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# Executive Manager Report South Central Area Committee Meeting 18th March 2026



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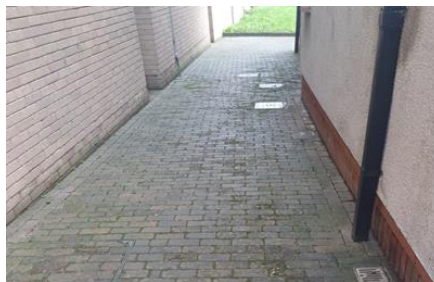
## SOUTH WEST INNER CITY ELECTORAL AREA

### Housing

#### Garden View Court

Several residents of Garden View Court have joined “Soil Mates”, the garden-share programme developed by the Dublin-based social enterprise Community Roots. The initiative aims to grow food, skills, and community across Dublin 8.

Weeding and clearing of dense vegetation within the complex boundaries took place recently.



*Weeding and clearing of dense vegetation within the complex. (before and after).*

#### Tyrone Place / Emmet Crescent

The Local Housing team and the Local Community Garda Inspector met with residents and representatives from the Family Resource Centre. The meeting was very constructive, and several matters were raised for Dublin City Council to address, including maintenance and caretaking issues.

Following the meeting, the Dublin City Council caretaking team, assisted by the Local Housing team, conducted a thorough walkthrough of the complex. Various areas were inspected, and several potential improvements were identified.

#### Basin Street

The Project Estate Officer continues to hold a weekly clinic every Tuesday at Eblana House. The clinic provides tenants with updates on the regeneration project and decanting arrangements. Blocks 1 and 2 are currently in the decanting process, with 10 families remaining.

#### Herberton

The Project Estate Officer holds a clinic every Thursday in the F2 Centre from 10:00 to 12:00.

## Ashgrove

A deep clean is currently being carried out at Ashgrove, The Coombe, Dublin 8, including power washing, weeding, and the removal of heavy vegetation. Please see the attached photos.

The Eblana House Office has also contacted the Dublin City Council painting section with a view to painting the railings and carrying out additional improvement works within the complex.



*Deep clean is currently being carried out at Ashgrove.*

## Dolphin House

Our clinic continues every **Tuesday** from **7:30 am** to **12:00 pm**, and it has been very encouraging to see such positive engagement from our residents.

Fobs and security updates - we anticipate that the new security system will be operational by the end of the month. Engagement with the affected residents has been positive.

Housing maintenance meeting - The Local Area Office Housing Team and the Regeneration Coordinator held a meeting with residents of Phase 1 to discuss the planned works to be carried out on their properties.

The meeting was positive and provided reassurance to residents that Dublin City Council is committed to addressing and resolving these issues.

New residents - we have three properties currently under offer, and we look forward to welcoming two new residents shortly.

The Local Housing Team completed one allocation in Dolphin House.

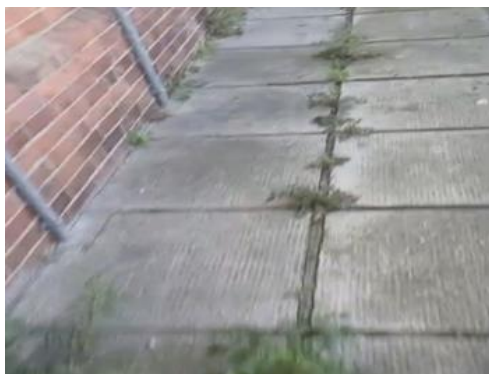
**Allocations and Estate Management interviews** - The Local Housing Team completed one allocation in Dolphin House.

- Two Estate Management interviews were also conducted in relation to Dolphin House.

- The local Housing team completed one allocation in Tyrone Place.

**Marrowbone Lane**

The Project Estate Officer has engaged with the caretaking services to arrange for weeding and the removal of heavy vegetation along the exterior perimeter of the complex.



*Weeding and removal of heavy vegetation along the complex's exterior perimeter. (before and after the works).*

**Poplin Place**

The Area Office has been working with the caretaking services to ensure the garden areas are kept clean. A deep clean has recently been completed, and residents have been helping to maintain the plants.



*Poplin Place – garden area.*

### **Michael Mallin House**

The Project Estate Officer has coordinated with the ground maintenance and caretaking services to clean the areas at the front of the complex. Additional improvement works are planned for the complex in the coming months.



*Clearing of weeds and overgrown vegetation along the exterior perimeter of the complex. (before and after the works).*

### **Oliver Bond**

Several units have recently been advertised through Choice Based Lettings and are currently being vetted, with viewings scheduled shortly.

A weekly clinic is held every Wednesday in the Robert Emmett Building and is open to residents of Oliver Bond House and Robert Emmett Close/Walk.

### **Coombe Court**

Several residents of Coombe Court have taken part in “Soil Mates”, a garden-share programme run by the Dublin-based social enterprise Community Roots. The initiative encourages growing food, developing skills, and fostering a sense of community across Dublin 8.

### **Grand Canal View**

A special clean-up was recently carried out by Housing Maintenance at Grand Canal View, Bluebell.



*Spring clean-up at Grand Canal View (before and after).*

### Area Office Housing Staff

All housing staff recently held separate meetings with Circle AHB and Tuath AHB to discuss housing issues in the area. Regular meetings will continue going forward.

Area Housing Officer Drive meeting held on the 11 March 2026.

