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December 2020



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| Councillor Trevor Gilligan | FF |
| Councillor Shirley O' Hara | FG |
| Councillor Kenneth Egan | FG |
| Councillor Francis Timmons | IND |
| Councillor William Joseph Carey | SF |
| Councillor Peter Kavanagh | Green |
| Councillor Eoin Ó Broin | IND |

Rathfarnham – Templeogue

Ráth Fearnáin - Teach Mealóg

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| Councillor Carly Bailey | SD |
| Councillor Yvonne Collins | FF |
| Councillor Lynn McCrave | FG |
| Councillor Pamela Kearns | LAB |
| Councillor Ronan McMahon | IND |
| Councillor David McManus | FG |
| Councillor Laura Donaghy | Green |

Tallaght Central

Tamhlact An Lár

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| Councillor Kieran Mahon | SOL |
| Councillor Charlie O'Connor | FF |
| Councillor Mick Duff | IND |
| Councillor Teresa Costello | FF |
| Councillor Cathal King | SF |
| Councillor Liam Sinclair | Green |

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| Councillor Ed O'Brien | FF |
| Councillor Vicki Casserly | FG |
| Councillor Liona O'Toole | IND |
| Councillor Paul Gogarty | IND |
| Councillor Joanna Tuffy | LAB |

Tallaght South

Tamhlact Theas

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| Councillor Patrick Pearse Holohan | SF |
| Councillor Sandra Fay | SOL |
| Councillor Dermot Richardson | SF |
| Councillor Louise Dunne | SF |
| Councillor Baby Pereppadan | FG |

Firhouse - Bohernabreena

Teach na Giúise - Bóthar na Bruíne

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| Councillor Clare O'Byrne | Green |
| Councillor Deirdre O' Donovan | FF |
| Councillor Brian Lawlor | FG |
| Councillor Emma Murphy | FF |
| Councillor Alan Edge | IND |

Palmerstown - Fonthill -

Baile Phámar - Cnoc an Fhuaráin

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| Councillor Guss O' Connell | IND |
| Sinn Féin Co-Option | SF |
| Councillor Madeleine Johansson | PBP |
| Councillor Alan Hayes | IND |
| Councillor Shane Moynihan | FF |



Party Abbreviations

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| Clr | Councillor |
| PBP | People Before Profit Alliance |
| SOL | Solidarity |
| FF | Fianna Fáil |
| SF | Sinn Féin |
| SD | Social Democrats |
| FG | Fine Gael |
| LAB | The Labour Party |
| IND | Independent |
| Green | The Green Party |

Front Page Image:

Mayor Ed O' Brien raising the Green Flag at Sean Walsh Park, Tallaght

Season's Greeting from South Dublin County Council Elected Members

I would first like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a peaceful and healthy new year.

Christmas is a time of family, of friends and of community. It is a time of year that I think is particularly important in this country. Christmas is when we welcome our loved ones into our homes and where we gather to laugh, to reflect on the year gone by and to dream of what is ahead. Though that will be different this year, Christmas can still be a time of reflection for us all.

I would like to take this opportunity to particularly offer our thanks to those front-line workers who have worked tirelessly throughout this year to keep us all safe. Your dedication has been an inspiration to us all.

I wish you all a happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Councillor Ed O' Brien

Mayor of South Dublin County Council



Beannacht na Féile ó Chomhairle Contae Átha Cliath Theas

Ba mhaith liom an deis seo a thapú le Nollaig Shona agus Bliain Úr faoi shíocháin agus faoi shláinte a ghuí oraibh go léir.

Am don teaghlach, do chairde agus don phobal is ea an Nollaig. Baineann tábhacht ar leith leis an am seo den bhliain sa tír seo. Um Nollaig cuirimid fáilte roimh ár ndaoine muinteartha isteach inár dtithe agus bailimid le chéile go suáilceach, le breathnú ar an mbliain atá caite agus muid ag tnúth lena bhfuil amach romhainn. Cé go mbeidh gach rud éagsúil i mbliana, is am machnaimh í an Nollaig do chách i gcónaí.

Ba mhaith liom an deis seo a thapú le buíochas ó chroí a ghabháil leis na daoine a bhí ag obair go dícheallach ar an líne tosaigh le muid go léir a choinneáil slán. Ba mhór an inspioráid bhur ndúthracht dúinn go léir.

Guím Nollaig Shona agus Bliain Úr faoi shíocháin oraibh go léir.

