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SOUTH WEST INNER CITY ELECTORAL AREA

Housing

Garden View Court

Installation of new communal doors is scheduled to take place within the next two weeks. The Soil Mates initiative has commenced within the complex, with additional residents signing up for bedding plots.

Robinson's Court

The Painting Crew is scheduled to be onsite within the next fortnight to complete painting works to all exterior areas, including residents' front doors.

Dolphin House

The housing clinic is held every Tuesday morning. In addition, we have introduced a monthly joint clinic in collaboration with Dublin City Council and An Garda Síochána, providing residents with an opportunity to discuss any issues or concerns in a dedicated and supportive setting. We encourage all residents to make use of this service.

New development – Works have now started on the road to enable the relocation of gas network pipes as part of the site development works.



Works have commenced on the road to relocate gas network pipes.

We have made a number of offers under the Choice Based Lettings initiative at Dolphin House. Several viewings have taken place, with some new residents successfully moving in, while others have since moved on. As a result, a number of properties are expected to become available in the near future.

New Key Fob System – The key fob system was launched on the 30th of April. We have already noticed a reduction in antisocial behaviour. Continued cooperation from all residents is essential to help maintain a safe and pleasant community for everyone.

Resident Meetings – We have initiated a series of meetings with residents to openly discuss various maintenance issues affecting their homes. This process is ongoing, and we have also engaged with residents in the de-tenanting block to help facilitate their needs and expectations.

Coombe Court

The Soil Mates initiative has commenced within the complex, encouraging positive resident engagement, with a number of additional tenants signing up to participate in bedding plots.

Tyrone Place / Emmet Crescent

Offers have been made to successful applicants under the Choice Based Lettings programme. Viewings are currently being arranged, and several new residents have already moved in. New Development – We continue to hold meetings with the contractor, An Garda Síochána, and community services to discuss ongoing works in the area.

Oliver Bond House

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

A number of properties have been advertised under the Choice Based Lettings Scheme at Oliver Bond House, they now have been advertised with the block number on them. It is envisaged because of this there will be a greater uptake of new signings with a good timeframe.

The South Central Area Office engaged with DCC cleansing to arrange removal of graffiti in Oliver Bond House.

The local area office is engaging with Oliver Bond Celtic, plans in place for pitch resurfacing and storage unit.



Removal of graffiti in the Oliver Bond House housing estate. (before and after).

Herberton

The Project Estate Officer holds a clinic every Thursday in the F2 Centre from 10:00 to 12:00. The aim of this clinic is to engage actively with residents on ongoing issues within the complex and surrounding areas.

Voids

| Type | Location | Bedrooms | Vacant possession date | Status |
|-------------|--------------------|----------|------------------------|---------------------|
| House | Ashgrove | 3 | 28/04/2026 | For Framework |
| Maisonette | Basin Grove | 3 | 08/03/2026 | For Framework |
| House | Basin Street Upper | 2 | 13/01/2026 | With Contractor |
| Apartment | Bertram Court | 1 | 30/03/2025 | Awaiting nomination |
| Apartment | Bonham Court | 2 | | Under offer |
| Apartment | Bow Bridge Court | 1 | 30/11/2025 | With Contractor |
| Flat | Braithwaite Street | 2 | 21/01/2026 | With Contractor |
| Senior Citz | Bulfin Court | 1 | 01/03/2026 | For Framework |

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|-------------|----------------------|--------|------------|--|
| Senior Citz | Bulfin Court | 1 | 21/12/2026 | Under Offer - EM Cleared, to sign tenancy |
| Senior Citz | Bulfin Court | Studio | 24/08/2025 | Awaiting nomination |
| Senior Citz | Bulfin Court | 1 | 19/04/2026 | With Contractor |
| Flat | Bulfin House | 1 | 15/06/2025 | Refusal - Awaiting New Nomination |
| Apartment | Cook Street | 2 | 17/02/2026 | For Framework |
| Flat | Dolphin House | 2 | 30/03/2025 | With Depot |
| Flat | Dolphin House | 1 | 24/08/2025 | With Depot |
| Flat | Dolphin House | 1 | 06/04/2025 | With Depot |
| Flat | Dolphin House | 1 | 07/09/2025 | With Contractor |
| Flat | Dolphin House | 2 | 26/10/2025 | Under offer |
| Flat | Dolphin House | 1 | 12/01/2025 | With Depot |
| Flat | Emmet Buildings | 3 | 20/01/2026 | With Contractor |
| House | Emmet Crescent | 2 | 11/06/2025 | With Contractor |
| House | Emmet Crescent | 3 | 07/09/2025 | Under offer & With Contractor |
| Apartment | Emmet Crescent | 2 | | With Contractor |
| Apartment | Emmet Crescent | 2 | 22/02/2026 | With Contractor |
| Apartment | Garden View Court | 1 | 23/05/2025 | With Depot |
| Apartment | Garden View Court | 1 | 19/01/2026 | Awaiting nomination |
| Apartment | Garden View Court | 1 | 22/04/2026 | Awaiting nomination |
| 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 |
| Flat | Marrowbone Lane | 2 | 24/11/2025 | With Contractor |
| Flat | Mary Aikenhead House | Studio | 18/07/2025 | Awaiting nomination |
| Flat | Mary Aikenhead House | 1 | 14/09/2025 | For Framework |
| Flat | Mary Aikenhead House | 1 | 04/02/2026 | With Contractor |
| Flat | Mary Aikenhead House | 3 | 10/03/2026 | For Framework |
| Flat | Mary Aikenhead House | 1 | 23/03/2026 | For Framework |
| Flat | Mary Aikenhead House | 1 | 01/03/2026 | With Contractor |
| Flat | Mary Aikenhead House | 2 | | With Contractor |
| Flat | Mary Aikenhead House | 1 | | Awaiting nomination |
| House | McDowell Avenue | 2 | 09/03/2026 | With Contractor |
| 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 |
| Flat | Michael Mallin House | 1 | 16/10/2025 | With Contractor |
| 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 | Under offer |
| 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 | 3 refusals re advertised on CBL |