### Voids

Type	Location	Bedrooms	Vacant possession date	Status
Apartment	Bertram Court	1	30/03/2025	Awaiting nomination
Apartment	Bow Bridge Court	1	30/11/2025	With Contractor
Flat	Braithwaite Street	2	21/01/2026	For Framework
House	Brown Street South	3	11/12/2025	With Contractor
Flat	Bulfin House	1	15/06/2025	Under Offer - EM Cleared, to sign tenancy
Apartment	Cathedral Court	1	30/06/2025	Received Nomination - EM Pending Clearance
Flat	Dolphin House	3	15/12/2024	With Depot
Flat	Dolphin House	2	03/11/2024	Under Offer - EM Cleared, to sign tenancy
Flat	Dolphin House	2	07/09/2025	With Depot
Flat	Dolphin House	2	30/03/2025	With Depot
Flat	Dolphin House	1	19/08/2025	Refusal - Awaiting New Nomination
Flat	Dolphin House	1	27/04/2025	With Depot
Flat	Dolphin House	3	27/07/2025	With Depot
Flat	Dolphin House	1	24/08/2025	With Depot
Flat	Dolphin House	1	06/04/2025	With Depot

Flat	Dolphin House	3	03/11/2024	With Depot
Flat	Dolphin House	1	07/09/2025	Under Offer - EM Cleared, to sign tenancy
Flat	Dolphin House	1	24/08/2025	Under Offer - EM Cleared, to sign tenancy
Flat	Dolphin House	2	26/10/2025	With Contractor
Apartment	Echlin Street	1	22/04/2024	Refusal - Awaiting New Nomination
Flat	Emmet Buildings	Studio	23/11/2023	Under Offer - EM Cleared
Flat	Emmet Buildings	3	20/01/2026	With Contractor
House	Emmet Crescent	2	11/06/2025	Under Offer - EM Cleared, to sign tenancy
House	Emmet Crescent	3	07/09/2025	With Contractor
Apartment	Emmet Crescent	2		With Contractor
Senior Citz	Garden View Court	1	13/05/2025	With Depot
Senior Citz	Garden View Court	1	19/01/2026	For framework
Apartment	Grand Canal View	2	31/08/2025	With Contractor
Flat	Islandbridge Court	2	27/08/2025	With Contractor
Flat	Islandbridge Court	2	27/08/2025	With Contractor
Apartment	Joyce House, Viking Harbour	2	26/06/2025	Awaiting nomination
Apartment	Margaret Kennedy Court	1	10/11/2024	Ready to let
Flat	Marrowbone Lane	2	24/11/2025	With Contractor
Flat	Marrowbone Lane	2	30/03/2025	Back with Depot
Flat	Marrowbone Lane	Studio	05/12/2025	With Contractor
Flat	Mary Aikenhead House	Studio	18/07/2025	With Depot
Flat	Mary Aikenhead House	1	14/09/2025	For Framework
Flat	Mary Aikenhead House	2		For Framework
Flat	Mary Aikenhead House	1		For Framework
Flat	Mary Aikenhead House	1		For Framework
Flat	Mary Aikenhead House	3		For Framework
Senior Citz	Memorial Court	1	25/09/2025	With Depot
Senior Citz	Memorial Court	1	24/04/2025	With Depot
Senior Citz	Memorial Court	1		For Framework
Flat	Michael Mallin House	1	16/10/2025	With Contractor
Flat	Michael Mallin House	1		Waiting for keys from contractor
Apartment	Newmarket Square	1	28/09/2025	Received Nomination - EM Pending Clearance
Apartment	Newport Street	1	16/05/2025	With Contractor
Senior Citz	Old Mill Court	1	27/01/2026	With Contractor
Flat	Oliver Bond	1	27/02/2025	Waiting for keys from contractor
Flat	Oliver Bond	2	19/11/2025	For Framework
Flat	Oliver Bond	2	02/10/2025	For Framework
Flat	Oliver Bond	1	02/07/2023	Awaiting nomination
Flat	Oliver Bond	2	12/01/2025	Under Offer - EM Cleared
Flat	Oliver Bond	1	16/06/2024	With Depot

Flat	Oliver Bond	1	02/10/2025	With Contractor
Flat	Oliver Bond	Studio		With Contractor
Flat	Oliver Bond	1	23/05/2025	For Framework
Flat	Oliver Bond	1	06/01/2025	Awaiting nomination
Flat	Oliver Bond	2	05/10/2025	With Depot
Flat	Oliver Bond	2	02/10/2025	Waiting for keys from contractor
Flat	Oliver Bond	2	02/02/2025	Refusal - Awaiting New Nomination
Flat	Oliver Bond	2	18/11/2025	With Contractor
Flat	Oliver Bond	2	10/10/2025	With Contractor
Flat	Oliver Bond	1	27/01/2026	For Framework
Flat	Oliver Bond	1	12/01/2026	For Framework
Flat	Oliver Bond	1		Under Offer - EM Cleared
Apartment	Reuben St	1	01/09/2025	With Contractor
Apartment	Reuben St	1	01/09/2025	With Contractor
Apartment	Reuben Walk	2	01/12/2025	With Contractor
Apartment	Reuben Walk	2	23/11/2025	For Framework
Apartment	Robert Emmet Close	1	20/10/2025	For Framework
Senior Citz	Robinsons Court	1	31/10/2025	With Contractor
Flat	Saint Audeons Terrace	2	27/11/2025	With Depot
Flat	School Street	2	05/09/2025	With Contractor
Flat	Summer Street South	2	26/05/2024	For Framework
Flat	Thomas Court	1	17/04/2024	Received Nomination - EM Pending Clearance
Flat	Thomas Court	2	23/11/2025	For Framework
Flat	Thomas Court Bawn	2	23/09/2025	With Contractor
Flat	Thomas Court Bawn	2	25/03/2025	With Contractor
Flat	Tyrone Place	Studio	17/12/2023	With Depot
Flat	Tyrone Place	Studio	22/07/2025	Under Offer - EM Cleared, to sign tenancy
Flat	Tyrone Place	Studio	30/03/2025	Under Offer - EM Cleared, to sign tenancy
Flat	Tyrone Place	2	15/07/2025	Under Offer - EM Cleared, to sign tenancy
Flat	Tyrone Place	2	03/08/2025	Under Offer - EM Cleared, to sign tenancy
Flat	Tyrone Place	Studio	12/10/2025	Under Offer - EM Cleared, to sign tenancy
Flat	Tyrone Place	2	12/01/2025	With Contractor
Flat	Tyrone Place	2	28/09/2025	For Framework
Apartment	Weavers Row	2	02/03/2025	With Depot

## Community

### Supporting Our Community

Over the past month, the Community and Social Development Team have continued to process the Community and Informal Adult Education Grant applications including nine applications from new groups. The recommendation for funding will be presented for approval at the April Area Committee Meeting. Collaboration with colleagues in the DCC Arts Office Creative Community Engagement Team has led to the submission of two Creative Ireland funding applications: the *Live Music in Residential Healthcare Settings Scheme* in partnership with Bellvilla Nursing Home, and *Stitching Wellbeing: A Participatory Creative Textiles Programme*, in partnership with Change Clothes and the Mercer Institute of Successful Ageing at St James's Hospital. Further engagement with the DCC Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT) is exploring a collaboration with the Irish Museum of Modern Art on an arts programme for families living in local accommodation centres.

