



Director of Services Report South Central Area Committee Meeting 15th October, 2025



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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 have been completed.

A contractor for the main works is expected to be appointed in the coming weeks. At present, it is expected to commence the 12-15 month construction programme early in 2026. A detailed construction programme will be worked out with the main works contractor and regular communications with residents and businesses will be put in place.

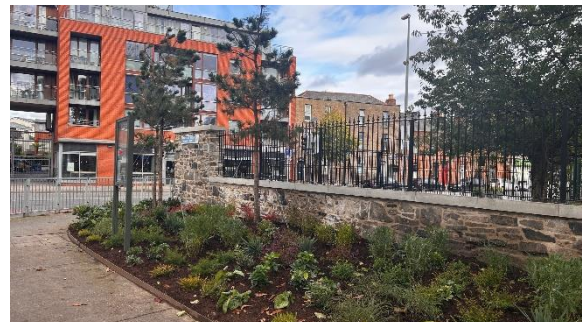
Separately, a commissioning process for a new piece of public art on Meath Street will begin shortly. The process is being led by the City Public Art Officer and will comprise an invited competition to design a piece as part of the Dublin City Public Art Programme.

Dolphin's Barn Street Trees – civil works for new street tree planting on St Anthony's Road, Haroldville Avenue and Reuben Street is now completed, with tree planting and underplanting with perennials to follow in the next few weeks/ tree planting season.

Vicar Street Parklet – work to refurbish the small playground beside Mallin House to create a new parklet will start at the end of October and continue for 6-8 weeks. The new parklet comprises two circular timber-clad areas that will include a play space and seating areas, surrounded by trees and soft landscaping. This project is support funded by the Discretionary Fund.



Montage of proposed Vicar Street parklet



Recent work to renew planting at Donore Avenue

Goldenbridge Terrace – tendering is underway for the development of a new parklet at Goldenbridge Terrace, beside the Grand Canal. It is proposed to replace an area of hardstanding with lawn, tree planting, a path and seating to provide a new amenity for the Bulfin estate ahead of its centenary.

Newmarket – a further phase of work to largely complete pedestrian improvements at Newmarket will take place between October and December including final surface finish to new pedestrian areas, the reconstruction and resurfacing of the road carriageway of Newmarket, Newmarket Street and Brabazon Street (completion by year end) and the installation of new street furniture including a variety of seating, cycle parking and planters with trees and soft planting.

Public Seating Installations – installation of new seats and public benches at 12 locations across SWIC will get underway 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 Market Halls will be made in due course. The current expectation is to commence site work towards the end of the year.

Shopfront Improvement Scheme 2025 – this year's scheme is supporting a record 40 projects across the South West Inner City ranging from shopfront renewal, to the repair of traditional sash windows, enhancements such as greening and support for traditional signwriting. The SIS is support funded by the Discretionary Fund.



Recently completed shopfront renewal at 31 Thomas Street



Supporting a new business at 17 Tyrconnell Road

Housing

Oliver Bond House

Clinic The weekly clinic takes place every Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Robert Emmet Centre, in collaboration with our colleagues from Housing Rents.

Choice Based Lettings

Some families have recently moved in, and several long-term residents have transferred to ground-floor units due to health-related needs.

Playground

We have received an updated quote and are currently in the process of securing the necessary funding to complete the work.

Emmet Buildings

Tree-cutting works were carried out around the complex, allowing more light into the area.

Bulfin Court

Maintenance works, including general tidying and weeding, were completed at Bulfin Court.



Oliver Bond playground



Emmet Buildings



Bulfin Court



Herberton

Over fifty former Clúid tenancies are currently being transferred to DCC.

Weaver / Poplin – Cork Street

This DCC social housing complex, completed in early 2024, has been shortlisted for the Irish Council for Social Housing Awards in the Best Regeneration Complex category.



Weaver Poplin – Cork Street



Robert Emmet Walk / Close

Robert Emmet Walk / Close

The contractor is due to start work on the playground shortly. Dog-fouling signs have been installed, and all residents have received keys to the new locks.

Voids

Address	Type of Unit	Vacant Possession Date	Status
Braithwaite Street	2 Bed	05/06/2025	With Contractor - estimated completion 4/10/2025
Bulfin Court	1 Bed	04/09/2025	With Depot
Bulfin Court	1 Bed	29/09/2025	
Bulfin Court	1 Bed Flat	02/03/2025	With Depot - estimated completion 16/10/2025
Bulfin Court	1 Bed Flat	29/07/2025	With Depot - estimated completion 4/10/2025
Bulfin House	1 Bed Flat	07/07/2025	Ready To Let
Bulfin House	1 Bed Flat		With Depot
Ceannt Fort	3 Bed House	10/04/2025	Ready To Let
Coombe Court	1 Bed	13/07/2025	With Depot - estimated completion 30/10/2025
Dolphin House	1 Bed	24/08/2025	With Depot
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	19/08/2025	With Depot
Dolphin House	1 Bed Flat	28/04/2024	Ready To Let – CBL, awaiting nomination- emailed onto allocations 11/07/2025
Dolphin House	1 Bed Flat	15/05/2025	With Depot
Dolphin House	1 Bed Flat	06/10/2024	Ready To Let – CBL, awaiting nomination- emailed onto allocations 11/07/2025
Dolphin House	3 Bed Flat	27/07/2025	With Depot
Dolphin House	1 Bed	21/08/2025	With Depot
Dolphin House	3 Bed Flat	15/12/2024	With Depot - estimated completion 30/09/2025, pending
Dolphin House	2 Bed Flat	29/10/2024	With Depot - estimated completion 30/09/2025, pending
Dolphin House	1 Bed Flat	15/03/2025	With Depot
Dolphin House	1 Bed Flat	12/01/2025	On hold as per Depot - estimated completion 12/06/2025, pending
Dolphin House	1 Bed Flat	08/09/2024	Ready To Let – CBL, awaiting nomination- emailed onto allocations 11/07/2025
Dolphin House	1 Bed Flat	16/06/2024	Ready To Let
Dolphin House	1 Bed Flat	16/10/2024	Ready To Let – CBL, awaiting nomination- emailed onto allocations 11/07/2025
Dolphin House	2 Bed Flat	01/09/2025	With Depot
Dolphin House	2 Bed Flat	17/12/2023	Ready To Let – CBL, awaiting nomination- emailed onto allocations 11/07/2025
Echlin Street	1 Bed Apartment	22/04/2024	RTL - keys to allocations 01/07 – under offer / nomination received
Emmet Crescent	3 Bed House	02/10/2025	Surrender received

