



DÚN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN

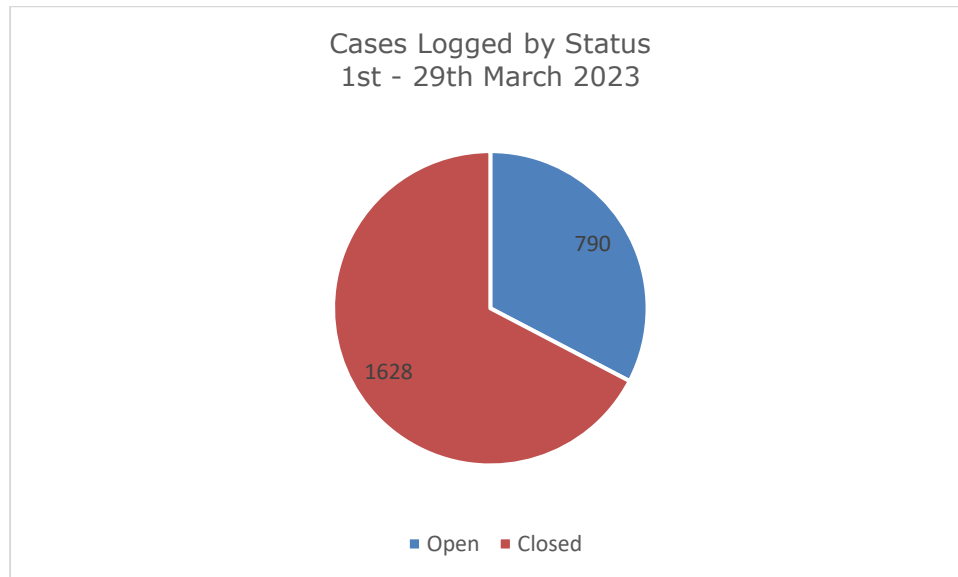
MARCH MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT

1 – 29 March 2023

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Civic Hub Stats



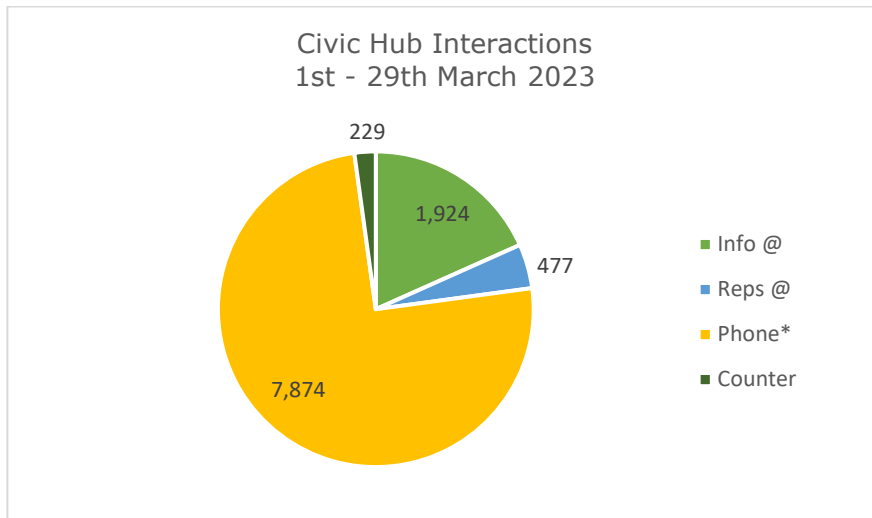
Cases logged from 1st – 29th March 2023

Open	790
Closed	1628

Cases Logged from 1st – 29th March 2023, by Section:

Section/Dept	Open	Closed	Total
Architects	2	5	7
Arts	1		1
Comms & Civic Hub	21	365	386
Community	3		3
Corporate Services	4	1	5
dlrcoco	3	3	6
Enterprise	2		2
Environment	109	304	413
Finance	29	251	280
Housing	68	109	177
HR	4	1	5
Libraries	6	1	7
Parks	194	140	334
Planning	2	19	21
Property	13	6	19
Transportation	301	362	663
Waste Enforcement	18	48	66
Water Services	10	13	23
Grand Total	790	1628	2418

* Pie chart excludes abandoned calls



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Civic Hub Activities:

Cases logged from

Phone Statistics	Answered Directly	Transferred to overflow
	6936	938

Emails received	Info@	Reps@	Total Emails
	1924	477	2401

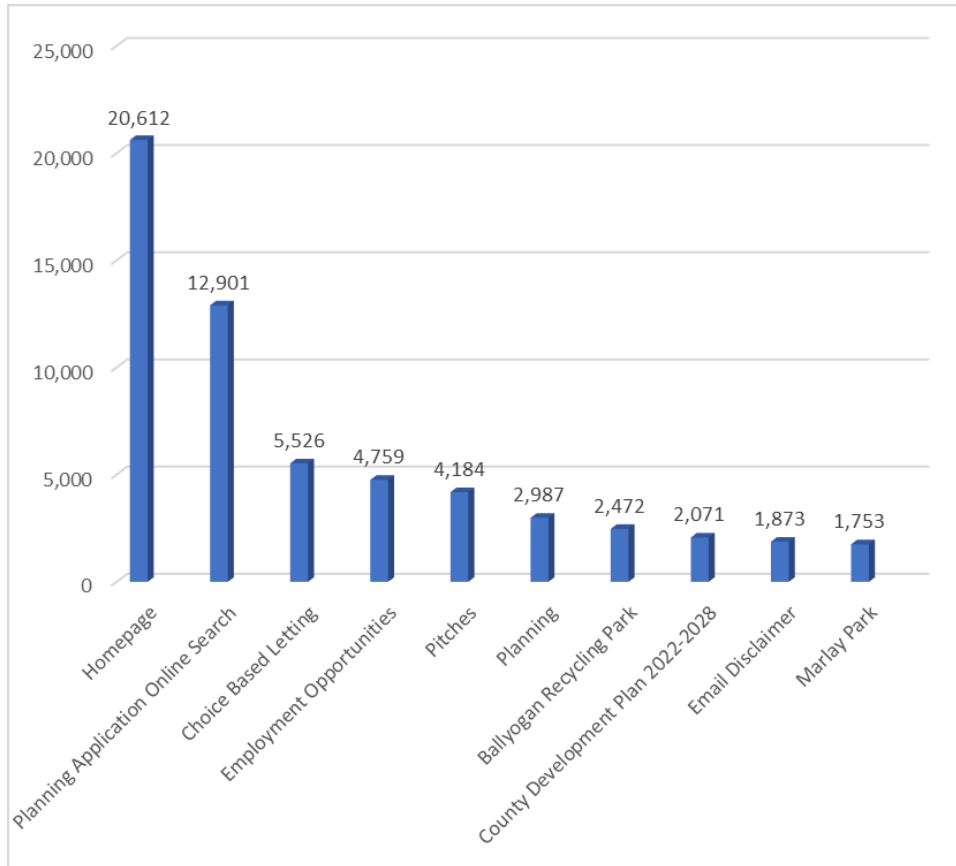
Counter Interactions	Civic Hub	Appointments	Total
	179	50	229

