Welcome to the
BELMAYNE
ALLOTMENTS

From Muck.... To Magic!
During the consultation process of the Local Area Plan for the Belmayne/Clongriffin area, locals expressed a great interest in having allotments in the vicinity.

Dublin City Council took this interest on board and on 11\textsuperscript{th} March, 2014, the Belmayne Allotments were launched.

Former Councillor Brian McDowall (Acting on behalf of the Lord Mayor) cutting the ribbon
Now in its second year and safely in the green fingered hands of a wide variety of allotment enthusiasts, Belmayne is definitely blooming!

Measuring just over 2 acres in size, there are 112 allotments, comprising of two plot sizes; 44 small plots, measuring 30 sqm each and 68 large plots, measuring 64 sqm each. There is also a communal garden area for all the plot holders to relax in and enjoy.

The 11 month lease has just been renewed by 84 plot holders, with a further 28 new gardening enthusiasts coming on board this year, filling the total complement of 112 allotments.
Since their inception, the allotments have gone from “muck to magic” with our allotment holders “tickling mother earth until she yields”. In October, 2014, there was a very special addition to site, in the form of the communal garden space.

Our sincere thanks to Mondalez (formerly Cadbury Ireland) who through their Community Volunteer programme, offered us their help to clean and prepare the area in the allotments that we had set aside for a community garden.

We had a fun packed day of clearing and preparing the site and planting up the garden. The materials and plants were provided by Dublin City Council and the manual labour by the staff of Mondalez and some of our avid allotment holders.
Improvements to the facilities include:

- The two containers have been fitted out with lockers
- Container roofs capped to facilitate the harvesting of rain water
- Two water butts installed
- New portaloo
- A compost area
- New top soil

We are waiting for the soil conditions to improve to put down grass.
Some of our proud allotment holders
Consideration for all users is at the fore in our little community. As the Belmayne Allotments Group, we encourage each plot holder to maintain their allocated plot and ensure weeds are kept to a minimum.

To this end, every plot holder signs up to the terms and conditions that is set out in the Licence Agreement which is unique to Belmayne Allotments.

Our plot holders have formed their own community ranging from beginners to our more advanced gardeners. There is a great sense of camaraderie, with everyone looking out for each other & the more experienced always on hand to offer advice and support.

Training and workshops are always available through our membership of An Taisce Green Community Programme.
City Council staff involved in the project
L-R John Foley, Vanessa Carey, Eoin Ward, David Dinnigan, Former Councillor Brian McDowall, Anthony Moran, Patrick Nolan, Gerry Cusack, Pat Whelan, Fiona Kirby
The community garden - a great space for all of the allotment holders to take a well earned break after a day’s toil in the soil!
If you have an interest in being an allotment holder and would like to join our waiting list, please contact: Ms. Fiona Kirby (fiona.kirby@dublincity.ie tel: 222 8842) or Mr. John Foley (john.foley@dublincity.ie tel: 222 8843)

Download the application form here