



Director of Services Report South Central Area Committee Meeting 19th November, 2025



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SOUTH WEST INNER CITY ELECTORAL AREA

Public Realm & Capital Programmes

Meath Street Public Realm Improvement Scheme – tendering has now been completed for the main works contract for this scheme. It is expected that work will commence on the street from January and continue into 2027. Work will progress in stages along the street to ensure that the street remains open for businesses. A communications plan will be place for the duration of the project with regular updates to local businesses and residents. Further information on the programme will be provided in the December report.

Newmarket & Environs – a significant programme of street resurfacing has now been completed at Newmarket and two adjoining streets. A reordering of P&D parking and loading in the area will follow. Permanent street furniture including seats, tree planters and cycle parking will be installed by end of January.

Vicar Street Parklet – work is progressing to refurbish the playground beside Michael Mallin House to create a new parklet. The parklet should be completed in mid-December. The space includes the provision of play features, seating, tree planting and soft landscaping.

Street Tree Planting Projects – Parks Services will be planting additional trees along Clarence Mangan Road over the coming tree planting season as the latest action of the ‘Trees for Tenters’ plan.

The Area Office will also be shortly canvassing the views of residents on Chamber Street and Ormond Street for the addition of trees along these streets. The on-street trees pits are intended to complement new P&D and Permit parking arrangements being introduced to these streets.

Tree planting on St Anthony’s Road, Haroldville Avenue and Reuben Street will take place at the end of November to complete recent work on these street. In total 14 new trees are being provided in on-street tree pits.

Tendering is underway for the addition of trees and planted area at Carman’s Hall. It is hoped to complete planned work in Spring 2026.

The Iveagh Market – tendering has been completed for a major programme of stabilisation and roof renewal work to the Iveagh Market. The announcement of the successful tenderer will be made shortly with the expectation to commence work on the project in January.



New seating recently installed in Rialto village as part of an area-wide initiative.

Housing

Oliver Bond House

Power washing of the football pitch in the Oliver Bond estate was completed in advance of the community event to ensure the area was clean and ready for use.



Michael Mallin House

Construction work has now commenced on the new Michael Mallin Park, marking the start of the development.



Robert Emmet Walk / Close

Playground works are now underway and are expected to be completed within one week.



The trees have been pruned, with all dead branches carefully removed to ensure safety and promote healthy growth.



Bonham Court

New glass covers have been installed in the communal areas of Bonham Court. The measure aims to prevent birds from accessing the apartment blocks and nesting in the pigeonholes.



Coombe Court

The most affected areas within Coombe Court were cleared and weeded to improve the overall appearance and condition of the grounds.



Graffiti was removed to restore the wall to a clean and neat condition.



Address	Type of Unit	Vacant Possession Date	Status
Bertram Court	1 Bed	30/03/2025	With Contractor
Braithwaite Street	2 Bed	05/06/2025	Ready To Let
Bulfin Court	1 Bed	09/03/2025	Ready To Let – nomination received
Bulfin Court	1 Bed	04/09/2025	With Depot
Bulfin Court	1 Bed	29/09/2025	With Depot
Bulfin Court	1 Bed Flat	02/03/2025	With Depot - estimated completion 16/10/2025
Bulfin Court	1 Bed Flat	29/07/2025	Ready To Let – awaiting nomination
Bulfin House	1 Bed Flat	07/07/2025	Ready To Let – awaiting nomination
Bulfin House	1 Bed Flat		With Depot - estimated completion 28/01/2026
Coombe Court	1 Bed	13/07/2025	With Depot - estimated completion 30/10/2025
Dolphin House	1 Bed	23/07/2025	RIP
Dolphin House	1 Bed	24/08/2025	With Depot
Dolphin House	2 Bed Flat	30/03/2025	Ready To 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
Dolphin House	1 Bed Flat	15/05/2025	With Depot
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	2 Bed Flat	01/09/2025	With Depot
Dolphin House	2 Bed Flat	17/12/2023	Ready To Let – CBL, awaiting nomination
Echlin Street	1 Bed Apartment	22/04/2024	RTL - 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
Fingal Street	1 Bed House	10/10/2025	With Contractor
Garden View	1 Bed Apartment	13/05/2025	With Depot – estimated completion 30/09/2025
Grand Canal	2 Bed Apartment	22/08/2025	With Contractor - estimated completion 30/12/2025
Islandbridge Court	2 Bed Flat		Surrender received 20/05/25

Islandbridge Court	2 Bed	27/08/2025	With Contractor – estimated completion 31/12/2025
Viking Harbour	2 Bed Apartment	26/06/2025	Ready To Let
Margaret Kennedy Court	1 Bed Apartment	10/11/2024	Ready To Let – CBL, awaiting new nomination
Margaret Kennedy Court	2 Bed Apartment	10/11/2024	With Depot
Marrowbone Lane	2 Bed Flat	28/01/2025	Ready To Let
Marrowbone Lane	2 Bed Flat	30/03/2025	Ready To Let
Mary Aikenhead House	0 Bed Flat	18/07/2025	With Depot – estimated completion date 18/10/2025
Mary Aikenhead House	1 Bed	14/09/2025	With Depot
Memorial Court	1 Bed	25/09/2025	With Depot
Memorial Court	2 Bed Flat	04/05/2025	Ready To Let – awaiting new nomination
Memorial Court	1 Bed Flat	24/04/2025	With Depot
Memorial Court	1 Bed Flat	11/07/2025	Ready To Let – nomination received
Metropolitan Apartments	2 Bed Apartment		Ready To Let – awaiting new nomination
Michael Mallin	1 Bed Flat	16/10/2025	With Depot
Newport Street	1 Bed House	16/05/2025	With Contractor – estimated completion date 19/11/2025
Oliver Bond	2 Bed Flat	24/11/2024	With Contractor
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	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	05/10/2025	With Contractor
Oliver Bond	2 Bed Flat	18/08/2024	With Contractor
Oliver Bond	2 Bed Flat	02/10/2025	With Depot
Oliver Bond	2 Bed Flat	02/02/2025	With Westside - estimated completion date 15/10/2025
Oliver Bond	1 Bed Flat	01/12/2024	With Contractor
Pimlico Square	1 Bed		Ready To Let – awaiting nomination
Pimlico Terrace	2 Bed Flat	06/06/2025	Ready To Let
Reuben Street	1 Bed Apartment	01/09/2025	With Contractor

Reuben Street	1 Bed Apartment	01/09/2025	
Robert Emmet Close	1 Bed Flat		With Contractor – estimated completion date 28/01/2026
Robinsons Court	1 Bed Ground Floor	31/10/2025	With Depot
School Street	2 Bed Flat	26/03/2023	Short Term Let
School Street	2 Bed Flat	05/09/2025	With Contractor – estimated completion date 03/02/2026
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	23/09/2025	With Contractor
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	With Contractor – estimated completion date 21/01/2026
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	1 Bed Flat	13/10/2025	With Contractor
Tyrone Place	2 Bed Flat	30/03/2025	With Depot – estimated completion date 19/10/2025
Tyrone Place	2 Bed Flat	09/08/2025	With Contractor – estimated completion date 26/01/2025

Community

We would like to acknowledge the enormous contribution of local residents and community groups in organising the many Halloween activities.