Communications Stats










Website Activity – page views

Website	Page Views
Dlrcoco.ie	157,653
Dlrevents.ie	4,685
dlrLibraries	46,224

Top Pages



Social Media Activity

Profile ^	Audience	Net Audience Growth	Published Posts	Impressions	Engagements	Engagement Rate (per Impression)	Video Views
Reporting Period Mar 1, 2023 - Mar 29, 2023	77,998 ↑ 0.4%	315 ↑ 43.2%	886 ↓ 0.9%	1,097,472 ↑ 5.1%	38,020 ↑ 32.5%	3.5% ↑ 26.1%	32,692 ↑ 668.1%
Compare to Jan 31, 2023 - Feb 28, 2023	77,673	220	894	1,044,294	28,701	2.7%	4,256
 @DLR_Libraries	8,772	7	42	19,237	407	2.1%	87
 @dlrArts	3,010	6	26	16,205	561	3.5%	266
 @dlrcc	19,634	85	234	365,524	8,448	2.3%	24,284
 @dlrheritevents	3,997	1	7	2,057	113	5.5%	4
 @leo_dlr	5,617	17	60	8,876	174	2%	0
 dlrcoco.ie	6,880	92	203	143,852	1,956	1.4%	2,611
 dlrevents	12,224	-1	0	1,434	28	2%	10
 Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council	14,669	78	218	419,452	20,436	4.9%	4,562
 Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Sports Partnership	3,195	30	96	120,835	5,897	4.9%	868

Press Queries

There were 23 Press queries received during this period.

Freedom of Information

There were 14 FOI requests received during this period.

The Ballyogan Regional Temporary Rest Centre opened its doors to Ukrainian nationals on 28 April. The Rest Centre continues to accommodate up to 300 displaced Ukrainian nationals for short periods. Over 3,000 people have stayed at the Centre for short periods.

As part of a comprehensive wrap around service, accommodation services at the Centre are being supported by HSE staff including Environmental Health, Public Health and COVID-19 services. The HSE is providing onsite support to meet the healthcare needs of Ukrainian residents, and residents also have access to an offsite GP service 7 days a week.

Among the facilities available in the temporary rest Centre is separate laundry and sanitary facilities, internet access, television spaces, games consoles, games room, chessboards, use of bikes and scooters, libraries of Ukrainian books for children and adults, translation services, as well as online access to Ukrainian newspapers and magazines.

Additionally, orientation and information sessions, basic English language lessons and an arts and music entertainment programme is being developed both onsite and nearby offsite.

Local coordination efforts continue to provide comprehensive support services from Southside Partnership, HSE, An Garda Síochána, Department of Social Protection, dlr Education and Training Board, TUSLA, Community and Family Resource Centres, dlr Volunteers Centre, colleagues in the East Region and a number of other community and voluntary groups.

Work is now underway to provide extra facilities, including 92 extra beds, a homework club room for children, an adult's workspace, and a new improved space for teenagers.

1. Road Maintenance Management Report - March 2023

Ref.	Programme Type	STATUS				Comments
		Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	
RRP Major	Road Resurfacing Programme - Major Works					
1	The Park Estate Cabinteely (part of)	✓				
2	Mulvey Park (part of)		✓			
3	Barrack Road, Glencullen (part of)	✓				
4	Meadowmount (part of)	✓				
5	College Road / Killmashogue (part of)	✓				
6	Ballinlea Road (part of)		✓			Tenders are being assessed
7	Ashlawn Estate (part of)	✓				Liaising with IW, ESB, PL and other utilities
8	Glenageary Road Upper		✓			Contractor to be appointed
9	Barnhill Road (part of)	✓				Design nearly complete
10	Dalkey Avenue (part of)	✓				Survey underway
11	Monkstown Crescent (part of)	✓				
RRP Minor	Road Resurfacing Programme - Minor Works ('Patching')					
1	Old Clonkeen Road	✓				
2	Trisilian, Foxrock	✓				
3	Olivemount Grove / Road					
4	Prospect Lawn	✓				
5	Brennanstown Road					
6	Grange Wood	✓				
7	Idrone Lane				✓	
8	Pucks Castle Lane	✓				
9	Sallynoggin Road	✓				
10	Avondale Road (driveways)	✓				Survey carried out
11	Rock Road (Boosterstown to Blackrock)	✓				
12	Foxrock Court	✓				
13	Dundela estate (parts of)	✓				
FP	Footpath Upgrade Programme					
1	Pine Valley (part of)			✓		
2	Sandyford Business District (part of)	✓				
3	Kerrymount Avenue (part of)	✓				
4	The Park, Cabinteely (part of)	✓				
5	Mount Anville Road (part of)		✓			
6	Dún Laoghaire Town (part of Northumberland Avenue)		✓			Scope to be confirmed

