, cycleway & pedestrian way Frank Sherwin bridge. Victoria Quay & Parkgate Street. SCR



Kilmainham Leaf clearance footpath & cycle way.



Buddleia & Bramble cleared from School St Junction with Marrowbone Lane. Over hanging growth removed, Footpaths scraped cleaned and power washed.



Footpath repairs Thomas Street

Cones were removed in August/Sept

- Blackpitts
- McCarthys Terrace
- Robert street south
- Newport street
- John Street South
- Poole street
- Brabazon street
- Weaver Street
- Newmarket street
- St Anthony's road
- Reuben/Herberton Walk



The landscaped area at Abercorn Terrace CIE works Estate, Inchicore. Request for a clean-up of the shrubbery and reduction of tree canopy. The area was very overgrown and some properties were affected. The upright sleepers that were secured and the area made safe by the District Parks Officer.

Community Clean-ups

Blackpitts Clean-up Group, Rialto Environmental Group, Inchicore environmental Group, The Liberties Litter Pickers. Dolphin's Barn Canal Biodiversity & Clean-Up Group.

South Central Government funded Anti-Dumping Initiative 2025

Cirtex emerged as the preferred contractor appointed to conduct the mattress recycling ADI. An innovative company that produces a wide range of valuable products, including thermal and acoustic insulation, floor underlay, arena fibre, and insulator pads for mattresses and furniture from recovered mattresses, saving thousands of tons of material from going to landfills. DCC recovered 245 Mattresses and transported them to the Cirtex facility for treatment. (6Ton)



South Central City Neighbourhoods Awards 2025

The Awards ceremony was held in the Hyatt Centric, Dean Street. September 2nd with Cllr Vincent Jackson Chair of The South-Central Area Committee presenting the awards on the night. Notable Recipients: Inchicore

Environmental Group, The Liberties Litter

Pickers, Bridgefoot St Youth Project, The Tenters Residents Association Flanagan's Fields

Community Garden, Glenmalure Biodiversity & Environmental Committee and Stillgarden.

The Winners will be invited to attend the City Neighbourhood Awards in the Clayton Hotel, Burlington Rd. on Friday the 24th of October 2025. Congratulations to all those who participated in the competition.

Dublin Canvas Art Project - 9 Traffic signal boxes chosen for artwork at: St Lukes Ave, SCR Kilmainham, Islandbridge, Heuston Station, Ushers Island, SCR Griffith Rd, Donore Road/SCR, Islandbridge, Parkgate St., Patrick St.



Dublin Tiger by Aoife Cooke & 'You're a piece of Bread' by Chris Craig



South Central City Neighbourhood's Awards 2025

BALLYFERMOT DRIMNAGH ELECTORAL AREA

Housing

Stonemount

Dublin City Council and Iveagh Trust held an open on the 6TH of August for the second phase of Stonemount. Staff from allocation in Civic Office, Area office staff and Iveagh Trust staff were available to answer questions. The closing date for the CBL was the 15th of August. There was a large volume of applications for the second phase. Selections are being processed and applicants will be contacted in the coming weeks.

Hollybrook

Successful applicants should be signing for the new development in October.

Davitt House

The window replacement scheme has been completed. The bushes around the complex are in the process of being trimmed back.

Cornamona Court

I am pleased to confirm that **DCC: Cornamora Court** has been shortlisted for the ICSH Community Housing Awards 2025 in the category of **Family Housing: Larger**.

Tristan Square

Tuath Housing and Dublin City Council met recently with the residents of Tristan Square.

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
Apartment	BERNARD CURTIS HOUSE	1	16/02/2025	For framework	N/A
House	BALLYFERMOT PARADE	2	N/A	For framework	N/A
Senior Citizens	Fr. LEMASS COURT	1	28/04/2025	Tenant Selected	Ready
House	BENMADIGAN ROAD	2	5/8/2025	For framework	N/A