The success of these events would not have been possible without the commitment and involvement of these selfless volunteers who did their communities proud.

Community Safer Halloween Programme

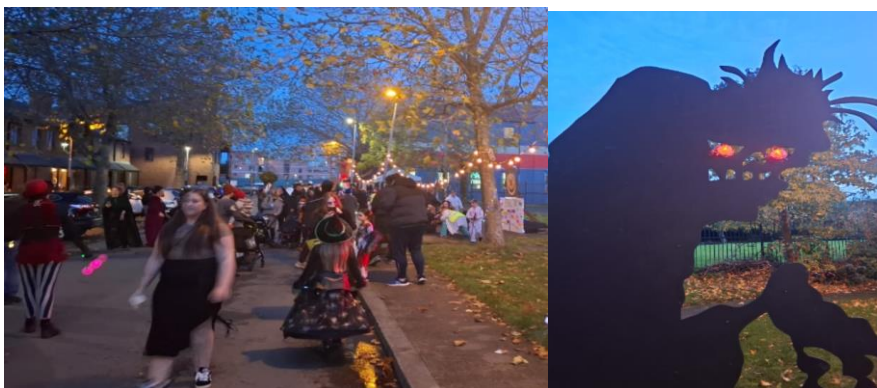
The Community and Social Development team supported five community led Halloween events alongside the three flagship events across the South West Inner City. In addition to

financial support, the team created and circulated both digital and physical safety information leaflets to participating groups to assist with the 'safety element of the campaign'

The Haunted at the Harbour: This year, the Liberties Halloween event was reimagined as *The Haunted Harbour* at The Digital Hub Depot. Led by the Community and Social Development Team with local groups, the venue transformed into a spooky pirate harbour. Community input shaped activities and performances, creating a safe, fun evening for families and youth.



Gore Thru Gore: CORE Youth Service, Common Ground, and St Michael's Family Resource Centre partnered with the Community and Social Development Team to deliver *Gore Thru Core*. Building on last year's success, the event transformed Emmet Crescent, Inchicore through art, featuring a Haunted Trail and Pageant with workshops and performances. This event was well attended by across the community and worked to fostering creativity and community spirit.



Friday Fright Night @ F2: The F2 Centre was transformed into a spooky Haunted House, following preparatory workshops for costumes, props, and decorations. Families enjoyed a haunted house experience, scary storytelling, a kids' disco, and a concert, with a sensory space for additional needs. The event was organised by Fatima Groups United and provided the community with a safe, fun celebration of Halloween.

Community led Halloween Events

The Safer Halloween small bursary supported voluntary groups and community organisations to host safe, small-scale Halloween events for young people. Five community-led celebrations took place in Donore, Bridgefoot Street, Dolphin House, Pimlico Green, and School Street, featuring activities such as pumpkin carving, fancy dress, discos, storytelling, and community planting to promote safety and fun.



Bridgefoot Street – Hosted by Bridgefoot Street Youth Club



Pimlico Green – Hosted by Liberties Residents Association



Flanagan's Fields Community Garden



Dolphin's Barn Community Development Association

Halloween Diversionary Support:

In addition to continued efforts to promote safety, pro-social and positive Halloween activities for young people across our community, the Solas Youth Project engaged 20 young people

in a two-day residential trip to Newry, offering a positive alternative to street activity on Halloween Night. Alongside this, youth workers carried out 6 hours of outreach in known hotspots across Dublin 8 and 12, distributing over 200 harm-reduction packs containing water, burn gel, and sweets to encourage safer choices. For the first time, Solas Project hosted an in-house Halloween event for harder-to-reach youth. Running from 7 p.m. to midnight, it attracted 45 young people for games, movies, competitions, and entertainment by magician Jack Wise and comedian Patser Murray. These initiatives were supported by the Community and Social Development Office through the pilot *Diversionary Alternative Activity Bursary* we trialled for 2025.



Bulfin Court Centenary Workshop

On Saturday, October 18th, the Bulfin Centenary Workshop took place at Richmond Barracks, bringing together local residents and community representatives to explore ideas for celebrating the estate's 100-year history. The event was organised by the Community and Social Development Office in partnership with Bulfin Estate Residents Association. Historian Cathy Scuffill delivered an engaging presentation on the Bulfin Estate's cultural significance, followed by a Q&A session. Maria O'Reilly from the Tenters Celebrated Heritage Group shared insights from the 2020 Tenters Centenary, highlighting successful approaches and lessons learned. The workshop, facilitated by Catherine O'Donnell of Dublin City Culture Company, encouraged those attending to identify possible initiatives, realistic timelines, and how to ensure strong community engagement during the project planning and celebration.

South Central Area City Neighbourhood Awards the Community and Social Development Team were delighted to attend and celebrate with the fantastic community and voluntary groups we work with from the South West Inner City who triumphed at the South Central Areas City Neighbourhoods Awards. Congratulations to all those awarded and recognised for their hard work and dedication in



Bridgefoot Street Youth Club, Tenters Residents Association, Maryland Residents Association

Women's Aid 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence 2025
 The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence runs from November 25 to December 10. This year's theme is *"UNiTE to End Digital Violence against All Women and Girls."* The campaign raises awareness and encourages action to end violence against women and girls, with a focus on online and digital abuse. As part of the campaign, the Community and Social Development Team, in partnership with the Children and Family Support Network (CFSN), are collaborating with Women's Aid to host a *"Too Into You"* Project workshop for young women in the South West Inner City (aged 18-25). This workshop will take place in early December with date TBC.