Ref.	Programme Type	STATUS				Comments
		Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	
7	Watsons Estate (part of)	✓				Survey carried out
8	Thornhill Road (part of)	✓				
9	Trafalgar Terrace	✓				Design nearly complete
BSP	Bridges & Structures Programme					
1	Dublin Road Shankill Bridge	✓				
2	Category 3 Bridges - Bridge assessment	✓				
DGRP	Drainage / Gully Repair Programme					
1	Ballinteer Road at Lynwood				✓	
2	Mount Albion Road Churchtown	✓				
3	Brighton Road Foxrock.	✓				
4	Cherrywood Road/Bray Road junction	✓				
5	Castlebyrne Park	✓				
6	Priory Avenue	✓				
7	Mounttown Road Upper				✓	Works nearly complete
8	Silchester Park/Adelaide Road junction	✓				
NRP	National Roads Programme					
1	N11-N31, 3-Year Resurfacing					
AWP	Accessibility Works Programme					
1	Loreto Park (part of)	✓				
2	Mulvey Park (part of)				✓	
3	Marine Road Pedestrian crossings			✓		Works are underway
4	Laneway Between Seaview Park and Shanganagh Road (near Texaco Garage)	✓				
CMP	Cycleway Maintenance Programme					
1	Wyckham Bypass	✓				
2	N11 3-Year Resurfacing Programme	✓				
3	Sallyglen Road (part of)	✓				
EMP	Estate Management Programme					
1	Moreen/Blackthorn	✓				
2	Rathsallagh Estate	✓				Survey carried out
TICP	Taking in Charge Programme*					
1	Redesdale estate - certain laneways	✓				

Ref.	Programme Type	STATUS				Comments
		Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	
2	Foxrock Wood - Beech Park Laneway	✓				
*Subject to investigation and clarification of ownership, assessment of works and costs needed to bring these roads/laneways up to taking in charge standard, no commitment can be made at this stage as completing such works would be dependent on available funding and resources.						
RCRP	Roads Control Reinstatement Programme					
1	Cherrygarth, Stillorgan	✓				
2	Stonebridge Lane, Shankill	✓				

2. Traffic & Road Safety

	Preliminary Design Stage	Public Consultation	Detailed Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	Comment
NTA STMG Schemes 2023 – Schemes being progressed by Traffic & Road Safety Section							
Stillorgan Park Road to Carysfort Ave				✓			A pre contract meeting is being arranged with appointed contractor
Sandyford Business District Cycle Routes				✓			A contractor has started construction on public realm schemes at the end of Ballymoss Road and Arkle Road.
Sandyford Cycle Route (Roebuck Road to UCD)			✓				Detailed design is proceeding on the scheme with a final design due to completed soon.
Cycle Parking Development					✓		Contractor progressing cycle parking at following locations in March: Church Place – Sallynoggin neighbourhood shops – 12 bike spaces Honeypark Bus Stop – Kill Avenue – 6 bike spaces Dún Laoghaire – Georges St Lower – 10 bike spaces Shanganagh Cliffs – GAA Pitch – 10 bike spaces Shanganagh Cliffs – Soccer Pitch & Playground – 10 bike spaces Thomastown Park – Lower Pitch – 10 bike spaces Sallynoggin Park – Soccer Pitches – 10 bike spaces Shankill Village – at Post Office – 4 bike spaces Dalkey dart Station – Repair of existing and 4 additional bike spaces
Rapid deployment Cycle schemes					✓		Cycle Protection works are complete on Avondale Road. Cycle protection works and junction improvement works have been completed on Newtownpark Avenue in March 2023.
Stepside Village and Cycle Scheme	✓						A preliminary design is ongoing

	Preliminary Design Stage	Public Consultation	Detailed Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	Comment
Sandyford Village and Cycle Scheme	✓						A preliminary design is ongoing
Dundrum Bypass						✓	This is with reference to the bus laybys being constructed on Dundrum bypass. Works complete.
Public Consultations							
None by the Roads and Traffic Section at present							

Stillorgan Village Movement Framework Plan

Phase 3 – Preliminary design being developed.

Road Safety, Cycling and Sustainable Travel

Interviews for reserve wardens took place on 23/3/23. Garda Vetting procedure and issuing of PPE will now take place.

Speed Limit Review

Public consultation documents are currently being prepared.

Traffic Advisory Group (TAG)

TAG meeting for Area 2 took place on 6 March 2023 with 15 items dealt with.

Bus Connects

The Traffic Section, with cross departmental input, made a submission to ABP with respect to the proposed Blackrock to City Centre CBC. ABP has advised that the decision due date for this planning application, has been put back to before April 7th,2023. Regarding the Bray to City Centre CBC planning application, the submission of this application to ABP is now envisaged in Q2, 2023.

Bus Interchanges at Dundrum, Dun Laoghaire & Blackrock

Discussions are ongoing with the NTA regarding bus interchange improvements at these locations. The improvements are needed to cater for the planned service increases under the BusConnects' programme.

Area Based Transport Assessments (ABTAs)

Dundrum ABTA

Work on this project is progressing and the ABTAs Stages 1, 2 & 3 now completed with work on Stage 4 - Preparation of a draft Local Transport Plan/ABTA Recommendations Report, now at an advanced stage.

Racecourse South lands & Kilternan – Glenamuck

The Council, in conjunction with the NTA, is progressing Area Based Transport Assessments (ABTAs) for the Racecourse South lands at Carrickmines, in accordance with the requirements of SLO 143 in the current County Development Plan and for the Kilternan – Glenamuck area in order to support the preparation of a Local Area Plan to replace the current Kilternan - Glenamuck Local Area Plan, due to expire later this year. The Council is aiming to have a consultant appointed in Q2 to commence the studies.

3. Water & Drainage

Drainage and Flood Alleviation

Engineering and Environmental Consultants were appointed in December 2019 for Flood Risk Management works on the Deansgrange Stream. This is a 4-to-5-year project. Activities completed to date include additional survey work, CCTV surveys, a Constraints Study, Hydrological analysis, and hydraulic modelling. Optioneering, environmental surveys and engagement with key stakeholders are underway. A Ground Investigation Contract is complete. We have received preliminary approval from Irish Rail to tunnel under the rail line. Public Consultation on the preferred option took place on the 13th December. The environmental impacts review is almost completed. Detailed preparation is underway for the Part 8 submission.

Engineering and Environmental Consultants have also been appointed for Flood Risk Management Works on the Carrickmines/Shanganagh Rivers. This is a 5+ year project. Data gathering is underway. A Flow/Rainfall Survey is complete. Further topographical survey work has been done. Early damage/benefits assessments are underway to ensure a cost-beneficial scheme is achievable. An initial public engagement is complete following short briefing sessions with Area Councillors. The Hydrology/Hydraulic report is now complete. The on-site Site Investigation work is largely completed. The options for the project are being considered.

