



Director of Services Report South Central Area Committee Meeting 10th December, 2025



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SOUTH WEST INNER CITY ELECTORAL AREA

Public Realm & Capital Programmes

Meath Street Public Realm Improvement Scheme – A contractor for the main works will be announced shortly. 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.

Meath Street Public Art Commission - A commissioning process for a new piece of public art on Meath Street has now commenced. The process is being led by the City Public Art Officer and comprises an invited competition to design a piece as part of the Dublin City Public Art Programme. Invited artists have been nominated by a number of local organisations. A shortlist will be drawn from these artists early in the new year.

Newmarket – The development of an improved public space at Newmarket has been a significant project for the Area Office in 2025. Large new pedestrian areas have been created, carriageways have been resurfaced, and new traffic management and pedestrian priority measures are in place. Street furniture and planting will be added in January and work is in train to improve lighting of the area. The Area Office will continue to support greater use of the public space for events and activities in 2026.



Recent improvements to Newmarket including the rationalisation of car parking, pedestrian priority and the addition of street furniture.

Vicar Street Parklet – Work has now been completed to create a new parklet at Vicar Street. The new parklet comprises two circular timber-clad seating areas and includes a play space surrounded by trees and a variety of soft landscaping that will offer year round colour and interest. This project is support funded by the Area Discretionary Fund.

Dolphin's Barn Street Trees – Tree planting has now been completed at Reuben Street, Haroldville Avenue, Reuben Avenue and St Anthony Road, completing this longstanding project. In total 16 trees have been planted in larger planter beds together with herbaceous planting. The project was supported funded by the Area Discretionary Fund.

Other 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.

The Area Office recently canvassed the views of residents for street tree planting on Carman's Hall. This revisited a consultation we originally undertook in November 2023. Tendering is underway for planned work later 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. A communications plan will be in place to keep the public informed on the progress of the project.

An Droichead Órga Update - Inchicore

Enabling Works (Hegarty Demolition Ltd.) are scheduled for completion by January 2026.

- The Main Contractor, Elliott Group, was appointed on 24 November 2025 and is mobilised on site.
- Construction works are planned to commence in February 2025.
- A Community Liaison Officer has been designated to lead stakeholder engagement activities.
- The project team will provide monthly updates at IRCF meetings throughout the project duration. The next IRCF meeting is Monday 16th December.

Kilmainham Inchicore Network

KIN Update

Kilmainham Inchicore Network next meeting: Monday 16th December KIN continues to share information about what is going on locally through monthly newsletter and website www.kilmainhaminchicore.ie. KIN met monthly networking and sharing information about what is going on locally. www.kilmainham-inchicore.ie is managed by KIN and a monthly newsletter, circulated and available on the website, is also published.

IRCF Update The chairperson thanked An Droichead Orga project manager Sandra McAleer for all her time and hard work. The next IRCF meeting will take place on Monday 16th of December at 4pm

Dublin South City Partnership

The annual Christmas fair will be held on Saturday 13th of December in St Patricks Ath. The Inchicore sports centre will be open to the community and public from 4pm-10pm at weekdays.

Circle Housing VHA

Circle have some Christmas events planned for this year. They have also received a grant for 1000 Euros from BAM for the local community events.

I.E.G/ Inchicore For All

- There is a Winter Fest event being held by *Inchicore for all* in the CIE sports hall on the 7th of December from 2pm-6pm.
- Inchicore For All were awarded a grant from the DOJ of 20,000Euros for community events for 2026. If anyone in the community is interested email inchicoreforall@gmail.com

Common Ground will celebrate 26 years next year. There is an exhibition currently of "Flowers Seller in Grafton Street" from local artist Patricia Mc Cann.

St Patrick's Athletic

- The walking and talking football is going well. There were 20-24 attendees in the first week.
- Down Syndrome Football started last Thursday and will continue every Thursday at 7pm in Inchicore Sports Club. 8 people attended in the first week, and it is hoped that this number will increase to 16. They are also looking for local businesses to sponsor a kit for the team
- There is a Christmas village event taking place on Saturday 13th of December and Dublin South City Partnership have been very supportive of this.
- An additional part time community officer has been hired by St Patrick's Ath to cover the 7 schools including Bluebell and Drimnagh.

Inchicore Library are expanding their community services and initiatives. Clodagh Mahon, senior librarian is publishing a monthly newsletter with all information. To subscribe email: inchicorelibrary@dublincity.ie

DCC community and Development Team

In partnership with St Pats Athletic Association, Dublin South City Partnership, Dublin City Council Integration Team, and the Community and Social Development are delighted to support Christmas at Richmond taking place on 13th December in Richmond Park at 3pm – 6pm, Inchicore. Come along to experience a festive fun afternoon with stalls selling Christmas treats, music performances from local schools and cultural groups, local service information stands and St Pats supporters activities. Sensory hour from 2pm to 3pm. All are welcome. Click [here](#) for details



CCSS Update

IRCF Civic and Community Spaces subcommittee (meeting 28th November) This subcommittee has met many times over the last few months and continues to meet and engage with Dublin City Council Libraries discussing operational management and maintenance of Community Hub and Library building at Emmet Road Development.

Housing

Compost cages

Dublin City Council provided compost cages to the Probation Services, who are working collaboratively with the Housing Team and Public Domain in the Inchicore area.



Compost cage filled with autumn leaves.

Basin Street Upper

Dublin City Council continues to engage with residents and the Basin Street Residents Group regarding redevelopment updates. The current priority is the decanting of Blocks 1 and 2, where 13 tenancies remain. A new housing clinic for Basin Street residents will be re-opened in early 2026 in Eblana House.