Oliver Bond Residents Group – Recognition Award

The Oliver Bond Residents Group honoured Dionne Lyons, who represented Ireland at the Homeless World Cup in Norway in August 2025, scoring an incredible 22 goals. Achieving her lifelong dream of wearing the Irish jersey, Dionne's success was celebrated as a moment of pride for her family, friends, and the wider Liberties community. The event, held at the Liberties Community Project, was well attended by local services that supported Dionne throughout her journey. Dionne stands as a fantastic role model for Oliver Bond House, the Liberties, and communities across Ireland.



Armistice 2025 – Remembering Canon Francise Gleeson

The World War I Remembrance Service was organised by the Liberties History Class, focusing on honouring Canon Francis Gleeson. Local men from the Liberties who served and lost their lives in WWI were also remembered. Supported by the Community and Social Development Office, the event was attended by family, residents and pupils from Francis Street School and St Brigid's, The Coombe.



Community Winter Festivities Programme

In addition to the two tree lighting ceremonies scheduled for Cornmarket and Dolphins Barns, the Community and Social Development Team are collaborating with local community groups and services and supporting a series of inclusive festive events and activities. Over 900 are expected to attend these local events.



Note: All event dates/ time TBC

Change Clothes CLG	The Great Christmas Cracker Make Off	11/12/2025	6-8pm
Dublin Food Co op	Christmas Social	05/12/2025	6pm - 12
Core Youth Service	Christmas Grotto	13/12/2025	12pm
Islandbridge court youth project	Islandbridge Christmas party	19/12/2025	4 to 7
Islandbridge Court	Xmas Lights Ceremony	12/12/2025	5 to 6pm
Dolphin House CDA	Christmas Party and Market	09/12/2025	1.30-3.30
Rialto Community Network	Older Peoples Community Christmas Event	10/12/2025	2.30pm - 4.30pm
Rialto Development Group/ Rialto Youth Project	Community Winter Fair	11/12/2025	5pm -7.30pm
South West Inner City Network (SWICN)	Christmas Wreath Making	16/12/2025	12 noon
Maryland Community Association	Maryland Christmas Party	14/12/2025	2-5.30pm
Inchicore for All	Festive wreath and crafting evening	10/12/2025	19.30 - 21.30
Bridgefoot Street Youth Group	Santa's Visit To Bridgefoot Street	19/12/2025	6pm
Tenters Residents Association	Lighting the Tenters Christmas Tree	14/12/2025	4.00pm
St Pauls Senior Citizens	Christmas Party	10/12/2025	2.30pm
The Liberties Community Project	Christmas Event - The Liberties Community Project	13/11/2025	2pm-5pm

Neighbourhood Voluntary Arts Grant Community Information Morning

The Neighborhood Voluntary Arts Grant Information Session was hosted by the Community and Social Development Team on Friday 17th October, 11am, F2 Centre, 3 Reuben Plaza, Rialto. This session was attended by over 15 people across community groups and local Alison Clarke, Creative Communities Engagement Officer, Dublin City Council and Roisin Nevin, Creative Life Coordinator, MISA St. James Hospital presenting on the funding opportunities available and explored the type of projects



Public Domain

Graffiti Treatment

331 meters of graffiti treated across the area. Offensive graffiti is given priority.



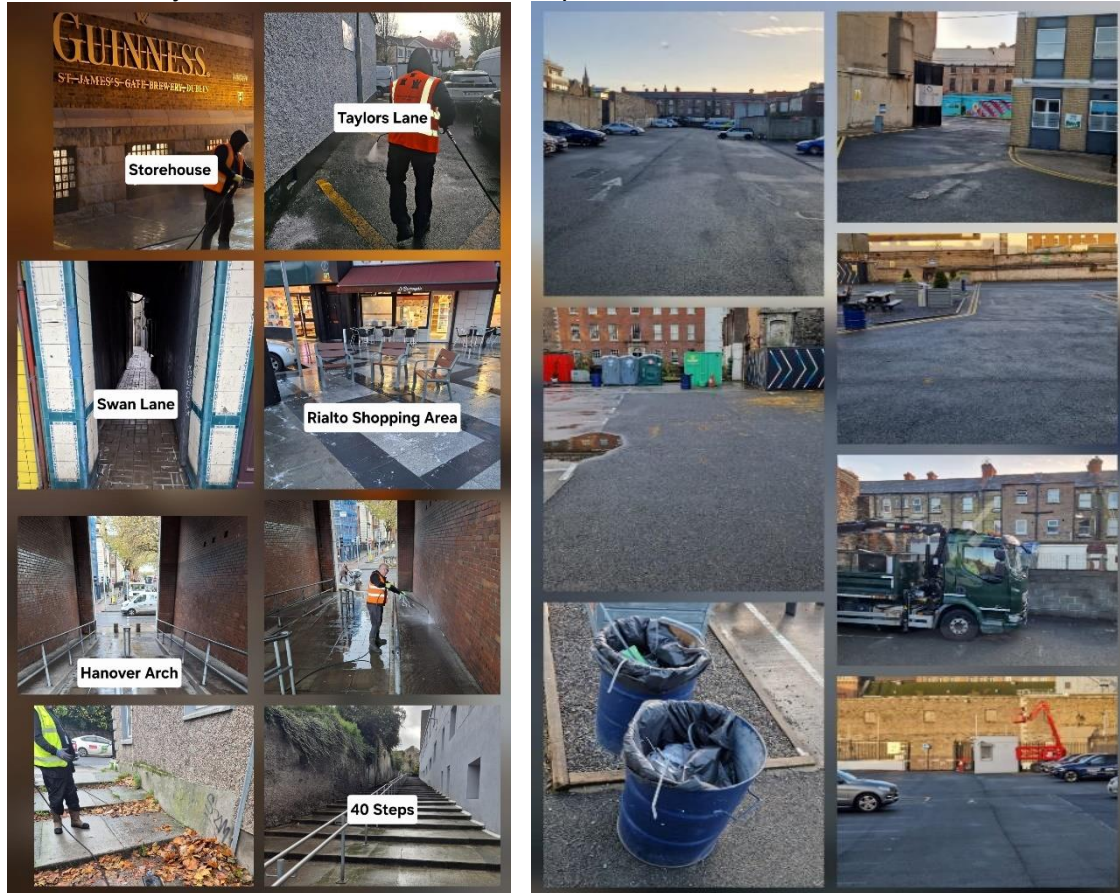
Suir Road Bridge 178m Graffiti treated

Illegally placed Parking Cones removed from public streets October 24th

Long's Place, James's Walk, McCarthys Terrace, Robert Street South, New Port Street, Herberton Walk, St Antonys Road, Reuben Walk, Brabazon Street, Weavers Street, New Market Street

