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SOUTH WEST INNER CITY ELECTORAL AREA

Public Realm & Capital Programmes

Meath Street Public Realm Improvement Scheme - work is progressing well with much of the first section of street (south end) now completed. This programme will continue into mid-2027.

Iveagh Market – Work is progressing well on the emergency stabilisation of the historic Iveagh Market. A new concrete retaining structure has now been completed in the Dry Market, to secure the piers holding the main gallery. Work now begins on a programme to remove lead paint from the roof structure. The first community bulletin on the work programme will issue shortly.

Kilmainham Mill –Following recent site visits, the Council’s Architecture and Engineering Divisions have undertaken a series of assessments and developed a draft proposal to inform discussions on the interim use of the building’s ground floor. The proposed approach is aimed at enabling light community use while ensuring the space is safe, accessible, and fit for purpose. Key elements include improving the building’s thermal performance through insulation of the roof, walls, and floor; installing an access ramp to provide universal access; and delivering essential facilities such as a kitchen/storage area and bathroom amenities. In addition, a programme of electrical works, along with measures to further secure and weatherproof the building, is also envisaged.

Street Tree Planting - Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape Services are advancing a number of street tree planting projects to complete work under The Liberties Greening Strategy:

- **Carman’s Hall Street Trees** – proposed street planting has been successfully tendered but is scheduled to commence in late summer.
- **Ormond Street/ Chamber Street** – to tender
- **Usher Street/ St Augustine Street/ Mullinahack** – in design

Braithwaite Street Landscaping – a small, landscaped area and seating at the entrance to the Poole Street playground and amenity area is currently out to tender.

Security in Parks - Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape Services are running a pilot security programme together with Bidvest Noonan over the next 6 months to respond to increasing antisocial behaviour in some of our parks. The mobile security crews will have vests and cameras (much like the crews we see on Irish Rail) as well as an electrical van as transport. The crew have been specially trained and have a strong working relationship with Parks operations staff. The Mobile Security Crew will also record data of incidents as they occur and document regular reports. The Mobile Security pilot will begin on the 1st of April across a number of inner-city parks (Bridgefoot Street Park, St Catherine’s, St Audoen’s, Peace Park, Cabbage Patch).

Economic Development

Shopfront Improvement Scheme 2026 - Applications are currently invited for the Shopfront Improvement Scheme 2026 across the South West Inner City Area. The scheme helps with up to 50% of the cost of works to a shopfront or upper floors facades (on certain streets) to a maximum of €3,000.

MODOS Circular Economy Training for Businesses – the Regional Waste Management Office is again hosting a summer MODOS training programme for SMEs and social enterprises from 1st

May. To date over 300 businesses in a wide variety of sectors, have passed through MODOS training. More details at www.localenterorise.ie/dublincity

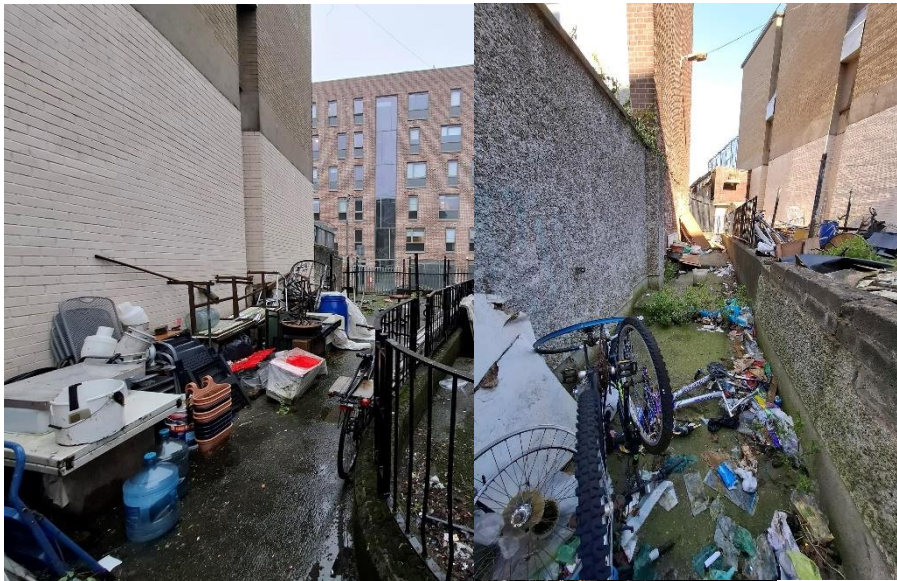
Newmarket Flea – The Area Office is supporting a number of animations in Newmarket over the summer including five proposed monthly flea markets from May to September. Music and cultural events are also being considered in association with Culture Date With Dublin 8.

Conservation Management Plan Inchicore – The City Conservation Office has been successful in securing funding under the Historic Towns Initiative 2026 for the development of an expanded Conservation Management Plan for Inchicore and Kilmainham, including a stream of funding to support the owners of historic buildings in the village core with repair and refurbishment projects. This will increase the viability of projects in Inchicore/Kilmainham which would not otherwise qualify for Built Heritage Investment Funding (the typical conservation grants) due to not being protected structures. It's hoped to identify a number of suitable projects to tackle in 2026/27. More: [Historic Towns Initiative 2025 | Dublin City Council](#)

Housing

Michael Mallin House

Plans are currently in progress to remove all bulky waste out of the drying to the side of Michael Mallin House. The South Central Area Office is liaising with Waste Management in relation to this matter.



Bulky waste in space beside Michael Mallin House.

Oliver Bond

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

The Housing Team arranged for equipment to be delivered by Public Domain to several residents in Coombe Court. They carried out an excellent job in removing weeds and completing a general clean-up of the area.



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

Herberton

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

Tyrone Place / Emmet Crescent

We are pleased to announce that offers have been made to several successful candidates through the Choice Based Lettings program. Viewings are now being scheduled.

Dolphin House

The Housing Clinic takes place every Tuesday morning, offering residents a dedicated space to discuss any issues or concerns. We encourage all residents to make use of this service.

We have made several offers under the Choice Based Lettings initiative at Dolphin House. Multiple viewings have already taken place, and we look forward to welcoming new residents in the coming weeks.