The team is working closely with the Back of the Pipes Residents Association and Festival in a Van to bring *Bloom in the Barn*, a community and participatory performance of James Joyce's *Ulysses*, to the Dolphins Barn Complex in July, with matching funding secured from the Arts Office. Work has also commenced on our *Inner City Misfits* project, a youth creative programme and festival funded by the Housing Finance Agency. In collaboration with SWICN and other youth services, young people will take part in a series of workshops over the summer to create multiple art and creative pieces, culminating in a local Arts and Creativity Festival Day.

### Bi-monthly Community Newsletter and Community

**Database** In 2025, the Community and Social Development Team developed an in-house database of over 166 community groups and services across the South West Inner City. Using this database, we compile and circulate a biweekly Community Information Bulletin to local groups and services, featuring information on funding and training opportunities, local public consultations, and DCC-led events and activities taking place in the area. To strengthen this support in 2026, we are introducing a registration process and inviting groups to sign up. If you are aware of any local groups or services, please circulate the following:

<https://forms.office.com/e/HcNdSGCzjW?origin=lprLink>





**Voluntary Led Summer Projects – Oliver Bond** A new community group, the **Oliver Bond Voluntary Summer Project Committee**, has been established with support from the Community and Social Development Team and a designated support worker from CrossCare. The group held its first meeting on 3rd March, with strong engagement from local residents. Ten women attended and successfully formed a formal committee, electing a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. We are delighted to support Oliver Bond as a new voluntary-led Summer Project in the South West Inner City, alongside Bridgefoot Street Summer Project and Islandbridge Summer Project.



## OLIVER BOND SUMMER PROJECT 2026

**LET'S START PLANNING!**  
VOLUNTEERS AND PARENTS NEEDED

**PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION &  
VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION NIGHT**

Liberties Community Project - Ushers Quay  
 Tuesday March 3rd  
 6:30pm - 8:30pm 

**INTERNATIONAL  
WOMEN'S DAY**  
in Dublin 8

**HAIR CARE FASHION**

Dublin City Council's South West Inner City  
Community and Social Development Team  
in Collaboration with The Liberties Community Project  
invites you to a Community International Women's Day Event.

**Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup>**  
12 - 3pm  
The Bank at The Digital Hub James's Street - D08 C2PR

**Holistic Therapy Taster Sessions:**

- Reflexology
- Massage - Swedish/Holistic
- Colour Analysis
- Facials
- And more

**Change Clothes Swap Shop:**  
Bring a piece of clothing - get a piece of clothing!  
The Digital Hub - Thomas St.  
12-4pm  
For more info  
Scan the QR code

**Talks and Interactive Sessions:**

DCC Historian in Residence  
Katie Blackwood -  
Women's Hairstyles & History  
(1900-1960)  
Amanda Jane Graham -  
Artist, Sociologist and former Hairdresser  
Hilery Condron - Stress Management  
Keeping Active and Exercise Talk

**Women of Dublin 8 -  
Photography Portraits**

### International Women's Day Celebration *Hair Care Fashion* Digital Hub An

International Women's Day community event was organised in Dublin 8 by the Community and Social Development Team in collaboration with The Liberties Community Project. The event brought local women together for an afternoon focused on wellbeing, learning and connection, featuring holistic therapy taster sessions, talks on women's history, stress management and physical activity, a clothes-swap initiative, and community photography portraits celebrating the women of Dublin 8. Over 70 women attended throughout the day.

**St Michael's Estate International Women's Day Celebration & Breakfast** The South West Inner City Community Team supported St Michael's Family Resource Centre's International Women's Day celebration on Wednesday, 4th March. The event brought together 60 women from community groups and organisations across Inchicore for a fantastic afternoon in Richmond Barracks. Guests enjoyed entertainment, refreshments, and a welcoming space to socialise, connect, and share their creative and performative talents.



*Hair Care Fashion, International Women's Day Digital Hub*



*St Michael's Family Resource Centre, International Women's Day*



Core Youth Services International Women's Day



Crowdfunding

**Crowd Funding Launch** The Community and Social Development Team joined local community groups in launching Crowdfunding. This is an exciting opportunity for groups and organisations to fundraise and deliver local projects that matter, from community gardens and allotments to health and wellbeing initiatives, and arts and cultural projects. As part of the scheme, Dublin City Council will match a group's fundraising up to a maximum of €5,000 of the project costs.

For further information, click here for [slides](#) and a recording of the information session [recording](#).

### Soil Mates: A Local Garden Owners and Budding Growers Project

The Community and Social Development Team is working alongside our Local Area Office Estate Management team to deliver *Soil Mates* in our local housing complexes. *Soil Mates* is a garden-share programme developed by the Dublin-based social enterprise Community Roots to grow food, skills and community across Dublin 8. Through the programme, local residents will be paired with budding gardeners to grow food in selected DCC complex green spaces. Together, participants will share knowledge, build connections and grow fresh food right in their neighbourhood. To learn more, please click here.

[www.communityroots.ie](http://www.communityroots.ie)

"The whole idea sparks joy"  
John, local participant

COMMUNITY ROOTS

"I love this programme!"  
Idella, local participant

**GROW FOOD & FRIENDSHIPS**

**Award-winning programme launching in Dublin 8 areas!**

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**12 budding growers + 12 garden owners**

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email: [hello@communityroots.ie](mailto:hello@communityroots.ie)

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### Historian In Residence Connects

Katie Blackwood, the newly appointed DCC Historian in Residence for the SCA area, met with the community team and has since begun engaging with local groups to explore potential projects. She has connected with the Liberties Community Project History Group, who recently marked the birthday of Irish orator and politician Robert Emmet, and with the Oliver Bond Residents Group to explore an oral histories project marking the 90th anniversary of Oliver Bond later this year.