Conceptual rendering of the proposed new Basin Street estate.

Herberton

The clinic continues to be held every Thursday from 10:00 to 12:00.

Works on the new pitch surface beside F2 are due to commence shortly.

The signing of fifty-four tenancies transferring from Clúid to DCC is nearing completion.

Bluebell

Quotes have been received for cutting back trees and shrubs in Bernard Curtis Court and La Touche Court.

Bulfin Court

Tree pruning and removal, weeding, and general cleaning were carried out in Bulfin Court. These works were organised by the Housing Team in collaboration with the Caretaking and Ground Maintenance Services.



Tree pruning, weeding, and cleaning at Bulfín Court.



Emmet Buildings

New locks have been installed on the stairwell gates at Emmet Buildings to help address ongoing anti-social behaviour issues.

Ashgrove

Following a meeting with residents, the SWIC housing team and caretaking staff, a number of works have been completed within the complex, including power washing, graffiti removal and weeding. Further works are scheduled to take place in the coming weeks.

Saint Audeons House

Graffiti has been removed from several locations within the complex by our Housing Maintenance team.



New playground equipment and resurfacing took place within the complex



Graffiti removed from multiple locations in the complex by Housing Maintenance (before and after).

Oliver Bond

The clinic, held every Wednesday at the Robert Emmet Community Project, will be advertised to tenants of Robert Emmet Close, Street, and Walk, inviting them to attend.

Bridgefoot Street Park Pollinator Project

Dole Ireland is funding The Liberties Community Project to develop a pollinator-focused initiative, which will include tailored educational programs with hands-on learning and community awareness activities.

Robert Emmet

Playground upgrade works have been completed.



Playground upgrade works (before and after).

Michael Mallin Playground

Playground upgrade works are currently underway.



Playground upgrade works progress (1st November and 27th November)

Dolphin House - Choice Based Lettings

A number of housing units have recently been placed on Choice Based Lettings (CBL). We are currently in the process of allocating these units to applicants.

Housing Clinic at Dolphin House

The housing clinic has moved back into an office in Dolphin House once again. It is providing residents with a dedicated space to reach out and discuss any issues or concerns they may have. The new venue has been in operation for over three weeks and is already proving to be extremely beneficial.



*Dolphin House
New Soft play area installed at Creche*



Probation Services working alongside Dublin City Council cleaning up after Halloween in Emmet Crescent, Inchicore, D.8

Voids

Type	Location	Bedrooms	Vacant possession date	Status
House	Benmadigan Road	2	05/08/2025	Tenant selected
Flat	Bernard Curtis House	2	08/06/2025	For framework
Flat	Bernard Curtis House	1	16/02/2025	With framework
Flat	Bernard Curtis House	1	09/02/2025	Tenant selected
Flat	Bernard Curtis House	2	27/07/2025	Tenant selected
Apartment	Bertram Court	1	30/03/2025	with contractor
Flat	Braithwaite Street	2	05/06/2025	Tenant selected
Senior Citizens	Bulfin Court	1	09/03/2025	Tenant selected

Senior Citizens	Bulfin Court	1	04/09/2025	With depot
Senior Citizens	Bulfin Court	1	29/09/2025	with depot
Senior Citizens	Bulfin Court	1	02/03/2025	With Depot
Senior Citizens	Bulfin Court	1	29/07/2025	Awaiting nomination
Flat	Bulfin House	1	15/06/2025	with depot
Senior Citizens	Coombe Court	1	13/07/2025	With Depot
Flat	Davitt House	0	02/06/2024	with framework
Apartment	Davitt House	2	30/09/2025	With Framework
Apartment	Echlin Street	1	22/04/2024	Tenant selected
Flat	Emmet Buildings	0	23/11/2023	Awaiting keys
House	Errigal Road	2	24/11/2025	For framework
House	Fingal St	1	10/10/2025	With contractor
Apartment	Garden View	1	13/05/2025	with Depot
House	Grand Canal	2	29/10/2024	Short Term Maintenance Let
Apartment	Grand Canal View	2	28/08/2025	with framework
Maisonette	Huband road	2	12/06/2025	with framework
Maisonette	Huband Road	2	03/11/2025	with framework
Flat	Islandbridge Court	2	20/05/2025	With framework
Flat	Islandbridge Court	2	27/08/2025	With Contractor
Apartment	Viking Harbour	2	26/06/2025	Awaiting nomination
House	Kilworth Road	2	13/08/2025	waiting framework
Senior Citizens	La Touche Court	0	06/08/2025	Tenant Selected
Senior Citizens	La Touche Court	0	03/07/2025	Tenant Selected
Senior Citizens	La Touche Court	1	21/10/2025	Tenant Selected

House	La Touche Drive	2	05/10/2025	for framework
House	La Touche Drive	3	31/08/2025	for framework
Apartment	Margaret Kennedy Court	2	10/11/2025	with depot
Flat	Marrowbone Lane	2	24/11/2025	With depot
Flat	Marrowbone Lane	2	28/01/2025	Tenant selected
Flat	Marrowbone Lane	2	30/03/2025	Awaiting nomination
Flat	Mary Aikenhead House	0	18/07/2025	With depot
Flat	Mary Aikenhead House	1	14/09/2025	For framework
Senior Citizens	Memorial Court	1	25/09/2025	With depot
Senior Citizens	Memorial Court	2	04/05/2025	Awaiting nomination
Senior Citizens	Memorial Court	1	24/04/2025	With depot
Senior Citizens	Memorial Court	1	11/07/2025	With framework
Apartment	Metropolitan Apts	2		Tenant selected
Flat	Michael Mallin	1	16/10/2025	With depot
Apartment	Newmarket Square	1	28/09/2025	tbc
House	Newport Street	1	16/05/2025	tbc
House	O Dwyer Road	3	25/05/2022	Tenant Selected
Flat	Oliver Bond	1	24/11/2024	RTL
Flat	Oliver Bond	2	25/08/2024	ON HOLD
Flat	Oliver Bond	2	06/08/2025	With contractor
Flat	Oliver Bond	1	12/12/2024	RTL
Flat	Oliver Bond	2	27/02/2025	With contractor
Flat	Oliver Bond	2	19/11/2025	surrender received
Flat	Oliver Bond	1	02/10/2025	With depot