New development - A meeting was held with the contractor, Gardaí, and community services to discuss ongoing work in the area. We are actively assessing traffic management and access arrangements to ensure residents can move safely while the work is underway.

New key fob system - We are pleased to announce that our new key fob system was launched on the 30th of this month. Fliers have been distributed to all residents containing important information about the new fobs, including relevant contact numbers. We are working to ensure that all residents receive their key fobs promptly. Arrangements are also being made to provide additional fobs for caregivers and emergency services where required.

We kindly ask all residents to report any instances of antisocial behavior to the Gardaí and Dublin City Council. Their cooperation is essential in maintaining a safe and welcoming community for everyone.



New key fob sensors have been installed at the block entry doors in Dolphin House.

Resident meetings - We have begun a series of meetings with residents to discuss maintenance issues affecting their homes. Their feedback is invaluable, and we are committed to addressing all concerns promptly and effectively.

Basin Street

The Project Estate Officer continues to hold a weekly clinic every Tuesday from 9:30 to 11:30 at Eblana House. The clinic offers tenants updates on the regeneration project and information regarding decanting arrangements.

Herberton

Hedging has been trimmed around the football pitch.



Hedging trimmed around the football pitch.



New timber installed on the seating and steps outside F2.



Bow Bridge Court

The entrances and surrounding walls have been power washed, removing dirt, grime, and surface stains. This has helped improve the overall appearance and cleanliness of the area, creating a more welcoming environment for residents and visitors.

Entrance and walls after power washing.

Voids

Type	Location	Bedrooms	Vacant possession date	Status
Apartment	Bertram Court	1	30/03/2025	Refusal - Awaiting new nomination
Apartment	Bonham Court	2		Currently been used temporarily for maintenance
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

Senior Citz	Bulfin Court	1	01/03/2026	For Framework
Senior Citz	Bulfin Court	1	21/12/2026	For Framework
Senior Citz	Bulfin Court	Studio	24/08/2025	Awaiting nomination
Flat	Bulfin House	1	15/06/2025	Refusal - Awaiting New Nomination
Apartment	Cathedral Court	1	30/06/2025	Under Offer - awaiting keys
Flat	Dolphin House	2	08/09/2025	Received Nomination - EM Pending Clearance
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	Ready to let
Flat	Dolphin House	3	03/11/2024	Awaiting nomination
Flat	Dolphin House	1	07/09/2025	Under Offer - EM Cleared, to sign tenancy
Flat	Dolphin House	2	26/10/2025	With Contractor
Flat	Dolphin House	1	12/01/2025	Ready to let
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
Apartment	Emmet Crescent	2	22/02/2026	For Framework
Senior Citz	Garden View Court	1	23/05/2025	Awaiting electrical cert
Senior Citz	Garden View Court	1	19/01/2026	For framework
Apartment	Grand Canal View	2	31/08/2025	Awaiting nomination
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	Refusals on property, awaiting nomination
Apartment	Margaret Kennedy Court	1	10/11/2024	Ready to let - to be CBL advertised
Flat	Marrowbone Lane	2	24/11/2025	Under offer
Flat	Mary Aikenhead House	Studio	18/07/2025	With Depot
Flat	Mary Aikenhead House	1	14/09/2025	For Framework
Flat	Mary Aikenhead House	1	04/02/2026	For Framework
Flat	Mary Aikenhead House	3	10/03/2026	For Framework
Senior Citz	Memorial Court	1	09/09/2025	With Depot

Senior Citz	Memorial Court	1	24/04/2025	With Depot
Senior Citz	Memorial Court	1		For Framework
Apartment	Metropolitan Apartments	2	28/01/2025	Awaiting nomination
Flat	Michael Mallin House	1	16/10/2025	With Contractor
Flat	Michael Mallin House	1		Awaiting nomination
Apartment	Newmarket Square	1	28/09/2025	Received Nomination - EM Pending Clearance
Apartment	Newport Street	1	16/05/2025	Received Nomination - EM Pending Clearance
Flat	Old Mill Court	1	27/01/2026	With Contractor
Flat	Oliver Bond	1	27/02/2025	Awaiting nomination
Flat	Oliver Bond	2	19/11/2025	With Contractor
Flat	Oliver Bond	2	02/10/2025	With Contractor
Flat	Oliver Bond	1	02/07/2023	Awaiting nomination
Flat	Oliver Bond	2	12/01/2025	Refusal - Awaiting New Nomination
Flat	Oliver Bond	1	16/06/2024	Re-Returned to Contractor
Flat	Oliver Bond	1	02/10/2025	Awaiting nomination
Flat	Oliver Bond	Studio	04/04/2023	Awaiting nomination
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	For Framework
Flat	Oliver Bond	2	02/02/2025	Awaiting 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	With Contractor
Flat	Oliver Bond	1	12/01/2026	With Contractor
Flat	Oliver Bond	2	22/02/2026	For Framework
Flat	Oliver Bond	1	11/01/2026	For Framework
Flat	Oliver Bond	2	18/08/2024	With engineers
Apartment	Reuben St	1	01/09/2025	Awaiting nomination
Apartment	Reuben St	1	01/09/2025	Awaiting nomination
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	Awaiting nomination

House	Saint Anthony's Crescent	2	08/03/2026	For Framework
House	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	With Contractor
Flat	Thomas Court	1	17/04/2024	Under Offer - EM Cleared, to sign tenancy
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	15/01/2024	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	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 Contractor

Community

Tuesday 7th April (15th April Area Committee Meeting) Supporting Our Community

During March, the Community and Social Development Team finalised the recommendations for funding under the **Community and Informal Adult Education Scheme**. The Team presented on the work of the Community Office at two local Community Safety Forum public meetings. A series of meetings were held to progress the Oliver Bond Potato Project, ensuring partner engagement and the successful securing of funding.

A six-week outreach campaign, implemented in line with data protection guidelines, resulted in 97 local groups and services signing up to the South West Inner City (SWIC) Community Database to receive a bi-weekly information bulletin featuring updates on funding and training opportunities, public consultations, and DCC-led events and activities within the area.

The Community Office was pleased to facilitate a collaboration between the Community Safety Forum and a local domestic violence community service to plan awareness training scheduled for May. Further collaboration with *Inchicore for All* is supporting the delivery of *Disinformation and Anti-Discrimination* training for community groups and services during **A Thriving City For All**. In partnership with the Ballyfermot–Drimnagh Community and Social Development Team, an agreement has been negotiated with Together FM to expand services across the South Central area, with a focus on the South West Inner City.