Councillor Ed O' Brien

Méara Chomhairle Contae Átha Cliath Theas

Changing Places

We are delighted to announce that there are now two Changing Places facilities in South Dublin County. The facilities are located in County Hall Tallaght and North Clondalkin Library. These purpose-built accessible toilet facilities give disabled people (who have more complex toilet access needs), and their assistants more space, and the right equipment, to take care of personal hygiene in safety and comfort and in a way that does not impact on their dignity or human rights.

The Changing Places toilet goes beyond a conventional wheelchair-accessible toilet in that it includes additional assistive technology of a hoist, height adjustable adult-sized changing bench, and peninsular toilet (toilet has enough space on both sides for assistants).

Facility features:

- Height, adjustable, adult-sized changing bench
- Ceiling track hoist system
- Adequate space for a disabled person and up to 2 assistants
- Centrally located toilet with space both sides for assistants
- Privacy screen

Disabled people and their assistants are welcome to drop in to use the fully accessible Changing Places toilet facility in our offices at County Hall, Tallaght, Dublin 24 and North Clondalkin Library, Liscarne Close Dublin 22 during our public opening hours. Please note that these hours are changeable depending on related COVID-19 restrictions.



In both locations the Changing Places toilet is on the ground floor, and we just ask that you sign in at Customer Care / library reception, so we know you are in the building. The hoist system provided in both facilities can accommodate both loop and clipped slings. Please note, for safety reasons it is the responsibility of the user to provide the sling.

Two further changing places facilities are planned for South Dublin County. These will be located in the new Lucan Swimming Pool, and Tallaght Stadium.

For detailed information on South Dublin County Council changing places facilities please visit

www.sdcc.ie or www.southdublinlibraries.ie

For general information on Changing Places facilities, please visit the Changing Places Ireland webpage at www.changingplaces.ie

You are welcome to contact Selina Bonnie who is the Council's Disability Liaison, Access and Equality Officer if you have any questions regarding any access and equality related questions. Selina's contact details are email: sbonnie@sdblincoco.ie or telephone: 01 414 9041 / 087 270 8918

What is JAM Card and who is it for?

JAM Card® allows people with a communication barrier tell others they need 'Just A Minute' discreetly and easily.

The JAM Card® was created by NOW Group, a social enterprise that supports people with learning difficulties and autism into jobs with a future and their service users told them that they would like a way to relay to people that they need a little extra time or patience.

Find out more about NOW Group at www.nowgroup.org and JAM Card® at www.jamcard.org

There are three message options to choose from:

- 1 Please be patient, I have autism**
- 2 Please be patient, I have a learning disability / difficulty**
- 3 Please be patient, I have a condition**

For those with a **learning difficulty, autism or any condition** where there can be a communication barrier, the JAM Card® allows users to relay to others that they may need a little extra time in a simple, effective non-verbal manner. The JAM Card® is useful when on public transport, in a retail or any other

customer facing environment.

Where can I get one?

There are several different methods to get a JAM Card. JAM Cards are available for collection from the following South Dublin County Council facilities:

County Hall, Tallaght, Dublin 24

Clondalkin Civic Offices, Ninth Lock Road, Clondalkin, Dublin 22

South Dublin Libraries:

- 1 County Library**, Library Square, Tallaght, Dublin D24 A3EX
- 2 Clondalkin Library**, Monastery Road, Clondalkin, Dublin D22 XPO3
- 3 Lucan Library**, Lucan Shopping Centre, Newcastle Road, Lucan, K78 V295
- 4 North Clondalkin Library**, 1 Liscarne Close, Rowlagh, Dublin, D22 E2Y2
- 5 Ballyroan Library**, Orchardstown Avenue, Rathfarnham, Dublin 14
- 6 Palmerstown Library Digital Hub**, Unit 11 / 12, Palmerstown Shopping Centre, Kennelsfort Road, Palmerstown, D20 VH60
- 7 Library Headquarters**, Unit 1, the Square Industrial Complex, Tallaght, Dublin D24 YXW3



Just a minute

We welcome JAM Card holders

NOW

www.nowgroup.org

8 Mobile Libraries, Tel: 01 459 7834 or email mobiles@sdblincoco.ie

You can also request one directly from NOW Group by visiting the JAM Card website and filling out the request form. Or if you would prefer not to use the physical card, there is a JAM Card app available for Android and iOS. The app allows you to choose your message option, leave reviews and find other JAM friendly businesses.