The Community and Social Development team is hosting an event on 1st April 6.30pm in St Andrew's Centre to introduce the Historian in Residence to interested community groups to explore planned projects and identify additional supports they require.

**2026 City For All: Inclusion and Integration Week Contribution Supports** With support from DCC Discretionary Funding, we have launched the *City For All: Inclusion and Integration Week* Community Contribution Support. *City For All* will take place from Friday, 22nd May to Friday, 29th May. To celebrate the vital work of local voluntary groups and services across the South West Inner City in promoting social inclusion, integration and diversity, we are inviting local groups to submit expressions of interest to host small-scale activities, with grants of €300–€800 available. Applications are open from 6th March to 29th March.

To apply click [here](#)



The South West Inner City Community and Social Development Team invites you to meet the

**HISTORIAN IN RESIDENCE FOR SOUTH CENTRAL AREA**

**KATIE Blackwood**

**Date: Wednesday, 1st April 2026**

**Time: 6.30 p.m. – 8.00 p.m.**

**Venue: St. Andrew's Centre, Rialto – Training Room**

Are you working on a local history project?  
Want guidance on how to capture community history?  
Come along for an engaging evening with our new Historian-in-Residence, where groups can:

- Get advice on ongoing or planned history projects
- Explore ways to preserve and document local stories
- Connect with others interested in local heritage

RSVP Meet your new Historian in Residence – Fill out form



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**COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION SUPPORTS**

**SOUTH WEST INNER CITY CITY FOR ALL: INCLUSION & INTERGRATION WEEK 2026**

**FRIDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MAY – FRIDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

City For All Inclusion & Integration Week is an initiative led by Dublin City Council

A week to highlight the positive work carried out by voluntary groups & organisations in the community to promote social inclusion, integration, and diversity in our city.

We invite expressions of interest from local voluntary groups and community organisation to host a small-scale inclusion & integration themed activity during this week.

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST DETAILS**

- **FRIDAY MARCH 6<sup>TH</sup> – OPEN DATE**
- **SUNDAY MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup> – CLOSING DATE**
- **€300 – €800**

 <https://forms.office.com/e/XJK3T8bf4G>

Areas Include:  
Inchicore East, Kilmainham, Islandbridge, The Liberties, Fatima, Dolphin's Barn and Rialto



For more information on the South West Inner City Community Contribution Supports contact us at: [southwestinnercitycommunity@dublincity.ie](mailto:southwestinnercitycommunity@dublincity.ie)

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## Public Domain

**Graffiti Contract** 184 Meters of graffiti treated in South West Inner City. Locations treated: Bridgefoot Street, Clanbrassil Terrace, Dolphins Barn Bridge, Carman's Hall, Francis St, Hanover Lane, Mountbrowne, Steevens Lane, Heston Station environs

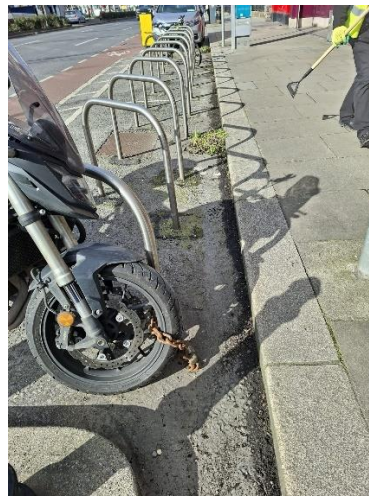


## Street Cleaning Waste Management

St John's Road West and Victoria Quay environs of Heuston Station cleaned and scraped moss weeds and debris. Sheffield Bike Stands at Meath Street, Cornmarket and School Street cleaned and scraped.



School St



Cornmarket



Victoria Q & John's Road

## Street Wash Crew

Wash crew jobs assigned for February/March Guinness Storehouse environs including Grand Canal Place, Swan Alley, Vicar St, Rialto Plaza, Marrowbone Lane, Taylors Lane,



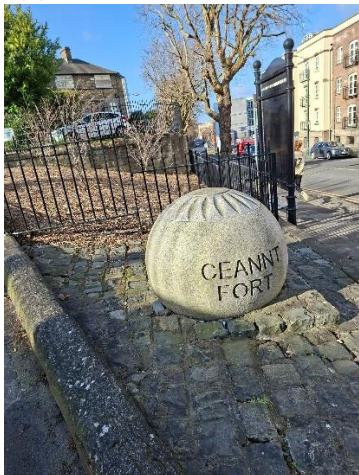
Grand Canal Place



Swan Alley & Marrowbone Lane

## Environmental work

The trees at the lower car park and playground complete the works scheduled for Ceannt Fort Estate as requested by the residents group. Parks have also replenished the bark mulch to suppress weeds at the entrance to the estate.



Lighting poles and cast-iron litter bins painted on Bellevue and Market St in advance of the St Patrick's Festival which traditionally brings an increase in tourists visiting local attractions. The full painting programme is funded by the Cllrs Discretionary Fund.



## Community Clean Up



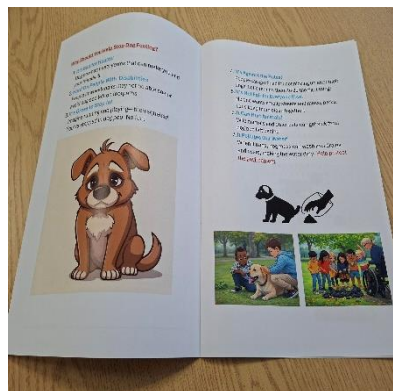
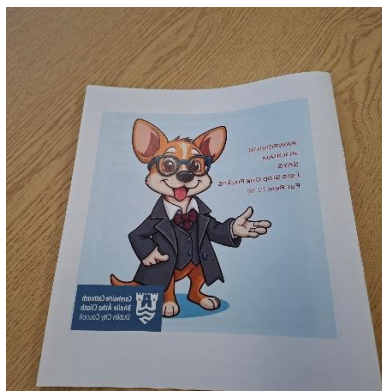
Monthly Clean-Up from Dolphins Barn. Great work carried out over the weekend along the canals and dolphins barn area.

A Total of 12 clean ups logged this month including groups such as Maryland, Liberties Litter, Inchicore environmental and others.