Street Wash Crew Activities

The Wash Crew provide street washing at high footfall areas. The Locations visited over the past month: Guinness Storehouse Market St, Taylor's Lane, Swan Lane, Vicar St, Hanover Arch walkway, Cromwell's Quarters 40 Steps between Bow Lane and Mount Brown

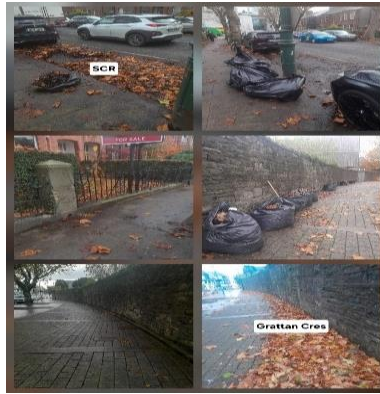


Post Halloween Event Clean-up Digital Hub off Thomas St and Guinness overflow car park Crane St

Autumn Leaf Collection SWIC

As it Leaf Fall Season a great focus is placed on cleaning up leaf fall along tree-lined street, footpaths and cycle ways. Leaves can lay over the surface of the gullies and hamper run-off from rainwater

Public Domain can arrange for leaf clearing equipment and leaf bags to allow communities to come together and collect leaves from public spaces. Waste Management on request will collect community leaf pick bags for composting at a contracted facility. As we introduce more trees as a climate action, leaves can produce a really good quality leaf mould ideal for bulb planting or mulching.



Dublin City Council collects hundreds of tonnes of fallen leaves from the city streets each Autumn. In residential areas where it is not possible to provide the same frequency of service, many residents' groups and associations get involved in helping to manage their own areas by carrying out leaf clearing initiatives. Dublin City Council provides bags and equipment to these groups and removes the collected bagged leaves free of charge. If a group/association or individual would like to Get involved, contact Public Domain at SouthWestInnercity@dublincity.ie



Community Clean-ups

Rialto Cottages	Riato Environmental Group	Dolphin's Barn Canal Biodiversity & Clean-Up Group
A special mention to Volunteer Ireland for their first clean up in the SWIC area	Core Youth Services	Inchicore Environmental Group

	Open Cases	Closed Cases	Grand Total
Abandoned Bicycles	2	0	2
Abandoned Vehicle	16	9	25
Bulky Household Waste Collection	7	26	33
Community Clean Up Collection	3	61	64
Illegal Dumping	10	303	313
Litter Offence	9	67	76
On Street - Weed Control	1	2	3
Public Bin Maintenance	2	38	40
Report a Dead Animal	0	18	18
Report Fallen Leaves	3	37	40
Report Graffiti	5	50	55
Request a Dog Fouling Sign	7	0	7
Street Cleaning Sweep Your Street	0	50	50
Grand Total	65	661	726

Dog Poo Bags delivered to Richmond barracks.

A fresh batch of dog poo bags delivered to Inchicore library in Richmond barracks. Dog walkers can avail of the bags by asking at the library front desk. Bags are also available from Public Domain & Litter Management Office, Eblana House, Marrowbone Lane. Contact Public Domain at SouthWestInnercity@dublincity.ie for more Information.



City Neighbourhood Awards 2025

The awards ceremony, held at the Clayton Hotel, Burlington Road, Ballsbridge, celebrated the dedication of volunteers who work tirelessly to enhance their local areas. Lord Mayor of Dublin, Councillor Ray McAdam presented the deserving winners with their award at the ceremony in the Clayton Hotel, Burlington Road, Ballsbridge. Below is a selection of pictures from the night.



Congratulations to Winners from the South West Inner City Groups

- Bridgefoot Street Youth Group – Chief Executive's Special Project
- Glenmalure Biodiversity & Environmental Committee- Endeavour Award
- Tidy Drimnagh- Dublin Community Clean-up
- Helen Burke -Individual contribution (Rialto Environmental Group and retired member of South West Inner City Community Development Team)
- 12-29 Rialto Cottages- 1-150 Houses
- Maryland Community Association- 151-300 Houses

BALLYFERMOT DRIMNAGH ELECTORAL AREA

Housing

Stonemount

Iveagh Trust have contacted a number of tenants for interviews. Ivy Trust will arrange viewings and signings after the interviews.

Hollybrook

Tenants have received their keys and are in the process of moving into their new homes.

Cornamona Court

The ICSH Community Housing Awards 2025 will take place soon. Staff from the Housing Agency visited the complex and met with some of the tenants. The Housing Agency are due to publish their report in the Housing Insights Series.

Tristan Square

Tristan Square residents had a very successful Halloween party. The residents' association are having their AGM this Month.

Choice Based Lettings A number of housing units have recently been placed on CBL for applicants to apply for.

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	10/10/2025	For framework	N/A
House	LA TOUCHE DRIVE	2	3/10/2025	For framework	N/A
Apartment	BERNARD CURTIS HOUSE	1	9/02/2025	Tenant Selected	Ready
Apartment	BERNARD CURTIS HOUSE	1	16/02/2025	with framework	6/12/2025
House	BALLYFERMOT PARADE	2	22/09/2025	with framework	N/A
Senior Citizens	CORNAMONA COURT	1	08/04/2025	Tenant Selected	Ready
House	BENMADIGAN ROAD	2	5/8/2025	With framework	N/A
House	BLACKDITCH ROAD	2	13/08/2025	Tenant Selected	04/1/2025
House	CROFTWOOD DRIVE	3		With framework	11/12/2025
House	CROFTWOOD GARDENS	2	N/A	Tenant selected	5/12/2025
Apartment	CEDARBROO PLACE	1	5/08/2025	For framework	N/A
Apartment	DAVITT HOUSE	0	07/07/2024	Tenant selected	10/12/2025
Apartment	BERNARD CURTIS HOUSE	2	27/07/2025	For framework	29/11/2025