You are welcome to contact Selina Bonnie, email: sbonnie@sdblincoco.ie or telephone: 01 414 9041 / 087 270 8918

SDCC parks have been awarded five prestigious Green Flag Awards from An Taisce Environment Education Unit



South Dublin County Council parks have been awarded five prestigious Green Flag Awards from An Taisce Environment Education Unit.

Waterstown Park, Sean Walsh Park, Tymon Park, Corkagh Park and Rathfarnham Castle Park were all awarded Green Flag Awards, with Rathfarnham Castle Park receiving their flag for the first time.

The Green Flag Award is a highly regarded international benchmark that recognises and rewards the provision of high-quality parks and green spaces. Established in more than 50 countries, the award scheme is managed here in the Republic of Ireland by An Taisce. It rates the management of parks by local authorities across criteria including safety, cleanliness, conservation, sustainability and community involvement.

The Green Flag Awards are judged every year by a peer jury of green space experts, who volunteer their time to visit applicant sites and assess them against eight strict criteria, including horticultural standards, cleanliness, sustainability, and community involvement. Only awarded for exceeding tough environmental standards in green space management, and excellence of visitor attractions – the Green Flag Award for Parks is the mark of a quality park or green space and is recognised throughout the world.

In Ireland, the Green Flag Award for Parks Scheme has been enthusiastically received by park management as it delivers major wins for the delivery of quality green spaces by respective parks and park departments. The five South Dublin County parks are included in the 84 public parks from across the country to achieve a Green Flag award in 2020.

From among 15 countries whose parks met the standard this year there were once again more Green Flag Awards secured by Irish Parks and Gardens than by any country, other than the UK where the scheme originated in 1996.



Recycle more this Christmas Déan níos mó a athchúrsáil an Nollaig seo

Wrapping paper, Christmas cards, Glass, Cans, Plastic, Christmas trees, Batteries and WEEE can all be recycled, so this Christmas South Dublin County Council is encouraging everyone to recycle. Please visit www.sdcc.ie for Christmas Tree recycling locations.

For more information on how these items & more can be recycled go to www.sdcc.ie
Le haghaidh tuilleadh eolais maidir leis an athchúrsáil, tabhair cuairt ar www.athchliaththeas.ie

Music Generation South Dublin

As a performance music programme under the governance of South Dublin County Council it has been vital to us to continue delivering our music service for children and young people despite the restrictions and through whatever platforms we can. Virtual programmes, such as Zoom, have really assisted us in our planning and delivery of music sessions since March but particularly since the beginning of the new academic year.

Our Administration team and our panel of 31 musicians are working both virtually, and physically in a number of schools that have allowed visitors, to deliver performance music education across genres such as Early Years, Community Hubs, Special Needs, Ukulele, Guitar, Keyboard, Vocal, Violin, Drums and Youth Music.

For more information and programme details please visit:

www.musicgenerationsouthdublin.ie/news/music-generation-south-dublin-programmes-return/

Aideen McLaughlin
Music Development Officer



Integrated Housing System

South Dublin County Council is about to launch a new Integrated Housing System (IHS). This is part of our ongoing digital transformation to provide the best possible service to our citizens and is an accumulation of over two years of work by a dedicated project team.

The IHS will bring many benefits to citizens, customers, staff and the organisation as a whole. The system has an online self-service area that is fully mobile responsive so housing customers will be able to self-serve 24/7 on any device. Housing applicants and tenants can submit online application forms and will be able to send messages and update their details directly.

Tenants will be able to view all their accounts with

the housing department as well as submit and track repair requests anytime. Choice Based Letting (CBL) access on the new system will allow for a quick review of submitted expressions of interest. CBL along with the 'my account' feature will be available soon with the remaining service areas following shortly after.

Once fully introduced, the new system will improve our service to customers and our support to stakeholders, especially our local Elected Members and will benefit staff and the Council generally with improved reporting, real-time information and more flexibility supporting enhanced and faster decision making.

SDCC Development Plan

A huge THANK YOU to all who engaged in the pre-draft plan consultation! At the end of July 2020, South Dublin County Council (SDCC) gave notice of its intention to review the existing South Dublin County Development Plan 2016 - 2022 and to prepare a new County Development Plan for the period 2022-2028. The Council ran a Pre-Draft public consultation over an eight week period from 31 July to 28 September 2020. Written submissions or observations were invited on themed strategic issues as part of the review of the current County Development Plan and the preparation of the new South Dublin County Development Plan.