We would also like to acknowledge a new group in Coombe Court who have just received equipment for community cleans up. We look forward to supporting them further in the future.

Community Clean up supplies were also delivered to Stillgarden and Brookfield Road Residents in Kilmainham with a further 2 groups availing from clean up supplies. If groups or individuals who would wish to participate in community clean ups can email [Southwestinnercity@dublincity.ie](mailto:Southwestinnercity@dublincity.ie) for more information.

## Dog Fouling Awareness Booklet



*Schools Dog Poo Awareness Booklet amended based on feedback from the pupils in Scoil Treasa Naofa, Donore Avenue, D8*

A revised edition of the Dog Fouling Awareness Booklet created by the public domain team will be rolled out to other classes in Scoil Treasa Naofa. The Litter Management Office are interested in using the booklet as one of their campaign tools in schools across the city.

**The Dublin Community Clean-up** will take place over the weekend **18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026**. Any groups interested in participating can contact public domain for more information and any supports they may require. You can join with another group or clean your own local area. Don't forget send us any photos of your clean-up if you want to be entered into the City Neighbourhoods in this category.



## BALLYFERMOT DRIMNAGH ELECTORAL AREA

### Housing

#### Bluebell

A new Housing Clinic has started at the Bluebell Community Centre, running every Wednesday from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. The clinic has seen a strong turnout so far.

**Clinics** Our clinics in the Family Resource Centre and The Bungalow are continuing each Wednesday and Thursday afternoon, the attendance from the public is good and the new service is being well received within the community.

**Seven Oaks** Security issues with gates and doors in Seven Oaks has been rectified and there is a new dial in system to allow residents access.

**Rossaveal Court** More trees were pruned and cut back around the complex.

*Before*

*After*



**Allocations** - 15 allocations made in the Ballyfermot area office.

**Antisocial Behaviour** the local Housing team conducted ten estate management interviews on foot of complaints received.

#### Voids List

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	02/12/2025	With Framework	08/06/2026
House	CROFTWOOD PARK	3	10/10/2025	With Framework	08/06/2026
Apartment	CEDARBROO WAY	3	21/11/2025	With Framework	06/05/2026
House	COLEPARK ROAD	2	02/12/2025	For Framework	
House	CLEGGAN AVENUE	2	12/11/2025	Tenant Selected	12/03/2026
House	Le FANU DRIVE	4	17/12/2025	With Framework	10/04/2026
House	CHERRY ORCHARD GREEN	2	9/11/2025	Tenant Selected	viewing Ready
House	BARNEVILLE PARK	2	15/01/2026	For Framework	
House	CARNA ROAD	2	18/02/2026	For Framework	
House	CROFTWOOD DRIVE	3		With Framework	11/12/2025

House	COLEPARK ROAD	2	2/12/2026	For Framework	
Apartment	CEDARBROOK PLACE	1	5/08/2025	Tenant Selected	Ready
House	CREMONA ROAD	3	19/11/2025	Tenant Selected	Ready/ESB Works
House	KYLEMORE ROAD	2	31/10/2025	Maintenance move	4/03/2026
Senior Citizens	BLACKDITCH COURT	1	28/08/2025	Tenant Selected	Ready
Senior Citizens	CORNAMONA COURT	1	14/01/2026	Tenant Selected	21/05/2026
Senior Citizens	CLADDAGH COURT	1	28/01/2026	With Framework	08/06/2026
Senior Citizens	CLADDAGH COURT	1	30/01/2026	With Framework	08/06/2026
House	KYLEMORE DRIVE	2	11/01/2026	For Framework	
Senior Citizens	FATHER LEMASS COURT	1	23/01/2026	For Framework	
House	BLACKDITCH ROAD	2	25/06/2025	Tenant selected	31/03/2026
House	LOUGHCONN ROAD	2	5/06/2025	With Framework	28/03/2026
House	CROFTWOOD GARDENS	3	14/12/2026	For Framework	
House	ROSSMORE ROAD	2	7/12/2025	With Framework	02/06/2026
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	Tenant Selected	Ready
Senior Citizen	ROSSMORE AVENUE	1	27/01/2026	With Framework	02/06/2026
House	ROSSMORE ROAD	2		Tenant selected	Ready/ESB works
House	CROFTWOOD GROVE	4		Tenant Selected	Viewing / Ready
Senior Citizens	ROSSAVEAL COURT	1	24/8/2025	Tenant selected	Ready
House	CHERRY ORCHARD AVENUE	3	18/2/2026	For Framework	
House	CHERRY ORCHARD AVENUE	3	18/02/2026	For Framework	
House	CROFTWOOD GARDENS	3	9/02/2026	For Framework	
House	LOUGH CONN ROAD	2	17/02/2026	For Framework	

## Community

### Community Grants and Informal Adult Education Grants

All community and informal adult education grant applications have been received. The Community and Social Development (CSD) Team is currently engaged in the process of assessing eligibility for each submission and proposing allocation of funding to successful applicants. This process involves a detailed review of application criteria, verification of compliance, and an evaluation of the impact of proposed activities. Funding will be awarded to those applications that best align with community development objectives and meet the necessary eligibility requirements.

### Sanctuary Paddlers 2026

Following on from a successful pilot programme in 2025 Canoeing Ireland is looking to roll out another series of programmes under the sanctuary paddlers model.

The CSD Teams from Ballyfermot/Drinagh and the South West Inner-City met with Emily Rice, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion officer from Canoeing Ireland on the 04/02/26 to discuss how we can link in local groups to the project.

A follow up meeting was called with DCC sports partnership and the Local Authority Integration team to identify local groups and clubs/youth services who may want to get involved.

Bluebell

### **URBACT “CITI4UD” – Citizen’s Engagement in Urban Development European Project**

The first virtual online kick off meeting for the Community and Social Development (CSD) team URBACT project ‘CITI4UD’ took place on the 25/02/26. It was hosted by lead expert (LE) Laura Sobral and the municipal team from lead partner (LP) city Alytus, Lithuania. It gave the CSD Team a great chance to engage with the other cities involved and gain insights in to how this Transfer Network EUI project will move forward. More updates will follow as the team prepare to visit Alytus and Alghero, Sardinia in person and host the LE and LP here in Dublin in June 2026.