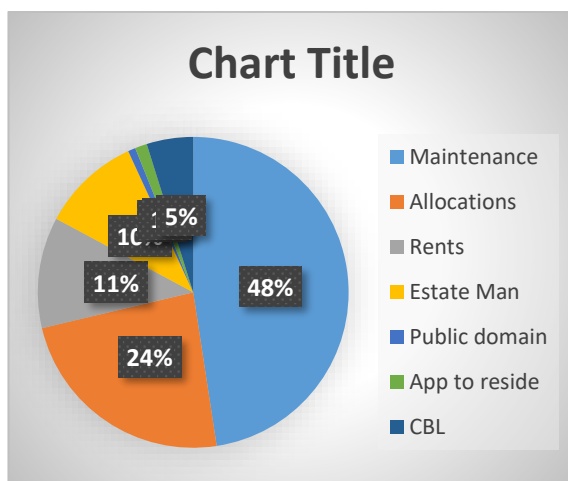
Apartment	DAVITT HOUSE	0	02/06/2024	With contractor	17/12//2025
Apartment	BERNARD CURTIS HOUSE	2	27/07/2025	For framework	N/A
Senior Citizens	LA TOUCHE COURT	0	6/8/2025	Tenant selected	N/A
Senior Citizens	LA TOUCHE COURT	0	3/7/2025	For framework	N/A
Apartment	SEVEN OAKS	2	28/08/2025	Tenant selected	12/01/2026
Senior Citizens	FATHER LEMASS COURT	1	N/A	Tenant selected	28/11/2025
House	BLACKDITCH ROAD	3	25/06/2025	Tenant selected	20/11//2025
House	LOUGHCONN ROAD	2	5/06/2025	For framework	29/11/2025
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	30/11//2025/ ESB works
Senior Citizen	LA TOUCHE COURT	1	N/A	For framework	N/A
Senior Citizen	ROSSAVEAL COURT	1	28/05/2025	With framework	10/12//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	12/12/2025
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
House	Croftwood Green	4	N/A	Tenant selected	Ready
Senior Citizens	Blackditch Court	1	28/08/2025	For framework	N/A
House	La Touche Drive	3	31/08/2025	For framework	N/A
Apartment	Oblate View	1	5/8/2025	With framework	27/11/2025
House	Kilworth Road	2	13/08/2025	With Framework	20/12/2025

Senior Citizens	Blackditch Court	1	28/08/2025	For framework	N/A
House	Raheen Drive	3	6/5/2025	With framework	22/12/2025
House	Lissadel Green	2	1/5/2025	Tenant Selected	Ready
House	Cleggan Avenue	2	12/11/2025	For Framework	N/A
Senior Citizen	Blackditch Court	1	20/02/2025	With framework	20/12/2025
House	Cherry Orchard Avenue	3	23/05/2025	with Framework	6/12/2025
Senior Citizens	Claddagh Court	1	N/A	Tenant Selected	Ready
House	Garryowen Road	2	1/6/2025	Tenant Selected	6/12/2025
Maisonette	Huband Road	2	12/06/2025	With Framework	6/12/2025
Maisonette	Rafters lane	2	N/A	For Framework	N/A
House	Lally Road	3	12/06/2025	with Framework	N/A

Administration Team

Throughout October almost 700 queries were dealt with by the Administration Team.

Allocations, maintenance, rents and estate management continue to be key queries that are regularly dealt with by the team. The Administration team link in directly with the Housing team in Ballyfermot ensuring all queries are highlighted and responded to in an efficient manner.



As part of our continued customer service improvements, the Ballyfermot Drimnagh Area Office phone line options have been updated. The options available now include:

- 1 - Housing Allocations**
- 2 - Housing Maintenance**
- 3 - Estate Management**
- 4 - Community Development**
- 5 - Public Domain**

On Tuesday, 11th November, the Administration Team attended a briefing delivered by the Public Domain Team.

This informative session has equipped the Administration Team with enhanced knowledge and confidence to handle public domain queries more effectively.



The Cherry Orchard Implementation Board continues to support education and opportunity through its diverse local programmes. One initiative is the **Leaders in Learning programme**, a scholarship supporting Cherry Orchard residents pursuing third-level and further education. With awards of up to **€1500**, the programme empowers students to invest in their future careers.

On **22nd October 2025**, a celebration event took place in St Ultans school. The event featured inspiring participant stories and a performance by students from **St. Ultan's**,

Community

As part of the events in the month of October, The Cherry Orchard Community centre was delighted to be able to host and support Saint Vincent de Paul who had a fundraising night with proceeds going towards their Christmas food bank.



The Centre was also delighted to provide the space & facilities for a local organisation who held a team bonding event in the centre.

In a display of community partnership, Dublin city council, Dublin Bus, Dublin fire brigade the equine centre and St Ultan's school joined forces to deliver an engaging fire safety talk on how to stay safe during the Halloween period.



The Orchard Centre also provided space for various other organisations, who held local Halloween events.

Finally, we were delighted to liaise with various organisations in terms of providing the Annual Halloween Fireworks event which is a display of unity and pride for those living in Cherry Orchard.



Gaeilge in the Ballyfermot Civic Centre

In line with local Irish speaking group Coiste the team have been trying to signpost seasonal Irish saying that can be used in day-to-day life. Last month we highlighted some fun Halloween phrases that could be incorporated in seasonal celebrations by the public.

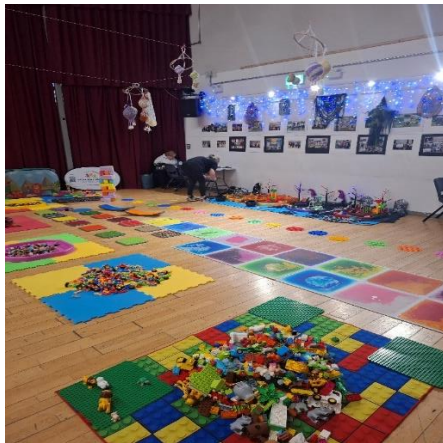


Halloween Ballyfermot

A total of five Halloween events took place across the Ballyfermot Area on the 31st of October.

The **Spooky Sensory Event in the Ballyfermot Community Civic Centre** catered for children with additional needs and included a silent disco, multiple sensory stations and the electric zoo. All event slots were taken up, with 125 children of all ages and

abilities attending. Several young adults with intellectual disabilities from Stewarts Care also attended the event. Adam Harris founder and CEO of AsIAm was also in attendance to show his support.



The **Zombi Run in La Fanu Park** was a collaboration between the Sport and Wellbeing partnership, Cherry Orchard Running Club, Familibase and the Community Gardai. It resulted in 400 medals being distributed to children who completed the race and the event had almost 800 attendees in total. The young people attending Familibase played a huge role in the event design and handmade some amazing props to enhance the experience.