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|-------------|--------------------------|--------|------------|---|
| Flat | Oliver Bond | 2 | 12/01/2025 | Under offer |
| Flat | Oliver Bond | 1 | 16/06/2024 | Awaiting nomination |
| Flat | Oliver Bond | 1 | 02/10/2025 | For Framework |
| Flat | Oliver Bond | Studio | 04/04/2023 | Awaiting nomination |
| Flat | Oliver Bond | 1 | 23/05/2025 | With Contractor |
| 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 | Awaiting nomination |
| Flat | Oliver Bond | 2 | 10/10/2025 | Awaiting nomination |
| Flat | Oliver Bond | 1 | 12/01/2026 | With Contractor |
| Flat | Oliver Bond | 2 | 22/02/2026 | With Contractor |
| Flat | Oliver Bond | 1 | 11/01/2026 | With Contractor |
| Flat | Oliver Bond | 2 | 18/08/2024 | Under offer |
| Flat | Oliver Bond | 1 | | Awaiting nomination |
| 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 | | Awaiting nomination |
| Senior Citz | Robinsons Court | 1 | 31/10/2025 | Awaiting nomination |
| Senior Citz | Robinsons Court | 1 | 01/02/2026 | For Framework |
| Senior Citz | Robinsons Court | 1 | 22/03/2026 | For Framework |
| House | Saint Anthony's Crescent | 2 | 08/03/2026 | With Contractor |
| House | Saint Audeons Terrace | 2 | 27/11/2025 | With Depot |
| Flat | Saint Audeons House | 2 | 17/02/2026 | For Framework |
| Flat | Summer Street South | 2 | 26/05/2024 | With Contractor |
| Apartment | Thomas Court | 1 | 17/04/2024 | Under Offer - EM Cleared, to sign tenancy |
| Apartment | 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 |
| Flat | Tyrone Place | Studio | 30/03/2025 | 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 | Under Offer |
| Flat | Tyrone Place | 2 | 12/04/2026 | For Framework |
| Apartment | Weavers Row | 2 | 02/03/2025 | Under Offer |
| Apartment | Weavers Square | 1 | 30/04/2026 | For Framework |

Community

Supporting Our Community

With the support of discretionary funding, the Community and Social Development Team has supported over 21 projects to host a series of activities and events to celebrate the citywide programme *A Thriving City For All Festival* (formerly Inclusion Week) from 21–31 May. The team was delighted to nominate Beatrice Omoregie, a representative of Inchicore For All and Core Youth Service, as our local ambassador, who participated in the social media campaign sharing her personal stories of inclusion and youth leadership within the community. This month, the team is excited to bring two training opportunities, in collaboration with local partners, to voluntary groups and community services in the South Central Area, namely the *Power and Control Workshop* that took place on the 12th May and *Developing Persuadable Narratives* on 22nd May. The South West Inner City Climate Friendly Planting Initiative has generated strong interest, with 40 groups expected to receive pollinator-friendly plants, flowers, and compost to enhance planters and green spaces. Participation is being linked to the Dublin City Neighbourhoods Competition, with groups are required to apply for the competition to avail of plants. Plants will be distributed on 20th and 21st May. The team continues to deliver a range of collaborative projects, including work with nine youth services, community groups, and family accommodation providers on the Inner-City Misfits Youth Creativity Programme. This programme brings accessible creative opportunities to children and young people facing barriers to participation and will culminate in a free public exhibition event in Dublin 8 this summer. Ongoing engagement with stakeholders includes future preparations for the 90th anniversary of Oliver Bond, Pride of Place nominations, and support for two new groups such as the Libertines Art Collective and CUAN Residents Association.

A Thriving City For All (formerly Inclusion Week) 21st – 31st May

Dublin City's A Thriving City For All is an initiative led by Dublin City Council, aimed at showcasing the positive efforts made by the Council and other organisations to promote social inclusion, integration, and diversity in the city. The Community and Social Development Team is supporting local communities to organise 21 events across Dublin 8 from 21st to 31st May. With a wide range of free community events and workshops, there is something for everyone to enjoy. From cultural events, dance sessions and storytelling to gardening, climate action initiatives and inclusive community workshops, the festival highlights the diversity, creativity and strength of local communities. Residents, families and community groups are invited to take part, meet neighbours, learn new skills and celebrate the spirit of collaboration across the area.

A Thriving City for All Festival 2026

A celebration of the people, projects and partnerships shaping a more inclusive and connected city.
**Dublin City Council South West Inner City
 Community and Social Development**

Celebrating a programme of FREE community events and workshops across Dublin 8
21st May - 31st May 2026