Emmet Crescent	2 Bed		Surrender received - keys with allocations
Emmet Crescent	2 Bed	02/09/2025	With Contractor – estimated completion 26/12/2025
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
Grand Canal	2 Bed Apartment	22/08/2025	With Contractor - estimated completion 30/12/2025
Islandbridge Court	0 Bed Flat	29/04/2025	Short Term Maintenance Let
Islandbridge Court	2 Bed Flat		Surrender received 20/05/25
Islandbridge Court	2 Bed	27/08/2025	With Contractor – estimated completion 31/12/2025
Margaret Kennedy Court	1 Bed Apartment	10/11/2024	Ready To Let – CBL, awaiting new nomination
Marrowbone Lane	2 Bed Flat	28/01/2025	With Contractor – estimated completion date 04/10/2025
Marrowbone Lane	2 Bed Flat	30/03/2025	With Contractor – estimated completion date 04/10/2025
Mary Aikenhead House	0 Bed Flat	18/07/2025	With Depot – estimated completion date 18/10/2025
Memorial Court	1 Bed	25/09/2025	Ready To Let – under offer
Memorial Court	2 Bed Flat	04/05/2025	With Depot – estimated completion date 19/09/2025, pending
Memorial Court	1 Bed Flat	11/07/2025	With Depot – estimated completion date 11/10/2025
Michael Mallin	2 Bed Flat	17/02/2025	Short Term Maintenance Let – keys received 13/08/2025
Newport Street	1 Bed House	16/05/2025	With Contractor – estimated completion date 19/11/2025
Oliver Bond	1 Bed Flat	25/08/2024	ON HOLD – for inter transfer
Oliver Bond	2 Bed Flat	06/08/2025	With contractor – estimated completion date 05/12/2025
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 date 05/12/2025
Oliver Bond	2 Bed	02/10/2025	With depot
Oliver Bond	1 Bed Flat	02/07/2023	Ready To Let – awaiting nomination, keys in area office
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	1 Bed Flat	02/10/2025	With Depot
Oliver Bond	0 Bed Flat	22/08/2025	Short Term Maintenance Let
Oliver Bond	0 Bed Flat	21/08/2022	With Depot – awaiting keys
Oliver Bond	1 Bed Flat	23/05/2025	With Contractor – estimated completion date 05/11/2025
Oliver Bond	1 Bed Flat	06/01/2025	With Westside – estimated completion date 15/10/2025
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	2 Bed Flat	02/10/2025	With Depot

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 Westside - estimated completion date 15/10/2025
Oliver Bond	1 Bed Flat	01/12/2024	Ready To Let – awaiting nomination
Pimlico Square	1 Bed		Ready To Let – awaiting nomination
Pimlico Terrace	2 Bed Flat	06/06/2025	With Contractor – estimated completion date 29/09/2025, pending
Robert Emmet Close	1 Bed Flat		No Keys or Surrender received – Rent account closed in May 2025, to follow up
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 – estimated completion date 30/09/2025, pending
St. Anthony's Road	2 Bed House	25/08/2024	Ready To Let – under offer
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 date 10/10/2025
Thomas Court	1 Bed Flat	17/04/2024	With Depot
Thomas Court	2 Bed Flat	08/12/2024	With Contractor – estimated completion date 30/09/2025
Thomas Court Bawn	2 Bed Flat	01/12/2024	Surveying works being carried out – estimated completion date 30/09/2025
Thomas Court Bawn	2 Bed Flat	25/03/2025	With Contractor – estimated completion date 10/10/2025
Tyrone Place	1 Bed Flat	01/09/2025	With Contractor – estimated completion date 27/12/2025
Tyrone Place	Bedsit	14/12/2023	With Depot – estimated completion date 04/11/2025
Tyrone Place	2	03/08/2025	To be issued to contractor
Tyrone Place	2 Bed Flat	03/07/2025	With Contractor – estimated completion date 10/11/2025
Tyrone Place	2 Bed Flat	15/07/2025	With Contractor – estimated completion date 10/11/2025
Tyrone Place	Bedsit	22/07/2025	With Depot – estimated completion date 22/10/2025
Tyrone Place	Bedsit	30/03/2025	Short Term Maintenance Let
Tyrone Place	2 Bed Flat	30/03/2025	With Depot – estimated completion date 19/10/2025
Tyrone Place	2 Bed Flat	09/08/2025	To be issued to contractor
Weavers Row	2 Bed apartment		Short Term Maintenance Let
Weaver Square	2 Bed House	01/12/2024	Ready To Let – awaiting nomination

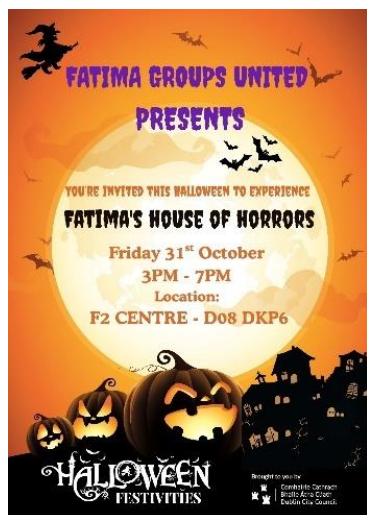
Community

Safer Halloween Programme

The Community and social development team have supported the delivery of eight Halloween Festivity events through the Halloween bursary scheme and the co-ordination of local steering groups. The following are details.