Flat	Oliver Bond	2	02/07/2023	RTL
Flat	Oliver Bond	1	12/01/2025	With Depot
Flat	Oliver Bond	1	16/06/2024	RTL
Flat	Oliver Bond	0	02/10/2025	with depot
Flat	Oliver Bond	1	23/05/2025	With contractor
Flat	Oliver Bond	2	06/01/2025	With Westside 02/05/2025
Flat	Oliver Bond	2	05/10/2025	With depot
Flat	Oliver Bond	1	18/08/2024	Being used by engineers temporarily
Flat	Oliver Bond	1 Bed Flat	02/10/2025	with depot
Flat	Oliver Bond	2 Bed Flat	02/02/2025	With Westside 02/05/2025
Flat	Oliver Bond	2	18/11/2025	With depot
House	Pimlico Square	1 Bed	10/06/2025	Tenant Selected
Flat	Pimlico Terrace	2	06/06/2025	Awaiting nomination
Maisonette	Rafters' lane	2	02/03/2025	For framework
Apartment	Reuben St	1	01/09/2025	With depot
Apartment	Reuben St	1	01/09/2025	With depot
Flat	Robert Emmet Close	1	25/05/2025	With contractor
Flat	Robert Emmet Close	1	20/10/2025	For framework
House	EMMET CRESCENT	2		With Framework
House	EMMET CRESCENT	2	02/09/2025	Awaiting nomination
Apartment	TYRONE PLACE	1	01/09/2025	With Framework
Apartment	TYRONE PLACE	2		With Framework
Apartment	TYRONE PLACE	2	15/07/2025	With Framework
Apartment	TYRONE PLACE	0	07/10/2025	With Framework

Apartment	TYRONE PLACE	2		Tenant selected
Apartment	TYRONE PLACE	1	03/07/2025	With Framework
Apartment	TYRONE PLACE	2	05/06/2025	Awaiting Nomination
Apartment	DOLPHIN HOUSE	3		Temp Maintenance
Apartment	DOLPHIN HOUSE	1	25/10/2024	With Framework
Apartment	DOLPHIN HOUSE	2	05/02/2024	Tenant Selected
Apartment	TYRONE PLACE	0	22/07/2025	Awaiting nomination
Apartment	TYRONE PLACE	0		With Framework
Apartment	DOLPHIN HOUSE	3	21/01/2025	With Framework

Community

Christmas Tree Lightening Ceremonies the Community and Social Development Office hosted two fantastic Tree Lighting Ceremonies in the South West Inner City.

Cornmarket Tree Lighting 25th November

The 2025 Cornmarket Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony may have just been the best one yet with over 250 community members joining the Community and Social Development Team, the South Central Area Office Team, Cllr. Darragh Moriarty as well as Santa Claus himself to light the community tree.

It was a truly magical occasion and a wonderful show of community spirit with the children's choir of St Audoen's National School and Masamba Samba school performances. Thank you also to DCC Electrical Services and An Gardai Síochána.



Dolphin's Barn Tree Lighting 2nd December The Community and Social Development Team in collaboration with the Dolphin's Barn Parish Council hosted the Dolphin's Barn Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony.

The event saw its largest turnout to date reflecting the strengthened relationships built between the team and the community. Cllr. Ciarán Ó Meachair was joined by Santa Claus to light the tree and the festive spirit was very much in the air. Thank you also to DCC Electrical Services and An Garda Síochána.



Inchicore Community Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

Dublin City Council's Community Team was delighted to support the St. Michael's Church Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on December 9. The event, organised by St. Michael's Family Resource Centre in collaboration with Front Line and St. Michael's Parish, provided an opportunity for attendees to remember and honour loved ones who have passed away.

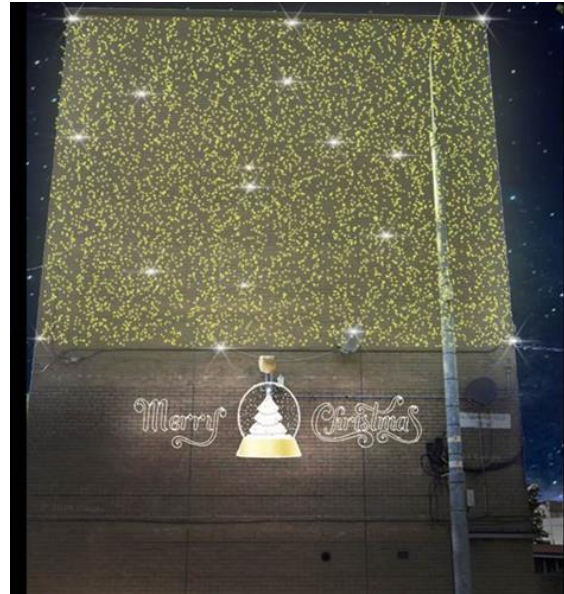


Islandbridge Christmas Lights

The Community and Social Development Team, in collaboration with the Housing Estate Management and Electrical Services, arranged for the installation of a curtain style Christmas lighting display at the Islandbridge Court flat complex.