House	BLACKDITCH ROAD	2	13/08/2025	For framework	N/A
House	CROFTWOOD DRIVE	3		With framework	11/09/2025
House	CROFTWOOD GARDENS	2	N/A	Tenant selected	1/09/2025
Apartment	CEDARBROO PLACE	1	5/08/2025	For framework	N/A
Apartment	DAVITT HOUSE	0	07/07/2024	With contractor	17/09/2025
Apartment	BERNARD CURTIS HOUSE	2	27/07/2025	For framework	N/A
Apartment	DAVITT HOUSE	0	02/06/2024	With contractor	17/09/2025
House	ELMDALE DRIVE	3	21/11/2024	Tenant selected	Ready/ESB Works
Senior Citizens	Fr KITT COURT	1	31/01/2025	Tenant selected	Ready
Senior Citizens	Fr KITT COURT	1	n/a	Tenant selected	Ready
Apartment	SEVEN OAKS	2	28/08/2025	Tenant selected	12/12/2025
House	RAHEEN PARK		8/8/2025	For framework	
House	BLACKDITCH ROAD	2	25/06/2025	Tenant selected	20/09/2025
House	LOUGHCONN ROAD	2	5/06/2025	For framework	
House	MUSKERRY ROAD	2	13/01/2024	Tenant Selected	Ready/ESB Works
House	O'DWYER ROAD	3	25/05/2022	Tenant selected	Law Dept
House	O'MOORE ROAD	3	09/12/2024	Tenant selected	16/09/2025
Apartment	PHOENIX VIEW	2	18/12/2024	Tenant Selected	Ready
Senior Citizens	RIVERVIEW COURT	1	03/11/2024	Tenant to view & sign	Ready
Senior Citizens	ROSSAVEAL COURT	1	03/12/2023	Tenant selected	Ready
House	ROSSMORE ROAD	2	N/A	Tenant selected	Ready/ESB works
House	CROFTWOOD PARK	4	N/A	With framework	12/11/2025
Apartment	THE STEEPLES	1	05/12/2024	Tenant selected	Ready
Apartment	GRAND CANAL VIEW	2	28/08/2025	For framework	N/A

Maisonette	Rafters Lane	2	2/3/2025	For Framework	N/A
Senior Citizens	Cornamona Court	1	N/A	For Framework	N/A
Senior Citizens	Cornamona Court	1	8/02/2025	Tenant Selected	Ready
House	Blackditch Road	4	9/3/2025	Tenant to	5/9/2025
House	Cherry Orchard Green	3	1/12/2025	Tenant to Sign	Ready
House	Croftwood Green	4	N/A	With Framework	22/09/2025
Senior Citizens	Blackditch Court	1	28/08/2025	For framework	N/A
Senior Citizens	Rossaveal Court	1	28/08/2025	For framework	N/A
Senior Citizens	Blackditch Court	1	28/08/2025	For framework	N/A
House	Raheen Park	3	6/5/2025	With Framework	22/09/2025
House	Lissadel Green	2	1/5/2025	With Framework	29/09/2025
Apartment	Davitt House	2	13/4/2025	Tenant Selected	17/09/2025
Senior Citizen	Blackditch Court	1	20/02/2025	With framework	20/07/2025

ADMINISTRATION TEAM

The Ballyfermot Drimnagh Area Office Administration Team have a key role in the day-to-day operations of the office. The Administration Teams roles are:

- To be a point of contact for stakeholders
- To provide administration support for the Housing, Community and Public Domain sections in the Area office
- To manage the finance/budgets for the Area Office.

The Ballyfermot Area Office are delighted to be establishing a Customer Care section. The aim of this section is to provide stakeholders with a high quality, professional service, dealing with reports, queries and complaints in a timely and efficient manner. The section will be the first of its kind for an area office in Dublin with a focus on the 4 c's Customer, Convenience, Consistency and Communication.

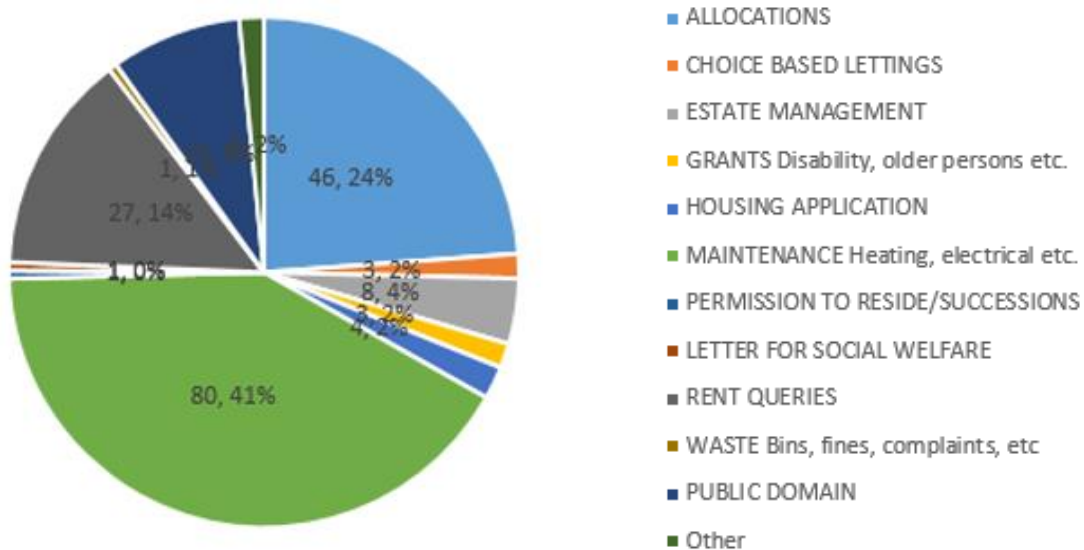
The Customer Care manager and A/Administrative Officer held a Teams meeting with the Customer Service section in the Civic Offices to share ideas on successful implementation of the section and a site visit is to take place in the coming weeks.