A further collaborative project with the North Central Area Community and Social Development Team and Foroige has commenced to support the development of voluntary led youth clubs across the SWIC. Finally, the team supported the second Older People's Council Executive meeting on the 1st April with a presentation of 2025 South Central Area Age Friendly Community Initiatives & Support to those attending.

South West Inner City Public Community Safety Forum Meetings - March 2026

The SWIC Community Team were invited to present at the two Public Safety Forum meetings which occurred in the South West Inner City in March. Occurring in St. James' Primary School, Basin Lane and Inchicore College, Community Officers presented to community members and service representatives an overview of the role of the Community and Social Development Section within Dublin City Council, the SWIC Community Team's key objectives, and outlined the ways in which community members, voluntary groups and local services can engage with the team.

The team always welcomes an invitation to engage with residents, service providers and members of the public to communicate our section's role within the local authority and explore opportunities to collaborate, co-create and develop positive community initiatives, events and programmes.



Easter Bonnet Tea Dance- Dolphin Community Centre

The Community and Social Development Team was delighted to support the Easter Bonnet Tea Dance, organised by staff at Dolphin Community Centre on Tuesday, 31st March 2026.

The event was fully attended, with everyone donning their beautifully decorated bonnets. Attendees enjoyed refreshments and were entertained by the wonderful singing of popular performer Angel.

Oliver Bond Potato Patch - Liberties

The Community and Social Development Team is delighted to co-ordinate the Oliver Bond Potato Patch project alongside our Housing Estate Management Team and in collaborating with

The Liberties Community Project, NCAD and residents in a new pilot project in Oliver Bond House.

The project will see potatoes grown in the community garden space at the rear of Block F and H by the children of The LCP Afterschool's Group, led by the Liberties Community Project and NCAD FIELD students and staff. The project will see everyone come together on the 15th April to sow the potatoes, followed by community workshops and finally feast on a potato crop grown together in October.

DCC warmly invites residents in F & H block to express their interest in getting involved too by having their own Potato Grow Bag – For more information contact the DCC SWIC Community Team: amy.collins@dublincity.ie / 01 222 2971 / 01 222 7008

This project is funded by DCC Climate & Urban Resilience Department



Oliver Bond Potato Patch
A Community Growing Initiative

A pilot project bringing children from the Liberties Community Project Afterschool group, NCAD FIELD students and LCP staff, together to sow, grow and finally feast on a potato crop grown together - Nothing like an ol' bag of chips!

And YOU can get involved too!
Get Growing with Us!

Residents of Oliver Bond F & H block are invited to take part in this community growing project with your own potato grow bag!

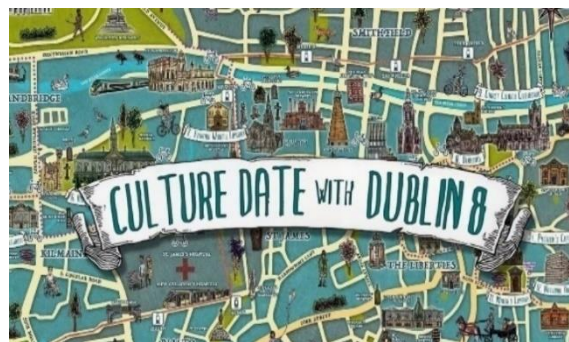
To learn more about the project or to get involved by growing your own potatoes at home

Contact: southwestinnercitycommunity@dublincity.ie or afreemancobrien@libertiescommunityproject.ie, or drop in to LCP Robert Emmet Building on Wednesday 8th April 10am - 12noon

Potatoes to be planted, sowed, earthed, watered, cared for in the community garden space of blocks F & H.

This is a pilot project in partnership with the Liberties Community Project, NCAD and supported and funded by Dublin City Council.

NCAD **Liberties** **Comhairle Cathrach Bhaile Átha Cliath Dublin City Council**



Culture Date with Dublin 8 2026 Launch – SWIC

On Wednesday 8th April, Dublin 8 saw the launch of the 2026 Culture Date with Dublin 8 neighbourhood Festival.

Tickets for the various events, sessions and activities taking place across Dublin 8 as part of the neighbourhood festival went live on April 8th – For more information click here [Festival | Culture Date with Dublin 8 – Culture, History and Heritage in Dublin 8](#) The Community Team warmly encourages and invites local residents to get involved in the festival and enjoy the various happenings across the rich and vibrant cultural and historical hub that is our Dublin 8 community.

South West Inner City Climate friendly Planting Initiative 2026- now open for applications

Dublin City Council's South West Inner City Community & Social Development Office is inviting Dublin 8 community groups to express interest in a new Climate-Friendly Planting Initiative. Participating groups will receive compost and bee- and butterfly-friendly plants to refresh neglected planters and poorly maintained green areas. Priority will go to groups involved in the City Neighbourhoods Awards 2026. Plant collection will take place 20th & 21st May, location to TBC.



Open to South West Inner City groups only. Deadline: Sunday, 26th April 2026 at midnight. To apply click [here](#)

A Thriving City For All (Formerly Inclusion & Integration Week) - SWIC

With support from DCC Discretionary Funding, the Community Team is supporting A Thriving City for All (formerly *Inclusion and Integration Week*), an initiative of DCC Community Central. Through the Community Contribution Support, the team is currently processing 18 expressions of interest received from local groups and services. Successful groups will be supported to host events and activities that promote social inclusion, integration, and diversity. As this is the second year of the initiative, we are delighted to see the range of proposals submitted, including a multicultural day, an audio and photography exhibition showcasing the experiences of older women, intergenerational planting activities, a spoken word and cultural dance workshop, and a Disability Awareness and Inclusive Neighbourhood workshop. A Thriving City for All will take place from Friday, 22nd May to Friday, 29th May.



COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION SUPPORTS
SOUTH WEST INNER CITY
CITY FOR ALL: INCLUSION & INTERGRATION WEEK 2026
FRIDAY 22ND MAY – FRIDAY 29TH 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 6TH – OPEN DATE**
- **SUNDAY MARCH 29TH – CLOSING DATE**
- **€300 – €800**

Link: <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

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Community Services Summer Project Application Form 2026

Community Service - Summer Project Funding 2026 SWIC was launched on the 27th March. Dublin City Council is providing approximately €50,000 in funding to support service-led Summer Projects across the city including family resource centres and community projects, afterschool programmes and local youth services. This funding supports these community services to deliver supervised recreational and educational programmes for children and young people.

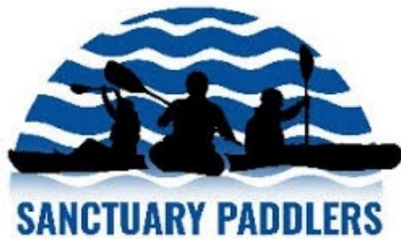
The closing date for applications was 10th April, and the Community and Social Development Team are currently processing applications for recommendation to DCC Community Central.

Sanctuary Paddlers Water Based Programme – SWIC

Progress is underway to deliver a water-sports-based taster session during A Thriving City for All for residents of accommodation centres across the city. The Community and Social Development Team is coordinating a working group comprising of the DCC Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT), the Sports Office, and Canoeing Ireland to organise an initial taster, with the intention of progressing to a five-week paddling programme. Canoeing Ireland is offering the Canoeing Ireland Training Centre and session capacity (12 participants), with LAIT and the Sports Office supporting participant engagement, transport, and promotion. Progression pathways into local clubs are currently being explored, and a local voluntary group has expressed interest in supporting outreach, particularly in engaging men living in accommodation centres.

Sanctuary Paddlers is a collaborative initiative that promotes integration through water sports bringing together refugees, asylum seekers, and local communities across Ireland to participate in kayaking, canoeing, and paddleboarding.

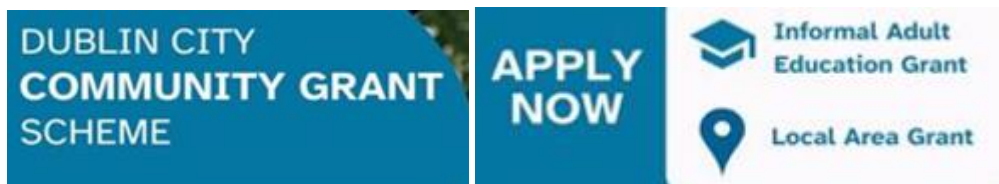
Click here for more information [Sanctuary Paddlers 2025 - YouTube](#)



Community Funding and Informal Adult Education Funding

Over the past four weeks, the Community and Social Development Team has been working closely with local community groups and services to process applications under the Community and Information Adult Education Funding Scheme. We were pleased to hold a positive pre-meeting with our local public representatives in early April to discuss the recommendation of €38,450 in funding to 54 community groups and services, supporting 69 initiatives and activities across the South West Inner City.

The Community and Social Development Team supports the delivery of this scheme through local information sessions, one-to-one application supports, and by processing and recommending applications for approval to the Area Committee.



Public Domain

Graffiti - 300m of graffiti was treated at locations including: Augustine St, Hanover Lane, Steevens Lane, Suir Road, Thomas St, James St, Marrowbone Lane, John St West, St Lukes Ave, Island St,



Planters, James St

Waste Management -Textile Recycling

A new contract will come into effect from April 13th, 2026, for Textile Recycling across the City. Enable Ireland Commercial Division will provide this service. The roll out of Enable Ireland textile banks and the removal of the existing Clothes Pod (Textile Recycling Ireland) banks will be completed

within two weeks of this date. There may be some disruption to service during this transitional period.

Enable Ireland clothes banks have an advanced, secure and tamper proof locking system. All banks have a secure chute ensuring that items cannot be removed yet permitting easy depositing of donations.

Waste Management Cleaning

Guinness Storehouse- Taylors Lane, Bellevue, Market St, Grand Canal Place and an additional wash over the Easter Weekend. Lanes- Swan Alley, Marrowbone Lane, Merchants Quay, Rialto Village shops and Plaza. Illegal Dumping removed from Darley's Terrace, Echlin Street, Island Street.



Swan Alley



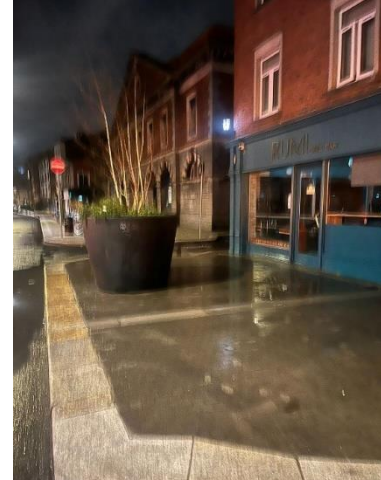
Market St

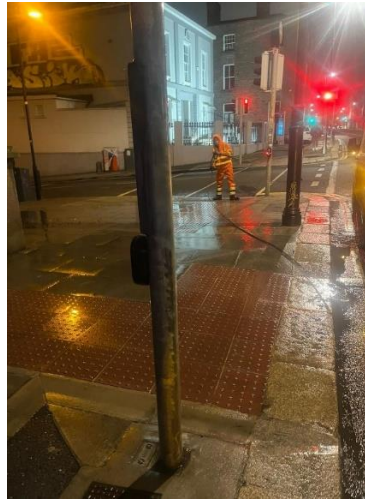


Daleys Terrace

Public Domain Intensive Clean -Discretionary Fund Project

Public Realm Cleaning at Cornmarket, Thomas St, Francis St and James St. The primary routes had become heavily stained and needed an intensive clean to remove a build-up of food/drink and other residues. Sticker litter is very prevalent along the route, and the project also included removal of stickers from all poles, utilities etc. The work was completed over a 2–3-week period during off-peak hours to minimise disruption to normal services and pedestrian traffic. This annual cleaning is vital to maintain this busy commercial and tourist route. Each section of the route was inspected upon completion.





Environmental Projects and Community Clean-ups

*Volunteer Ireland at the Linear Park
Rialto after their Dublin City Council
supported Clean up.*

A Total of 10 clean ups logged this month including groups such as Inchicore Environmental Group, CIE Works and Rialto Cottages others.