The lighting took place on the 5th December to coincide with the local youth club's Christmas event, creating a festive atmosphere for residents.

This is an interim arrangement, and the team will explore a more suitable solution in 2026.



Community Winter Festivities Programme

The Community and Development Team are delighted to support a programme of festive activities in the run-up to Christmas. The Winter Festivities Community initiative supports local voluntary groups and community services to organise activities for people in their communities that foster festive spirit, inclusion, relieve isolation and increase engagement. Through this initiative, we are delighted to support 14 festive events and activities taking place across the South West Inner City. Thank you to all the groups involved.



Christmas at Richmond

In partnership with St Pats Athletic Association, Dublin South City Partnership, Dublin City Council Integration Team, the Community and Social Development are delighted to support Christmas at Richmond taking place on 13th December in Richmond Park at 3pm – 6pm, Inchicore. Come along to experience a festive fun afternoon with stalls selling Christmas treats, music performances from local schools and cultural groups, local service information stands and St Pats supporters activities. Sensory hour from 2pm to 3pm. All are welcome.



Dublin 8 Men's Mental Health Community Day

The Community and Social Development Team were delighted to support Solas Youth Project in hosting their “*Mind Your Mate*” – *Community Men's Health Evening* marking International Men's Day in the South West Inner City.

The event featured health checks with nurses, Jigsaw Mental Health, various guest speakers, fitness classes and various sports tasters, free male grooming and take-home self-care packs, breathwork and meditation for men and boy's sessions and a positive safe space. Well done to all involved.



Solas Youth Project – Men's Health Evening

16 days of Activism

The Community and Social Development Team organised for Women's Aid to deliver the “*Too Into You*” workshop to 20 young women at the Solas Youth Project.

The session was a great success, helping participants recognise the red flags of domestic abuse and unhealthy relationship behaviours as part of the *Global 16 Days of Activism to End Violence Against Gender-Based Violence*.



Culture Date with Dublin 8

The Community and Social Development Team was delighted to participate in the Culture Date with Dublin 8 Programme Partners Meeting in Nov. This initiative celebrates the people, places, and stories that make Dublin 8 such a vibrant and diverse community, bringing people together through culture, heritage, and shared experiences.

The meeting, attended by numerous community groups, cultural organisations, and local businesses, provided an opportunity to reflect on the many highlights of 2025, share valuable learnings, and plan for an exciting year ahead. Since its inception, Culture Date with Dublin 8 has grown significantly, delivering seven annual festivals that have attracted over 35,000 attendees to more than 500 free or low-cost



events. These achievements have been made possible through the support of over 60 community partners and 23 cultural organisations across 100 venues in Dublin 8.

Looking ahead to 2026, the Community and Social Development Team will continue to support local groups and services to engage with the festival by either hosting activities or participating in local programmes organised by other partners. Key dates for next year include Event submission deadline is *Friday, 20 March*. Culture Date with Dublin 8 Festival launch will take place on Wednesday, 8 April and Culture Date with Dublin 8 festival runs from the 4th to 10th May.



Community and Informal Adult Education Grant Scheme Review

The Community and Social Development Team, in collaboration with colleagues across the city, participated in a review of the Community and Informal Adult Education Schemes. This work is being undertaken to ensure that the schemes remain relevant, accessible and responsive to the needs of local groups and organisations. The scheme is scheduled for launch in early 2026.



SWIC Community and Social Development Funding Supports in 2025

As we look back on an incredible year, the Community and Social Development Team want to say a huge thank you to all the community groups and voluntary organisations we had the privilege to work with and support throughout 2025. Here are some highlights of what we achieved together:

€19,870 in bursary funding supported 33 groups and services, helping deliver 48+ events during Inclusion & Integration Week, Safer Halloween, Positive Ageing Week, and Winter Festivities.

In conjunction with DCC Community Department, €23,155 in summer project funding brought fun and learning to young people through two voluntary-led projects and 18 community services, with an extra €3,995 invest from the area office for two new and emerging programmes.

Similarly, supported through the DCC Community Department, 51 groups received €38,650 from the Community & Informal Adult Education Grant, delivering 71+ activities across SWIC.

€15,707 supported 22 community events—from family fun days to cultural celebrations and health fairs—plus €4,667 for area enhancements and planting initiatives.

Halloween safety and Christmas: €68,819 funded three Halloween flagship events and diversionary projects, while €11,242 brought festive cheer with our two Christmas tree lighting ceremonies.

None of this would have been possible without the community groups, services, and partners who make it happen! Here's to a brighter and inspiring 2026!



Age Friendly - Community Fire Safety Talk and Smoke Alarms

Older People across Dublin 8 joined the Community and Social Development Team and Mark Doyle Senior Executive Fire Prevention Officer with Dublin Fire Brigade in the F2 Centre for a Community Fire Safety Talk covering all aspects of home fire safety and the importance of smoke alarms. As part of the Community Smoke Alarm Scheme, 20 smoke alarms were distributed to older people across the community.



The F2 Community Centre, Rialto/Fatima

This scheme is an initiative of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and NDFEM 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.



Dolphin House Community Centre

Older People Council Community Talks

A series of Older People's Council Talks have been taking place across the South West Inner City with our Community and Social Development Team out connecting with older persons groups on the ground to promote engagement and raise awareness of the establishment of the South Central Area Older Person's Council.

The interest level and wish to be involved was hugely popular and very positively received by older persons across the community. Contact the team if you would like us to meet with any groups in your area.