Fatima's House of Horrors

The Community and Social Development Team are supporting Fatima Group United with the 2025 Fatima/Rialto Halloween event. Fatima's House of Horrors will see the F2 Centre in Fatima be transformed into a haunted house experience – Not to be missed!

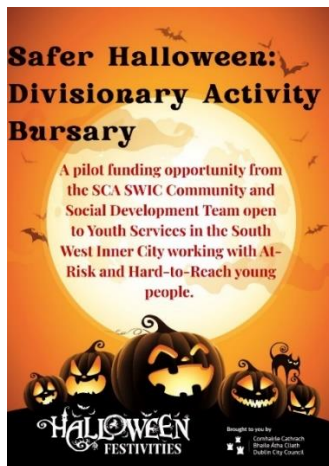
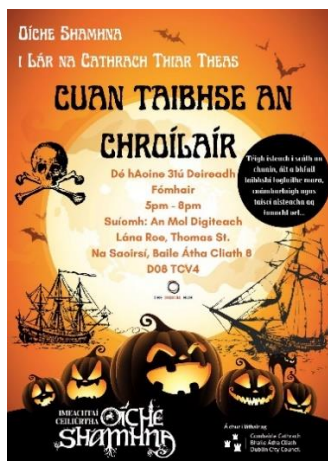


Gore Thru Core: Celebrating Creativity, Community, and Collaboration

CORE Youth Service, Common Ground, St Michael's Family Resource Centre, in partnership with the Community and Social Development Team are organising *Gore Thru Core*. Building on the success of last year's celebration, the initiative continues to encourage community spirit and intergenerational engagement through the creative arts. The event also responds to local concerns, such as the hoarding at the former St Michael's site, by transforming the public space through art and community activity. The programme includes a Haunted Trail and Pageant, starting at 4:30 p.m. from Thornton Heights up past the canal to Emmet Crescent, where festivities will continue until 7:00 p.m. The trail offers something for all ages. Workshops involving young people from CORE Youth Service, in addition to families engaged by staff from St Michael's FRC, and residents from surrounding areas are central to the events. The event is further supported by artists from Common Ground, who are working closely with the community to bring the event to life.

The Haunted Harbour at the Hub

This year, the Liberties Halloween event has been reimagined as *The Haunted Harbour at the Hub*. With the annual event moving to a new venue location: The Digital Hub Depot, led by the community and social development team and an oversight steering committee. The group were first tasked with establishing an *event tender assessment committee*, made up of local youth services, residents' associations, and community groups to allow a more meaningful engagement in the whole process of shaping and delivering a safe and fun Halloween event for the area. The Digital Hub Depot will be transformed into a spooky pirate's harbour, offering activities for children, young people, and families. Community input remains central to the event, with the evening developed and led by local groups - showcasing local talent and participation through performances on the main stage.



Safer Halloween: Halloween Diversionary Activity Bursary

The Community and Social Development team invited local youth services who work with hard-to-reach and at-risk young people to apply for funding to deliver alternative diversionary activity on Halloween night. This new support was in response to feedback from youth services to provide alternative, safe, and engaging activities for young people who are most vulnerable at Halloween. By supporting youth services to direct work with these young people in the community, the contribution aims to ensure that young people who may not otherwise engage in mainstream events have an opportunity to participate in a positive, safe, fun activity with their youth workers on Halloween night. Successful applicants were notified on 13.10.25

Halloween Community Led Bursary

A small bursary for voluntary groups and community organisations working with young people was provided to host small-scale Halloween events with a stay safe message. Five community led events are taking place in Donore, Bridgefoot Street, Dolphin House, Islandbridge and School Street with a range of activities from pumpkin carving, fancy dress and disco, storytelling and community planting.

Play Streets

The city-wide Play Streets initiative took place on Sunday 21st of September. The Community and Social Development Team supported groups with posters and play packs, in addition to attending the events in Bulfin Gardens, Margaret Kennedy Road, Mountshannon Rd/ Mayfield Rd/Maddison Rd, Donore Rd, Sandford Ave and Gray Street. There was positive feedback from those who took part in the initiative, with children reclaiming their streets and given a safe space to play. A big thank you to all who took part, we look forward to expanding upon this concept moving forward.



Gray Street: Play Street Dublin 8



Donore Ave./Margaret Kennedy Road: Play Street D.8

Oliver Bond End of Summer Event

The community and social development team supported the Oliver Bond resident’s group to organise a family day trip to Emerald Park for the children and young people and their parents/guardians who took part in the Summer Programme of Activities this summer with DCC and the OB Residents Group. This trip was funded by Merchants Quay Ireland through the MSIF Community Fund. The trip was hugely successful, and we will continue to engage with residents/parents in Oliver Bond to start the process of establishing a group to be supported to run a voluntary summer project in summer 2026.