Training will be crucial for staff, staying up to date with developments, news and technology in an effort to maintain high standards. KPIs will be recorded, measured and reported on an ongoing basis to meet the needs of our stakeholders and adapt the service as required.

Key areas that will be focused on include (not limited to):

- Number of stakeholders dealt with
- Types of queries, reports, complaints dealt with
- Response times to stakeholders

Breakdown of phone, counter and email queries 1/9/25-5/9/25 in the Ballyfermot Drimnagh office



It is an exciting time for the area and as the section continuously evolves we will provide further updates.



The Cherry Orchard Implementation Board was delighted to welcome **Minister for Justice, Jim O'Callaghan**, to Cherry Orchard. Board members were in attendance to share updates on the progress made to date, highlighting the incredible spirit, resilience, and collaboration within the local community. The visit provided an opportunity to showcase the positive developments underway and to reaffirm the Board's commitment to supporting long-term, sustainable change in the area.



Community

Bluebell

The community and social development team are continuing the process of introducing themselves to the groups, services and residents who live and work in the area.

Whilst this is taking place the team have supported a family fun day organised by the amazing staff and volunteers from Bluebell youth service and the Bluebell Community Council.

The day itself took place on the 23/08/25 and was well attended by residents of Bluebell and gave the team a great chance to sit and talk with attendees who were there on the day.

On the same day Bluebell also hosted its first '*Bio-Blitz*'. Organised by Waterways Ireland and supported by Dublin City Council it gave participants a chance to explore the stretch of canal from Bluebell to Kylesmore and along with a team of Bio-Diversity experts help count and record the many native flora and fauna located along the canal.

Wonderful Walkinstown Festival / Opera in the Park

Once again, many Walkinstown residents came out to support the work carried out by the Wonderful Walkinstown Festival Committee in putting together this festival on Sunday 31/08/25.

A wide and diverse range of clubs, groups and services from the local area and beyond brought great colour and lots of fun and games to Walkinstown Park. Accompanied by a selection of local musical acts and stage performers. A huge congratulations to all involved.

To launch the festival on Saturday 30/08/25 Bunting Park hosted its first ever Opera in the park with a cast of professional opera performers delivering a cross section of musical hits from Opera and beyond. This performance drew a large crowd of young and old to enjoy the music on offer.

D.12 Health Day Walkinstown Community Centre

The D12 men's shed with support from the Dublin South City partnership hosted a health awareness day in the Walkinstown community centre to promote mental, physical and social well-being.

On 08/08/25, 16 groups, services and organisations came together to promote and advertise what they can offer to residents through their vast array of offerings in the community. Well done and thank you to all involved in the day.

Families in Emergency Accommodation – Get to know your neighbourhood day

The '*Get to know your area day*' for families living in Emergency accommodation took place in July. The event was well attended with almost forty families getting involved. Several services including Familibase and Liffey Partnership had the opportunity to link with families and get them signed up for programmes and activities taking place in the coming months. Families expressed that they were extremely grateful for the opportunity to meet with services and hear about what's available to them. Children were able to sign up for the library on the day and take books there and then.



Ballyfermot Cherry Orchard Arts Festival

The Community Development team supported the Ballyfermot Cherry Orchard Arts Festival which took place from the 19th to the 27th of July. The festival had almost 40 free family-friendly events taking place over 9 days. Some of the highlights included the Family Fun Days in Cherry Orchard and Markievicz Park, which had over 1000 attendees.



Opera in the Park Ballyfermot

As part of the festival the team put on Opera in the Park in Ballyfermot. Spirits were not dampened when the event had to be moved inside due to weather conditions. The festival also welcomed local filmmaker Jimmy Smallhorne to a screening of his film 'The Miracle Club', which is based on women from the area. Due to Jimmy's success and inspirational story, the team plan to work with Jimmy on future projects with young people in the area.



‘Opera in the Park’ Drimnagh

The Community Team also put on Opera in the Park as part of the Drimnagh summer festival. The event was well attended with community members across all ages enjoying the music and incredible atmosphere.



Sheltered Housing Complexes -Fr. Kitt Court

The community team put on a summer afternoon tea for residents of Fr. Kitt Court sheltered housing complex. The residents welcomed entertainment from the D10/20 Men's shed who played expertly to ensure everyone had a great afternoon.

Cherry Orchard

We had a busy summer here in the Orchard Community Centre. We welcomed our annual summer camp, supported local groups & said farewell to a friend who has embarked on a new chapter in his career.