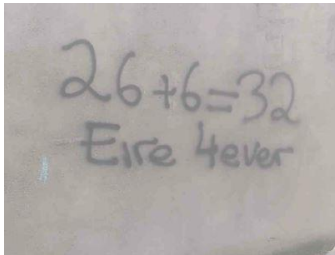


The Liberties Community Project

Public Domain

Graffiti Treatment - 110M of Graffiti treated in the area

One incident of political graffiti and one incident of offensive graffiti. 110 m treated at: Carman's Hall, Grand Canal Place, Bridgefoot Street, Gray St, Meath Street, Poole Street, Oliver Bond Street, Robert Emmet Walk, Catherine's Lane West and James Street.



*Carman's Hall
Political*



*Grand Canal Place
Tagging*



Meath St Tagging

Waste Management Wash Crew - Street Cleaning



Guinness Store House Environs

St Vincent St. West Paint Spillage

Waste Management Leaf Clearance

Leaf Clearance at Islandbridge, SCR, Mount Brown, Devoy Rd, CIE Estate Inchicore, Grattan Crescent, Hamilton St, Rialto Cottages.



Waste Management Leaf Clearance

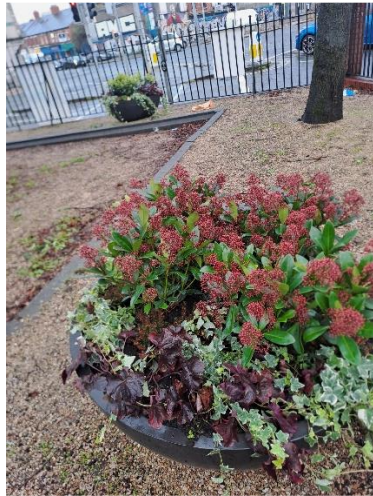
Leaf Clearance at Islandbridge, SCR, Mount Brown, Devoy Rd, CIE Estate Inchicore, Grattan Crescent, Hamilton St, Rialto Cottages.

*Pictured: SCR
Ceannt Fort
Mount Brown*



Environmental Projects

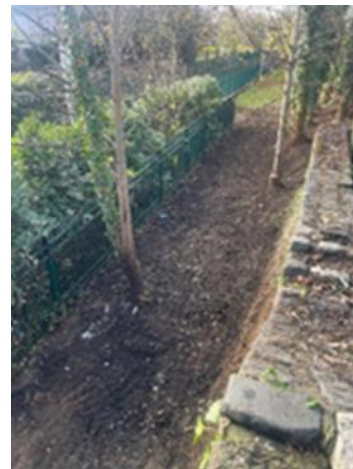
18 Winter Flowering Planters at key locations Cornmarket, Cork St- Ardee St Junction., Rialto village, Inchicore Village & Kilmainham Plaza. The vibrant display provides welcome greenery and pops of colour through the Winter period



Winter Display
Dolphins Barn
Cornmarket Plaza
Cork St/Ardee St.

Linear Park, Mount Shannon Lane, Rialto.

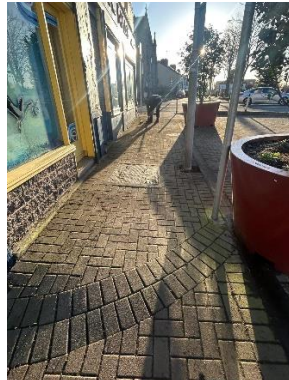
A Joint Initiative with Parks, Biodiversity & Landscaping to address an environmental hazard caused by illegal dumping at Rialto Bridge. Access was created from the Linear Park at the bridge and all the undergrowth was removed to allow the area to be scraped of rubbish. The area was left clean and the topsoil was replaced. Mount Shannon will be monitored regularly by Parks and Public Domain to ensure this section of the Linear Park remains clear.



Rialto Linear Park
Rialto Bridge
Mount Shannon Lane

Clean Slate (Bridge Project)

Clean Slate litter picked and weeded and Tree pits at the seating area Junction Cork St and Reuben St. The Plaza area Dolphins Barn Street (Boles Pharmacy) Tree planters and seating area weeded, and litter picked. The Central median tree pits were also weeded to enhance this corridor in to the city.



Dolphins Barn
Dolphins Barn St
Plaza at Boles Pharmacy & Tree pit
Seating area Junction Reuben St (Spar)

Community Clean ups



Rialto Environment Group

Well done to Rialto environment Group for braving the weather and doing a litter pick of Rialto village, Rialto Street and Rialto Cottages.

Autumn Leaf Collection SWIC



Bag leaf equipment and bags ready for collection along the South Circular Road

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

Historian in Residence

Over the past three months, HIR continued regular direct contact with DCCs Social and Community Development (SACD) Teams, Dublin City Libraries, as well as local history, heritage, community and cultural groups. Seven library-based history talks on a range of subjects, all with a local element, were held as part of the Dublin Festival of History. Due to a long waiting list, the talk on the Grand Canal was repeated in Dolphin's Barn Library the following month. Special arrangements were made with Library in The Community to hold a

Festival talk in Drimnagh. In Drimnagh, the Girl Guides troupe each achieved their 'history badge' following a workshop with HIR. Culture Night was celebrated with The Liberties Weavers, who opened late for visitors, exhibited their work and facilitated hands-on workshops.

'Positive Ageing' events included:

- Visit and talk with the residents, family and friends in Belvilla Nursing Home, South Circular Road.
- Talk with those attending the Mother McAuley Day Centre, Drimnagh.
- An effort at holding an open-air talk for the residents of Robinson's Court, Cork Street, adjourned due to Storm Amy.
- Additional talk was arranged for the Ballyfermot Age Friendly community

A series of post/blogs by Culture Date with Dublin 8 - #FacesBehindD8 which spotlights the people who bring creativity, history and community spirit to life across the neighbourhood featured a profile of HIR. <https://www.culturedatewithdublin8.ie/historyandstories>

SACD facilitated a visit at The Lawns, Ballyfermot to discuss information boards marking the site of Ballyfermot Castle, Church and Graveyard. The Tenter's Memory Group visited the Guinness Archive as part of their ongoing neighbourhood research; HIR arranged for students of the Lord Mayor's Certificate in Local Studies to explore Medieval Dublin with local guide Mark Jenkins #IrelandOldandNew.