### **EUI URBACT Information Day 25 March 2026**

Following on from the CSD teams successful URBACT application the CSD team are invited to give a testimonial on how we have found our URBACT journey to date and give an insight into the start of an URBACT project. This information day is being organised by Dr. Karl Murphy, European Union Affairs Officer & National Contact Point for the European Urban Initiative and URBACT programmes. The event will take place on the 25/03/26 in the Richmond Education and Event centre on North Brunswick St., Dublin 1.

### **Bluebell United**

The CSD are supporting Bluebell United in the formation of a new senior women’s football team. After the initial contact from Bluebell United that came through the SlainteCare Local Development officer Joanna Kelly the team have provided information on financial supports from DCC both through community development streams and linking in with local sports officers.

### **Bluebell Community Council**

The Bungalow in Bluebell has begun work on an art studio and classroom. A team from Bluebell CDP are transforming a former tool shed and storage container into a space for a printmaking course planned for the summer with Artist Marie Soffee, who says “So far, we have a new workbench, shelves and a workstation with wheelchair access built, with a small block printing press already onsite waiting to be installed. Already we have an enthusiastic cohort of students looking forward to seeing what they can produce with it, fabric printing, fine art prints, linocut and woodcut prints, t-shirts, cards and posters. Watch this space!”



*“The team working on the new studio space”*

Bluebell Community Council (BCC) played host to a visit from the Charlemont Square Community Resource Centre (CRC) in February 2026. This gave both groups a chance to converse, exchange information and experiences. This visit took place in the DCC Community and Sports Centre in Bluebell.

With construction beginning at the Bluebell Waterways housing development, regeneration was at the forefront of the conversation. Charlemont CRC shared their experiences of the regeneration of the DCC Tom Kelly and French Mullan housing complexes in the South Inner City, which culminated in the development of a modern new apartment complex in 2017.

### **Labre Park**

After consultation with the community in Labre Park the CSD Team secured funding for goal posts to be erected in the playground at Labre Park. Huge thanks to BTAP and the community in Labre for their time and effort in helping with constructing the goal posts. The CSD team will be working closely with Cherry Orchard Football Club to create a football programme for Labre residents so they can improve their football skills and also gain knowledge in relation to fitness and nutrition.



*New goal posts erected in Labre Park with the support of BTAP and the Local Community.*

The CSD Team have also been in talks with DCC Libraries, the Historian in Residence, the children's Historian in Residence, BTAP and Pavee Point about a collaboration to celebrate Traveller history, culture and traditions. It is hoped the collaboration will allow for the recording of oral histories as well as possible workshops to share intergenerational knowledge and skills.



The Team have also been working closely with Familibase on an Art Project with young residents. The project will be co-designed and developed with young people, and the community will be consulted throughout. It is hoped the project will result in an Art piece that will promote pride of place and brighten up the outside space in Labre Park.

*Artist Conor from Familibase discussing ideas for outdoor Art Project with young Labre residents*

### **The D10 Learning Neighbourhood**

A member of the CSD will be co-chairing the D10 Learning Neighbourhood with the CDETb this year. The aim is to promote both formal and informal learning across D10 and increase awareness of opportunities for all. The team are excited to be working with new partners this year to develop cross sectional projects that will benefit a wide range of community groups and individuals. Already a number of exciting new collaborations have been proposed, and the team look forward to developing these further.

### **Support for Festival Organisers**

The CSD Team continue to work with festival organisers, supporting them with funding requests and other background preparation works for the festivals – including Cherry Orchard St Patrick's Day Parade, organised by St Ultan's and Ballyfermot St Patrick's Day Siuloid involving

many local schools. Requests for funding have been received and reviewed on an ongoing basis.

### **Seachtain na Gaeilge Siúlóid – Déardaoin 12 Márta**

The CSD Team engaged with several local schools and key drivers of Irish within the community such as the Coiste group and Ballyfermot Youth Service to support coordination of their participation in the St Patrick's Siúlóid. The Coiste group and Ballyfermot Youth Service contribute to the organisation and execution of both the Siúlóid and the Ceolchoirm with support from The Ballyfermot Community and Civic Centre and the Gardaí.

Following the parade, a Ceolchoirm will be held to showcase Irish culture and music. The concert will serve as a platform for artists and highlight Irish cultural traditions. The Community and Social Development Team supported the collaborative work of the schools and the community to organise the Siúlóid and Ceolchoim, as a highlight of the fantastic work happening in the area for Seachtain na Gaeilge.

The event took place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March starting at Ballyfermot Library and culminating in the Ballyfermot Civic Centre.

### **City for All – Social Inclusion and Integration Week 22-29 May 2026 – Call out for local activities.**

Dublin City for All: Inclusion & Social Integration Week 2026 takes place from Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026, celebrating the vital work of local voluntary groups across the Ballyfermot Drimnagh Area.

The Ballyfermot Drimnagh CSD Team is encouraging local communities to run voluntary and non-voluntary events during Dublin's City for All, Social Inclusion and Integration Week, a small bursary scheme of €300 - €800 (max) is available to support groups in hosting small-scale, community-led activities that promote the positive work of community groups and agencies working to reduce social exclusion and poverty.

The aim of the week is to highlight the positive work carried out by Dublin City Council and other agencies to promote social inclusion, integration, and diversity in our city. Across the city, this weeklong initiative features an extensive programme of activities, from panel discussions to language exchanges, exhibitions to sports activities, music to health workshops, and much more throughout the week. Inclusion and Integration Week has an activity for everyone and aims to engage anyone in Dublin who may face barriers to social inclusion. It is particularly targeted at young people, older people, people living with disabilities, members of the Traveller community, early school leavers, and migrants to let them know they are valued and welcome in Dublin.

Applications are open from March 9<sup>th</sup> to March 29<sup>th</sup>, click: [Calls for Expression of Interest - City for All - Inclusion & Social Integration Week 2026 – Fill in form](#)

### **Drimnagh**

The CSD team have been in talks with a number of stakeholders in Drimnagh in relation to a project to celebrate the ballroom era in Our Ladies Hall. The Historian in Residence Katie Blackwood has agreed to come on board and we look forward to gathering information from the community and planning an event to coincide with the Dublin Festival of History.