Ballyfermot Youth Service hosted a **Family Fun Day in Markievicz Park** which included a performance from Erasmus Students from several different countries. The event also included fun family games, face painting and a children's train.

The **Halloween Hullabaloo Party** in the Ballyfermot Family Resource Centre had face painting and entertainment for all ages. Staff got fully into the Halloween spirit and made a huge effort to make the day special for everyone who came.



Familibase's Monster Mash event had over 1000 attendees. It catered for all ages with smaller rides such as merry-go-round for the younger children and larger fairground rides for teenagers. The young people attending Familibase were heavily involved in the design of the day and took lead roles in various stations at the event.



Halloween Bluebell

Bluebell Youth service and the Bluebell Community Centre with support from the community team again hosted a Halloween event in the Bluebell Community and Sports Centre on the 31st of October from 3 pm – 5 pm. A Halloween haunted house in the youth service was followed by music, entertainment and games in the main hall. A huge thanks and well done to all the staff and volunteers in the youth service and the staff in the Bluebell Community centre.



Cornamona Court's residents committee celebrated the official opening of their library this month with the support of the Community Team and Libraries in the Community. They also held a Halloween movie event which brought residents of all ages together and are planning a number of further scheduled events with the support of Liffey Partnership and the DCC Community Team.

Bluebell Community Council

October saw the Bluebell Community Development Project (CDP) launch their weekly Wednesday's range of classes at The Bungalow Wellness Centre, Bluebell.

Ranging from educational to fun, Wednesdays sees Knitting (Beginners And Intermediate) from 10am – 12pm, English Literacy from 1pm – 2pm and Gardening from 1pm – 3pm. The CDP also run Guitar for Beginners at Bluebell Community Centre on Thursdays from 10am – 12pm. For more details, please contact admin@bluebellcdp.ie or call 01 4568113

Bluebell Community Council would like to thank The Land Development Agency for taking a group of Bluebell residents on a tour of the Shanganagh Castle Estate housing development in Shankill on Thursday 06 November. Residents of The Maisonettes and La Touche Court estates were given the grand tour around the apartments and amenities of Shanganagh Castle - a DLR County Council/LDA co-development – to get an insight into the homes that will be provided at the similarly designed Bluebell Waterways, a DCC/LDA development due for phase one completion in 2028.

Ballyfermot Community Civic Centre Oct/Nov 2025

Sensory Halloween

The centre successfully hosted a Sensory Halloween Event, providing a safe, inclusive, and stimulating environment tailored specifically for children with neurodiverse needs. Thoughtfully designed with muted lighting, reduced sound, and a variety of tactile and calming activities, the event allowed children to enjoy the festive spirit without sensory overload. We were particularly delighted by the visit from Adam Harris, CEO of Aslam, who expressed significant appreciation for the initiative and the positive, supportive atmosphere created for the children. His comments underscore the event's success in meeting the unique needs of our neurodiverse participants.



Jobs Fair

A Jobs Fair was held in the Ballyfermot Civic Centre, organised by the Liffey Partnership and facilitated by the Civic Centre management team. The event brought together local employers, training providers, and community members to promote employment and education opportunities within the area. Attendees had the chance to meet directly with potential employers, access career guidance, and learn about upskilling and training options. The collaboration between the Liffey Partnership and the Civic Centre helped create an inclusive and supportive environment, encouraging local engagement and contributing to community development and employment growth in Ballyfermot.

Christmas Fair

The Annual Christmas Fair will take place on Friday, 22nd November, at the Ballyfermot Civic Centre, with all proceeds going towards purchasing new equipment for the Sensory Room and supporting shared Rainbow Facilitation sessions for children who are bereaved. This much-loved community event will feature a festive mix of outdoor local markets, an outdoor Santa's Grotto, and an indoor Sensory Santa experience complete with a quiet room for children who may need a calm space. Visitors can also enjoy Spin the Wheel spot prizes and a range of other fun activities for all ages. The Christmas Fair promises to bring the community together in the spirit of giving, celebration, and support for children's wellbeing.

Labre Park

The Community Development team had an initial meeting with the Labre Park Women's health group which is ran by BTAP And Liffey Partnership. We got lots of feedback and ideas on potential projects and are looking forward to many collaborations in the future.

Christmas Tree Lighting

events will be taking place across the South-Central Area at the end of November and start of December. See dates below:

- Ballyfermot Community Civic Centre – Saturday the 22nd of November @5.00pm
- Bluebell Green Area at Luas Stop – Wednesday 26th of November @6.00pm
- Cherry Orchard Church – Tuesday 2nd December @6.00pm
- Walkinstown Library – Wednesday 3rd December @6.00pm
- Chapelizod Plaza – Thursday 4th December @ 7.00 pm

W.S.A.F Christmas Party

The Board and Staff of the WSAF Hall in Walkinstown are organising their annual Christmas Party for residents once again. The community team are supporting them with this initiative, and it is scheduled to take place on the 10th of December from 2 pm – 4 pm

Markievicz Centre Christmas Dinner at Ballyfermot Civic Centre

The Markievicz Centre are organising their annual Christmas Dinner at Ballyfermot Civic Centre on Friday 5th December at 5pm.

Drimnagh

Halloween Events took place in the Mother MacAuley Day Centre and in Our Lady of Mercy School, Drimnagh organised by the Home Liaison Team. The DYCE Bar in the Bosco also provided a drop-in centre on Halloween.

The senior's gym continues to take place every Wednesday in G-Force Fitness D12 gym in the Bosco

URBACT

URBACT is a European Territorial Cooperation Programme co-funded by ERDF that is Promoting sustainable urban development in cities. Since 2002, URBACT has been driving change all over Europe by enabling the cooperation and idea exchange amongst cities within thematic networks, by building the skills of local stakeholders in the design and implementation of integrated and participatory policies, and by sharing knowledge and good city practices.

Over 1000 European cities have been involved in more than 150 networks.

URBACT has developed a series of processes and tools, as a part of the URBACT Method. It encourages cities to re-think centralised governance structures and shift towards more inclusive and holistic models, an integrated approach to sustainable development.

URBACT's participatory approach recognises that sustainable urban development is driven by action-oriented strategies, which are co-created and implemented with local people. Urbact involves 3 strands of activities: capacity building activities and tools; knowledge uptake and sharing, expanding Network of European Cities (2014-2021 83 Networks, 678 partners).