The local kick boxing club had a fundraising night here in The Orchard Community Centre with all proceeds going into the club, to purchase new equipment.

We bid farewell to Dave who has moved on to pastures new & we all in the Centre wish him the best of luck in his new role.

During the Summer we The Orchard community centre were delighted to be recognised as an Autism friendly champion by 'AS I AM'.

As part of the summer events, the staff from the centre were delighted to support & participate in the family fun day in Cherry Orchard, which coincided with the Ballyfermot/Cherry Orchard Arts festival. This was followed up by a photo exhibition of Cherry Orchard, then & now along with a music session by the men's shed.

The Bluebell Community Council (BCC) was formed in 2017 to give the people of Bluebell a strong collective voice in shaping their areas future. Its main purpose is to coordinate between residents, community groups, schools and local services whilst also advocating for the delivery of essential facilities in the community.

The BCC is chaired by Senator Aubrey McCarthy with Tommy Coombes serving as coordinator and is also manager of the Bluebell Community Development project (CDP).

Made up of 32 members representing a broad cross-section of the community the BCC provides a platform for local people to have an influence on development plans and ensure that regeneration projects meet the needs of both future and current residents.

Dynamic Drimnagh

Dublin City Council's "Opera in the Park" at Good Counsel Liffey Gaels GAA Club took place on August 22nd. Dynamic Drimnagh extends its gratitude to the South-Central Area Community Development staff for organising the event.

In other community news, St. John Bosco Youth Centre will now serve as a convenient local drop-off point for small electrical waste, eliminating the need for residents to travel outside the community for recycling services.

We would like to announce that Petrogas Group Limited, operating as Applegreen, has generously awarded Dynamic Drimnagh €1,995 in community funding. This funding will be used to install a new bench in Errigal Park, further enhancing the recently upgraded area. We have contacted DCC Parks & Biodiversity regarding the installation.

The Drimnagh Historical Group is actively utilising the podcast facility at St. John Bosco to record interviews with residents, building a comprehensive catalogue of Drimnagh's social history since its expansion in 1932-1933. Cathy Scuffil is collaborating with the group to document the history of local community buildings over the decades.

Dynamic Drimnagh is currently reviewing the Drimnagh 2030 Plan. Upon completion, the revised report will be distributed to Dublin City Council, elected Councillors in both Local Electoral Areas, and the Dublin South City Partnership.

Ballyfermot Civic Centre - Health & Wellbeing Hub

The Health & Wellbeing Hub, established by the Ballyfermot Community Civic Centre (BCCC) and funded by *Sláintecare* Healthy Ireland, continues to promote health and happiness within the community. The Hub offers a wide range of free activities including yoga, *Men on the Move*, Fitness Instruction, Sound Bath and ParkHIIT.

To support participation, essential equipment such as yoga mats, healthy food options, and sports watches were provided. In addition, 500 Gym & Swim passes were distributed to organisations working with people in addiction recovery and their families, ensuring wider access to recreational facilities. Classes take place in the Ballyfermot community civic centre daily.



Fit Fest

Funded by Healthy Ireland who have supported the installation of water fountains in the people park. Fit Fest 2025 was collaboration between Ballyfermot community civic centre, Familibase, and DCC Sports Partnership built on the activities of the Health & Wellbeing Hub by transforming the People's Park into a vibrant, family-friendly market and fitness festival.

- The event opened with an invigorating ParkHIIT session, followed by a community breakfast and family fun run.
- A diverse programme of activities included Irish dancing, step aerobics, yoga, a sound bath, rickshaw rides, boxing sessions, and the ever-popular activator class, captivating audiences of all ages.
- Music and dance created a lively and inclusive atmosphere, ensuring an event that celebrated fitness, community, and wellbeing.



Enjoying the step aerobics.



Irish Dance Academy Launching the Festival.

Public Domain

The South-Central City Neighbourhoods Competition 2025 was held on Tuesday 2nd September in the Hyatt Centric, Dean St, The Liberties hosted by Councillor Vincent Jackson, South Central Area Committee Chair.

A great night was had by all, below a few photos of those who won an award on the night from the Ballyfermot Drimnagh Area. Congratulations to everyone and we hope everyone will continue their great work for the rest of the year and beyond, and we can get a few more winners next year.