We would also like to acknowledge a new group in Grey Street and the Roller Derby Team out of Inchicore 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 Reginald Street and Coombe Court with a further 3 groups availing from clean up supplies. Groups or individuals who wish to participate in community clean ups can email Southwestinnercity@dublincity.ie for more information.



Anyone interested in participating can contact public domain on tel. no. 01 222 5184 or email

southwestinnercity@dublincity.ie

You can join with another group or clean your own local area. Don't forget to send us photos of your clean-up if you want to be entered into the City Neighbourhoods in this category.

***"If we each do a little it, we will achieve a lot
Ní neart go cur le chéile"***

The Team Dublin Community Clean-up will take place on Sat. & Sun 18th & 19th April

Team Dublin Clean-Up is an annual event which aims to bring together community, resident, business and environmental groups to spend a little time caring for their area.

Dublin City Council provides clean-up equipment and removes all litter collected by the groups taking part.

All participating groups will be automatically entered into the **Dublin City Neighbourhoods Competition**, with a chance to win **€1,000 for their community**.

The **Team Dublin Clean-Up** forms part of **An Taisce's National Spring Clean 2026**, Ireland's largest and most widely supported anti-litter initiative, encouraging community participation and environmental responsibility across the country.

Register with An Taisce and your group will be insured to participate.

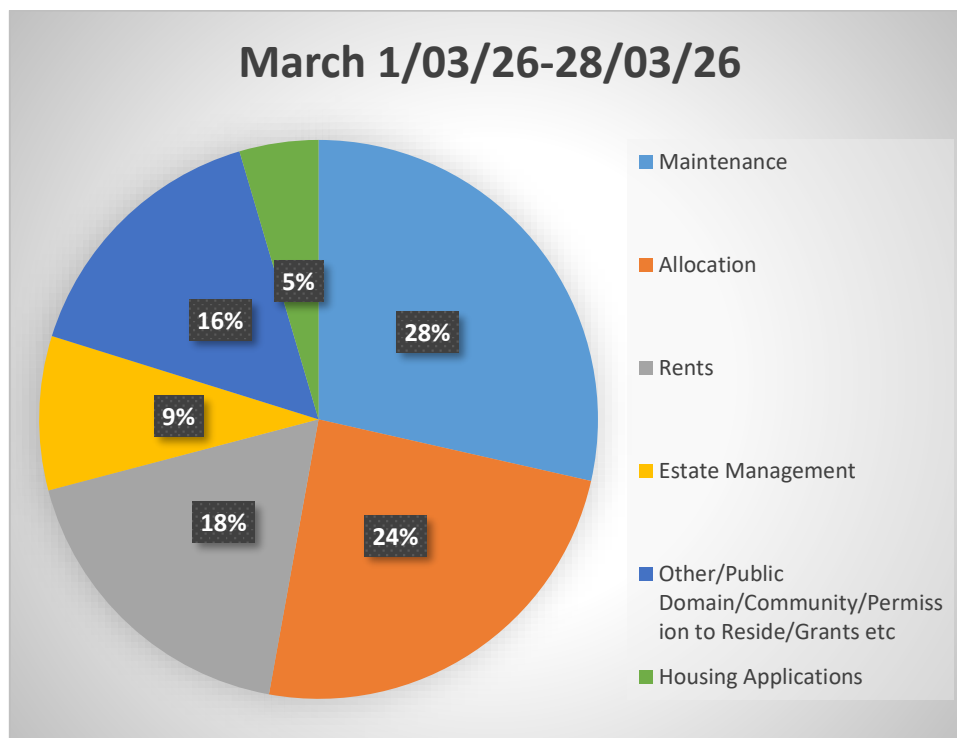
<https://nationalspringclean.org/holding-a-spring-clean/how-to-organise-a-spring-clean/>

BALLYFERMOT DRIMNAGH ELECTORAL AREA

Administration

The Administration Team in the Ballyfermot – Drimnagh Area Office continue to deal with large volumes of queries with almost 900 phone, public counter and email queries during the month of March.

While Maintenance queries remain high, at over 28% of all correspondence, March also saw an increase in Allocations queries at 24%.



Members of the Administration Team took part in a **People Strategy Workshop** in the Ballyfermot – Drimnagh Area office in March. The workshop looks at ways of attracting talent, engaging and retaining existing staff as well as upskilling and developing staff. This will benefit all stakeholders in terms of delivering quality public services, delivering on key priorities set out in the Corporate Plan and achieving Dublin City Councils goals for the city.

An updated **GDPR training** module, Safeguarding in the Digital Age, has been completed by the Administration Team. The new module is **mandatory** for all staff and builds on the previous GDPR training, focusing on practical aspects of data security in everyday work.



The **Cherry Orchard Implementation Board** are delighted to launch the **COIB Progress Report and Action Plan 2026**. An event will take place in the Cherry Orchard Community Centre on **Wednesday 15th April 2026 at 11am**.

Members of the COIB were in attendance to support the 2026 **St Patricks Parade** in Cherry Orchard. The event was very well attended and also covered by RTE news.



Cherry Orchard St
Patricks Parade
2026

At the recent board meeting the Chair of the **Education Pillar** highlighted that Senator Evanne Ni Chuilinn visited St Ultans Campus in Cherry Orchard and was introduced to the **Presto Project**, a music project in the school supported by the COIB.

Housing

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

Antisocial Behaviour

The local housing team conducted 17 estate management interviews on foot of complaints received. 13 letters/ formal interviews were carried out on foot of dumping complaints the housing team received from members of general public and the local public domain team, this related to the Cherry Orchard area.

Following a complaint received, an investigation was launched into a caravan parked within the curtilage of a Dublin City Council property. An Garda Síochána has confirmed reports that the vehicle is being used for illegal drug activity. To maintain community safety and standards of good estate management, the caravan was successfully removed on 7th April 2026

Allocations

9 properties were allocated in the Ballyfermot Area Office

Stonemount

- All of Phase 2 Stonemount apart from 6 units (2 x 1 beds & 4 x 2 beds) have signed up.
- Signings for Phase 3 have started, (3 x 1 beds & 2 x 3beds)

St Laurence's House

23 signed up for St Laurence's House. 4 to go (2 x 1 Beds & 2 x 2 Beds)

Cornamona Court

The Ballyfermot Area Office Housing team and Community Development Officer had the pleasure of welcoming colleagues from Carlow County Council, including County Manager Coilín O'Reilly to Cornamona Court which is an intergenerational complex in Dublin 10.