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| <p>Polish Community Centre Bibliary Orzywni Polish Literary Festival 2026 26/05/26 from 12pm - 12pm Bibliary, 11 Library Square, OIE, West D08 YAD7 Open to the Public</p> | <p>Sophia Housing Association - Summer Gardening Party 25/05/26 from 10am - 4:30pm Location: Sophia Housing Gardens, Cork Street, Dublin 8 Closed Event</p> | <p>Dublin City Council & Inchicore For All Developing Persuasive Narrative Training 22/05/26 from 10:30am - 5pm Inchicore Community and Sports Centre, Bultin Road D08 T577 Open to the Public</p> |
| <p>Inchicore for All Disability Awareness and Inclusive Neighbourhood Workshop 22/05/26 @ 12pm - 2pm Inchicore Community Sports Centre, Bultin Rd, Inchicore, D08 T577 Booking: inchicoreforall@gmail.com</p> | <p>Little Beras Parent Support Yoga, Movement and Social Evening 23/05/26 7:30pm - 9:30pm Beras Hall, Conynolly Ave, Inchicore D08 H529 Open to the Public</p> | <p>Rialto Development Association - Kizomba to the World Dance 27/05/26 from 10pm - 1pm St Andrew's Community Centre, 408 South Circular Road, Rialto, D08 Booking Required</p> |
| <p>Bridgfoot Street Residents Ass - Bridgfoot Tea Dance Afternoon 24/05/26 from 3pm - 5pm Community Garden, Robert Emmet Walk, Bridgfoot St, Dublin 8 Email: bridgfootstreetresidentsassociation@gmail.com</p> | <p>Community Roots - Soil Mothers Garden Share Project Launch and Workshop 30/05/26 from 10am - 1pm Garden View Court, Senior Citizen Complex, Francis Street, D08 Booking Required: Email hellagocommunityroots.ie</p> | <p>Dublin City Council South West Inner City - Sanctuary Puddles Come Try Puddling 24/05/26 from 10am - 2pm Canalside, Ireland Training Centre, Lower Road, Anagha, D01 N036 Closed Event</p> |
| <p>Dublin City Council South West Inner City - Community Climate Friendly Planting Initiative 21/05/26 from 10am - 3pm Lurganin Capital Park Biring Centre, Clonsilla, Dublin 12 Closed Event</p> | <p>Ukrainian Crisis Centre Ireland - Flytivel Children's Day Cultural Festival 30/05/26 from 10pm - 4pm F2 Centre, 3 Reuben Plaza, Rialto, D08 DKP6 Open to the Public</p> | <p>Maryland Community Association - Intergenerational Planting for your Garden's Friendship Broccoli 30/05/26 @ 2:30pm The Gravel, Maryland, Dublin 8 Closed Event</p> |
| <p>Feralege - Youth Citizenship Awards 2026 21/05/26 @ 8:30pm Location: Richmond Barracks, Parnock Park, Inchicore, D08 YD05 Closed Event</p> | <p>Margaret Kennedy Road/ Donora Avenue - Our Stories, Our Community Stories Across Generations 788 Donora Ave, Dublin 8 28/05/26 from 10am - 1pm To book call 0852565018</p> | <p>School St Family Resource Centre - Neurodiverse Sime Workshops 22/05/26 from 10pm - 4pm St Catherine's Community Sports Centre, Marrowbone Lane, Dublin 8 Contact: 01 4547218 / info@stfrcc@gmail.com</p> |
| <p>Inchicore For All - Clothing Exchange and Cycling Workshop 30/05/26 from 10pm - 1pm Ilera Hall, Conynolly Ave, Inchicore D08 Open to Public</p> | <p>Rialto Community Drug Team - Diverse Stories of Inclusion 24/05/2026 from 12pm - 3pm Rialto Community Drug Team, St Andrew's Community Centre, 408 South Circular Rd, D08 H51P Open to the Public</p> | <p>CUAN Association - Inclusion Day 30/05/2026 from 12:00pm - 4:00pm The Lock Keepers Building, Grand Canal Harbour, Grand Canal Place, Dublin 8 Closed Event.</p> |
| <p>Dublin City Council and Feralege - Volunteer Led Youth Club Setup Information Evening 28/05/26 @ 7pm Location: Feralege, 142 Thomas St West, D08 E99E Closed Event</p> | <p>Follma Groups United - Together For A Stronger Dublin 8 24/05/26 from 2:00pm - 4:00pm F2 Centre 3 Reuben Plaza D08 DKP6 Open to the Public</p> | <p>Libertines Residents' Association - One Community, Many laughs - Ladies Comedy Night Molly's Francis Street, Dublin 8 28/05/26 from 8:00pm - 10:30pm Open to the Public</p> |



Active Together for Wellness – Social Fitness and Health for Over 35s

The Community & Social Development Team is supporting St. Catherine’s Boxing Club, Marrowbone Lane, to deliver two 10-week programmes combining social boxing with health and nutrition education for adults aged 35+ seeking to re-engage with fitness and community life. The current programme has 15 participants, both male and female, and is demonstrating strong engagement and positive outcomes in physical wellbeing and social connection. The second programme is scheduled to commence in September, with an open call for participants planned for late summer. This initiative reflects the positive impact of collaboration between DCC and local groups to promote inclusive, community-based health and wellbeing, while supporting local organisations to deliver targeted programmes for mid-life adults.



Small- Scale Community Events Contributions – 18th May Closing Date

The South West Inner City Community and Social Development team is supporting voluntary group or community organisations through community contributions to host small scale community event during the summer of 2026. Event must be inclusive, accessible to all, open to the public and bring direct benefit to those living in the area. We welcome a wide range of events, including community and family fun days, cultural celebration day, health fairs, active and recreational community day, disability and neurodiversity event, historical re-enactments and heritage events, drama and musical performances. Closing date for expressions of interest is Monday 18th May (12 noon). For more information, [South West Inner City Small-Scale Community Summer Event Contribution](#)

A green flyer with white and black text. At the top, it says 'COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION SUPPORTS SOUTH WEST INNER CITY SMALL-SCALE COMMUNITY EVENTS CONTRIBUTION'. Below that, it says 'June 1st - September 13th 2026'. The main text reads: 'The South West Inner City Community and Social Development office invite expressions of interest from local voluntary groups and community organisations to host small-scale local community events during Summer that bring people together, strengthen community relations, foster civic pride, promote health and wellbeing, encourage diversity and inclusion in our public spaces.' There is a circular image of a microphone on a stage. Below the main text, it says 'EXPRESSION OF INTEREST DETAILS' and lists: 'Monday 11th May 12noon - CLOSING DATE', '€750 - €1500', and a link: 'https://forms.cloudfactory.com/ABX8t1Fgsa'. At the bottom right, it says 'Event Duration: minimum 2hrs' and 'Event Attendees: Minimum 100 people'. At the bottom left, there is a QR code. At the bottom right, there is a logo for 'Comhairle Cathrach Bhaile Átha Cliath Dublin City Council'.

Power and Control Workshop - Inchicore Domestic Violence Outreach Centre

Inchicore Domestic Violence Outreach Centre, with the support of the Canal Community Safety Forum and Dublin City Council Community Funding, hosted a Power and Control Workshop on Tuesday, 12th May, from 10.00am to 1.00pm in the Goldenbridge Integrated Complex, as part of Canal Community Drug and Alcohol Awareness Week. The workshop was attended by over 50 local services and community groups supporting women in the community.



Crosscare Voluntary-led Summer Projects

The Community & Social Development Team in partnership with Crosscare is supporting three voluntary-led summer projects across the South West Inner City: Bridgefoot Street Summer Project, Islandbridge Summer Project, and the newly established Oliver Bond House Summer Project. Each initiative is driven by the commitment and energy of local volunteers, creating safe, inclusive, and engaging spaces for children and young people. Particular progress is evident in the Oliver Bond House Summer Project, where volunteers, following capacity-building and skills development alongside the Community Team last year, are now independently delivering a structured summer programme.



SWIC Voluntary Summer Project and SWIC Community Team staff at the CrossCare Summer Project Launch

Culture Date with Dublin 8

The Culture Date with Dublin 8 Festival took place from May 4th–10th across Dublin 8. The Community & Social Development Team supported several local voluntary groups to participate, strengthening community representation within the festival programme. The festival delivered a vibrant and diverse range of events, with strong engagement from community groups, local services and vendors, contributing to its continued success and visibility. The team will continue to work closely with the festival director and community stakeholders to expand opportunities for local participation, ensuring that community and voluntary groups are well represented and supported in future programmes.