The Monkstown environs flood risk mapping project is substantially completed, and final draft mapping and draft options have been submitted for review.

4. Roads Control Unit

Irish Water Reinstatement IWR Works 2023

Roads Control Unit is continuing to carry out the permanent reinstatement works throughout the administration area of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council (DLRCC) according to the current service level agreement (SLA) between Irish Water and DLRCC.

Roads Control Restoration Works RCRW 2023

Ref.	Programme Type	STATUS
RCRP	Roads Control Restoration Programme 2023	
1	Cherrygarth (Part off) off Trees Road Lower, Stillorgan	Surface water & drainage works ongoing
2	Stonebridge Lane, Shankill	Works completed
3	Ferndale Road	Watermain works ongoing
4	Ballyman Road	Irish Water watermain works ongoing
5	Clonskeagh	Cycle track works ongoing

Section 254's

Local Authorities, in their capacity as planning authorities, are tasked with the issuing of licenses for the placement of appliances, cables, signs, and/or other items on public roads under Section 254 of the Planning and Development Act 2000. The Road Maintenance Section are the area responsible for the issuing of such licenses for above ground telecommunications infrastructure.

Section 254 – Above Ground Telecommunications Infrastructure	
1 st Jan 2023 – up to date	
Applications	
Received	4
Granted	0
Withdrawn	0
Refused	0

The Section 254 webpage is now live on dlrcoco.ie

Please follow the below link for details of Section 254 applications which have been processed: <https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/information-technology/section-254-above-ground-telecommunications-infrastructure>

5. Cleansing, Beaches & Coastal Protection Section Statistics:

Cleansing & Beaches Stats	September 2022	October 2022	November 2022	December 2022	January 2023	February 2023
Weight of Rubbish Collected from Streets/Beaches (tonnes)	242	249	538	325	280	244
Clean-Ups Assisted	50	63	67	30	70	58
Animal Removals from Public Spaces	26	14	23	7	19	22
Bathing Water Samples Taken	37	18	18	18	18	18
Gullies Cleaned	711	1,177	792	690	1,210	961
Dumping Incidents Managed	26	34	32	65	44	35
Bathing Water Pollution Incidents Detected	7	0	0	0	0	0
Reported Overflows from Drainage Network to Bathing Water	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Street Bin Collections	5,214	5,294	4,620	4,670	5,103	4,847

* Statistics available up to the end of February 2023.

Cleansing, Beaches & Coastal Protection Updates – March 2023

- Quinns Road Beach Access Repair Project – Local Ward Councillors and Resident Group briefings were undertaken. A Main Contractor has been appointed. The expected start date is mid to late April. Access onto the beach from Quinns Road will be prohibited during the 8 week construction period.
- 40 Foot Remedial Repairs – On-site installation works have progressed with 2 ladders and one main handrail installed. A further ladder and handrail are yet to be installed.
- Kavanaghs Corner (adjacent to the 40 Foot) – Storm damage occurred to the bathing area on the 9th of March. The area has been made safe and remedial repair works are being planned out.

- Marker Buoys – A proposal has been sent to the Board of Irish Lights for the installation of 2 Marker Buoys at the 40 Foot water front and 3 Marker Buoys at the DLR Baths water front.
- Public Realm cleaning is on-going presently with power washing and furniture cleaning.
- GO’s have been deployed on a rostered basis in Dalkey, Dundrum and Stillorgan to undertake a more regular cleaning regime in these busy areas. Dún Laoghaire Town and Blackrock already have GO’s deployed on a full-time basis.
- DLR Baths – Maintenance crews are in place at the Baths and daily cleaning is underway to remove washed up seaweed, stones, sand etc. whilst also emptying bins.
- The Road and Cycle Lane Sweeping is on-going as per the schedules and also as per CRM requests.
- Gully Cleaning operations and early morning works are on-going.
- Beach Lifeguard interviews are scheduled for the 29/30th March. A second Beach Lifeguard advert will be issued shortly as more applications are needed.
- Bathing water sampling is on-going at our 9 locations every fortnight as scheduled.
- The annual Bin Review is being compiled and will be finalised and ready for submission in April.

6. Relevant Statistics

There were 2,563 Fixed charge notices/fines issued between 1st and 29th March 2023 breakdown of which is as follows:

Violation	No. of tickets issued
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display/Permit Parking Area Regulations	1,051
Parking a non-goods vehicle in a goods vehicle loading bay	409
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display Parking Regulations	372
Parking a vehicle on a footway	209
Parking a vehicle in a taxi stand	85
Parking a vehicle on a roadway with less than 3 lanes where there is a continuous white line	83
Parking a vehicle on a double yellow line	77
Parking or stopping a vehicle in a disabled person`s parking bay	53
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display / Permit Parking Area Regulations	53
OVERSTAYING 3 HOUR PARKING LIMIT	35
Parking a vehicle within a stopping place or stand or bus stop	30
Parking a goods vehicle in a loading bay for over 30mins	28
Parking a vehicle within 5 meters of a road junction	11
Parking out of the limits of a bay	8
OVERSTAYING 2 HOUR PARKING LIMIT	8
OVERSTAYING 1 HOUR PARKING LIMIT	7
Not parking a vehicle within the limits of a parking bay	7
Parking a vehicle on a single yellow line during a prohibited time	5

Parking a vehicle on a cycle track	5
Parking a vehicle in a prohibited place	4
Parking Electric Vehicle Only Bay	4
Parking a vehicle obstructing other traffic	4
Parking a vehicle at a no parking sign at a time prohibited	3
Parking a vehicle within 15 meters of pedestrian crossing (approach side) or 5 meters on the other side	3
Electric vehicle in an electric vehicle bay but not charging	2
Parking a vehicle on a median strip	2
Parking or stopping a vehicle at a school entrance	2
Parking a vehicle on a grass margin	1
Parking a vehicle within 5 meters of exit side of traffic lights	1
Parking a vehicle within 15 meters approach side of traffic lights	1
Total no. of tickets issued between 1st and 29th March 2023	2,563

There 43 were convictions secured in the District Court in March 2023.

Public Lighting

Work continues on the replacement of the old lights with LED lighting which is more energy efficient, gives less maintenance and improved service. General maintenance including upgrading of brackets, columns and Networks is also on-going.