An information morning was held for the Bulfin Estate residents to promote the celebration of their upcoming centenary in 2027. SACD is now facilitating a working group to co-ordinate a series of community events from within the neighbourhood.

Other events have been held with Bluebell Sister Shed groups, with one final event scheduled for DCC's Retiree's in the Wood Quay Venue. Assistance has been given to degree and post-doctoral students in NCAD and Maynooth University with aspects of their research.

A final round of talks mainly centred on *History on Your Doorstep* (vol 8) was arranged with the teams in Walkinstown and Inchicore Library@Richmond Barracks featuring my chapter in the current edition. This talk was also given to the Back of the Pipes residents at their Hospice Event held in Flanagan's Fields Community Garden in Reuben Street, Dolphin's Barn.

Before I depart from the HIR role, I would like to sincerely thank all in DCC, especially the Management, SACD and others for their encouragement over the past eight years as we shared ideas and sought out opportunities that would benefit from the HIR input. A special thank you to the area councillors for their courtesy and practical advice in that time. Most especially, I am very grateful to the residents, neighbourhoods and communities, the history groups and various clubs and associations in Dublin 8, 10 and 12. Without them, their interest, engagement and support there would be no HIR programme. My personal best wishes to all.
Cathy Scuffil

BALLYFERMOT DRIMNAGH ELECTORAL AREA

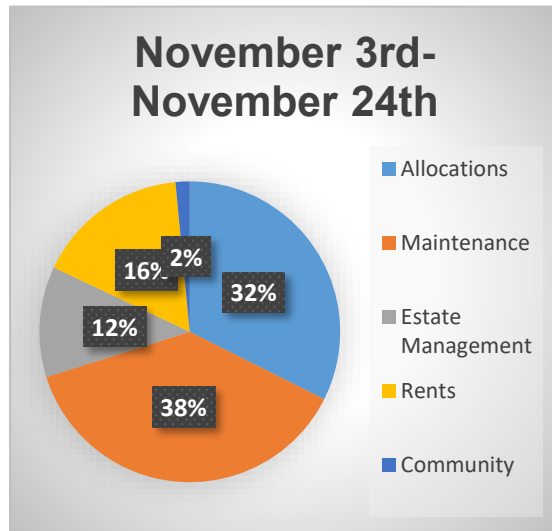
Housing Voids

Type	Location	Bedrooms	Vacant possession date	Status	Estimated Completion date/Status
House	CHERRY ORCHARD GREEN	2	N/A	Awaiting vacant possession	N/A
House	CROFTWOOD GARDENS	3	N/A	Awaiting Vacant Possession	N/A
House	CROFTWOOD PARK	3	10/10/2025	For framework	
House	KILWORTH ROAD	2	18/08/2025	With Framework	20/12/2025
House	RAHEEN DRIVE	3	6/05/2025	Tenant Selected	Ready
House	CLEGGAN AVENUE	2	12/11/2025	With Framework	12/03/2025
House	BALLYFERMOT PARADE	2	22/09/2025	Tenant Selected	Ready
Senior Citizens	CORNAMONA COURT	1	08/04/2025	Tenant Selected	Ready
Apartment	CEDARBROOK WAY	3	21/11/2025	For Framework	
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		Tenant selected	5/12/2025
Apartment	CEDARBROOK PLACE	1	5/08/2025	With framework	3/02/2026
House	CREMONA ROAD	3	19/11/2025	With Framework	20/12/2025
House	KYLEMORE ROAD	2	31/10/2025	With Framework	4/03/2026
Senior Citizens	BLACKDITCH COURT	1	28/08/2025	With Framework	31/01/2026
Senior Citizens	BLACKDITCH COURT	1	20/02/2025	Tenant Selected	20/12/2025
Senior Citizens	RIVERVIEW COURT	0	10/10/25	With Framework	13/03/2026
Senior Citizens	BLACKDITCH COURT	1	28/08/2025	With Framework	20/12/2025
Apartment	SEVEN OAKS	2	28/08/2025	Tenant selected	12/01/2026
Senior Citizens	FATHER LEMASS COURT	1		Tenant selected	05/12/2025
House	BLACKDITCH ROAD	2	25/06/2025	Tenant selected	20/11//2025
House	LOUGHCONN ROAD	2	5/06/2025	For Framework	29/12/2025
House	GARRYOWEN ROAD	2	1/06/2025	Tenant Selected	6/12/2025
House	LALLY ROAD	3	12/06/2025	Tenant Selected	Ready
House	O'MOORE ROAD	3	09/12/2024	Tenant selected	30/12//2025/ ESB works
House	CHERRYORCHARD AVENUE	3	03/08/2025	For Framework	
Senior Citizen	ROSSAVEAL COURT	1	28/05/2025	With Framework	20/12//2025
Senior Citizens	ROSSAVEAL COURT	1	03/12/2023	Tenant selected	Ready
House	ROSSMORE ROAD	2		Tenant selected	Ready/ESB works
House	CROFTWOOD GROVE	4		With Framework	12/12/2025
Senior Citizens	ROSSAVEAL COURT	1	24/8/2025	With Framework	20/12/2025

Administration Team Maintenance issues continued to produce high volumes of queries dealt with by the Administration Team during November.