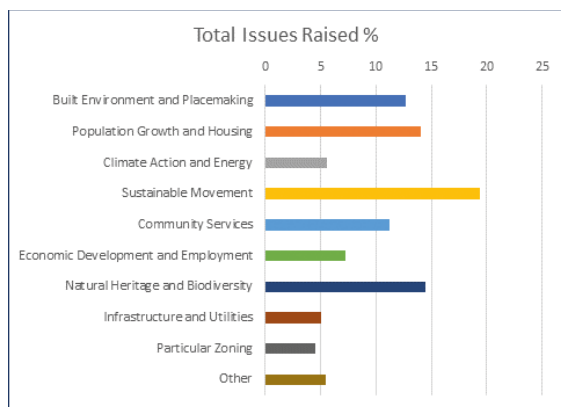


Figure 1.0 - Issues Raised on the Key Strategic Themes including Neighbourhood Areas

We are delighted to report that 227 submissions were received. These submissions were made by and / or on behalf of a wide group of people including residents' associations, landowners and developers, community groups, interest groups and by many individuals. All the submissions have now been summarised and incorporated within a report (Chief Executive's Report) that was sent to all the Councillors of South Dublin County on 19 November 2020. As part of the summarisation of the submissions for the Chief Executive's Report, they have been broken down into over 900 issues under each strategic theme. A total of 321 of the issues were identified as relating to a specific neighbourhood area. The highest percentage of issues centered on sustainable movement within our County, closely followed by natural heritage; biodiversity; and population growth and housing.

The review of the Plan will take up to two years and will conclude with the adoption of the South Dublin County Development Plan 2022-2028 in mid 2022. We are currently in the first stage of the plan making process. The Councillors will review the Chief Executive's Report that has been prepared and following their review, meeting(s) will be convened to discuss. The Councillors at these meeting(s) will confirm the strategic direction they want the preparation of the Plan to take. A draft plan will then be prepared for consideration by the Councillors during the first half of 2021. The second stage of the Plan process will then commence. You will have another opportunity to make a submission on the Draft Plan in the second half of 2021. We look forward to engaging with you once again.

LEO South Dublin

Over the past six months LEO South Dublin and Restart Team SDCC have supported businesses in the county to the tune of €29.7m. The largest direct financial support came in the form of the Restart Grant which has paid out €27.7m to local rates paying businesses in the county from micro enterprises to businesses with up to 250 employees.

Additional COVID supports provided to our smaller businesses include Business Support Vouchers to the value of €350,000; Trading On-line Vouchers to almost 600 businesses to the value of €1,375m with hundreds more being processed and Stimulus Grant Support of €240,000 to a cohort of existing client businesses who have repaid redeemable element of their Financial Supports during 2016-2019 period.

Leo South Dublin has expanded its Mentors and Training Panels and offers free one to one mentoring to all business founders and entrepreneurs and a full and varied virtual business and professional development training and workshop programme.

For a year that started out with concerns about Brexit; building up our team of experienced Mentors and Customs Trainers to deal with concerns and prepare our local businesses for Brexit it has certainly turned out very differently. There is no doubt that for a number of our businesses, the pressures and challenges that COVID presented were just too severe for them to adapt over the past number of months and sustain themselves into the future. Others are managing to sustain their businesses assisted by these COVID supports and through their own innovation and exceptional efforts and there are another cohort who have thrived and grown during the period, and this has been notable in the food, tech and innovative consumer product sectors.

In November LEO South Dublin sponsored a 'Shop Local Think Local' campaign in association with The Echo. Every week we are featuring local businesses around the county, those who are open and selling quality foods and essential services but also those who are closed and who are trading on-line as this year more than ever we need to Look to Local and Support Local businesses. To date we have over 200 businesses signed up and featured on The Echo on-line directory which is being promoted on social media and by the LEO also. #ThinkShopSupportLocal

COVID -19 Community Call and Keep Well Campaigns in South Dublin

In response to Action 4 in Ireland's National Action Plan in Response to COVID-19, South Dublin County Council was mandated to establish a multi-agency South Dublin COVID 19 Community Response Forum. This Forum was established over a weekend in March 2020 and convened weekly by way of remote video / tele-conferencing.