Public Lighting Maintenance

Number of repairs carried out in Mar 2023:	314
Percentage of lights out at the end of Mar 2023:	1.1%
Pole replacement carried out in Mar 2023:	0
Bracket replacements:	13
Tree trimming:	0
ESBN Connections/ Requests:	14
LED Upgrades	46
Total lights upgraded to LED	20,928
Total percentage (%) of lights as LED	86.1%

Planning and Building Control

Applications analysed	16
Inspections completed	1

Requests

Light requested by stakeholders (completed)

Additions:	0
Alterations:	4
Legal requests:	1

Road Opening Licences (1st – 27th March 2023)

National Mproad Roadworks Licensing MRL System	
Applications Received	187
Applications Not Processed Yet	70
Applications Refused/Withdrawn	2
Valid Licences Issued	101
Licensed Works Completed	11

Road Closures, Filming Locations and Event Signage

In March 2023 there were:

- 6 applications for road closure.
- 4 applications for film locations
- 1 application for event signage

7. Dún Laoghaire Harbour

Cruise Ship Business

There are approximately 95 Cruise Ships booked in for 2023 at present with over 160,000 passengers and 68,000 crew. The first ship is due to arrive on 5th April. We are busy making preparations for the 2023 season, with a view to maximizing the guests positive experience of Dun Laoghaire when they arrive.

Grant Funding

The Brexit Adjustment Local Authority Marine Infrastructure (BALAMI) Scheme 2022 – 2023 from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine has launched a Second Tranche call for applications. Dún Laoghaire Harbour received over €3 million in grant funding from the first tranche. We submitted 5 grant applications to this scheme by the deadline of 30th September 2022 and have been awarded another €1 million in grant funding for improvements on the Carlisle Pier.

Projects:

National Watersports Campus

DLRCC in partnership with Irish Sailing and the Irish Underwater Council have been approved in principle for Stream 1 Grant funding for the development of a National Watersports Campus. We have responded to requests for additional information and are now finalising the grant process and agreements with the project partners. An MOU has been signed with Irish Sailing and Diving Ireland in order to set out and agree the objectives of the project.

A concept brochure was presented to the Elected Members during the February council meeting and has since been published. It is hoped that this initiative will assist in building momentum and support for the project. This document was presented to councilors in February 2023.

Berth 2 Fenders (Carlisle Pier)

A project to replace the Berth 2 fenders has been given approval to proceed to procurement stage. RPS Group have been appointed to carry out the design and procurement for this project. This project was tendered, and Sorensen Construction have been appointed to deliver the project. We are awaiting Foreshore consent to proceed to works on site.

Grant funding has recently been secured for the installation phase of this project from the recent Brexit Local Authority Marine Infrastructure Scheme.

Berth 3 Fenders (Carlisle Pier)

Grant funding has recently been secured for a project to replace the Berth 3 fenders from the recent Brexit Local Authority Marine Infrastructure Scheme. The project has been given approval to proceed to procurement stage. RPS Group have been appointed to carry out the design and procurement for this project as it is a mirror image of the Berth 2 fender project.

Carlisle Pier Deck repairs and lighting

Grant funding has recently been secured for a project to resurface the deck of the Carlisle Pier and install lighting towers from the recent Brexit Local Authority Marine Infrastructure Scheme. The contractor has been appointed for these works which are now on site.

East Pier Revetment Repairs

Grant funding has recently been secured for a project to repair the sloping revetment at the back (east side) of the East Pier from the recent Brexit Local Authority Marine Infrastructure Scheme. This revertant provides the primary protection for the East Pier and has suffered some damage over recent years from the larger storms. Punch Consulting Engineers have been appointed to design and manage the project which is likely to be on site during the summer of 2023. Design work is complete, and this project has been tendered, with the Tender Assessment ongoing at present.

Ferry Terminal

Retrofit works have commenced in the front office portion of the ferry terminal building. The tenant hopes to have the first sub-tenants on site in Q2 2023.

Dublin Array Windfarm

The developers of the Dublin Array Windfarm have approached the Harbour about the possibility of establishing an Operations and Maintenance Base for the windfarm. It is hoped that there might be synergies with the Ferry Terminal project. Early engagement is ongoing with the developer's team to establish the exact requirements.

Coastival Festival 2023

The Biennial Dun Laoghaire Regatta is due to take place in July 2023. We are working with several DLRCC departments to expand this into a week-long festival named "Coastival" for the Dun Laoghaire Town and Harbour areas. This is planned to run from 1st – 9th July and many DLRCC departments are involved in putting together a schedule of events.



Comhairle Contae County Council

Finance and Economic Development

Local Enterprise Office and Economic Development Unit

Approvals for Financial Assistance Year to Date		
	Total approved March 2023	Enterprise Ireland target March 2023
Feasibility Study	4	4
Business Priming	2	3
Business Expansion	7	3
Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters	3	3
Trading Online Vouchers	38	11
Other Grant Applications (Green, Agile, IP etc.)	3	5
Microfinance Ireland *	3	5
Total Approvals	60	34

*Number of clients supported to submit MFI application for approval by MFI

Job creation as a result of direct financial assistance	
	March 2023
No of jobs created	12

Clients assisted in LEO activities Year to Date for 2023	Total March 2023
Number of applications for Financial Assistance	60
Clients attending Networking Events	137
Clients commencing training and attending workshops or seminars	453
Clients commencing mentoring assignments	67
Clients attending Business Advice clinics	148
Total No of Clients Assisted	865

DLR Economic Development Supports	Total March 2023
Vacant Commercial Premises Scheme	0
Shop Front Improvement Scheme	1
Business Promotion Grants	0
Street Furniture Grants	0