Strong links have been developed with the maintenance teams and we will look to build on these relationships in 2026 to further improve our service to stakeholders.

In total in the 3 weeks from November 3rd to November 24th there were over 600 queries dealt with by the Administration Team.



Administration staff will be completing JAM training as part of the Ballyfermot Drimnagh Area office continuous Customer Service improvement. JAM stands for 'Just a Minute'. It allows holders of a JAM card to let others know in a discreet way, that they need extra time or understanding to transact their business.

This is an effective tool for people with hidden disabilities or communication difficulties to reduce the stress caused by communication in all kinds of public settings.



The Cherry Orchard Implementation Board has provided support to **the St Ultan's Presto Music project**, which aims to help St. Ultan's to achieve their vision of significantly improving the outcomes of the children of Cherry Orchard.



The programme is run by a full-time Music Director and provides pre-instrument classes to infant classes and whole class violin lessons for every child in St. Ultan's. Aged 9/10 years the programme offers children the opportunity to specialise in playing an additional instrument, play with the school orchestra and receive tuition in music theory. When the young people complete their primary school education they continue with the PRESTO project through their post-primary years, in turn becoming role-models for younger members.

Community

Local Community Led Events – Planning for 2026

The Ballyfermot Drimnagh Community and Social Development team are planning a Public Information Meeting, to be held in early 2026, to inform our local community about processes with regard to DCC funding and supporting local community events in 2026.

Information will be shared about scheduled open call 2026 bursaries and requirements with regard to procedures and processes (such as expression of interest proposals, indicative budgets, park permits, insurance, receipts etc.).

An invitation to this public information meeting will be circulated widely at least two weeks before the date.

16 Days of Activism to raise awareness about Gender-Based Violence. 25 November- 10 December 2025.

The Community team have been working with Counsellor Hazel De Nortúin and several different services in the area including Tulsa, Familibase, Saoirse, An Garda Síochana, Barnardo's and Liffey Partnership to promote the 16 Days of Activism. The goal is to raise awareness around domestic and gender-based violence, and to challenge discriminatory attitudes. We worked closely with Familibase to design a banner with valuable input from services, and this will be displayed across the D10 Area and on social media. We have also been promoting services and initiatives including the GAA Game Changer Initiative and the work of Saoirse and Women's Aid. The Community Team have also linked with the Libraries in the Community and Ballyfermot Library to promote the 'Five books to save your life' initiative. The Ballyfermot Civic Centre will be lit up with Orange Lighting each evening during the 16 Days of Activism.



Banner to support the 16 Days of Activism



The five books from the 'Five books to save your life' initiative.

URBACT WISH Cities Transfer Initiative

A member of the Community and Social Development Team visited Cartagena, Spain in conjunction with Slainte Care Heathy Ireland, as part of the Urbact Wish Cities Innovation Transfer. This trip provided innovative learning in relation to Youth participation and engagement and best practice in relation to ensuring the voice of youth is heard through policy and decision-making processes with Councils. During the trip the Lord Mayor met with the Youth Council of Cartagena to hear their proposals for the year ahead. Information was also shared about successful volunteer led anti-racism initiatives. The learning will have a huge influence on the team plans for 2026.



*URBACT WISH
Cities Innovation
Transfer Group with
the Lord Mayor and
Youth Council of
Cartagena.*

Labre Park

The Community and Social Development Team are continuing their consultation with services linking in with the residents of Labre Park and are working closely with the Ballyfermot Traveller Action Project and their women's group on initiatives stemming from the initial consultation. In the coming weeks the team will be carrying out informal consultations with the various cohorts of residents attending Familibase. The team are very appreciative of the Ballyfermot Traveller Action Project and Familibase for their support with these consultations and Project development and implementation.

Ballyfermot Christmas Fair and Tree Lighting

On Saturday the 22nd of November we had the annual Christmas Fair, an event with a focus on inclusion, to those with neurodiverse needs, poverty proofing the Christmas experience for families within the locality, highlighting local crafters and social enterprises all while raising much required funds to improve our free sensory room located in the Ballyfermot Community Civic Centre. This room will also be a rainbow bereavement service for children experiencing bereavement or loss. The day was a credit to all the volunteers, and organisation involved and further reaffirms D10s commitment to becoming an Autism Friendly Town. Over €7000 was raised by the Community Centre throughout the day for Neurovibe Tribe, a local charity focusing on the needs of neurodiverse children living in our community. The Ballyfermot Christmas Tree lighting Ceremony took place at end of the fair day. It was similarly well attended and great family activity for all.



*Ballyfermot
Christmas
Fair and
Tree
Lighting.
Saturday
22 Nov
2025*

Christmas Card Competition

The community and social development team have begun working with local schools Kylemore College and St Seton's as part of a Christmas card competition. Transition Year students from both schools created handmade cards that will be disseminated to local senior citizens and vulnerable people from the area.



*Some of our
competition
winners.*

Halloween Review

The Ballyfermot Drimnagh Community Team are conducting a review of the 2025 Halloween Events. This is an opportunity for community groups, services and volunteers who participated in this year's Halloween activities to highlight considered strengths or challenges of this year's events. We will be analysing this data and using it to inform programming for Halloween 2026.

Cherry Orchard

As part of men's international day, the Cherry Orchard Community team, along with the sports development team, were delighted to provide & bring together the 2 men's sheds groups who use The Orchard Community centre weekly with a tour of Croke Park. An Garda Síochána also supported the event on the day by means of providing an additional mini bus.

The Cherry Orchard community team is delighted to share that preparations are underway for this year's Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony which will take place on December 2nd.