The overall objective of the South Dublin Community Response Forum, chaired by Chief Executive Daniel McLoughlin, was to facilitate and co-ordinate the most appropriate community response to the needs of vulnerable people living in the community where their usual sources of support became unavailable. It has specifically been established to lead the co-ordination of COVID-19 community supports and resilience, including:

Working collaboratively

Targeted social care supports for vulnerable groups and individuals

Building resilience of existing community services

Dedicated Community Call Helpline

Community Response Forum

16 Agencies

Statutory Bodies

Community and Voluntary Bodies

Led by South Dublin County Council

COVID-19 Support Help Line

The Forum set up a dedicated Community Call Helpdesk operated jointly by the Council's Community Department and South Dublin County Partnership. Since the help line was set up:

Calls For:

- Shopping, Food, Medication, Fuel, Essential Household Items
- Volunteering
- Social Isolation
- Social Welfare
- Other (Medical) Needs



4,000+

incoming and outgoing calls



100%
CLOSED

South Dublin COVID-19 Community Response Forum

A helpdesk will respond to the needs of vulnerable members of our community

Call 1800 240519

Email covidsupport@sdblincoco.ie



Community Response Fund:

South Dublin County Council administered the COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund, established by the Department of Rural and Community Development. Grants were provided to groups that directly involved in the Community Call response to the COVID-19 pandemic.



Other Initiatives delivered and supported by the Community Response Forum and part of the In This Together Campaign launched in April by the Government included:



More recently, the Keep Well campaign was launched by the Government under the Government Plan for Living with COVID-19: Resilience and Recovery 2020-2021.

The Keep Well Campaign is aimed at showing people of all ages how we can mind our own physical and mental health and wellbeing by adding healthy and helpful habits to our daily and weekly routines. South Dublin County Council has commenced a series of events and other initiatives to support the campaign messages of:

- 1 Keeping active and being outdoors
- 2 Staying connected
- 3 Switching off and being creative
- 4 Eating well
- 5 Managing your mood

Information about activities in South Dublin will be published on www.sdcc.ie and the Council's social media channels.

The Council has also established a Community COVID 19 Resilience Fund to assist community and voluntary groups and organisations that are adapting their services and supports to communities affected by the Coronavirus pandemic. The funding will be directed to those group aiming to improve their local communities and to recover from the effects of Covid-19 and is part of the Council's measures to support the national "Keep Well" Campaign.

For More information on these activities and upcoming events please check out our dedicated South Dublin Keep Well Webpage on www.sdcc.ie/en/covid-19-information/in-this-together/ and our social media channels.



Be Winter-Ready

Weather Warnings

Severe weather challenges all of us. Activities that we take for granted can become difficult or even hazardous when severe weather occurs. However, by taking some simple steps you can reduce the impact of such events.

South Dublin County Council's Severe Weather Assessment Team (SWAT) meets in advance of all storms on foot of any Met Éireann Weather Warnings received. The SWAT is made up of senior staff from across the organisation. The purpose of the meeting is to assess the readiness of the council to deal with the

upcoming storm and severe weather events and put in place preventative actions as required.

South Dublin County Council has under the Major Emergency Management Framework, the following plans:

- Major Emergency Plan,
- Flood Emergency Plan,
- Severe Weather Plan, and
- Rest Centre Plan.

The protocols for Severe Weather are contained in the plans, and being actioned upon receipt of weather warnings from Met Éireann, are as follows:



STATUS YELLOW Be Aware - A general notification email is sent to relevant staff across the organisation- inspections of key infrastructure and equipment carried out by relevant departments.



STATUS ORANGE Be Prepared - Triggers a meeting of the Severe Weather Assessment Team (SWAT) comprised of senior management across all departments, who discuss the issues particular to that weather event and agree the appropriate response/ action from each department.



STATUS RED Take Action - this should be a comparatively rare event and implies that recipients take action to protect themselves and/or their properties. The SWAT team is now a Crisis Management Team and meets as often as necessary - hourly, twice daily, etc., depending on dynamics of the weather event, possibly over the conference call facilities. National and Regional Emergency offices are likely also being updated via teleconference at this stage to facilitate inter agency cooperation between the LA, HSE and AGS.

Useful Knowledge

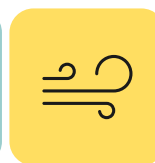
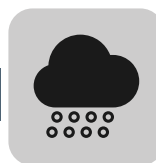
The 2020-2021 Winter Maintenance Plan includes information on the 7 gritting routes and also on salt barns and the locations and availability of salt bins. The 7 gritting routes and the associated gritting truck can also have a snow plough attached if this is required, information on the routes are available at this link. The Council has 7 gritting trucks and 7 snow ploughs.

South Dublin County Council will continue to provide information to citizens throughout weather events on all available social media including our website www.sdcc.ie. The national winter ready web site also has very useful information and can be found at

www.winterready.ie

www.twitter.com/sdublincoco

www.facebook.com/SouthDublinCountyCouncil



You can also follow the below Twitter accounts to stay updated.