Enterprise Promotion activities in March 2023

DLR Enterprise News	Local Enterprise Week 2023 Countdown - 5 Days to Go! (Sent 01/03/23) Open rate 46%, 3324 recipients
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	<p><u>Local Enterprise Week 2023 Countdown - 4 Days to Go!</u> (Sent 02/03/23) Open rate 48%, 3321 recipients</p> <p><u>Local Enterprise Week 2023 Countdown - 3 Days to Go!</u> (Sent 03/03/23) Open rate 51%, 3318 recipients</p> <p><u>Celebrate Local Enterprise Week!</u> (Sent 04/03/23) Open rate 51%, 3314 recipients</p> <p><u>Boost Your Business with Our Online Marketing Course</u> (Sent 06/03/23) Open rate 49%, 3310 recipients</p>
Business Advice Sessions	Business Advice Sessions throughout March – including Enterprise Week Advice Sessions
Pricing for Value During Turbulent Times	6th Mar
How to Easily Start a Podcast Around Your Business	7th Mar
International Women’s Day	8 th Mar
Age Friendly Business Recognition Programme seminar	8th Mar
Sustainable Development for Business	8th Mar
Export Markets and Scaling Your Business Effectively	9th Mar
Maximising Sales Through Your LinkedIn Network	10th Mar
Peer to Pier Networking Walk	10th Mar
8 Week Online Marketing & Social Media Course	13 th Mar
Selling on Amazon	22 nd Mar
Trading Online Voucher Webinar	28 th Mar

LEO dlr Social Media Analysis: March 1st – 27th 2023				
	No of followers	No of New followers	No of posts	Impressions
Facebook	2,159	6	49	135,044
Twitter	5,617	12	49	616,000
Instagram	1,550	43	49	7,608

Tourism Development

St. Patricks Day

The Tourism section Regional Festivals and Events grant supported St Patricks Day Parade in Stepside Village and The Leprechaun Run 2023 – Blackrock Park. The Mariners Church, St Michaels Church, County Hall and the ship on Marine Road all went green for St Patricks Day.

Failte Ireland Destination Towns.

The majority of the Signage Elements for the new Harbour Trail have been installed in the harbour.

Tourism Strategy 2023 – 2028.

The process for developing the new DLR Tourism Strategy has started. The procurement process for tourism expertise to assist with the process has been completed. The consultation phase of the project is under way.

Cruise Programme 2023.

The tourism section in collaboration with the Harbour team are supporting the cruise welcome and information services programme. A new Cruise Tourist information kiosk in place.

Failte Ireland Workshop on Water Sports Facilities.

A workshop was held in Kilkenny County Council to discuss progress on the development of new Water Sports Facilities and progressing the development of an operations policy for these facilities.

Social Media Analysis March 2023

	No of followers	No of New followers	No of posts	Impressions
Facebook	8,634	19	12	8,310
Twitter	3,847	3	12	10,400
Instagram	3,157	13	12	3,164

DLR CAPITAL ACCOUNT INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 28/02/2023				
SERVICE DIVISION	Balance at 01/01/2023 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 28/02/2023 €
A Total Housing & Building	-19,396,542	2,765,528	-2,540,381	-19,171,395
B Total Road Transport & Safety	-7,132,720	3,853,167	-140,241	-3,419,794
C Total Water Services	-2,106,576	68,960	0	-2,037,616
D Total Development Management	-190,242,443	14,907,165	-1,888,438	-177,223,717
E Total Environmental Services	-2,177,644	0	-80,000	-2,257,644
F Total Recreation & Amenity	-13,296,870	735,213	-2,916	-12,564,573
G Total Agriculture, Education, Health&Safety	-4,040,386	4,057	0	-4,036,329
H Total Miscellaneous Services	-41,554,458	17,943	-65,510	-41,602,025
Grand Total	-279,947,639	22,352,034	-4,717,487	-262,313,092

SUMMARY OF RATES DEBTORS TO 28/02/23						
	Balance at 01/01/2023 €		Balance at 28/02/2023		Current year debit €	Arrears >1 year
RATES	25,264,293		118,050,353		94,385,846	23,664,507

DLR REVENUE ACCOUNT

INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 28/02/2023

16.67%

		EXPENDITURE		
SERVICE DIVISION	Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	Exp as % of Budget	
A	Housing & Building	13,268,155	72,721,224	18.25%
B	Road Transport & Safety	5,660,330	35,181,888	16.09%
C	Water Services	2,125,909	12,568,752	16.91%
D	Development Management	6,348,648	28,095,012	22.60%
E	Environmental Services	5,714,586	36,294,420	15.75%
F	Recreation & Amenity	6,044,077	37,496,868	16.12%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	994,126	4,792,800	20.74%
H	Miscellaneous Services	1,399,235	9,364,272	14.94%
	Total Expenditure	41,555,066	236,515,236	17.57%

		INCOME		
SERVICE DIVISION	Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	Inc as % of Budget	
A	Housing & Building	11,132,149	64,175,328	17.35%
B	Road Transport & Safety	2,069,238	13,012,752	15.90%
C	Water Services	1,480,881	8,420,220	17.59%
D	Development Management	3,289,826	6,560,712	50.14%
E	Environmental Services	1,194,821	7,498,392	15.93%
F	Recreation & Amenity	555,983	5,699,244	9.76%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	401,119	3,369,900	11.90%
H	Miscellaneous Services	2,859,305	17,213,376	16.61%
	Sub Total	22,983,322	125,949,924	18.25%

LPT	Local Property Tax	16,412,727	97,998,804	16.75%
RA	Rates	2,094,434	12,566,604	16.67%
	Total Income	41,490,483	236,515,332	17.54%

	Balance as at 28/02/2023	€64,583	Deficit
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Planning Applications – monthly statistics 1st March 2023 – 29th March 2023

	Outline Permission	Permission	Total
New application Received*	0	112	112
Decision Deferred	0	20	20
Decision to Grant**	0	71	71
Decision to Refuse**	0	14	14
Issued within 2 months or 8 weeks	0	57	57
Invalid Applications	0	14	14

*Includes 15 Applications for Retention.

**Split decisions; Grant Permission & Refuse Permission (inc. For Retention) are entered in as a decision under both "Decision to Grant" and "Decision to Refuse".

1 no. Split Decisions (to Grant and Refuse).

Large-scale Residential Development (LRD) Applications

Planning Applications received under Section 5 of the Planning and Development (Amendment) (Large-scale Residential Development) Act 2021.