Carlow County Council reached out and expressed an interest in seeing this award winning development to gather feedback to present back to any future age friendly developments in their own area.



On 8th April 2026 the Ballyfermot Area Office Housing Team facilitated a tour and information session in relation to the development and operation/management of the units. They also met with some of the residents' committee who wished to give their experiences living in the complex.

Community Safety Forum meetings

The Area Housing Manager attended a Community safety Public Meeting for the Canals area in Inchicore college on the evening of 25th March 2026 and was available to address any concerns from the public. The meeting was positive with good attendance from the local community.

The Ballyfermot Community safety Forum meeting was held in Ballyfermot Civic Centre on March 26th and was attended by the Area Housing manager and the Local community safety Coordinator for the South Central Area.

Void 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	CROFTWOOD GARDENS	3	2/12/2025	For Framework	
House	Le FANU DRIVE	4	17/12/2025	Tenant Selected	10/04/2026
House	DRUMFINN ROAD	3	13/03/2026	For Framework	
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	Temporary Let	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	FATHER LEMASS COURT	1	26/03/2026	For Framework	
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	Tenant Selected	Ready
House					
House	LOUGHCONN ROAD	2	5/06/2025	Tenant Selected	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					
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	RAHEEN PARK	4	25/02/2026	For Framework	
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	With Framework	16/06/2026

Community

Support for Festival and Event Organisers

The CSD Team met with Bluebell Youth Service on the 13/03/26 to discuss the public meeting held in February. Plans are underway for the team to support groups in the Bluebell area who are interested in putting on festivals and events throughout the year and what is needed in terms of Insurance and funding requests.

The CSD team arranged to meet with the organisers of the Wonderful Walkinstown Festival on the 23/03/26, again to discuss what supports are on offer and how the organising committee can look to grow their festival from a one-day event to a two-day event over the Summer.

The team are also in discussions with the Chapelizod Festival committee and the D12 autism parents support group who have sent in Funding proposals and indicative budgets for their events in the summer.

Planning is well under way with the Drimnagh Festival Committee and funding has been agreed upon between the Ballyfermot Area Office and Crumlin Area Office. This year's festival will have some new additions and some old favourites.

The Team continuously link in with the Ballyfermot Cherry Orchard Arts Festival about their funding needs, at festival committee meeting Tuesday 7th April. This festival is growing *year-on-year*, and we look forward to seeing what this year offers.

Community Grants and Informal Education Grants 2026

The CSD Team have completed their assessment of grant applications for community and informal education grant funding. Their recommendations have been presented to local elected councillors. At the City Council meeting in May it is expected that the recommendations will be accepted by elected local councillors and distribution of funding follow on shortly after that meeting. There was almost a 50% increase in applications for community grants in the Ballyfermot Drimnagh area in 2026 on last year's eligible applications.

Plant Fair, Planning for Biodiversity and Climate Action Week

The CSD Team are currently planning collaborative Biodiversity Workshops with the Cherry Orchard Community Garden, DCC Parks, DCC Biodiversity, CDETB, Matt Talbot Centre and Ballyfermot Civic Centre. The idea to highlight the importance of biodiversity and let people know what they can do to make their garden or outside space more climate and biodiverse friendly. All members of the public will be most welcome to attend the workshops.

Climate Action Week takes place **11-19 May 2026**, ***Biodiversity Week*** 15-19 May 2026.

Plants will be distributed to community groups, resident's associations and organisations for planting in public spaces. The distribution of plants will happen during the first week in May with all relevant organisations and groups contacted in advance to bring awareness to the workshop opportunities taking place in May.

A Thriving City for All: Social Inclusion and Integration Week

In advance of this year's social inclusion and integration week the team have created a bursary application and open call for voluntary groups and services to host events, activities, workshops and so forth. A Thriving City for All will take place from the 21st – 31st of May. While applications for the bursary have not yet closed initial responses are well over double the number of events that were supported in 2025. Applications have been received from Ballyfermot, Bluebell, Cherry Orchard,

Drimnagh and Inchicore. More updates will follow the assessment of all applications once the bursary has closed.

Dublin Learning Cities Festival and D10 Learning Neighbourhood

A team member represented the D10 Learning Neighbourhood at a meeting of the Learning City Festival and is working with Local Groups to have their events included in the schedule. The Learning City Festival will take place between the 22nd and 25th of April and this month's theme is 'To Belong'. The Festival celebrates learning as a way to connect, participate and feel part, accepted and valued in our communities. Events can be registered at the website - [Dublin Learning City - A Learning Festival in the Capital](#)

D10 Food Alliance

DCC Community Development attends the D10 Food Alliance representing DCC. The second meeting of 2026 took place 31 March. There were updates from Liffey Partnership, leading the initiative on the 2026 Alliance workplan including information about media coverage, meal kits and the proposed new food hub at Ballyfermot Civic Centre, proposal for a community shop in Cherry Orchard and linking in with local groups were also discussed. Funds from DCC's 2026 Discretionary Funding will financially offer support to the project.

Bluebell - URBACT "CITI4UD" – Citizen's Engagement in Urban Development European Project

The community and social development team presented their participation in the "CITI4UD" URBACT project at an information session organised by the Eastern Regional Midland's Assembly in the Richmond Education Centre, North Brunswick Street on the 25/03/26.

The team presented their journey so far during the initial "Understand" phase, their motivation to apply for the project and what its aims are for Bluebell.

Bluebell Community Council

A group of students from the TUD School of Architecture Building and Environment made a visit to Bluebell in March. Following the big breakfast music party at Bluebell community centre the students were brought on a tour of the Bungalow community development project. The students' annual collaborative Housing systems project '26 is partnering with the Bluebell community council for a second year running.



The Bungalow Foreman Greg Kelly discussing the outdoor projects with the students.

The Bluebell community development project Knitting class donated their easter project to Vision Ireland as part of a fundraising drive for the charity. For more information on Bluebell CDP knitting class, held Wednesday mornings contact admin@bluebellcdp.ie



Teacher Anne Kelly and her students made a variety of Easter themed knits for Vision Ireland. The entire collection was sold and raised €300.