Donore Community Run for Recovery Event

Held on the 24th of September, The *Donore Community Drug & Alcohol Team (DCDAT)* with the support of *Distance with Donna*, *Donore Avenue Running Club* held a community event: Run for Recovery. The event was full of energy and enthusiasm seeing over 50 participants partaking in the charity run, cheered on by many family members and the wider community. DCDAT hope to make this an annual event in the Donore Avenue area as part of Recovery Month. The Community and Social Development Team were proud to support this local community event.

Neighbourhood Voluntary Arts Grant Community Information Morning

To support local groups to apply for the Neighbourhood Voluntary Arts Grant, the community team are hosting an information session on Friday 17th October, 11am, F2 Centre, 3 Reuben Plaza, Rialto. This session will target community groups, local artists, or groups planning a local play, concert, festival, exhibition, or community arts programme etc. in 2026. Alison Clarke, Creative Communities Engagement Officer, Dublin City Council and Roisin Nevin, Creative Life Coordinator, MISA St. James Hospital will share information on applying for funding and discuss the type of projects that a community group can apply for. To register click here <https://forms.office.com/e/j866urx3e8?origin=lprLink>



Winter festive events bursary – South West Inner City: Coming Soon!

Each winter, the community and social development team collaborate with local communities to support inclusive festive events that foster connection and celebration. This year, we invite community and voluntary groups in the area to apply for a small bursary (ranging from €200 to €500 to host free, inclusive winter events in 2025. All applicants must meet the outlined criteria, which will focus on promoting community connection, inclusivity, and cultural respect. For more information and to apply click here

<https://forms.office.com/e/m9gguQhV1W?origin=IprLink>

Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremonies, Save the Dates

Preparations are underway for this year's Christmas Tree Lighting events in Cornmarket and Dolphin's Barn. These annual celebrations are a highlight of the festive season. The Community and Social Development Team is engaging with local schools, youth organisations, and community groups to support the delivery of these much-loved events, keeping community spirit and development at the heart of the festivities. Further details and promotional materials will be included in the November community report.

Cornmarket: 🎄 **Tuesday, 25th November at 6:00 p.m.**

Dolphin's Barn: 🎄 **Tuesday, 2nd December at 4:45 p.m.**

Public Domain



Approximately 332 m graffiti treated/removed under contract from public areas in the South Central Area Graffiti removed from Herberton Bridge, Rialto Bridge, Hanover Lane, Swifts Alley

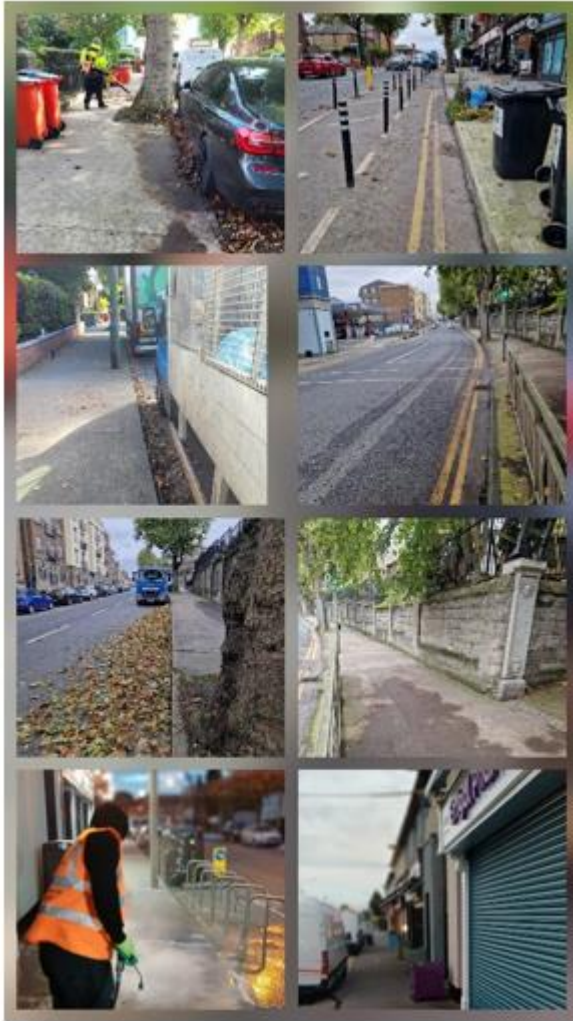
Waste Management figures power wash & graffiti removal jobs done from first week of January to the last week in September.

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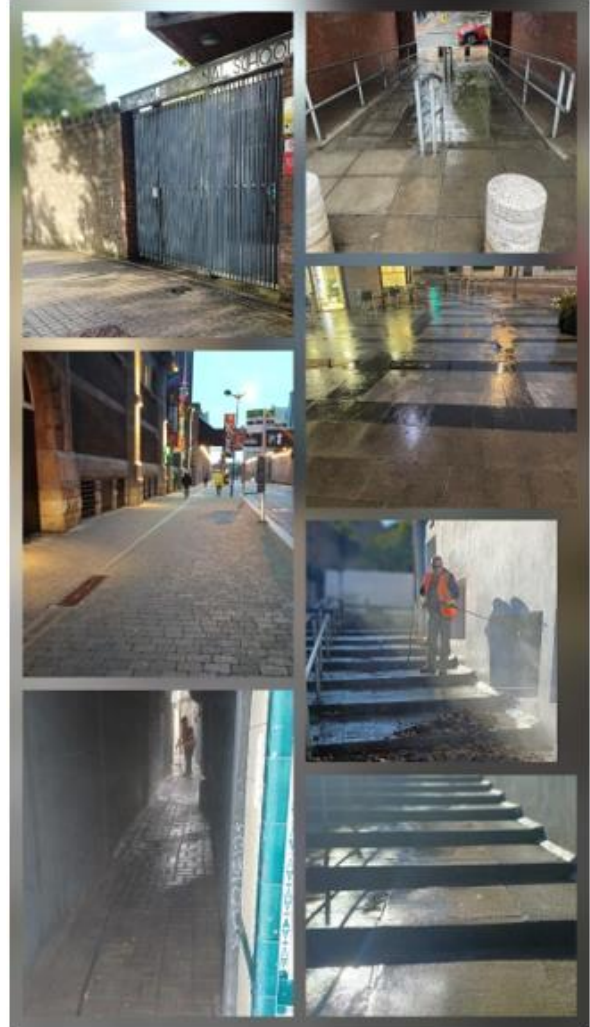
Power wash 559 Graffiti: 17