**Business Competition
Shop Front**

3rd place
Park Lane Deli Chapelizod

**Dublin Community
Clean-Up**

Merit Award
Lower Ballyfermot
Clean-up Group

Best New Entry

2nd place
Patrick Fagan

Allotments

Winner
Chapelizod
Allotments



Urban Village

Winner COVA, Chapelizod

Dublin Community Clean-Up

2nd place
Make Walkinstown Great



Individual Garden & Open Green Space

Winner



Dublin Community Clean-Up

Winner

Tidy Drimnagh

Other winners not pictured

Residential Competition - 300 plus

2nd Bluebell Environmental Group

3rd Walkinstown Residents Association

Flat/Apt

Winner Seven Oaks Residents Association

The Lawns (Le Fanu Park) - Park railings painting completed

Public Domain is delighted to inform members that essential maintenance of the Le Fanu Park railing which was rusted and corroded, has now been addressed. The condition of the railings was raised at several of the community forums, both by local reps and residents alike over the last couple of years. The park railings have now been repainted, 663 bays of railings were cleaned rust primer applied and then two coats black *hammerite*, these works were funded through the Public Domain office.



Anti-Dumping initiative – Free Mattress Recycling Collection for Ballyfermot Drimnagh

LEA The Ballyfermot Drimnagh Public Domain Office's Anti-Dumping initiative which offered a free Mattress Recycling collection to all households in the Ballyfermot Drimnagh Area was a resounding success.

Over 140 households participated in the scheme with **200 old mattresses collected & recycled** instead of going to land fill or potential worse, being illegal dumped or burned.

The aim of any Anti-Dumping initiative is to reduce incidents of illegal dumping and increase awareness of alternatives to dumping including ways which supporting the Circular Economy. This Anti-Dumping initiative was aimed at addressing that problem, by way of prevention, and education of alternatives.

This initiative also looked to raise awareness of the Councils Bulky Waste Collection Service, a corporate initiative to alleviate illegal dumping. Education and awareness continue to play a key role in encouraging long-term behavioural change. There was a noticeable increase in requests for Bulky Waste Collections in the area. This initiative helped 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.

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How To Participate?

Contact the Public Domain Unit by the Email below;

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.



Alternatively enter the following web address into your web browser;

https://citizenhub.dublincity.ie/service/bulky_Household_Waste_Collection

Terms and conditions apply

Hedge cutting – Road & footpath safety

Since the 1st September, land owners can now resume/carry out essential maintenance of their land including cutting, felling, lopping, trimming or removing a tree, shrub, hedge or other vegetation on their land, to stop it being a hazard to people using a public road or footpath- people can find out more about these rules in section 70 of the Roads Act 1993.



Ballyfermot Public Domain & Enforcement unit has had numerous complaints regarding same and enforcement notices will be issued to landowners where a tree, shrub, hedge, or other vegetation on their land, has become a hazard to people using a public road or footpath in the area.

If a tree, shrub, hedge or other vegetation is protruding onto a public footpath or roadway causing a potential hazard, please report it on Citizen Hub, under Road Maintenance Requests or to ballyfermotpd@dublincity.ie

Irish Language Chat Bench Scheme

Public Domain Office is delighted to advise that a bench on the Plaza on Main Street Chapelizod is to incorporate into the above scheme as part of the Comhairle Craiceáilte in partnership with Gaeilge 365. The idea is to use existing benches across the city and earmark them as Irish Language Chat Benches to help get more people speaking Irish across the city.

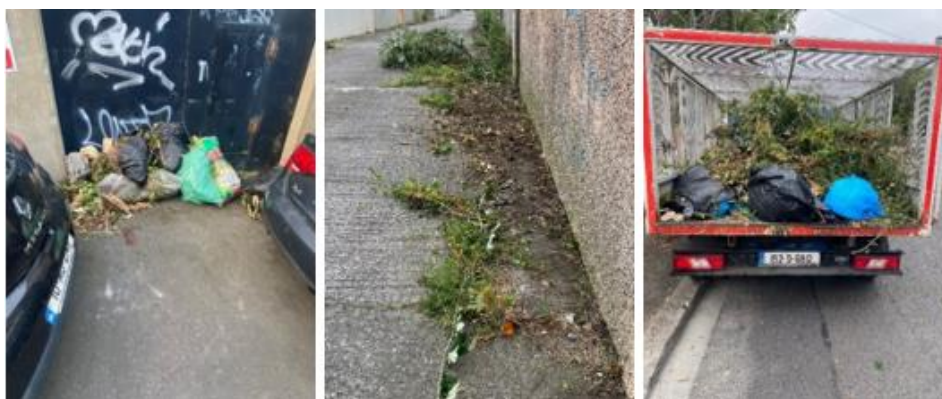


New Dog Fouling Stencilling Campaign

The Public Domain put forward several locations to be included in the Waste Managements, Litter Management office campaign to raise awareness of dog owners' responsibility to pick up after their dogs. The Public Domain Office identified 9 locations across the Ballyfermot Drimnagh area, all of which were outside schools in the area as children are those most at risk from dog fouling.