*The Tenters
Heritage
Group Launch*

Rialto Arts Festival

Oliver Bond Potato Patch

April 16th marked the beginning of a truly unique, community-based biodiversity project right in the heart of the south inner city with the planting of weird and wonderful varieties of potatoes with children in Oliver Bond, National College of Art and Design (NCAD), The Liberties Community Project and Dublin City Council. Over the coming months the children will care for the potatoes, sow the crop, harvest and then dig up their potatoes which will be fried off by a chip van attending the complex in the autumn. As the project follows the full growing season of the potatoes, key moments in the crop lifecycle will be used to support fun, hands-on learning around biodiversity, sustainability, and community.

The project is funded by the Climate Action Office and supported by the Local Area Office



Developing Persuadable Narratives Training – 22nd May

The Community and Social Development Team are pleased to collaborate with Inchicore for All and the Hope and Courage Collective to deliver *Developing Persuadable Narratives* training workshops for statutory services and voluntary community groups operating within the South Central Area. Two training workshops will take place on Friday, 22 May 2026. These sessions will provide frontline services and volunteers with a shared space to build skills, exchange perspectives, and strengthen their capacity to engage communities through inclusive, values-based communication. This training reflects Dublin City Council’s ongoing commitment, to inclusive, collaborative learning that brings together services and community organisations to support understanding, equality, and collective resilience across our communities. For more information click here [Developing Persuasive and Inclusive Narratives - Workshops for Services](#) for the 10.30 am workshop for services and click here [Developing Persuasive and Inclusive Narratives - Workshops for Voluntary Groups](#) for the 6.00pm workshop for voluntary groups.

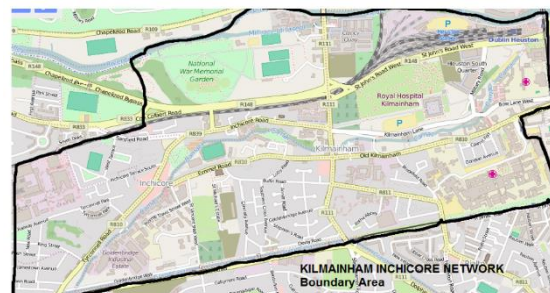


An Droichead Ogra Community Benefit Funding – Now Open for Applications

Local community-based clubs and groups; local schools as well as voluntary and not for profit organisations, are invited to apply for support through the *An Droichead Ogra Community Benefit Fund*, designed to enhance the quality of life in neighbourhoods affected by the development of the former St Michael’s Estate off Emmet Road in Inchicore. A total of €185,000 is available for allocation over the 2026/2027 construction period.

The fund aims to support innovative, community-led initiatives that make a real difference at local level. Closing date is the 26th June. Applications will be accepted by email only and should be sent to emmetrd.fundingapplications@elliottgroup.com

[2026-Elliott-Group-Community-Benefit-Fund-Guidance-Document.pdf](#) Guidance Document
[2026-Elliott-Group-Community-Benefit-Fund-Application-Form.pdf](#) Application Form



Come Try Paddling - Sanctuary Paddlers Integration Programme – 23rd May

In collaboration with Dublin City Council Sports Officers, the Local Authority Integration Team, Inclusion Sports Officers, and Inchicore For All, the South Central Area Community Team is organising a ‘Come Try Paddling’ taster session as part of the Sanctuary Paddlers Programme. The Sanctuary Paddlers Programme is an Irish initiative by Canoeing Ireland that fosters friendship and integration through paddle water sports. It brings together refugees, international protection applicants, and local community members to enjoy water sports, promote solidarity, and build community bonds. The session will encourage participation from residents living in local accommodation centers and will take place on Saturday, 23rd May, at the Canoeing Ireland Training Centre. For more information on the programme, visit here [Sanctuary Paddlers 2025](#)



Canoeing Ireland Training Centre, Lower Road, Astagob, Dublin 20, D20 CD96

May, 23rd Come Try Paddling
TIME -11am-2pm
Free Activity! All equipment provided! Transport provided from central location!
Adults Only!
TO BOOK, CONTACT -
integration@dublincity.ie
An Initiative in celebration of A Thriving City For All



Soil Mates Community Project Launch and Workshop – 30th May, Garden View Court

Soil Matters project launch and hands-on workshop will take part on Saturday 30th May, 11am–1pm, at the Garden View Senior Citizen Complex as part of Thriving City For All Festival

The initiative is a garden share programme delivered through a partnership between the Community Roots, the Local Area Office and DCC Community Development. This event will combine a photo launch with practical gardening activities including a workshop on how to build a raised garden bed, making eco-friendly seed pots from newspaper, and even harvesting and cooking fresh rhubarb. All are welcome for tea, pastries and chats!

COMMUNITY ROOTS PRESENTS

Soil Mates

LIBERTIES D8

LAUNCH

FREE EVENT

Grow, prepare & share food

join us to:

- build beds
- grow veg
- make treats

FREE TEA, COFFEE, PASTRIES

SATURDAY 30 MAY
11AM - 1PM

GARDEN VIEW COURT
FRANCIS STREET
DUBLIN 8



www.communityroots.ie

A Thriving City For All Festival 2026
A celebration of the people, projects and partnerships shaping a more inclusive and connected city.

Public Domain

Graffiti Approximately 340 Sq M Graffiti treated in SWIC.



Waste Management Cleaning

Lanes and Streets Power Washed in SWIC.

Catherine's Lane, Swan Alley, Merchants Quay, Augustine St, Cromwell's Quarters



City Neighbourhoods 2026

This year The City Neighborhoods Competition will focus on community-level environmental initiatives, sustainability through local actions such as waste reduction, biodiversity enhancement, and energy efficiency.

The City Neighbourhoods Competition which combines the Residential Competition, Business Competition and Schools Competition fosters a sense of civic pride, place and community and also promotes environmental awareness. An online application form is available https://citizenhub.dublincity.ie/en/service/City_Neighbourhood_Application_Form as well as pdf/word or hard copy making it easier than ever to participate in the competition. Please send you applications to southwestinnercity@dublincity.ie.