In addition, the team is organising a coffee morning in the Orchard Community centre, this gathering is designed to bring together the many groups who use the centre, offering a warm & welcoming space to connect, share & celebrate the spirit of the community.

Both events reflect the team's commitment to fostering unity & joy in Cherry Orchard, ensuring that everyone feels part of the celebrations.



Men's international day. Supported by Cherry Orchard community development team & the Sports Development team

Bluebell Christmas tree Lighting.

The community development team supported our Lady of the Wayside Church and choir in Bluebell on the 26/11/25 at 6:00pm to light a tree for the local area. 150 residents gathered to listen to a musical medley from the choir. Cllr. Vincent Jackson with the help of local children did the countdown and lit the tree. Refreshments were laid on in the church afterwards. A huge thanks and well done to all involved.

Walkinstown Library Christmas tree lighting.

On Wednesday 03/12/25 at 6:00pm staff from the Walkinstown library supported by Ballyfermot/Drimnagh area office held their annual tree lighting ceremony. Music was provided by the Dubin concert band. Cllr Ray Cunningham did the countdown and staff from the library switched on the lights. A huge well done and thanks to all involved

Chapelizod Christmas tree lighting.

The community development team supported Chapelizod old village association (COVA) to host the annual Christmas tree lighting event in the main square Chapelizod village. Music was performed by players and singers only (PASO). Santas Grotto was in the scout's den decorated by Quiver. Cllr. Ray Cunningham switched on the lights. A huge well done and thanks to all involved.

WSAF Christmas party

The Walkinstown sports and athletic federation (WSAF) are hosting their annual Christmas party for residents of the Walkinstown area. The community team are supporting an afternoon of music and dancing with light refreshments. This will take place on the 10/12/25 from 2 pm – 4 pm. Well done and thanks to all involved.

Bluebell Community Council received a Certificate of Recognition from The Land Development Agency in November for their contribution to an award won by The LDA at this year's Irish Planning Institute Awards.

The 'Housing Or Community' award 2025 went to Bluebell Waterways – a co-development with Dublin City Council – and the award was celebrated at the weekly community breakfast morning on Friday 14 November. The LDA presented BCC co-ordinator Tommy Coombes

with the Certificate in acknowledgement of the public consultation process lead by BCC throughout the development of Bluebell Waterways, which is due to start construction early next year. The award celebration was attended by members of DCC, local councillors and an audience of Bluebell Residents.

A mural covering The Bungalow Wellness Centre's social enterprise Block, a collection of freight containers featuring workshops in metalwork, woodwork and art of all kinds was finished in November. The Bungalows Artist-In-Residence (pictured here) Marie Soffee has been working on the mural for the last three months and finished it with The Bungalow's motto We Are All Stars, the title of Bluebell CDP's House Band anthem, which can be heard on YouTube here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G7SLxX3MELg&t=16s>

Next in line to be given Marie's painting talents is a Robin Reliant car donated last week to The Bungalow by addiction recovery organisation Tiglin.



Artist, Marie Soffee and the mural "We are all stars".

Next project will be a Robin Reliant. Donated by Tiglin. Pictured here with Paul Kennedy Bluebell CDP

Public Domain

Winter floral display for public planters at various locations in the Ballyfermot-Drimmagh Area. The Public Domain Office has arranged for the installation of a winter floral display for our 27 public planters at various locations in the Ballyfermot Drimmagh Area and for the 8 bridge planters in Chapelizod. These winter displays are currently being planted, below a sample of those complete.



Bluebell– 3 tier winter display outside Our Lady of the Wayside Church & Bridge planter boxes – Anna Livia bridge, Chapelizod



New Name stone installed Croftwood Green/Park.

The Public Domain Office has arranged for the installation of new Name stone for Croftwood Green/ Park, with a raised flower bed surround..



Cherry Orchard– New name stone for Croftwood Green/ Park

Rough Sleepers.

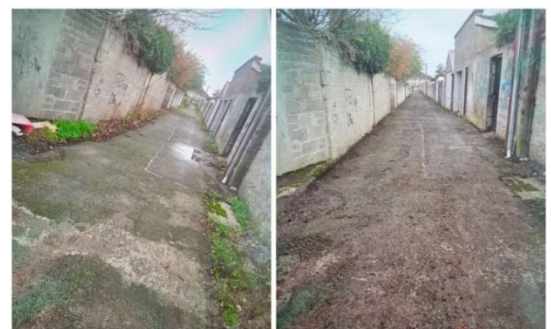
The Public Domain Office has had to report a number of instances of Rough Sleeping in the Ballyfermot area recently. The Dublin Region Homeless Executive(DRHE) are the Regional Authority supporting Homelessness and have a dedicated App that can be used by anyone to report rough sleeping, to ensure they get the support they need. The app can be downloaded from your app store “Dublin Rough Sleeper Alerts” app. Or reports can be logged on www.homelessdublin.ie The information you provide will help the street outreach teams, run by Dublin Simon Community for the DRHE, to locate the person/s and offer support.

Naas Road Clean up -Graffiti Removal, overgrowth & hedge trimming, and pathways cleaned & cleared.

The Public Domain Office, Roads Maintenance & Waste Management came together to tidy up this neglected section of the Naas Road, from Blubell to Kylemore. This section slowly deteriorated due to the closure of several commercial premises along this stretch. However, a joint action was taken to clean up the area, together we arranged for extensive amounts of graffiti to be removed from boundary walls and lampposts, overgrowth emanating from these closed premises was cut back and footpaths cleaned & cleared off weeds and other overgrowth.



Naas Road– Graffiti removal and general clean up



St Mary Lane

Mechanical Weeding of laneway in the Walkinstown area

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