An URBACT network brings together EU cities willing to exchange ideas and produce integrated local policies with the help of their peers, local stakeholders and URBACT experts. Good Practice cities share and adapt a successful good practice that has already been implemented in their Network's lead city.

URBACT Good Practice City will:

- Lead and mentor the process of understanding, adapting and reusing your good practice.
- The Network will benefit from visibility & communication activities at EU and national levels.

- Upscale and improve the Good Practice thanks to the URBACT method & inputs from other EU cities.

In October 25 Transfer Networks, 181 partners across 28 countries, and 64% of cities new to URBACT IV, were announced and this initiative represents one of the most dynamic collaborations in Europe today.

Bluebell, Dublin is now involved in A European Partnership for Inclusive, Sustainable, and Participatory Urban Development.

CITI4UD: Shaping Our Cities Together

From 1 November 2025 to 30 April 2028, Bluebell, Dublin City joins Alytus, Lithuania and partners from Greece, Italy, Moldova, Spain, and Ukraine in the CITI4UD URBACT Transfer Network.

This ambitious project will transfer and adapt Alytus' Good Practice of citizen-led decision-making in urban planning, empowering residents to shape the future of their neighbourhoods.

Stage One: Understand

Stage one began on the 1st of November 2025 with a duration of approximately ten months. This opening stage will entail the core developmental piece of the project, outlining the core roles and responsibilities, the introduction of information sharing processes with key partners and the development of a detailed network activity process. Through the successful completion of stage, the project will have a well-developed grounding in the EUs urban policy priorities and a cohesive network roadmap with measurable and attainable goals that can be used to monitor the project's success throughout its lifetime. The CITI4UD network embraces an integrated approach to urban development, ensuring that renewal is not just physical, but also social, inclusive, and sustainable. Furthermore, this partnership aims to build capacity within local communities emphasising citizens voices and encouraging grassroots empowerment.

URBACT WISH CITIES Innovation Transfer Project

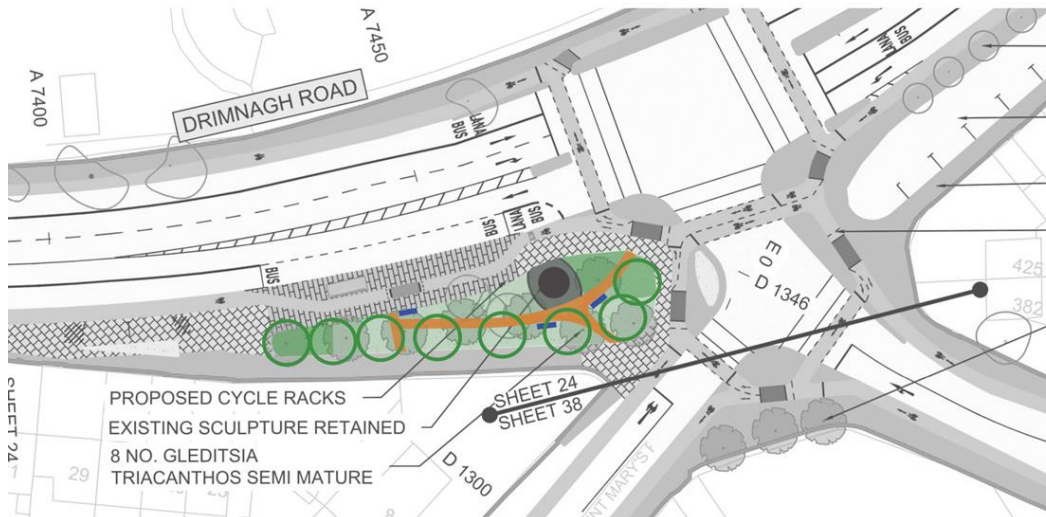
A member of our Community and Social Development Team has been asked to join the URBACT WISH CITIES transfer project. The site leader in our Area is Slainte Care and the project is focused on improving the wellbeing of children and young people. It is hoped that we can take innovative learnings from other cities in relation to building collaborative relationships and increasing minor's opportunities to access wellbeing services into the work we do.

Public Domain

NTA Bus Connects – Public Realm Project - Tallaght to Clondalkin CBC

Below is the proposed a Public Realm improvement scheme that the Public Domain Office has engaged and consulted with the NTA on, to have incorporated into the proposed Tallaght to Clondalkin QBC at the junction of Drimnagh Rd & St Marys Road.

The proposal shows a compacted gravel path in orange, similar to what is currently there and designed considering the existing pedestrian desire lines. The scheme will include age friendly benches, with armrests/backrests for accessibility, which are highlighted in blue – with one located closer to the bus stop and two facing the existing sculpture which has granite setts surrounding, shown in grey.



Tree planting is adjusted maintaining the original quantity and it's also proposed to plant ornamental planting (dark green) at each end to encompass the space. Some tree locations may require slight adjustments to avoid clashes with utilities, but no major changes are envisioned.

Public Domain Office has forwarded this proposal to the Parks Department for comment/feedback.

National Tidy Towns Competition

Congratulations to Chapelizod Tidy Towns who won their first ever bronze medal at the National Tidy Towns Awards at this year's awards. Recognition to all the members/volunteers for all their hard work and effort, it paid off! Take a bow!



Chapelizod Community Clean up in November & Tidy Towns Winners board



Public Domain Unit - supporting 2 Local Community projects in Cherry Orchard

Two community lead projects were presented to the Public Domain Unit in late August for consideration. The two groups had been given a combined contribution of €25,000 from DCC from the Councillors Discretionary fund.

The Public Domain Officer met with both groups and supported them in developing out their proposals and then the Public Domain Office procured a contractor to carry out those works. Public consultation was also conducted to ensure locals and those effected had an input.



While the cost of these two proposals exceeded the available funding to the groups, the Public Domain office also had some Discretionary funding available to contribute to the scheme to ensure the proposals could be completed to the highest of standards.

The contractor has been instructed to proceed with these two schemes, which we hope to start on site by the end of the year, with the view to being completed in the early new year.