The SWIC Awards Ceremony will be held at the Hyatt Centric 4th September and the city-wide awards will be held in the Mansion House, 3rd October 2026. Any group that participated in The Team Dublin Clean-up will have automatic entry to the City Neighborhoods in that category only.



The Team Dublin Community Clean-up

The Team Dublin Clean up Event took place on the weekend of the 18th/19th of April in conjunction with National Spring Clean Month this April. In total 15 groups registered for National Spring Clean, 11 of which came out for the Team Dublin Clean- Up. The Clean-up is not just about litter picking it is about meeting neighbours and showing care for the environment. Every small action can shift attitudes, reduce future littering, and build a stronger sense of community. We would like to commend all the SWIC Community groups that participated making the event a great success: *Inchicore Environmental Group, Rialto Environmental Group, Mount Shannon Residents Group, The Liberties Litter Pickers, Bridgefoot St. Youth Group, The Tenters Residents' Assoc. Canal Biodiversity Group, Biblyary, CIE Works Estate Group.*

Community Clean-ups

32 Community Clean-up pick-ups logged onto Citizenhub and 10 groups resourced this month. The Liberties Residents' Group a newly established group had their first clean-up this month in Gray St.



DUBLIN CANVAS



SUMMER 2026 CALLOUT

The Weed Programme 2026 is currently in progress across the five areas. Greentown Environmental were awarded the contract for weed treatment. Non-glyphosate weed spraying began towards the end of April and will continue throughout the weed growth season.

Dublin Canvas is a public art project that brings flashes of colour and creativity to everyday objects across County Dublin. Less grey, more play!

The project transforms previously unused public spaces into canvases, brightening up each area and making Dublin a more beautiful place to live, work and visit. Dublin Canvas utilises traffic light control boxes. These boxes, once designed to go unnoticed, have now become vibrant canvases for public artwork.

Callout Commences - Monday 4th May 2026

Submission Deadline - Wednesday 10th June 2026

Selection process - Thursday 11th June - Tuesday 30th June 2026

BALLYFERMOT DRIMNAGH ELECTORAL AREA

Housing

Housing

A high volume of calls in relation to dumping in void properties: Cherry Orchard Area, rubbish removed pictures attached before/after.

There was also a high volume of calls for overgrown trees.



*Cherry Orchard
before pictures*



*Cherry Orchard after
pictures*

Clinics

Our clinics in the Family Resource Centre, Lynch's Lane, Ballyfermot and The Bungalow, Cherry Orchard are continuing each Wednesday and Thursday afternoon. The clinics are well attended by the public.

Antisocial Behaviour

The Local Housing team conducted 21 estate management interviews on foot of complaints received.

Allocations

Four allocations made in the Ballyfermot area.

We also signed 3 new lettings for Senior Citizen complexes.

Voids

| Type | Location | Bedrooms | Vacant possession date | Status | Estimated Completion date/Status |
|-----------------|----------------------|----------|------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| House | CHERRY ORCHARD GREEN | 2 | N/A | Awaiting vacant possession | N/A |
| House | CROFTWOOD GARDENS | 3 | 02/12/2025 | CBL | Ready |
| House | CROFTWOOD PARK | 3 | 10/10/2025 | With Framework | 08/06/2026 |
| Apartment | CEDARBROO WAY | 3 | 21/11/2025 | CBL | Ready |
| House | COLEPARK ROAD | 2 | 02/12/2025 | With Framework | 15/7/2026 |
| House | CROFTWOOD GARDENS | 3 | 2/12/2025 | For Framework | |
| House | Le FANU DRIVE | 4 | 17/12/2025 | Tenant Selected | -25/05/2026 |
| House | DRUMFINN ROAD | 3 | 13/03/2026 | With Framework | 15/8/2026 |
| House | BARNEVILLE PARK | 2 | 15/01/2026 | For Framework | |
| House | CARNA ROAD | 2 | 18/02/2026 | With Framework | 20/7/2026 |
| House | CROFTWOOD DRIVE | 3 | | With Framework | 11/12/2025 |
| House | CROFTWOOD GARDENS | 3 | n/a | 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 | CROFTWOOD DRIVE | 3 | | For Framework | |
| 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 | |
| House | BALLYFERMOT DRIVE | 2 | 29/03/2026 | With Framework | 10/08/2026 |
| House | BALLYFERMOT PARADE | 2 | 20/04/2026 | For Framework | |
| House | LOUGHCONN ROAD | 2 | 5/06/2025 | Tenant Selected | 28/06/2026 |
| House | CROFTWOOD GARDENS | 3 | 14/12/2026 | For Framework | |

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| House | ROSSMORE ROAD | 2 | 7/12/2025 | With Framework | 02/06/2026 |
| House | CHERRY ORCHARD AVENUE | 3 | 29/04/2026 | For Framework | |
| House | CHERRY ORCHARD 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 | with Framework | 10/8/2026 |
| 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 | With Framework | 20/07/2026 |
| House | LOUGH CONN ROAD | 2 | 17/02/2026 | With Framework | 16/06/2026 |
| House | CROFTWOOD GROVE | 3 | 10/03/2026 | For framework | |
| Houae | MOYCULLEN ROAD | 2 | 30/03/2026 | For Framework | |
| House | CHERRY ORCHARD DRIVE | 3 | 31/03/2026 | For Framework | |
| Senior Citizens | ROSSAVEAL COURT | 1 | 20/04/2026 | With Framework | 15/08/2026 |

Public Meetings

23/4/2026 Public Community Safety Meeting in the Ballyfermot Community Civic Centre

30/04/2026 Canal Community Safety Forum Meeting

The Area Housing Manager was available to attend both meetings to address and answer any concerns raised.

Bluebell

Bennett Construction Limited (BCL) will develop the existing site into a new residential development which will contain an overall 383 affordable homes and community amenities. Phase 1 of the development will include 249 units in 3 Blocks ranging from 6 to 9 storeys. Phase 2 of the development will include 134 units in two blocks ranging in height from 5 to 6 storeys.