@emergencyIE

@MetEireann

@IrishWater

@DubFireBrigade

@gardainfo

@IWCare

@ESBNetworks

@GardaTraffic

@opwireland

This winter-ready booklet produced by the OEP gives information on being prepared, providing practical advice for coping during episodes of severe weather, as well as giving contact details of organisations and agencies that can provide guidance and assistance. The main message is simple - be prepared, stay safe and know where to find help should you need it.

Download the 2020/21 booklet and find out more at www.winterready.ie

Greenway Update

SDCC are responsible for 14km of the Dodder Greenway scheme from the Bohernabreena Reservoir to Orwell Park in Rathfarnham. Further information, planning drawings and planning reports are available on the council website here www.sdcc.ie/en/services/transport/cycle-tracks-and-greenway-schemes/dodder-greenway-route/

This project is co-funded with €1.5m from the ERDF's S&E Regional Operational Programme 2014-20 - Designated Urban Centres Grant Scheme, the National Transport Authority, and South Dublin County Council.



Phase 1 (Almost Complete)

Three new pedestrian bridges are being constructed as part of the phase 1 works in the following locations:

- Pedestrian Bridge over the River Dodder at Tallaght Bypass (to the rear of the Bolbrook Centre)
- Pedestrian Bridge over the River Dodder from Kilvere to Riverside Cottages
- Pedestrian Bridge over the River Dodder to Bushy Park (to the rear of Rathfarnham Village)

All three bridges are now in place and due to be opened to the public in January 2021. In addition to the bridges the following will also be carried out as part of phase 1:

- Widening of existing paths in the vicinity of the bridges to create a shared surface minimising impact on the Dodder River
- Construction of new shared approach paths for pedestrians and cyclists
- Upgrade and installation of public lighting where required
- Pavement marking and signage
- Laying of utility services infrastructure
- Associated landscaping works

The next phase is due to commence on site this December and will facilitate the parkland linkages between these bridges.



UNWRAPPED, THE ANNUAL WINTER FESTIVAL OF COMMUNITY IN SOUTH DUBLIN
PRESENTS

SHINING A LIGHT, A CELEBRATION OF REBIRTH AND RENEWAL

An ancient shadow, Cailleach Queen of Winter, emerges from the hills with her gift of light. Our South Dublin communities are preparing to welcome her with their creativity and kindness throughout December.

HOW WILL YOU WELCOME HER? FIND OUT HOW TO GET INVOLVED:

WWW.UNWRAPPED.IE



Work Commences on €20m Infrastructure Upgrade at Adamstown SDZ

Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Darragh O'Brien TD joined the Mayor of South Dublin County, Cllr Ed O'Brien, and South Dublin County Council Chief Executive Daniel McLoughlin in September as work commenced on three significant infrastructure projects at the Adamstown Strategic Development Zone (SDZ) in Dublin. The ambitious large-scale delivery of essential infrastructure in Adamstown consists of the construction of three separate projects: Airlie Park, Tandy's Lane Park and the Celbridge Link Road.

A combined €15 million was allocated for the three projects by the then Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government through the Local Infrastructure Housing Activation Funds (LIHAF) with South Dublin County Council providing the extra €5 million in funding.

LIHAF is a key element of the Government's drive to build more homes. The objective of the fund is to provide public off-site infrastructure to relieve critical infrastructure blockages. This enables the accelerated delivery of housing on key development sites in Dublin and urban areas of high demand for housing nationally.

South Dublin County Council's successful LIHAF funding bid for financial support was linked to the delivery of 2,000 new homes within the Adamstown SDZ. The delivery of these homes is currently underway with over 1,500 homes already completed or contracted and the remaining 500 homes under construction. Within the large-scale delivery of homes, there are 300 homes at or below a cost of €300,000 and a further 500 at or below €320,000.

It is expected that work on all three projects will be completed in 2022.

Minister O'Brien, said, "LIHAF funded infrastructure projects nationally are now beginning to deliver on the objective of the fund and yield the large scale housing supply. The projects in South County Dublin are at the forefront of this housing delivery. I commend South Dublin County Council for the work it has done using the LIHAF grant funding to drive the delivery of these much needed homes and providing them to families at below market price.