Advertisement hoarding site, Chapelizod
overgrowth obstruction public foot path before and after



Illegal Dumping and weed removal from Bunting Lane, Walkinstown



Offensive Graffiti removal Chapelizod



Political Graffiti removal Khyber pass alley to CIE works, Sarsfield Road



Illegal Dumping removal Rafters Lane, Drimnagh



Thomond Road Lane clean up

Sarsfield Road Traffic Island clean up

AGE FRIENDLY IRELAND (AFI) Programme SCA

This new section of the Director of Services Report will cover all aspects of Age Friendly Initiatives in the DCC SCA.

Aoife Hannan has taken up the role of Age Friendly Ireland Programme Manager for the DCC SCA, coordinating the initiative across the SCA. Both Community and Social Development Teams across the SCA met during the Summer to discuss a strategic approach to AFI such that consistency, equity and equal opportunities are available to all our older persons living in SCA to engage in the programme.

Older Person's Council (OPC)

Over the next few months, a SCA Older Person's Council (OPC) will be established. Older People's Councils are established in every local authority area of Ireland under the local Age Friendly programme. They are a vehicle to bring the voice of older people into local government and help to inform private and public service provision. An awareness campaign is currently being planned that will be shared with local councillors. The outcome will lead to an OPC AGM event being held in January 2026.

Healthy Age Friendly Homes Programme

For your information the Local Co-Ordinator, *Healthy Age Friendly Homes Programme*, SCA Dublin City Council is Naomi Dixon (Naomi.dixon@dublincity.ie). The SCA community and social development teams are facilitating Naomi to speak with older persons, in particular those living in DCC older person complexes, to discuss the healthy homes programme. To date Claddagh Court, Riverview Court have been visited by Naomi.

Positive Ageing Week 2025

A joint initiative approach has been taken by the SCA Community and Development Teams to promote positive ageing initiatives; celebrating older adults through community-led events, across the SCA during Positive Ageing Week 2025 29th September to 3rd October. Voluntary groups and local services will take part in activities promoting wellbeing, inclusion, and visibility.

To support participation, both Community and Social Development teams in the SCA have arranged a bursary to help volunteers and community group initiatives focused on reducing social exclusion, fostering intergenerational connections, celebrating older people's contributions, and challenging age-related stereotypes. A poster will be shared widely promoting the events.

Dublin City Council South West Inner City Area

Positive Ageing Week 26th September to 3rd October 2025

Activities Include:

**Embrace the Journey -
Rialto Positive Ageing
Month Launch**
Fatima Group United
25/09/2025 @ 12pm - 1pm
F2 Centre, 3 Reuben, Rialto
Booking Details:
089 4411673 or una@fgu.ie

**Over 55's Balance: Holistic
Wellbeing for Women in
Menopause**
The Mad Spoons Women's group
30/09/2025 from 6pm - 8pm
Robert Emmet Building,
3 Usher St. The Liberties, Dublin 8
Booking Details: 085 2142770

**Positive Move and Thrive
Class**
St Michael Family Resource
Centre
02/10/2025 2pm - 4.30pm
Bulfin Court Day Centre,
Bulfin Court, Inchicore,
Dublin 8
No booking required

**Down Through the Year
History Talk**
Robinson Court Common Area
History Talk with Cathy Scuffil
02/10/2025
Closed Event

Celebrating Ageing Well
Combe Court/ Gardenvue/Old Mill
Music Performance with Angel
Garden View Common Area
26/09/2025
Closed Event

**Inchicore Positive Ageing
Community Information Event**
Inchicore Community Sports and Recreation
Centre
01/10/2025 2.30pm - 5.00pm
No Booking required
Positive Ageing

Style Has No Age:
A Positive Ageing Week Workshop
Change Clothes
2/10/2025 6pm - 8pm
Unit E, The Digital Depot @ The Digital
Hub, Roe Lane, Dublin 8
Booking link:
<https://tinyurl.com/4yxbtxru>

Style Has No Age:
A Positive Ageing Week Swap
Session
Change Clothes
3/10/2025 6-8pm
Unit E, The Digital Depot @ The
Digital Hub, Roe Lane, Dublin 8
Booking link:
<https://shorturl.at/bENLz>

**Women of the Liberties
photography project**
The Liberties Sister Shed
26/09/2025 to 03/10/2025

**Generations in Rhythm
Dance**
Wisdom Centre,
Sophia Housing
01/10/2025
Details to Follow

**Health and Wellbeing
Together**
The Liberties Community Project
02/10/2025 @ 11am - 2pm
Robert Emmet Building, 3 Usher
St,
The Liberties, Dublin 8
No booking required

**Dublin City Council Age
Friendly: South Central
Area Older People's Council
Information Event**
Dublin City Council
7/10/2025 10am- 11.30
Date and Time: Tuesday 7th
October 10am - 11.30
Location: F2 Centre, 3 Reuben,
Rialto
No Booking Required

**Stronger Together:
Celebrating Our Older
Communities**
SWICN/ Margaret Kennedy
Rd/Donore Avenue Group
29th Sep, 1st & 3rd October from
11am - 2pm
Closed Event