Community

Safer Halloween

The Ballyfermot / Drimnagh Community and Social Development Team are opening our Safer Halloween Expression of Interest fund on 15 May 2026 (closing date 31 July 2026). The funds will be open to all community groups and local services within the area who wish to run an event / program on Halloween 2026. Applications that are targeted at high-risk groups or actors, feature youth diversionary elements and /or public safety education will be exemplified when

funding considerations are being made. For additional information or to apply please click:
<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/6YuCngRcgw?origin=lprLink>



Festivals and Events

The CSD team continue to support community groups and organisations across the Ballyfermot/Drimnagh area to organise festivals and fun days with a view to bringing communities together and to animate the city’s parks. Queries to: Ballyfermot@dublincity.ie

Climate Action Week and Biodiversity Week 2026

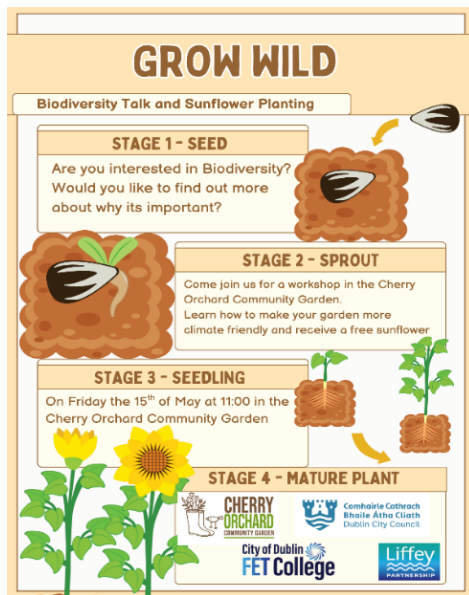
Dublin Climate Action Week will take place from 11-17 May followed by Biodiversity week commencing on Friday 15 – Sunday 24 May 2026. In support of these initiatives the Community and Social Development Team have been organising a host of events surrounding biodiversity and climate awareness.

Two “Grow Wild” - Biodiversity and Sunflower Planting sessions take place at Our Lady’s Hall Drimnagh (14 May 2026 2pm) and at The Cherry Orchard Community Garden (15 May 2026 11am). The talks will provide an educational element surrounding biodiversity, its importance, how to make your garden more climate friendly and finally attendees will receive a climate-friendly plant to implement these learnings at home.

There is a “Native Plant Workshop” taking place in the Ballyfermot Community Civic Centre on 20 May 2026. Thank you to CDET and the Cherry Orchard Community Garden for collaborating with the team on these talks.

Bat Conservation Ireland will be facilitating a Bat Walk along the Liffey. The event will take place on Friday 22 May 8:30pm, starting at Chapelizod Park, Liffey Entrance, St Lawrence Road and culminating towards the War Memorial Gardens.

Furthermore, the Community and Social Development Team will be supplying plants to local community and environmental groups within the Ballyfermot / Drimnagh area. Over 1000 plants have been ordered from the Cherry Orchard Community Garden with the goal of enhancing and animating public spaces within the community.



Dublin - A Thriving City for All Week 2026 21 - 31 May 2026

This initiative, led by Dublin City Council, running from Thursday 21 May - Sunday 31 May 2026 aims to highlight the positive work carried out by Dublin City Council and other agencies promoting social inclusion, integration, and diversity in Dublin City. To support *A Thriving City for All* within the Ballyfermot / Drirnagh Area the CSD Team opened a bursary inviting local volunteer and service providers support and highlight some of the incredible work carried out. In total, 17 local initiatives and events will be supported during 21 to 31 May. Activities range from: awakening memories Dementia Friendly Café, Photographic exhibition of festivals, *Step Forward Initiative* (Drirnagh), Information morning for carers and parents of neurodivergent children (Ballyfermot), Craft Circles (Cherry Orchard), Celebration of Traveller Culture and much more. In total the CSD team have more than tripled the number of organisations and community groups supported during 2025's Social Inclusion and Integration Week. Full City Programme available [here](#)

Bluebell URBACT CITI4UD Project

As the UNDERSTAND phase of the [URBACT CITI4UD](#) Transfer Network Project continues the CSD are preparing to travel to Alytus in Lithuania from the 21 May – 22 May 2026. The purpose of this visit is to meet the project teams from each of the 7 partner cities and gain a greater understanding of the Lead Partner's in Alytus *best practice in citizen's engagement in urban development* which will form the basis of the transferability study.

In addition to this the team are preparing for the visit of the Lead Partner delegation from Alytus and from the lead expert Laura Sobral on the 8/9 June 2026. This is to give the lead partner city and the lead expert a greater understanding of the local context and allow them to present the project and the formation of an URBACT local group (ULG) to invited stakeholders.

The team have been in contact with relevant DCC Departments, local elected representatives and other stakeholders about this visit and are looking forward to welcoming the delegation to Dublin to highlight the great work that goes on in the community.

Bluebell Community Council

In April, due to progress of enabling works at Bluebell Waterways by Bennett Contractors Ltd., Bluebell's Bungalow outdoor projects (such as the sauna and art studio) were airlifted to new

locations before hoarding was erected. Sauna/art classes are fully operational in their new locations, enquiries to: admin@bluebellcdp.ie.

Ballyfermot Intergenerational Project

On Thursday 7 May 2026 CSD team held our second intergenerational event in Rossaveal Court. The Transition Year students from Kylemore College worked exceptionally hard on creating a music quiz that spans multiple generations ensuring there was something for everyone who attended.

The project is continuing to go from strength to strength with young people developing a real relationship with the residents of Rossaveal. On Thursday 14 May 2026 the TY students will be visiting Rossaveal once more to work on an art project with residents, continuing to forge intergenerational friendships and connections.



URBACT -WISH Cities

The CSD Team and Slainte Care have launched our Youth Advisory Panel for the D10 Area as a testing action of our [URBACT WISH Cities Project](#). The Youth Advisory Panel will have several functions; in order to build its capacity, the panel will be given a participatory budget to develop a project that will enhance youth wellbeing in the area. In April and May, two workshops took place where young people highlighted issues affecting them such as: public lighting, the need for more creative spaces, the need for indoor meeting spaces during evening time and safety concerns. Over the coming months the group will develop proposals for projects, evaluate and determine project progression and funding. The project will then be co-developed and implemented by the young people with the support of DCC.



Advertisement for Youth Advisory Panel, Group of young people brainstorming at second meeting

Drimnagh

The CSD team contributed towards the **Bealtaine** event hosted in Good Counsel Liffey Gaels GAA grounds in conjunction with Dynamic Drimnagh on Friday 1 May 2026 at 8.30pm. The event included a talk on *Bealtaine* by **Cathy Scuffil**, fire performers, a Maybush created by Our Lady of Good Counsel Primary School and a pop-up Gaeltacht with live traditional music.