Case No	Applicant's Name & Brief Description of Development	Date Application Received	Last Day for Submissions/Observations	Application Website	Decision due date by DLR
LRD23A/0165	<p>KW Investments ICAV.</p> <p>Former Stillorgan Leisureplex, Old Dublin Road, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin, A94 NY56 & 62 and & 63 St. Laurence's Park, Stillorgan, Co. Dublin.</p> <p>Planning Permission for alterations to S.H.D. permitted under ABP-305176-19, which is currently under construction. The subject site includes 62 & 63 St. Laurence's Park buildings now demolished, & no development is proposed in this location as part of the subject development). The proposed alterations primarily comprise revisions to the landscape proposals to the Lower Kilmacud Road & Old Dublin Road & revisions to the elevations.</p> <p>No Alterations are proposed to overall unit numbers (232 no. permitted) or floor area of the permitted development.</p>	15/03/2023	18/04/2023	www.cornerstonelrd.ie	09/05/2023

LRD23A/0170	<p>Visdon Limited</p> <p>Site of 1.35 Ha at Love Lane (also known as Blind Lane), Upper Dargle Road, Bray, Co. Dublin.</p> <p>The proposal includes demolition of an existing dwelling, & construction of 108 no. apartments (32 no. 1-bed, 53 no. 2-bed & 23 no. 3-bed units) within 3 no. blocks, ranging in height up to 6 storeys.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Block 1 will range in height from 4 to 5 storeys & will provide 36 no. apartments. - Block 2 will range in height from 5 to 6 storeys & will provide 44 no. apartments. - Block 3 will range in height from 3 to 5 storeys & will provide 28 no. apartments. <p>Provision of creche (c.252sqm gross floor area) located on ground floor of Block 3; 132 no. car parking spaces, 148 no. cycle parking spaces & 4 no. motorcycle spaces, located at undercroft & surface level. Vehicular/pedestrian/cyclist access will be provided via Love Lane with a new pedestrian access.</p>	16/03/2023	19/04/2023	www.lovelanelrd.ie	10/05/2023
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<https://planning.agileapplications.ie/dunlaoghaire/application-details/95569>
<https://planning.agileapplications.ie/dunlaoghaire/application-details/95578>

Planning Counter Figures: 1st March 2023 to 29th March 2023.

Customers Served	292
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RZLT update

- A total of 82 submissions on the draft RZLT map were received by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.
- There were no third-party submissions seeking the inclusion of additional lands.
- dlr have until 1st April 2023 to make a determination on submissions.
- A Supplemental Map, showing new sites only, is to be published by on 1st May 2023.

Building Control: 1st March 2023 to 29th March 2023

Fire Safety Certs applications received*	12
Fire Safety Certs applications Granted *	14
Fire Safety Certs applications Refused/Withdrawn/Invalid *	0/0/0
Disability Access Cert Applications Received **	3
Disability Access Cert Applications Granted / Refused**	8/0
Commencement Notices Validated	57
7 Day Notices received	5
Completion Certs Validated	13

*Includes FSCs, Reg Certs, 7 Day Notices & Rev Fire Certs

**Includes DACs, Dispensation/ Relaxation

Infrastructure and Climate Change

Environmental Enforcement:

1st March – 29th March 2023	Number	Comment
Enforcement Complaints – Opened	20	Air/Noise/Waste
Enforcement Complaints – Closed	23	Air/Noise/Waste
Environment Cases – Opened (Dumping/Litter)	99	Litter Section
Environment Cases – Closed (Dumping/Litter)	124	Litter Section
Litter Fines issued	20	Litter Pollution Act/Litter Bye-laws
Waste Fines issued	0	Waste Bye-laws
Legal Proceedings initiated	6	Litter Pollution Act/Litter Bye-laws/Waste Bye-laws

Dog Statistics 01/03/23 to 29/03/2023

No of dogs on hand on 1/3/23	6
No of dogs entering the shelter	9
No of dogs rehomed	1
No of dogs reclaimed	2
No of dogs sent to rescue	5
No of dogs put to sleep	0
No of dogs remaining in the pound on 29/03/23	7
Dog attacks in this period	5*

* 4 dog attacks on person; 1 dog attack on dog.

Energy

As part of the continued work of the cross-departmental 'Reduce Your Use' working group, a 'Step Up Day' energy awareness activity was held to encourage staff to take the stairs instead of the lift, when possible. The activity generated a lot of interest among staff in the participating buildings and beyond and the accompanying prize draw provided a number of energy-saving suggestions from staff. The dlr 'Reduce Your Use' campaign concluded at the end of March and a final report detailing dlr's reduction in energy consumption and the initiatives undertaken will be finalised when all the data has been received.

Conservation

Planning Applications (inc.FI & comp reports)	22
LRD Applications	2
Section 5 Declarations	2
Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) 2023	Following announcement by the Minister of State for Heritage and Electoral Reform, Malcolm Noonan, TD, on the 10 March, Provisional Approval letters were issued to a total of 25no. BHIS applicants informing them of the amount of funding, the timeline for completion of works and the terms and conditions of the grant scheme.
Historic Structures Fund (HSF) 2023 Grant Scheme	<p>The Minister of State for Heritage and Electoral Reform, Malcolm Noonan, TD, announced the funding of projects on the 29 March through the Historic Structures Fund 2023.</p> <p>Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council were awarded funding for three projects:</p> <p>Stream 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blackrock Hospice Chapel, Sweetman's Avenue €37,500 • St Anne's, The Hill €40,000 <p>Stream 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christ Church, Taney Road €150,000 <p>Provisional Approval letters have been issued to the successful applicants informing them of the amount of funding, the timeline for completion of works and the terms and conditions of the grant scheme.</p>

Dangerous Buildings

Dangerous	0
Potentially Dangerous	2
Not Dangerous	0
Total	2

Community Response Forum

The Community response to the crisis in Ukraine and the influx of Ukrainian nationals into the county is being led and coordinated by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council in collaboration with a wide range of stakeholders in the Community Response Forum, supported by a wide range of community and volunteer groups.

The Community Response Forum has been meeting since 28 March 2022 and met twice during March. Support services are being provided to those Ukrainian nationals who are being accommodated in the Ballyogan Rest Centre and Larch Hill Scout Centre as well as in hotels and in private accommodation within the County.

English classes and other activities continue to be provided in Ballyogan, Sandyford, Dundrum and Loughlinstown. English classes are also being provided in libraries. Employment support services are being organised by Southside Partnership.

Community Recognition Fund

€708,000 has been allocated to DLRCC by the Department of Rural & Community Development for capital costs for community projects for the benefit of communities hosting displaced Ukrainian and International Protection Applicants. A proposal made up of 25 projects has been submitted to the Department for approval. The Department's decision is awaited.