Comhairle Cathrach
Bhaile Átha Cliath
Dublin City Council

For more information contact
SouthWestInnerCityCommunity@dublincity.ie
or call 01 222 2971

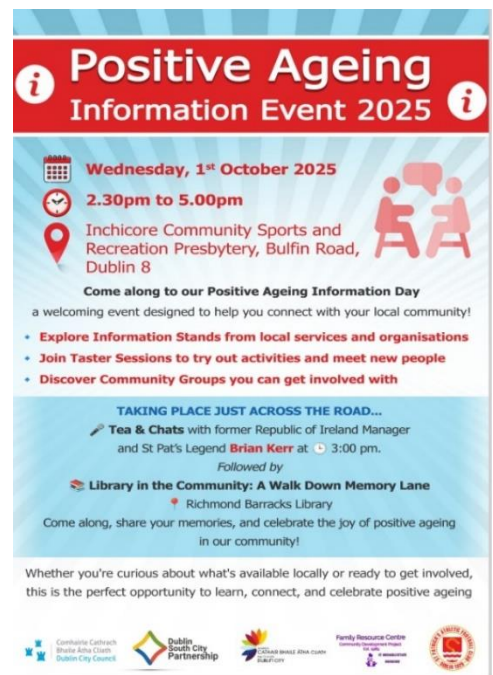
Ballyfermot Drimnagh Community and Social Development Team received 10 eligible applications that they will be supporting for community led events to happen during Positive Ageing Week.

These include activities such as sports and wellness sessions, health talks and intergenerational projects with local schools. The program of events will also include the launching of collaborative media initiatives such as a radio show, 'Young and Heart' which encourages older people to share their life stories on the radio and a podcast series celebrating the rich history of Drimnagh. The full program of events will be advertised via social media and through posters at key locations. For further information on these events [contact the Community Development Team](#).

Inchicore Community Positive Ageing Information Session (SWIC)

The Community and Social Development SWIC Team has convened a stakeholder group of key community organisations and services to collaborate in organising Inchicore Positive Ageing Week. This vibrant community event will take place on Wednesday, 1st October at Inchicore Community Sports and Recreation Centre. Older people attending will have the opportunity to explore local services that support ageing well, join activity taster sessions, and connect with community groups. Highlights will include a lively "Tea & Chats" with football legend Brian Kerr and a nostalgic film screening at Richmond Barracks Library—celebrating the spirit of inclusion, connection, and positive ageing.

Groups and services interested in participating are invited to complete the [registration form](#) by Monday, 15th September at 1:00 p.m.



Positive Ageing Information Event 2025

Wednesday, 1st October 2025
2.30pm to 5.00pm
Inchicore Community Sports and Recreation Presbytery, Bulfin Road, Dublin 8

Come along to our Positive Ageing Information Day
a welcoming event designed to help you connect with your local community!

- Explore Information Stands from local services and organisations
- Join Taster Sessions to try out activities and meet new people
- Discover Community Groups you can get involved with

TAKING PLACE JUST ACROSS THE ROAD...
Tea & Chats with former Republic of Ireland Manager and St Pat's Legend **Brian Kerr** at 3:00 pm.
Followed by
Library in the Community: A Walk Down Memory Lane
Richmond Barracks Library
Come along, share your memories, and celebrate the joy of positive ageing in our community!

Whether you're curious about what's available locally or ready to get involved, this is the perfect opportunity to learn, connect, and celebrate positive ageing

Comhairle Cathrach Shasle Átha Cliath Dublin City Council
Dublin South City Partnership
Cúlaí West Area Team
Family Resource Centre
Inchicore Community Sports and Recreation Presbytery



DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL SOUTH WEST INNER CITY
Inchicore, Kilmainham, Islandbridge, Rialto, Dolphin's Barn, Fatima The Liberties

Community Smoke Alarm Scheme

More Info

- The scheme is not available to Dublin City Council tenants
- Applications are processed on a first-come, first-served basis
- Each alarm is equipped with a 10-year long-life battery and does not require mains electricity.
- Closing date for application 17th October 5pm

Free smoke alarms available to vulnerable and older residents living in Dublin City South West Inner City. This initiative is funded by the Department of Housing, Local Government & Heritage.

01 222 2971 | southwestinnercitycommunity@dublincity.ie

Age Friendly Initiatives:

Community Smoke Alarm Scheme (SWIC)

Free smoke alarms are available to vulnerable and older residents living in Dublin City Southwest inner city. This initiative is generously funded by the Department of Environment, Community and Local Government. The scheme is not available to Dublin City Council tenants and applications are processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Each alarm is equipped with a 10-year long-life battery and does not require mains electricity. For more information or to apply contact the South West Inner City Community and Social Development Team on 01 222 2971 or email southwestinnercitycommunity@dublincity.ie.