The CSD Team are working closely with Our Lady's Hall, Drimnagh, DCC's historian-in-residence, Katie Blackwood and several Drimnagh groups to finalise details on the 'Memories of the Ballroom Era' event. The event will include professional Ballroom Dance demonstrations, a photo and story wall, a history talk and music from the 40's 50's and 60's. More details will follow.

Labre Park

The Community Team continue to work with the BTAP women's health group on their gardening project. On 8 May 2026, the women visited the Cherry Orchard Community Garden where they completed a planting workshop with Peadar from Liffey Partnership and got to pick plants for the pink planters in Labre Park. The CSD Team and the women then worked together to clean up the grotto area and plant up all the planters in Labre Park. The women also visited the Cherry Orchard Community Centre to see what was on offer.



The Community Team are also working with BTAP on organising a sports day to celebrate Traveller Pride with the help of the DCC Sports and Wellbeing Partnership. The event will take place in Labre Park Saturday 23 May 2026.

Age Friendly Initiatives

The CSD team continue giving support to the Ballyfermot Age Friendly Programme, Tuesday afternoons 2pm-4pm (in April/May) in collaboration with the Ballyfermot Community Civic Centre and local volunteers. This programme includes active aging, and mobility supports through a Tai Chi class and line dancing as well as educational information from a local Solicitor regarding the process of creating a will and practical considerations.



DCC South Central Area Older People's Council

The DCC SCA OPC were represented at the Dublin City Age Friendly Alliance meeting, 23 April 2026 by the newly elected OPC Executive Vice Chair, Miriam Murphy.

The OPC Chair attends the Dublin City AFI Alliance meeting (15 May 2026) organised with NTA to discuss issues raised by OPC members such as bus stop shelters and active travel routes.

The Annual National OPC Convention took place in Athlone 6-8 May 2026. Three members of the SCA OPC Executive Committee attended the convention – Mary Dempsey (OPC Executive Chair), Barbara Bruk and Fiona Greene. The AFI local Programme Manager, Aoife Hannan and SWIC Area CSD Officer, Sinead Wiley were also in attendance. The theme of the 2½ day Convention centred around *Thriving Together Age Friendly Sustainable Communities*. It was a good opportunity for the SCA OPC delegates to hear about National OPC Initiatives and network with the 34 other OPC's present and hear about their programmes and progress.

The next meeting of the DCC SCA OPC Executive takes place 13 May 2026, 6.30pm Digital Hub, Dublin 8. The main order of business will be decision on 2026 OPC Work Plan objectives, aligning with Dublin City's AFI Strategy 2026-2030. Updates on recent events attended by OPC members will be discussed.

Public Domain

Team Dublin Clean-up 18th April 2026

The 9th Annual Team Dublin Clean-Up took place on Saturday, **18th April 2026**

Local residents, community groups, schools, businesses, and environmental organisations came together to help improve and maintain their neighbourhoods.

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

Below are a few photos of the various groups who took part on the day, congratulations and a big Thank you!



Weed Control Season 2026

The first weed treatment of the season started on the 1st of May in the Ballyfermot Drimnagh area and is currently ongoing. Public Domain office requested a delay in the first treatment, as much of the area had yet to show growth and the spray treatment requires vegetative growth to be effective. It's a fine balance of letting some growth establish, but not too much, to be most effective.

The remaining treatments will be kept under review, but for now, the following timelines are proposed:

2nd treatment – late June/early July

3rd treatment – late August

The above dates are indicative only and are weather dependent.

Dublin Canvas



Dublin Canvas is a public art project that brings flashes of colour and creativity to traffic light control boxes across Dublin City. Less grey, more play!

The project transforms these boxes, once designed to go unnoticed, into vibrant canvases for public artwork to brighten up the surrounding area, making Dublin a more beautiful place to live, work and visit.

Photo: 'Cé Mhéad' by Jess Downey Ballyfermot, Dublin 10.

The Dublin Canvas callout for submissions is now live. Please advise any individuals, residents' associations, or community groups in our area who may be interested in taking part.

9 traffic signal boxes available to be painted in the Ballyfermot Drimnagh area, a mix of new locations and repaints.

This is a fantastic opportunity to have your artwork displayed in prime public locations. Completed pieces will transform these once dull, heavily tagged boxes into beautiful works of art, turning each area into an open-air gallery.

Artists and community groups who wish to take part are asked to carefully read the guidelines on the attached link below and submit their work to info@dublincanvas.com. Visit www.dublincanvas.com to view all artist profiles and learn more about the project.

Timeline

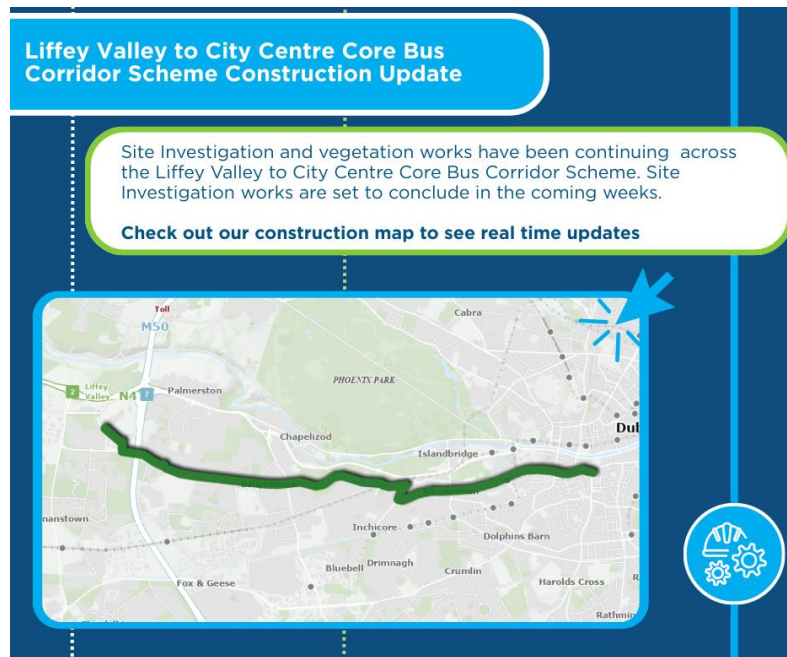
Callout Commences - Monday 4th May 2026

Submission Deadline - Wednesday 10th June 2026

Selection process - Thursday 11th June - Tuesday 30th June 2026

Artwork Completed - late June to late September 2026 (artists unavailable to paint during this period should not apply).