The CSD team met with members of the Board of Our Ladies Hall, discussing discretionary funding and financial sustainability of the Hall. The CSD team will continue to support the Hall and inform of any further funding/rental opportunities.

**Dynamic Drimnagh** organised a Native Irish Tree Giveaway on Saturday 7 March 2026 where 100 saplings and 5 Chestnut trees were donated to residents.

### **Cherry Orchard**

In recent weeks The Cherry Orchard CSD team, has been working closely with St. Ultan's school & the residents of Claddagh court in order to spark a warmer connection between the young & the old in the heart of the community, Thursday 12th March marked the first of many meetings bringing the groups together.

As we approach St. Patrick's Day, the CSD team & Cherry Orchard Centre staff are delighted to be supporting local groups in terms of preparation for the St Patrick's day parade at Cherry Orchard. Plans are underway to provide light refreshments after the parade in The Orchard Centre.

Furthermore, the Orchard Community Centre were delighted to host a coffee morning as part of International Women's Day.



*The Orchard Community Centres coffee morning as part International Women's Day.*

### **Cherry Orchard Park Renewal**

Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape Services are renewing Cherry Orchard Park to strengthen its role at the heart of community life - a place where people of all ages and abilities can explore, play, exercise and connect, now and for generations to come.

The Emerging Plan has been shaped by community feedback and includes high quality sports and recreation facilities, inclusive play areas, enhanced biodiversity and flexible spaces for events and gathering. The renewal will honour the Park's existing spirit, supporting the local clubs, schools and organisations that call it home.

DCC Parks are hosting a public consultation on 24 March 2026 2-6.30pm at Cherry Orchard Centre in regard to Cherry Orchard Park Renewal Plans. All Welcome to attend. Information and poster here as well as QR code link to [public consultation survey](#).

**Cherry Orchard Park Renewal: Drop-In Day**  
 Tuesday 24th March  
 Call in any time between 2:00-6:30pm  
 Orchard Community Centre, Cherry Orchard Grove, Dublin 10

Have your say via: [www.engage.dublincity.ie](http://www.engage.dublincity.ie)

Greening The City



**Cherry Orchard Park Renewal: Growing with the Community**

A park where people of all ages and abilities can explore, play, exercise and connect - now and for generations to come.

Dublin City Council is creating a Renewal Plan for Cherry Orchard Park to strengthen its role at the heart of community life. Through public consultation in 2022 and ongoing conversations, people's ideas have been gathered on how to make Cherry Orchard a greener, more inclusive, and multifunctional space.

We are now pleased to share the Emerging Plan. Before we progress the designs, we want to know what you think.

Help shape the future of your park today!

Take the Survey Open 6 March - 6 April 2026 [www.engage.dublincity.ie](http://www.engage.dublincity.ie)

Find out more [www.engage.dublincity.ie](http://www.engage.dublincity.ie)

Join us at our Drop-In Day 24 March, 2-6:30pm at The Orchard Community Hall.

Scan here to find out more and take the survey



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**What's planned?**

**Nature**  
A park to explore nature on your doorstep, with trails through trees and native planting.

**Sport**  
High-quality sports facilities including a new 400m running track, a 1km running and walking trail, high-performance grass football pitches, an astro kickabout area, and informal exercise spaces.

**A Place to Meet**  
Outdoor spaces to perform, learn, gather and celebrate, including a new informal amphitheatre.

**Play**  
Inclusive play opportunities for all ages and abilities throughout the park, including spaces for teenagers to gather safely and spend time together.

**Connection**  
More welcoming entrances and improved park paths, with better links to surrounding streets, neighbourhoods, and local schools, including formalised on-street parking around the park.



Join us at our Drop-In Event!

Meet the Project Team at our Drop-In event on Tuesday 24 March at the Orchard Community Centre. Call in for a tea or coffee any time that suits you between 2.00-6.30pm to learn more about the plans and share your ideas.



Take the Survey Open 6 March - 6 April 2026 [www.engage.dublincity.ie](http://www.engage.dublincity.ie)

Scan here to find out more and take the survey




**What Next?**

Your feedback will help DCC's Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape Services further develop their designs for the Park over the coming months. We want to work closely with the community as the proposals evolve. Elements of the project may require planning permission and a statutory consultation would take place for those elements in the coming months.

Help us shape a park that works for you — and for everyone.

Greening The City

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## Age Friendly Ireland

The first meeting of the DCC SCA OPC Executive Committee took place 24 February 2026. Discussions in relation to the structure of the Executive, Terms of Reference, roles and remits and frequency of meetings took place. The next meeting of the Executive will take place 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026 at Our Lady's Hall, Drimnagh. Election of the Chair and Vice Chair will take place at the meeting as well as discussion about objectives of the OPC in 2026.

The AFI National Residential Programme took place 12-13 February 2026, an opportunity for all AFI programme managers to meet and discuss and learn about age friendly programmes across the country.

AFI Ambassador's Day took place 4<sup>th</sup> March in Tralee, Co Kerry. Margaret Donnelly, outgoing interim Chair of SCA OPC attended the event on behalf of SCA, along with programme manager. Geraldine Plunkett, Dublin's AFI Ambassador is interested in engaging with local AFI programmes and including the Alzimer's group in Ringsend.

## Public Domain

### Weed & Overgrowth Removal on Camac Park, Bluebell



*Camac Park,  
Bluebell–  
Weed &  
Overgrowth  
Removal*



*Before and  
After photos*

Public Domain Office, following representations from local representatives and residents, engaged a contractor to remove the excessive weed and overgrowth at this stretch of Camac Park to enable safe passage for pedestrians. Works were funded by Discretionary funding provided by our Local Councillors.

Public Domain Office has also linked in with our colleagues in Waste Management and Roads Maintenance to request that they look to maintain this area going forward and take appropriate enforcement action to tackle the issue of illegal dumping and littering that is commonplace at this location, and that the road and footpath is maintained as required.

### **Illegal Dumping removal from lands beside St Olivers Training Centre**

Our Public Domain officer was contacted regarding the build-up of illegal dumping on a strip of land beside St Olivers Education and Training Centre, currently occupied by Clondalkin Travellers Development Group.