Community Clean-ups

Tidy Blackpitts, IEG, Dolphins Barn Biodiversity & Clean-up Group, Stillgarden.



Leaf Clearance from public footpaths is well under way: Leaf Clearance from: SCR, Suir Rd, Islandbridge, and Mountbrown



Public Realm Cleaning

Inchicore National School, Grattan Crescent, Hanover Arch, Market St, Rialto Village Shopping Area, Vicar St & Molyneux Yard, Cromwells Quarters – 40 Steps



Dublin Canvas Art Works

Submissions were received for an agreed 9 traffic control Boxes in SWIC. 6 have been completed: "Dublin Tiger" SCR Islandbridge, "You're a Piece of Bread" Heuston Station, "Garden" Patrick st, "Better Together" Parkgate St, "Urban Flock", SCR Islandbridge, "We're Still Young" ushers Island. The remaining 3 boxes will be completed in the coming weeks.

Halloween Stockpiling

Halloween is approaching with Public Domain concentrating on illegal hoarding of Bonfire materials. It is an offence under S32 Waste Management Act 1996 to hold, transport, recover or dispose of waste in a manner that causes or is likely to cause environmental pollution. Report stockpiling on Customer Services Tel. No. 01 222 2222 24/7 or use QR Code



BALLYFERMOT DRIMNAGH ELECTORAL AREA

Housing

Stonemount

Both successful and unsuccessful applicants were recently contacted for three-bedroom units, successful applicants are subject to Estate Management/Garda Clearance, clear rent account for transfer cases and all information is up to date. The applicants for the two- and three-bedroom units will be contacted in the coming weeks

Cornamona Court

The ICSH Community Housing Awards 2025 will take place soon. Staff from the housing agency are visiting Cornamona Court on Wednesday 8 October 2025 to look at the success of this mixed development and how it may be used in future developments.

Tristan Square

Tristan Square residents committee are meeting to arrange a Halloween Party. The meeting is taken place in the Area Office.

Voids

Type	Location	Bedrooms	Vacant possession date	Status	Estimated Completion date
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	with framework	19/12/2025
Apartment	BERNARD CURTIS HOUSE	1	16/02/2025	with framework	6/11/2025
House	BALLYFERMOT PARADE	2	22/09/2025	with 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	Tenant Selected	04/11/2025
House	CROFTWOOD DRIVE	3	With framework	11/10/2025	House
House	CROFTWOOD GARDENS	2	N/A	Tenant selected	1/11/2025
Apartment	CEDARBROO PLACE	1	5/08/2025	For framework	N/A
Apartment	DAVITT HOUSE	0	07/07/2024	With contractor	15/10/2025
Apartment	BERNARD CURTIS HOUSE	2	27/07/2025	For framework	29/10/2025
Apartment	DAVITT HOUSE	0	02/06/2024	With contractor	17/09/2025
Apartment	BERNARD CURTIS HOUSE	2	27/07/2025	For framework	N/A
Senior Citizens	LA TOUCHE COURT	0	6/8/2025	For framework	N/A
Senior Citizens	LA TOUCHE COURT	0	3/7/2025	For framework	N/A
Apartment	SEVEN OAKS	2	28/08/2025	Tenant selected	12/12/2025
House	RAHEEN PARK	3	8/8/2025	Tenant Selected	22/10/2025
House	BLACKDITCH ROAD	2	25/06/2025	Tenant selected	20/10//2025
House	LOUGHCONN ROAD	2	5/06/2025	For framework	29/10/2025
House	CHERRY ORCHARD AVENUE	3	3/8/2025	For framework	N/A
House	O'DWYER ROAD	3	25/05/2022	Tenant selected	Law Dept
House	O'MOORE ROAD	3	09/12/2024	Tenant selected	30/09/2025/ ESB works
Apartment	PHOENIX VIEW	2	18/12/2024	Tenant Selected	Ready
Senior Citizen	ROSSAVEAL COURT	1	28/05/2025	With framework	10/09/2025
Senior Citizens	ROSSAVEAL COURT	1	03/12/2023	Tenant selected	Ready

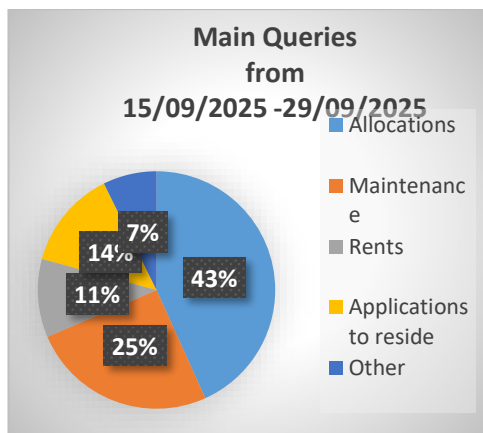
House	ROSSMORE ROAD	2	N/A	Tenant selected	Ready/ESB works
House	CROFTWOOD GROVE	4	N/A	With framework	12/11/2025
Senior Citizens	ROSSAVEAL COURT	1	24/8/2025	For framework	N/A
Apartment	GRAND CANAL VIEW	2	28/08/2025	For framework	30/12/2025

Administration Team

The Ballyfermot Drimnagh Area Office Administration Team were introduced to local stakeholders at a meeting on Wednesday the 24th of September. Local Councillors and members of *An Garda Síochána* were invited to meet the Administration, Housing, Community and Public Domain Teams. The event provided an opportunity for attendees to introduce themselves, share insights into their roles, and discuss future plans. A presentation outlining the teams' roles and actions 2026 was circulated to all Local Councillors following the meeting.