Whilst just one element of our response to ensure we build more homes, LIHAF will support the delivery many thousands of homes nationally. These social, affordable and private homes will help create new and sustainable communities across the country"

Cllr Ed O'Brien, Mayor of South Dublin County, said, "This Council has used LIHAF funding very effectively to unlock lands for development of homes for the residents of South Dublin. It is another indication of the Council's commitment to meeting its housing targets and the proactive approach which it is willing to take to ensure these targets are met. The Minister's visit also spoke well of his commitment to dealing effectively with the housing crisis and in particular the need for affordable housing in areas like South Dublin County"



How to survive the Festive Shopping Battleground

Get in and out of your store without overspending and overfilling your fridge for the festive season can be challenging, so good luck and Stop Food Waste!

GOING IN

Outside creep slowly past the OVERSIZED SHOPPING TROLLEYS

The larger the trolley, the more you'll spend so grab a small trolley or a basket instead.

Once inside watch out for the FRESH SMELL SENSORS

Fresh smells like bread & flowers create a temptation which leads to over spending.

Budget and beat the ATM MACHINE

Set a budget before you go to the shop and try to keep a running tally.

IN THE STORE

Know your enemy... THE SAMPLE STATIONS

Use the free samples to your advantage. Eat these at the beginning of your shop to avoid hunger driven purchases.

Show no mercy to the END CAP DISPLAYS

These displays don't always mean a discount. They can be items that are new or in festive season but can be marketed to appear like a deal. BE WARY!

Avoid being trapped in... THE CENTRE ISLES

General merchandise and canned goods are located here to draw in the shopper and expose them to nonessential items. STAY FOCUSED on your list!

Be calm when the SHOP LAYOUT CHANGES!

Shelves changing position is done because if you don't know where the items are, you'll end up spending more time in the shop.

GETTING OUT

Get in and get out of THE BACK-OF-SHOP-TRAP

Dairy, eggs, meat, snacks and bottled goods are usually at the back of the shop so you see more than you need to.

Know what they want you to see THE SCIENCE OF SHELF LAYOUT

TOP - Smaller and gourmet brands don't have the budgets to pay for better placement.

MIP - Here you tend to see higher-priced items or items with the highest markup.

Kid's eye level - Specifically located with kids appeal. If possible, leave the children at home

Keep the blinkers on and AVOID CHECKOUT BUYS!

This is the one of the most profitable areas in a shop. Put your blinkers on when you are in line and get out of there!

Ballymount Civic Amenity Christmas and New Year 2020/21 Opening Times

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| Sunday 20 Dec | 9.30am-5pm |
| Monday 21 Dec | 9am-5pm |
| Tuesday 22 Dec | 9am - 5pm |
| Wednesday 23 Dec | 9am-5pm |
| Thursday 24 Dec | 9am-3pm |
| Friday 25 Dec | Closed |
| Saturday 26 Dec | Closed |
| Sunday 27 Dec | 9.30am-5pm |
| Monday 28 Dec | 9am-5pm |
| Tuesday 29 Dec | 9am-5pm |
| Wednesday 30 Dec | 9am-5pm |
| Thursday 31 Dec | 9am-3pm |
| Friday 1 Jan | Closed |
| Saturday 2 Jan | 9am-5.30pm |
| Sunday 3 Jan | 9.30am-5pm |

Communities and Climate Action

When South Dublin County Council launched its first Climate Change Action Plan in 2019 we gave details on 130 actions across five key areas which will help us adapt to and reduce our impact on climate change.

The Council also recognises that we can't do this on our own and that communities have to play a central role in how we tackle climate change. We work regularly with schools and community groups across the county on initiatives and ideas that will bring change.

To help inform and empower communities to act in 2020 we started rolling out Climate Change Workshops. These workshops help communities better understand the need to take action at a local level. Originally the workshops were held in community centres, however, following the onset of Covid-19, delivery of the workshops was moved online.

If you are interested in attending or organising a workshop please contact us at climatechange@sdblincoco.ie.



Climate Change Newsletter

The Climate Change Team at South Dublin County Council want to keep you informed on what we are doing to address climate change. If you are interested in the issues or would like to be kept up to date, why not sign up for our new Climate Change Newsletter. Please send your contact details to climatechange@sdblincoco.ie.

Christmas Tree Recycling 2020/2021

South Dublin County Council has made arrangements for you to leave your Christmas Tree for recycling at 20 locations in the county from Saturday 2 January to Monday 11 January 2021. This service is free and is for domestic household trees only. One tree per household/ vehicle will be accepted.