Deadline: 17th October @ 5pm. Apply online

<https://forms.office.com/e/ufjviEivPz?origin=IprLink>

Age Friendly Programme Ballyfermot Civic Centre

The Ballyfermot Drimnagh Community and Social Development Team are currently in the middle of our Autumn Age Friendly Program of events in the Ballyfermot Civics Centre. The program began on the 12th of August and runs until the 16th of September. The program includes Tai Chi, Sound Bath and Quiz, among others, and attendance ranges from 60-100 attendees each session. The service *Alone* also attend one of our sessions to discuss their services and recruit volunteers. The aim of this program is to combat isolation amongst the aging community in Ballyfermot and to provide opportunities for people to improve their overall fitness and well-being whilst also introducing them to local and national services that may be of benefit.

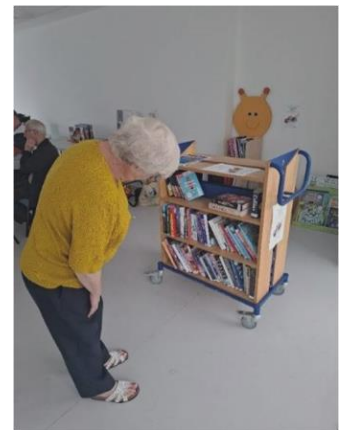


Sheltered Housing Complexes - Memorial Court Pop Up Concert (SWIC) – 20th August 2025. On Wednesday, 20th August, the Memorial Court Courtyard – Senior Complex came alive with music and community spirit during a special pop-up concert. The Southwest inner-city community and social development team engaged a music performer and partnered with *Festival in a Van* for sound and stage setup, which truly elevated the experience.

The event was well attended by residents and provided an opportunity for the team to consult with attendees about the types of activities they would be interested in and how they might get involved in future planning.

Fr. Kitt Court – 29th July 2025 the Community Team put on a summer afternoon tea for residents of Fr. Kitt Court sheltered housing complex. The residents welcomed entertainment from the D10/20 Men's shed who played expertly to ensure everyone had a great afternoon.

Cornamona Court – (16th & 29th July; 15th, 20th & 27th August 2025) The Community Team have been working with Liffey Partnership to animate the common room in Cornamona Court and foster the setup of a Residents Committee. Committee skills training has gone well, and residents have welcomed initiatives such as having the Community Guards attend a coffee morning and yoga and movement classes. The library is proving a success with future book initiatives in the pipeline.



Claddagh Court and Rossaveal Court Sheltered Housing Complexes - 17th September 2025

The Ballyfermot Drimnagh Community Team has convened with Catherine Twomey of the CDETB to roll out a series of training sessions in Sheltered Housing Complexes across the Ballyfermot Area. These will begin on the 17th of September and run until Spring of 2026. These 'Get to know your mobile phone' sessions will help residents develop skills such as accessing email, adding attachments and using google maps and other mobile apps. The sessions will also provide training to residents wishing to use the laptops installed in the complexes.

Historian in Residence

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

HIR continues regular contact with DCCs Social and Community Development (SACD) Teams, Dublin City Libraries, and local history, heritage, community and cultural groups in the area. History talks have been held for the Drimnagh Sister and Women's Sheds groups, and Dolphin House community as part of the Rialto Arts Festival. A blogpost '*Daniel's Dates with Dublin 8*' was provided to Culture Date with Dublin 8 to commemorate the 250th birth-anniversary of Daniel O'Connell. Other HIR projects included a speech at Boulevard Bloom in Cow Parlour (Bloom's Day}, a talk for the Chapelizod Festival and attendance at the Ballyfermot Heritage Day. Further talks were arranged for the residents and staff of Maryfield Nursing Home, Chapelizod and the Age Friendly Group in Ballyfermot Civic Centre, both arranged with Library in the Community and supported by Community Development teams.

Special events this quarter included a visit to Arás an Uachtarán to acknowledge their support of The Liberties Weavers in growing flax in the house garden and a breakfast event with the Huguenot Society in conjunction with St. Patrick's Cathedral.

Recordings included a broadcast on Lyric FM centred on the Marsalsea Barracks, Thomas Street, supporting the ongoing exhibition in the Irish Architectural Archive, a programme on Together FM (Ballyfermot) and the Claire Byrne Show (RTE Radio 1) discussing 'The House of Guinness' Netflix series.

History on Your Doorstep (vol 8) was launched in City Hall by Lord Mayor, Councillor Ray McAdam. My chapter in this edition centred on Flanagan's Fields Community Garden in Reuben Street, Dolphin's Barn and the story of the man behind the name.

Sincere thanks to DCC's SCAC for permitting time to discuss the HIR programme in more detail at the recent Area Committee Meeting.

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