The Customer Care team has implemented to key actions to address priority work streams:

- A structured report and complaints system to monitor and respond to all complaints received
- A recording and monitoring system to ensure all correspondence from all stakeholders are responded to in a timely fashion



This approach highlights the team's commitment to transparency, responsiveness, and excellence in customer service.

With over 400 queries during this two-week period, Allocations, maintenance and rents are currently the most common queries dealt with directly by the Administration Team through all communication channels.

Funding has been provisionally secured for The Cherry Orchard Implementation Board to continue operating until October 2026. A report is being finalised for the Department of Justice to confirm the allocation of funds.



Progress Report & Draft Action Plan 2024
April 2024

A detailed Action Plan, including business cases and report is also in its final stages with a review of the draft to take place at the next COIB meeting on the 13th of October. The Action Plan is due to be presented to the Department before the end of 2025.



Community



The Orchard Centre

In recent weeks, The Orchard Community Centre was delighted to host an event by Dublin City Council which saw the Ballyfermot sister shed nominated in the 2025 IPB Pride of Place Awards

Furthermore, we were also delighted to welcome Katie Taylor to The Orchard Community Centre. Katie & her team came to visit The Cherry Orchard boxing club, who's gym & facilities are based in The Orchard Community Centre.



With Halloween only several weeks away, the Community Development team are working closely with Dublin Bus, An Garda Siochana as well as Dublin Fire Brigade to put on a Fire Safety talk in St Ultan's school. Final preparations are also underway for the annual Cherry Orchard Fireworks display.

Bluebell Community Council

The Bungalow Wellness Centre was featured in The Irish Times on 25th August who ran a double page spread on The Bungalow's history and current projects, with interviews from many of the staff and volunteers from Bluebell Community Development Project (CDP). It was well received and led to manager Paul Holmes being interviewed by Ray D'Arcy and Bluebell CDP manager Tommy Coombes being interviewed by Sean Moncrieff on their RTE Radio 1 and Newstalk FM shows. Link to The Irish Times article below

<https://www.irishtimes.com/life-style/people/2025/08/25/the-hidden-sanctuary-in-dublin-city-i-wasnt-a-nice-person-they-gave-me-a-chance/>

The Bungalow also saw the public launch of their sauna in September. The sauna - donated by addiction inpatient rehabilitation centre Tiglin - was integrated into the centre's outdoor container block, adding a changing room and shower installed by staff and volunteers.

September saw the completion of The Bungalow's new music and media studio. Over the last four months the original studio was stripped and completely redesigned by a team of sound engineers volunteering alongside the staff. The revamped studio is completely soundproofed and includes a professional standard podcast room, 24 track recording facility and a mixing and editing suite. A public launch is planned for the end of October.

Planning approval for the Bluebell Waterways housing development in September was welcomed by both Bluebell Community Council and Bluebell CDP, as the plan includes a full transplant and relocation of The Bungalow's facilities and projects into the new development, during its Phase Two.

Dynamic Drimnagh

Autism Friendly Town: September: Dynamic Drimnagh has signed up to participate in the D12 Autism Friendly Town. *Dynamic Drimnagh 2030 Plan: A Strategic Review 2025* has been completed and will be distributed to the Dublin South City Partnership, Dublin City

Council Executives, Community Development Staff, Parks & Biodiversity, Planning and elected representatives this month.

Halloween Bluebell

Bluebell Youth service will be hosting their annual Haunted House in the Bluebell community and sports centre once again this year with support from the community team and the staff from the centre. The event will take place on 31st of October and run from 3 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.

Halloween Inchicore

The community team are supporting Ring St. Youth club to engage with residents of all ages to put on a Halloween event in Inchicore. This will take place on the 31st of October.

Dublin City Council Culture Company

Claire Duggan DCCCC gave a presentation to the community team on the findings from their cultural audit on the 24th of September.

Christmas 2025

The community team continue to engage with various stakeholders in the Ballyfermot Drimnagh area to put together Christmas tree lighting ceremonies.

Visit of the European President of the Committee of the Regions

Dublin City Council's European Office in conjunction with the Ballyfermot Drimnagh Area Office community team and supported by the Bluebell CDP are delighted to welcome Ms. Kata Tutto to the 'Bungalow' in Bluebell on *October 7th '25 at 11am*. Ms. Tutto will hear from various speakers on the day with presentation to include the following: -

The Bluebell Community Council members will discuss their work in social care and Job Coaching, Homelessness and addiction care charity work. Also, the new Community and Social Development team will present their approach to evidence the work carried out in Bluebell insuring the most vulnerable in our neighbourhoods' voices are heard and needs are met.

They will also discuss the URBACT project and how we can learn best practice from other cities in Europe and share knowledge and information.

The Dublin South City Partnership alongside members of the Dolphin House Regeneration Board will discuss community of practice for regeneration in the D10/D8 areas and how building sustainable communities is key to the future success of growing neighbourhoods.