Signage will be placed at the various locations indicating that it is an official recycling point. For a list of locations near you please visit www.sdcc.ie

The Christmas Tree recycling locations for 2020/2021 are:

| Lucan | Greenhills |
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| Beechpark open space | Tymon Park (Limekiln car park) |
| Sarsfield Park open space | Tymon Park (Tymon North Road car park) |
| Haydens Lane Car Park in Griffeen Valley Park | |
| Foxborough open space | |
| Palmerstown | Tallaght |
| Glenaulin Park | Raheen open space (opposite Raheen Shopping Centre) |
| Woodfarm Acres | Seán Walsh Park – Storage area (behind Old Bawn Community College) near Parks Depot off Whitestown Way |
| Clondalkin | Firhouse |
| Corkagh Park (St Johns Road car park) | Car park at Cherryfield (off the link road between Firhouse Road and Spawell Roundabout) |
| Corkagh Park (Green Isle car park at Caravan Park entrance) | Car park at Dodder Valley Park, Firhouse Road opposite Woodlawn Estate |
| Collinstown Park | |
| Quarryvale Park Foxdene open space | |
| Grand Canal open space (junction of Bawnogue and Lockview roads) | |
| Old Bawn | Rathfarnham |
| Church car park (beside shopping centre) | Rathfarnham Castle Park - car park |
| | Saggart |
| | Parks Depot on Mill Lane |

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Christmas Library Event Highlights



Saturday 5 December 10.30am-1.30pm, Family Time At Your Library Christmas Treasure Hunt in Griffeen Valley Park. Join us for some festive family fun in Griffeen Park (weather dependant). Booking essential from 23 November on www.lucanlibrarydublin.eventbrite.ie

Saturday 5 December 10.30am-1.00pm, Santa's Treasure Hunt in Sean Walsh Park. Booking a time slot is essential on www.talib.eventbrite.com

Monday 7 December 7.00-8.00pm, Make a Christmas Centre Piece with Christine Monday. Online. Make a beautiful Christmas centre piece with recycled materials. Materials provided. Booking essential on www.talib.eventbrite.com

Monday 7 December 10.00am, Mindful Christmas. Patricia Fitzgerald of Healing Creations demonstrates how mindfulness can help us through this busy Christmas season. Via Zoom. Booking essential from 30 November on www.lucanlibrarydublin.eventbrite.com

Thursday 10 December 8.00pm, South Dublin Libraries Big Christmas Quiz hosted by Alison Spittle. Following on from the success of the SDL Summer Quiz, Alison Spittle MCs our Christmas Quiz. Via Zoom. Booking essential from 23 November on www.lucanlibrarydublin.eventbrite.com

Saturday 12 December 10.00am-1.00pm, Christmas Scavenger Hunt at Rathfarnham Castle Park. For more information and to book a time slot see www.ballyroanlibrary.eventbrite.com

Monday 14 December 7.00-9.00pm, Paint Workshop "A Georgian Christmas". This live painting class takes place via Zoom. All materials required are provided in a handy starter kit. No experience is required as you will be shown in easy step by step instructions how to go from blank canvas to finished masterpiece! The lead artist will answer any questions as you work. Facilitated by Paintclub and funded by Creative Ireland. Booking a time slot is essential on www.talib.eventbrite.com

Wednesday 16 December 7.00pm, Pub Names of South Dublin a local History talk by Cathy Scuffil. Join Cathy Scuffil for a light-hearted crawl through the history of South Dublin's best-known pubs. Christmas jumper optional. Booking essential on www.ballyroanlibrary.eventbrite.com

Saturday 19 December 10.00am-1.00pm, Christmas Scavenger Hunt at Collinstown Park. Family event. Booking essential for a time slot from 1 December on www.northclondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.com

Saturday 19 December 3.00pm, Online Junior Book Club with Juliette. Join in this Christmas junior book club to talk about A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens. Books will be available for collection from you closest South Dublin Library during the first week in December. Participants can keep their book. Suit age 9+. Booking essential from 25 November on www.clondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.com

Family Night In to-go Packs The best Christmas memories we have seem to always centre around our childhoods. Playing games, listening to Christmas stories, drinking Hot Chocolate and squashing ourselves together on the sofa with our siblings or parents to watch a classic Christmas film. Of course, Everyone has different memories of Christmas and not all circumstances are the same but here at South Dublin Libraries we have compiled some of our fondest Christmas memories into a family night in Christmas pack that contains everything you need to create more magical memories for your family. These packs are aimed at families with young children but there is no age limit (after all we are all transported back to childhood at Christmas!). **You will need to have a valid Library card and be able to collect your pack from North Clondalkin Library.** Please note, if you do not have a library card you can sign up for a temporary one through www.southdublinlibraries.ie. Booking essential from 1 December on www.northclondalkinlibrary.eventbrite.com