Anne Kelly and her students creating the Easter themed knits.

URBACT WISH Cities Project

A member of the CSD Team travelled to Pori in Finland in March 2026 to observe best practice in relation to Youth Participation. Several key initiatives were highlighted including a youth survey ([Zekki](#)) that points young people in the direction of services that are needed in relation to their specific concerns. A youth hub was also visited where young people can access a range of services from the one location including support with employment, mental health, housing and further education. The first meeting of the URBACT Local Group (ULG) for this project will be held on April 8th and will consist of key services and organisations with youth knowledge and experience in the D10 Area.



Member of the Community Development on wish Cities URBACT Innovation Transfer



Labre Park

DCC Historian in Residence Project. The team are in the early stages of facilitating an oral history project documenting the culture and heritage of the Travelling community residing in Labre Park. Working with Pavee Point, BTAP, Libraries in the community, the DCC Historian in Residence and the Children's Historian in Residence. This project will hopefully possess an intergenerational element in direct response to some of the concerns that local travellers have raised surrounding conformity practices within the younger generations as a mitigation against discrimination. The project aims to document traveller culture, traditions and pride, creating an oral history that will be archived for future generations.

The team are working closely with the Cherry Orchard Community Garden to arrange a planting workshop for the BTAP Women's Health Group. The women have been looking after the planters in Labre Park and will get to pick plants that they would like to see in their space.

The Team are also working with Sláintecare Healthy Communities, BTAP, Pavee Point and Planning Aid Scotland to develop a Place Standard Tool for specific use with the Travelling Community. It is hoped that the tool will aid understanding in relation to how the physical and social environment affects community wellbeing. We believe this is essential for developing effective interventions that address the root causes of inequality rather than just their symptoms.

Drimnagh

The Community team have begun working on a project with the Historian in residence, Dynamic Drimnagh and several groups attending Our Ladies Hall. The project will celebrate the Ballroom era in Drimnagh and will culminate in an event to coincide with the Dublin Festival of History. Look out for a call out for any photos from the area as we will be exhibiting photos at the event as well as encouraging people to share their memories from the era.

The team have been linking in with Brent Geese expert Una Sheehan to provide a talk on the Brent Geese and to possibly start the Brent Geese Ambassador project in a local school.

The team are linking in with the Bosco Youth Service to develop a survey in relation to what young people would like to see in the Drimnagh area and to get their thoughts on existing and previous events such as Halloween and Summer Festival. This will inform our planning and collaborations on future events.

Dynamic Drimnagh

Sláintecare ran the "Changing Gears" course from 26th February to 2nd April for over 55s, which was well attended, and feedback was very positive.

Dublin City Council Sports and Wellbeing Officer, Will Morris, will facilitate a six-week Yoga course at Good Counsel Liffey Gaels GAA Club, Davitt Road, commencing Thursday, 30th April @ 11:00 am.

The Over 60's Gym, led by George McCabe (G-Force Fitness) continues to flourish. Reporters from RTE's David McCullough Radio Show attended the session on Wednesday, 1st April and spoke with some participants about how it has improved their lives.

The Bealtaine Festival will take place at Good Counsel Liffey Gaels GAA Club on Friday, 1st May. Posters will be distributed after Easter.

The Drimnagh Summer Festival will take place between June 12th and 14th, 2026 with plenty of activities for the whole family.

Ballyfermot

The Team would like to thank all involved in the celebrations for Seachtain na Gaeilge in Ballyfermot including local schools, BYS, D10/12 Men's Shed, BCFE, Gardai, Ballyfermot Library, Ballyfermot Community Civics Centre and Together fm. A special thanks to Mary Daly and Coiste Gaeilge in Baile Formaid for all of the hard work and organising. We would also like to congratulate Coiste Gaeilge in Baile Formaid on beginning the process of formalising their group so that they can apply for grants and expand on their great work and efforts to promote the Irish Language in the area.



*Ceolchoirm Seachtain na Gaeilge,
Ballyfermot Library
March 2026*

Intergenerational Project - Ballyfermot

Following on from successful engagement with the transition year students of Kylemore College the first session of our intergenerational project between Kylemore College students and the residents of Rossaveal Court Sheltered Housing Complex took place before the Easter Break. The team held a facilitation day with some volunteer students in Kylemore College to co-design a programme of engagement that could be implemented in the Rossaveal common room.

Students developed a great sense of ownership over the project and facilitated a music bingo with residents. This proved not only to be a great event to engage residents into the common room but allowed the development of mutual links and discussion between students and residents through shared music interests.

We would like to thank everyone involved with the project especially the students who put so much thought and effort into the programme, the Ballyfermot / Drimnagh housing team who made the project possible in the first place and Anne May the Ballyfermot Honorary Lord Mayor for her attendance. There will be more sessions to follow, expanding on these newly developed intergenerational connections.



*Intergenerational project with
Kylemore College and Rossaveal
residents.*

Cherry Orchard

The staff team in Cherry Orchard Community Centre were delighted to bring the pupils of St Ultan's school together with the residents of Claddagh Court to paint St Patrick's Day themed

images on the windows of the Claddagh Court complex. The paintings were amazing, but the real impact was the sense of community that was formed in a few hours.



St Ultan's school & Claddagh Court residents supported by the Cherry Orchard Centre staff team

Furthermore, the Cherry Orchard Centre staff team were delighted to support & help with the Cherry Orchard St. Patrick's Day Parade, organised by St. Ultan's, with all participants invited and welcomed to the Centre after the parade.



St Patricks day parade, supported by the staff team in Cherry Orchard.

As we approach April the staff team are planning and organising bringing local groups together to create a Local Area Network.

The Orchard community centre is now providing physical education classes at the Centre to the students from St Ultan's School, following initial success in March, the Centre's staff plan to increase the weekly number of sessions offered to St. Ultan's school.

Additionally, the centre was delighted to provide a space in March 2026 for Public Consultation regarding the Cherry Orchard Park Renewal plan.

Age Friendly Ireland

The CSD team have been liaising with local volunteers and The Ballyfermot Community Civic Centre to facilitate a quarterly age friendly programme of events in Ballyfermot Civic Centre. The team will be supporting the volunteers who previously attended the programme to self-determine what events, workshops and activities older people in the area would like. The team has a follow up meeting shortly, where a suggested programme will be put in place and we will collaborate in facilitating future programs, increasing capacity and long-term sustainability.