Ballyfermot Community Civic Centre September 2025



Recovery day was held in the People's Park on 27th September funded by Local drugs Task Force. The **event was community awareness campaign** that celebrates people who are in recovery from drug or alcohol addiction. We **celebrated recovery journeys** while promoting awareness showing recovery is achievable. The day enabled people to connect with local services and prevention programmes.

Public Domain

Halloween 2025

The Public Domain Office is currently compiling a list of businesses and households to forward to Waste Enforcement Section for investigation. Where Waste Enforcement believe materials are being deliberately left out for children to collect for bonfires, they will initiate Enforcement action.

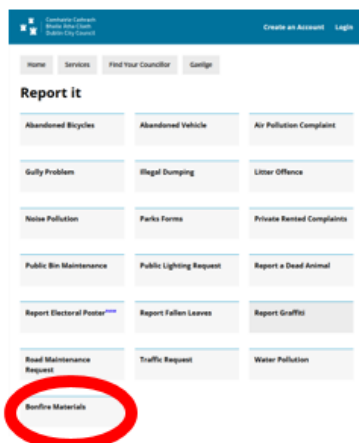
It is an offence under Section 32 of the Waste Management Act 1996 for a person to “hold, transport, recover or dispose of waste in a manner that causes or is likely to cause environmental pollution” or to “transfer the control of waste to any person other than an appropriate person”. This is a particular issue around Halloween with some businesses and households leaving potential bonfire material accessible to passers-by to take.

The Public Domain Office will continue to monitor the situation and any business or household behaving in this manner will be reported to the Waste Enforcement Section for further investigation and possible prosecution, this could result in a fine of up to €5,000 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or both. They may also be held liable to pay the costs and expenses incurred in relation to the investigations, detection and prosecution of the offence.

Bonfire Materials You can now log a report of suspected Bonfire Material directly to DCC via Citizen Hub at https://citizenhub.dublincity.ie/en/service/Bonfire_Materials or you can scan the QR code below.

Here you can report suspected Bonfire Material located on a Public Street or Laneway, Park or Green Area, Private Property or in DCC Housing Complex.

Simply log in or continue anonymously and then follow the on screen instructions. You will be asked to either drop a pin on a map or type in the address, you then select Pallets, Tyres or other. You can state if it's an immediate hazard and you can upload a photo. You will be asked to give a brief description of the amount of material you're reporting plus any additional information that you feel is relevant.



QR Code link to
Citizen Hub/waste



Bus Connects

The Public Domain Officer, Liam Hendrick has been nominated as the area point of contact for Bus Connects projects that will run through the Ballyfermot Drimnagh Area.

The Liffey Valley to City Centre Route is the first scheme to be commence in the area, works are due to start December 2025. This will include Site Clearance works along the route. The works will continue for around three years and are due to conclude in early 2028.

The works have been planned to ensure that construction moves up and down the corridor to minimise and mitigate the impact of construction on the community.

Types of works will include but are not limited to road works (including road widening), installation of critical infrastructure, drainage upgrades, public lighting installation and improvements to the urban realm, including new landscaping. All planned works will be communicated in detail to impacted residents and stakeholders, with updates provided on this website www.liffeyvalleyscheme.ie.

You can see the planned rollout of upcoming works for the Liffey Valley to City Centre Scheme by clicking on the following link – [Liffey Valley Scheme program of works](#).

For the full Liffey Valley to City Centre Scheme plans can be viewed at this link, [Liffey Valley Scheme drawings](#).

Please feel free to email queries to cbc@busconnects.ie



Public Realm Projects being progressed via Bus Connects

Liffey Valley to City Centre

The Public Domain Unit are actively engaging with the NTA to incorporate public realm improvement schemes into the planned works for Bus Connects, to avoid unnecessary disruptions, duplication or waste of taxpayers' money. The first scheme we have looked at is the requirement for a separate metered service for the supply of power at Grange Cross, Ballyfermot Road/Le Fanu Road junction for our annual festive tree lighting.

Electrical services, Public Lighting Division had indicated that the Commission for Energy Regulation issued a decision paper on unmetered supply, which requires that festive lighting such as those at Grange Cross be metered.

These works would require road openings and ducting works. The Public Domain office engaged with the NTA to have these works incorporated into the proposed Bus Connects works to avoid unnecessary duplication & disruption on this section of roadway.



St Michaels School, Kylemore Road.

We are currently working through the best possible solution for same and hope to have agreement shortly on a solution that will meet our needs both now and into the future.

Dublin Canvas

Public Domain Office commissioned 8 Traffic utility boxes to be painted by local artists to enhance the Public Realm and hopefully cut down on graffiti tagging of these DCC assets. Locations picked including the one above @ St Michaels School, Kylemore Road are:

1. Ballyfermot Road/Blackditch Drive, Dublin 10
2. Ballyfermot Upper, Dublin 10
3. Davitt Road, Naas Road, Inchicore, Dublin.
4. Cooley Road, Crumlin, Dublin.
5. Naas Road, Kylemore Road, Inchicore, Dublin
6. AIB Ballyfermot Road, Ballyfermot, Dublin 12.
7. Errigal Road/Drinmogh Road, Drinmogh, Dublin 12.

Graffiti removal Lane off Sarsfield Road

Khyber Pass alley to CIE works, Sarsfield Road



Homeless reporting The Public Domain Office recently came across two tents in Lynch's Lane.



If you notice anyone rough sleeping in the community, please report it. You can go directly online to the Dublin Region Homeless Executive website (link below) and report it

<https://www.homelessdublin.ie/homeless/i-am-rough-sleeping/report-rough-sleeper>

Or Download the Dublin Rough Sleeper Alerts app from the Apple store or Google play store.