The site is located between St Olivers Training Centre and St Olivers and Bridgeview Traveller Accommodation.

Following discussions with the Traveller Accommodation Unit it was agreed they would arrange for the remove the illegal dumping. Below the before and after photos



*Before*



*After*

Public Domain received a report of illegal dumping on a small green area on La Touche Road, Blubell. Our colleagues in Parks not only removed the illegal dumping but landscaped the area, much to the delight of residents.



*Before*



*After*

### **Roads Maintenance**

The Public Domain office received representation at the last Local Community Safety Forum meeting, regarding the potential trip hazard on the footpath on the corner of Decies Road and O'Hogan Road. Below the before and after photos following reinstated by our Roads Maintenance team.



### **New tree planting along Cherry Orchard Drive**

Public Domain Office is delighted to inform members that central median between Cherry Orchard Drive and Clifden Drive has just been planted with 11 new trees, as part of the joint initiative between Public Domain, Parks Department, & GMC, who are carrying out work in the area as part of the Bus Connects project. With the support of 2025 discretionary funding provided by local Councilors to the Public Domain Office.

These additional trees will really enhance the public streetscape of Cherry Orchard.



*New tree planting along Cherry Orchard Drive*



*Dublin Canvas Summer 2026 callout*

### **Dublin Canvas Summer 2026 callout**

Public Domain Office is currently reviewing both existing and potential new Traffic cabinets that could be painted in this year's Dublin Canvas Summer 2026 callout scheme. The Public Domain Office welcomes any suggestions of suitable traffic signal boxes that you would like to see painted.

Callout to artists is due to start in the last week of March or early April, so we will need to make our decisions very soon. Please email any suggestions to [ballyfermotpd@dublincity.ie](mailto:ballyfermotpd@dublincity.ie)

### **Hedge cutting – Road & footpath safety**

Since the 1st March, land owners can no longer cut, fell, lop, trim or remove a tree, shrub, hedge or other vegetation on their land, except were they are instructed to do so by the local authority to stop it being a hazard to people using a public road or footpath- under section 70 of the Roads Act 1993.

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

**Waste Management crews out scrapping and clearing footpaths and roads**



*Chapelizod Hill Road*



*Drumfinn Avenue*



*Lynch's Lane, off St Laurence Road, Chapelizod*

**Below a sample of graffiti removed in the area**



*Raheen Drive*



*Moeran Road*

**Below are examples of Illegal Dumping we have dealt with**



*Irish Rail foot bridge, Cherry Orchard*



*Large volume of Nitrous Oxide Gas canisters removed from outside of the Masonettes on Bluebell Road*



*Large amount of household waste fly tipped Kylemore Way*



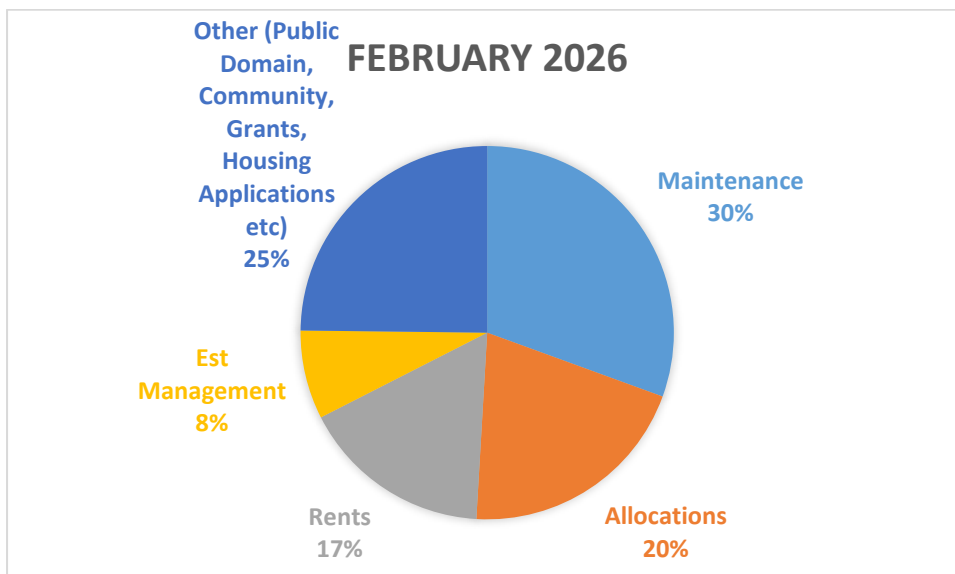
*Illegal Dumping at Colepark shops removed*



*Horse manure illegally dumped - Kylemore Way*

## Administration Team

February saw another rise in correspondence (public counter, phone, email), with the Administration Team in the Ballyfermot–Drimnagh Area Office handling over 1,000 queries. Maintenance requests continued to account for a large share of the workload, but there was also a notable increase in rent-related queries.



As part of ongoing training the Administration Team will be taking part in ‘**Inclusion in the Workplace**’ training. The purpose is to raise awareness about what workplace inclusion means, why it’s so important, the benefits it brings to internal and external stakeholders and how we can influence our own and other’s behaviours.

Equality, diversity and inclusion relate to everyone – all ages, gender and sexual orientation, civil and family status, and racial/ethnic/national identity. All benefit from a respectful, inclusive and welcoming workplace. The course will also raise awareness and support Dublin City Councils **Public Sector Equality and Human Rights Duty**, known as ‘**the Public Sector Duty**’.



The **Infrastructure Pillar** of the **Cherry Orchard Implementation Board** welcomed Suzanne O'Connell, Dublin City Council A/ Senior Executive Landscape Architect & Parks Officer, who presented plans for the upgrade of the family friendly park in Cherry Orchard.

A drop-in event will take place on the 24th March at The Orchard Centre, Cherry Orchard, 2pm–6:30pm, to allow the community to view the plans.

An invitation will be circulated, to complete a public survey on [Dublin City Council's Engage platform](#), where residents will also be able to download the plans. **This survey will be open until April 6th.**

There will also be a leaflet drop to over 4000 homes in the area.