Bus Connects



The Construction phase of the Liffey Valley to City Centre Scheme, in the Ballyfermot Drimnagh area, is due to commence shortly.

The Liffey Valley to City Centre Bus Corridor scheme was the first to begin, following the award of its construction contract to the Dublin based contractor GMC Group.

As of April 2026, site investigation works are nearing completion on the Liffey Valley to City Centre scheme, with the final round of non-invasive works expected to continue until roughly mid-May.

Site investigation works have occurred across the corridor, with the works including the creation of slit trenches, boreholes, exploratory works and other assessments intended to provide the contractor with as much information as possible before construction begins to feed into the detailed design phase.

These activities are a normal and essential part of a project of this scale. They help ensure that construction can take place safely, efficiently, and with minimal disruption as the programme progresses and is a vital step in preparing for construction, as it facilitates the move into the construction phase with confidence.

As works progress, the NTA will keep residents and businesses informed so that everyone knows what to expect as the project advances.

All work will be carried out by teams wearing BusConnects branded protective wear, ensuring they are easily recognisable when operating in the area. If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact the project teams at the following email address; liffeyvalleyscheme@busconnects.ie.

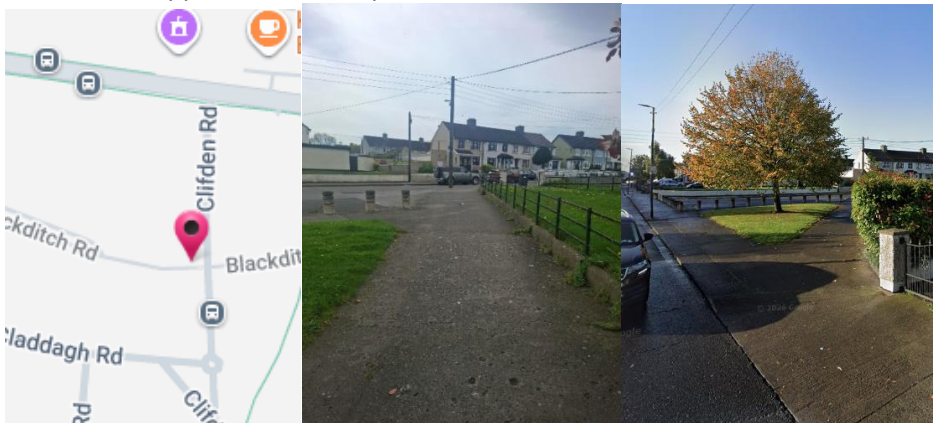
Road Maintenance/Traffic Safety

Reinstatement of bollard on footpath located between Blackditch Rd and Clifden Rd.

A bollard on the footpath was knocked down some time ago, with the remains of the bollard removed at the time and patch repair done to the footpath.

However, drivers started using the footpath as a shortcut/rat run from Blackditch Road onto Clifden Road, to access Ballyfermot Road. This was a very dangerous practice, as both drivers and pedestrians had minimal line of sight, as vehicles cut across the footpath at Clifden Road.

Public Domain engaged with our colleagues in road maintenance to have the bollard reinstated, which has stopped this unsafe practice.



Illegal Dumping

Illegal dumping/fly tipping Kylemore Way



Graffiti Statistics for March 2026: Racist - 2, Political – 2, Offensive – 1

Bus shelter Ballyfermot Road



Kylemore Road



Lane way off Sarsfield Road

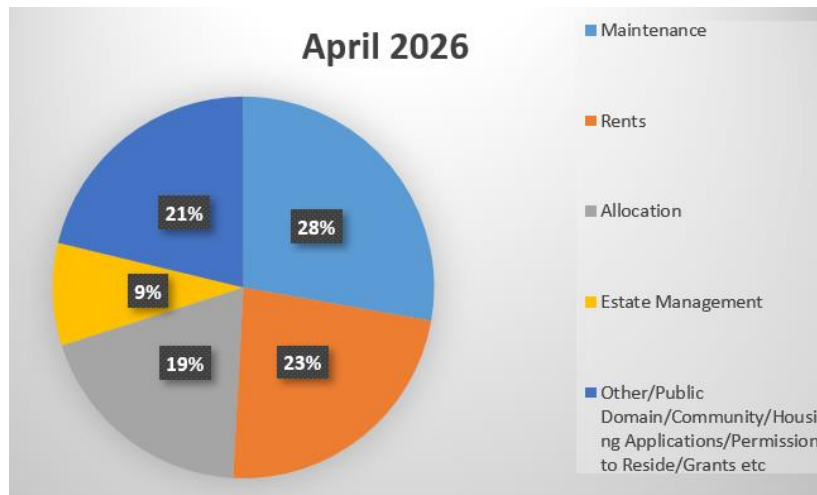


Administration Team

Throughout April 2026, the Administration Team in the **Ballyfermot–Drimnagh Area Office** responded to **over 1,000 queries** received through phone, public counter and email channels.

Maintenance queries continued to represent the largest category of contact, accounting for approximately **28%** of all correspondence.

Rent queries increased significantly during the month, largely due to the introduction of changes to the **Differential Rent Scheme** on 6 April. As a result, rent-related contact rose to **23%** of all queries, reflecting heightened engagement from tenants seeking clarification and support.



The **Cherry Orchard Implementation Board (COIB)** launched its **COIB Progress Report and Action Plan 2026** at a well-attended event in the Cherry Orchard Community Centre on Wednesday, 15 April 2026.

Members of the community, along with representatives from the **HSE, Tusla, An Garda Síochána, Dublin City Council, St Ultan's Primary Campus**, local organisations and other stakeholders, gathered to support the launch, which is aimed at improving the quality of life for residents in Cherry Orchard.

The Chair of the COIB, together with the Chairs of each of the sub-pillars, delivered presentations outlining progress to date and the key objectives set out in the Report. A highlight of the event was a performance by students from **St Ultan's**, who opened the proceedings with a song about life in Cherry Orchard and received a standing ovation from attendees.