Street Washing crew in action throughout the Area



Ballyfermot



Chapelizod



Crumlin Village



Drimnagh

Age Friendly in SCA

Older Person Complex Event & Consultation

Community and Social Development Team, in collaboration with our Housing Estate Management team held social events in Robinson Court and Memorial Gardens senior citizens' complexes during Positive Ageing Week. These events allowed the team to conduct resident surveys to gather feedback on the types of activities residents would like to participate in, both within and outside the complexes. Working alongside our community development partners, we aim to develop a programme of activities that will engage residents, particularly those who may be harder to reach and help reduce social isolation.

Inchicore Positive Ageing Community Information Event

On Wednesday, 1st October 2025, Dublin City Council's Community Team, in partnership with Dublin South City Partnership, St Michael's Family Resource Centre, St Patrick's

Athletic FC, and Dublin City Library at Richmond Barracks, hosted the inaugural Positive Ageing Information Day in Inchicore. The event was held at Inchicore Community & Sports Centre and Inchicore College. As part of the celebration, Richmond Barracks library hosted a special “Tea and Chats” session with Brian Kerr, along with a Memory Workshop, adding a warm and engaging touch to the day’s activities. The event was a resounding success, drawing local attendance and featuring representatives from 20 agencies who shared their knowledge and resources directly with the local community. We look forward to seeing this initiative grow into an annual celebration during Positive Ageing Week in Inchicore.



South Central Area Older People’s Council Join Up Campaign

The community and social development team were delighted to host an information session in the F2 Community Centre as part of our South-Central Area Older People’s Council (OPC) awareness campaign. An OPC is a way of bringing together older people to represent their collective views, influence policy, inform local initiatives and bring about improvements in the quality of life of older people. It works closely with local agencies and the voluntary sector to deliver Dublin City’s Age Friendly programme and Age Friendly Ireland National programme.

A series of information sessions and meetings with local voluntary groups will take place across the southwest inner city over October and November to encourage people over 55 years of age and living in the area to join the OPC. For more information, please visit <https://forms.office.com/e/wTLtSdpTRd?origin=lprLink>



Older People's Council

Dublin Age Friendly warmly invite individuals from all backgrounds to join the South Central Area Older People's Council

ARE YOU OVER 55 YEARS AND WOULD YOU LIKE TO

- Have your voice heard
- Raise issues or concerns impacting older people
- Keep upto date with information and supports
- Have an interest in ageing well

For More Information or To Register

(01)222 4664
 Aoife.hannan@dublincity.ie
 Use the link or scan the QR Code
<https://forms.office.com/e/wTLtSd pTRd?origin=lpriLink>



DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL SOUTH WEST INNER CITY
 Inchicore, Kilmairhan, Islandbrige, Rialto, Dolphin's Barn, Fatima The Libertie's

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.

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The Orchard centre as part of the Age friendly week, The Orchard Centre put on several events including bowls & pickle ball.

Healthy Homes Ireland

The Community team continue to engage with older persons complexes in the area with more introductions from Naomi Dixon Health Homes Ireland coordinator with visits Fr. Lemass and Riverview court so residents can sign up to avail of the services that Naomi offers.

Dymanic Drimnagh

Positive Ageing Week:

September: The Drimnagh Historical Group undertakes a series of podcasts to catalogue the social history of Drimnagh since the 1930's onwards.

1st October: Senior residents participated in a gym session with George at G Force Fitness in the Bosco Centre.

2nd October: Cathy Scuffil, History in Residence gave a talk on Drimnagh to residents who attend the Mother McAuley Day Care Centre.

Positive Ageing Week

The community development team were delighted to support the facilitation of over 10 events to celebrate Positive Ageing Week 2025. Events hit core topics such as mindfulness, educational and historical talks, intergenerational events, community engagement and active ageing. With the help of local community groups and services the programme not only

contained a varied list of activities but also included many geographical locations, meaning more people in the Ballyfermot Drimnagh area could engage with Positive Ageing Week.



Dublin City Council
South Central Area *events*

Positive Ageing Week 26th September to 3rd October 2025
 Activities include:

Ballyfermot Sports Complex – Intergenerational Sports and Activities Date: 26th of Sept. and 2nd Oct. 10.00-12.00pm	The Mother McAuley Centre – Talk by Historian Cathy Scuffell The Roads of Drimnagh. Date: 2nd of October 2025 Time: 11.00am
Ballyfermot Civic Centre Generations in Motion - Fitness Classes Starting 29th Sept. 2.00-4.00pm	St. Mathews Family Resource Centre – Educational Trip Date: 30th of September Time: 10.00-17.00pm Closed event
Young at Heart, Radio Series Launch, Ballyfermot Civic Centre 30th of September Time: 2.00-4.00pm	HSE Badminton Club – Introduction to Badminton 1st October Time: 8.00-9.30 pm Ballyfermot Sports Complex
D10/20 Men's Shed – Introduction to Pitch and Putt Date: 2nd of October 2025 Time: 10.00-2.00pm Closed event.	Drimnagh Women's Shed Age Friendly Exercise Class 29th September Time: 11.00am St. John Bosco Centre




Positive Ageing Week

Positive ageing week was funded by Dublin City Council. We had an activity each day bringing together different age groups, the project encouraged greater understanding of the challenges and experiences faced by each generation. Through shared activities, the project promoted positive connections throughout the day.

Older Persons Council

The Ballyfermot/Drimnagh area office continues to work closely with SWIC in the formation of an Older Persons Council for the area. Positive Ageing Week provided an excellent opportunity to speak to people about the upcoming OPC formation, and we thank everyone for their engagement. Applications for the expression of interest form are open and live.