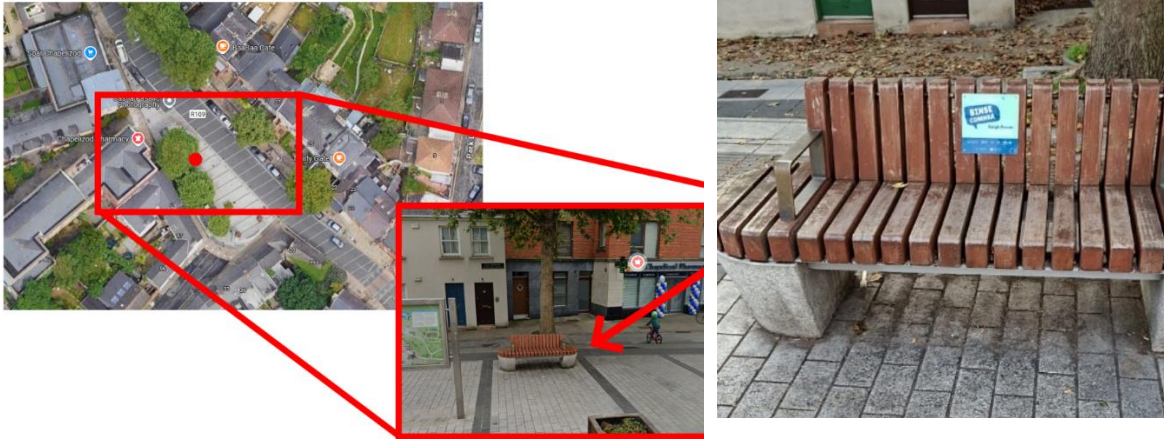
Damaged Trees Blackditch Road/ Elmdale replaced

Public Domain unit unfortunately had to report that two of the trees only recently installed along Blackditch Road/Elmdale were vandalised recently to such an extent they had to be removed. Thanks to our colleagues in the Parks Department, the trees were immediately replaced.



Bench on Main Street Chapelizod Incorporated into the Irish Language Chat Bench Scheme

The Irish Language Chat Bench Scheme is 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.



Mechanical Weeding of laneway in the Walkinstown area

Public Domain Unit engaged contractors to remove the excessive weed growth in a number of lanes in the Walkinstown area, below some of the before and after photos.



AGE FRIENDLY IRELAND PROGRAMME SCA

South Central Area Older People's Council Join Up Campaign The Community and Social Development Team have hosted information sessions at Richmond Library and St Catherine's Community and Sport Centre as part of the South Central Area Older People's Council (OPC) awareness campaign. OPCs bring older people together to represent their views, influence policy, and improve quality of life while supporting Dublin City's Age Friendly Programme. Throughout November and December, further meetings with local voluntary groups will take place to encourage residents aged 55+ to join. Spaces are still open—sign up now before the 5th December!

The team is available to meet directly with groups. For details and registration, visit: <https://forms.office.com/e/wTLtSdpTRd?origin=lprLink>

**Smoke Alarm and Fire Safety
Community Talk – Tuesday 18th Nov
12pm F2**

The South West Inner City Community and Social Development Team were delighted to be joined by Dublin Fire Brigade to host a Community Fire Safety Talk at the F2 Centre, 3 Reuben Plaza, Rialto, D8, on Tuesday, 18th November 2025. The event covered all aspects of home fire safety and the importance of smoke alarms. Nineteen successful applicants to the Community Smoke Alarm Scheme were presented with alarms as part of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and NDFEM initiative to supply detectors to older and vulnerable people in the community. Special thanks to Age Action Care and Repair Programme for supporting the fitting of these alarms.



On Wednesday the 15th of October we celebrated the strategic launch of Dublin City Council South Central Area (DCC SCA) Older People’s Council. We would like to thank Elected Councillors Vincent Jackson, Ray Cunningham, and Lesley Byrne for officially launching the Council.

The [Older People’s Council](#) (OPC)

affords members the opportunity to highlight the concerns of older people at the forefront of decision-making processes, locally, regionally, and nationally. People can join the OPC as a member to receive information regarding [Age Friendly](#) activities and initiatives in their area or as a member of the executive committee to advocate for older people in their locality.

Dublin City Council South Central Area (DCC SCA) is seeking people over the age of 55 to get involved and unify as a truly representative voice for older people through the OPC. By joining the OPC people are mobilised to use their voice and influence policy that directly affects Ireland’s ageing population. The knowledge and wisdom of age is a tool vastly underutilised in society. In the words of W.B. Yeats “The world is full of magic things, patiently waiting for our senses to grow sharper”.

For more information regarding the OPC please contact Aoife Hannan, DCC SCA Age Friendly Programme Manager at Aoife.hannan@dublincity.ie or phone (01)222 4664. If you wish to apply for the OPC please use the link <https://forms.office.com/e/wTLtSdpTRd?origin=IprLink>



Pictured: Aoife Hannon, Cllr Ray Cunningham, Cllr Lesley Byrne, Cllr. Vincent Jackson

On 13 November 2025 DCC SCA host a meeting in Our Lady's Hall Drimnagh raising awareness about the OPC.

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

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Aoife.hannon@dublincity.ie

Use the link or scan the QR Code
<https://forms.office.com/e/WTLTsdpTRd7origin=jprLink>

Older People with Disabilities
 Traveller Community Women's Groups
 Men's Shed Older Carers
 Migrants Active Retirement Groups
 LGBTQ+ Community

Christmas EVENT SCHEDULE

- 04/11 2:00 Line Dancing**
Join our fabulous ladies in some fantastic moving and grooving.
- 11/11 2:00 Bingo**
Fab Vinny is once again hosting the fan favourite, bingo, with prizes galore.
- 19/11 2:00 A (History) Pub Crawl**
Historian in residence Cathy Scuffil gives a fun talk. **WEDNESDAY**
- 25/11 2:00 Reeling in the Years**
Reminise on some of the fun that has taken place in the programme over the years and have your say.
- 02/12 2:00 Together FM Flim Club**
Together FM Film club presents Miracle on 34th Street
- 09/12 2:00 Tea Dance**
Join Angel for a christmas tea dance (tickets required)

All events take place in Ballyfermot Community Civic Centre

Age Friendly Winter 2025 Programme
 The DCC SCA Ballyfermot Drimnagh Winter Age Friendly Programme began Tuesday 4th November. Six weeks of events are taking place at Ballyfermot Civic Centre. The schedule includes a review process to look back on the past year's programme of age friendly events and collect information with the intention of using that data to reflect, evaluate and build upon next year.

This month we delighted to have Historian in Residence Cathy Scuffil providing a fun trip down memory lane. It is sure to be an informative and enjoyable time for everyone who attends.

Rosaveal Court Senior Citizens Complex

The Community Team in partnership with the CDETb are currently running 'Get to know your mobile phone' classes in Rosaveal Court. This aims to address the digital divide and help combat social isolation.