The second meeting of the SCA OPC Executive Committee took place 1st April 2026 at Our Lady's Hall, Drimnagh. There were 11 members of the Executive Committee in attendance. Election of the Chair and Vice Chair took place and Mary Dempsey, Drimnagh was elected Chair of the SCA OPC and Miriam Murphy was elected Vice Chair. Feedback on the DCC AFI Alliance was given at the meeting (next DCC AFI Alliance meeting 23 April 2026). Objectives

from the draft DCC AFI Strategy 2026-2030 Prospective Actions was given to committee members for them to consider, aligning with feedback from local OPC members such that key local objectives are aligned with Dublin's Strategy. The next meeting on the SCA OPC Executive Committee will be held 13 May 2026, location to be determined at that meeting the 2026 objectives of the OPC will be discussed and determined.

The forthcoming National OPC Convention takes place in Athlone 5-7 May 2026, 3 members of the SCA OPC will attend this National event.

Public Domain

Team Dublin Clean-up 18th April 2026

The 9th Annual Team Dublin Clean-Up, taking place on Saturday, 18th April 2026, from 11.00am to 1.00pm.

The Team Dublin Clean-Up invites residents, community groups, schools, businesses, and environmental organisations to help improve and maintain their neighbourhoods.

This is a citywide initiative where DCC is encouraging everyone to take part and to get involved in this year's Team Dublin Clean-Up.

Groups across the Ballyfermot Drimnagh always make huge efforts throughout the year to keep their areas clean, attractive, and beautiful places to live and visit. This annual event is an opportunity to coordinate these efforts on one day and showcase the fantastic work being carried out across the area. If we each do a little, we will achieve a lot. Ní neart go cur le chéile.

All participating groups will be automatically entered into the Dublin City Neighbourhoods Competition, with a chance to win €1,000 for their community.

The Team Dublin Clean-Up Day forms part of An Taisce's National Spring Clean 2026, Ireland's largest and most widely supported anti-litter initiative, encouraging community participation and environmental responsibility across the country.

So all groups should register with An Taisce to receive insurance cover for your group, and to be automatically entered into the Dublin City Council City Neighbourhood Awards 2026

Register: <https://nationalspringclean.org/register-now/>

Also contact Ballyfermotpd@dublincity.ie with your groups details (contact person, phone number, proposed date, time of your event and an address for equipment to be delivered) and we can support and help you plan your event and provide all the materials you will need to make your event a great success.

Weed Control Season 2026

A new single party Framework provider for Weed Control was selected by Dublin City Council. The contract provides for an increase the KMs to be treated in the area, be it with 3 spray treatments, rather than 4, as was the case in previous seasons.

This means in 2026, all impact 1,2, & 3 roads in the Ballyfermot Drimnagh area will be treated.

Public Domain will also assess all remaining impact 4 & 5 roads in the area, to determine if any require treatment, and thanks to the discretionary budget awarded to Public Domain by local Councillors, any of these roads which do require treatment, can also be included in the 2026 schedule.

Hence, we will have 100% coverage in the Ballyfermot Drimnagh area for the 2026 season.

Treatment schedule for the year:

1st treatment – mid April

2nd treatment – late June/early July

3rd treatment – late August

The above Dates are indicative and are weather dependant.

Traffic Management



Public Domain Office recently reported a fault with the push button for the pedestrian lights on Ballyfermot Road @ the Gala.

While the button was repaired promptly, Public Domain noted people still crossing the road while the pedestrian lights where on red. Pedestrians were frustrated with the time it was taking for the lights to change.

Public Domain requested a review of the sequencing of the lights. Traffic management modified the timings, so now any request by a pedestrian is more consistent and the wait time shouldn't be more than 60 seconds.

If you note any pedestrian lights not responding in a timely or expected manor, you can report the fault on Citizen Hub https://citizenhub.dublincity.ie/en/service/Traffic_Request or email ballyfermotpd@dublincity.ie and we can investigate and hopefully resolve the issue.

Traffic Enforcement

Public Domain received several complaints recently regarding illegal parking, these complaints were forwarded to the Parking enforcement section for investigation.

Obstructions or illegal parking can be reported to Dublin Street Parking Services by calling **01 6022500**, email info@dps.ie or filling out the report form online <https://dps.ie/report-an-obstruction/> or an Garda Síochána for enforcement.

Gully Cleaning Program

Public Domain have recently engaged with our colleagues in the Drainage Department, who are carrying out Routine Cleaning of the gullies in the Ballyfermot Drimnagh area at present. If you note any issue with blocked or damaged drains or grates that are broken, missing or not level with the road, these issues can be reported on Citizen Hub https://citizenhub.dublincity.ie/en/service/Gully_Problem or email ballyfermotpd@dublincity.ie and we can investigate and hopefully help resolve the issue.

Illegal Dumping

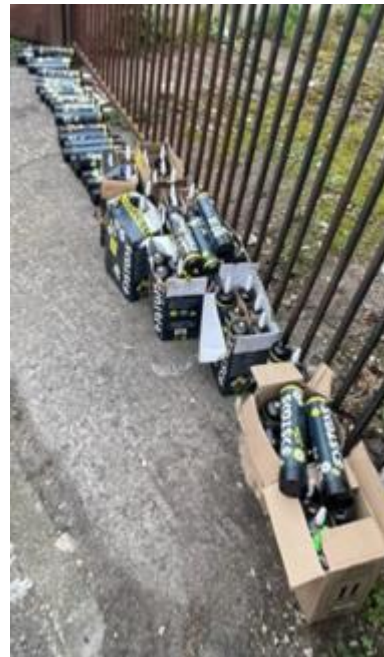
Below a sample of the illegal dumping removed from the area



Dumped sofa removed from Claddagh Green



Household waste fly tipped on Kylemore Way



Nitrous Oxide Gas cannisters removed from laneway in Walkinstown

Graffiti Statistics for March 2026: Racist - , Political – 1, Offensive – 1

Below a sample of graffiti removed in the area - Before & After



Kilnamanagh Road, Walkinstown



Bigger Road / John McCormack Avenue in Walkinstown