Joint Policing Committee (JPC) & Local Policing Fora (LPF)

A meeting of the JPC took place on Thursday the 23rd of February 2023. The JPC Annual Report 2022 was approved at the JPC meeting and in accordance with Section 36.5(a) of An Garda Síochána Act 2005 this report is submitted to the Council, the Annual Report is for noting at the March Council meeting.

A meeting of the Ballybrack Loughlinstown Shankill LPF took place on 21st March 2023.

A public meeting of the Central Dun Laoghaire LPF took place on 29th March 2023.

LCDC

A meeting of the LCDC took place on 22nd of February 2023. The LCDC Annual Report 2022 was approved at the LCDC meeting, and the committee have referred the Dún Laoghaire Rathdown LCDC Annual Report 2022 to the March Council meeting for noting under Section 128B of the Local Government Act 2001.

We have received 67 Applications for the Community Support Fund which closed on Tuesday the 28th of February and will begin assessments shortly.

Age-Friendly & Social Inclusion Programme, March 2023:

The **dlr Age-Friendly Strategy, 2022-2026** was launched by Mary Butler TD, Minister of State with responsibility for Mental Health and Older People in County Hall, Dún Laoghaire on Wednesday 22nd March.

The 5-year strategy agreed by the dlr Age-Friendly Alliance sets out the vision, objectives and actions to promote Age-Friendly supports and activities over the coming years so that older people can engage positively within their communities for as long as possible. The dlr Age-Friendly Alliance have agreed over 60 actions in the Strategy, which are based on widespread consultation with the public, with the members of the Alliance and other groups and individuals supporting older people in dlr and view the dlr

Age-Friendly Strategy 2022-2026 [here](#)

The **Garda Older Person's Association (GOPA) Safety & Security Seminar took place on Friday 3rd March from 11a.m – 2p.m in the Stillorgan Talbot Hotel** supported by the Age-Friendly Programme. Key speakers from the Banking & Payments Federation, Ireland, An Garda Síochána, Senior Alert Scheme and Decision Support Service participated in the event as well as information stands on Text/Email/Phone Fraud, Senior Alert Scheme, ALONE and the Assistive Decision-Making Act. The event was attended by almost 200 people and due to unprecedented demand, a second similar seminar is to take place on Wednesday 3rd May, 11a.m-2p.m in the Assembly Hall, County Hall, Dún Laoghaire.

The **dlr Older People's Council** met on Wednesday 22nd March 2023 to plan for the upcoming AGM to take place on Tuesday 18th April in the Boylan Centre, Sussex St., Dún Laoghaire from 7p.m and all active retirement and age-friendly groups that are members of the dlr OPC are invited to attend the AGM.

The Area Community Officer and Age-Friendly Programme Manager continue to support the residents of the **Rochestown House Complex** with social activities and events with movement classes and gardening activities beginning in April and open to all residents.

Holi, the Festival of Colour celebrations took place during the month organised by UTSAV Community Group and Clayfarm Residents in Cuala GAA grounds in Hyde Park, Dalkey and Clayfarm, Leopardstown, supported by the Social Inclusion Unit.

The dlr Integration Forum held their Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 1st March in the New Council Chamber, County Hall, Dún Laoghaire with representatives present from the Columbian, Filipino, Georgian, Indian, Polish community as well as representatives from Blackrock Indian Community Group, Congolese Anti-Poverty Network, Islamic Cultural Centre, Social Space Ireland, UTSAV, Indian Women's Community Group and Zimbabwe Heritage Trust. The programme of events for the year were discussed and a presentation was made to Garda John Paul Durkan on his retirement from an Garda Síochána as a token of gratitude for all his work in promoting integration and inclusion in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.

The dlr Integration Forum will meet again on Tuesday 25th April from 7p.m in Mounttown Community Centre and members from migrant and minority communities in dlr are very welcome to attend – dlrintegrationforum@gmail.com

Hello Dún Laoghaire - How R U? Mental Health Ireland Awareness campaign event took place on Thursday morning 30th March from 10 – 1p.m with a walk on the East Pier, LexIcon Library tour, workshops and tea & coffee organised by the DLR Sports Partnership, Arts, Libraries, Mental Health Ireland & Age-Friendly & Social Inclusion Unit and the Southside Partnership, Social Prescribing Service with almost 40 attendees.

Estate Management

Each of the 12 Dlr Estate Management Forums have submitted their 2023 service plans. Service plans have been reviewed and annual funding allocated to each Fora.

Comhairle na nÓg

Pobal conducted a verification check on dlr **Comhairle na nÓg**. Pobal routinely conduct such checks on behalf of The Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY) in order to confirm that the funding has been spent for the purposes intended and to ensure that key programme requirements have been fulfilled.

Period Poverty

Dlr have been successful in their request to be included in the Department of Health's Period Poverty Projects in Local Authorities 2023 funding programme. Dlr has been awarded €10,000 which will be utilised to provide free period products in four dlr Libraries as well as Community Facilities and Community Services county wide.

Resident Associations

Community Section staff continue to provide information and support to requests from local communities seeking support in setting up resident's associations.

Pride of Place

Community Staff attended briefing session with Co-Operation Ireland in relation to 2023 Pride of Place Awards. Submissions will be made under the categories of Community Wellbeing Initiative, Climate Action & Biodiversity and Population.

Cyber Bullying Workshop for Parents

A Cyber Bullying Workshop for Parents took place in Kilcross Resource Centre. This is an evidence-based workshop developed by DCU Anti Bullying Centre. There is potential for this workshop to be rolled out County Wide through the Community Facilities Network.

Arts

Municipal Gallery Programme

Heirloom, an exhibition of new work by artist Rachel Doolin continued in the Municipal Gallery. The exhibition continued until the 5th March. It was the result of a collaboration with Seedsavers and presents a series of visual, installation and digital based works that celebrates the 'profundity of seeds'

<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/municipal-gallery-dlr-lexicon/heirloom>

dlr Baths Artist Studio

There was a huge response to the open call for the first residences in the new Baths Artists Studios. A total of 6 opportunities are available. The studios are provided rent free with additional funding support to assist with the purchase of materials, the making of new work or the presentation of workshops, talks and performances. These opportunities are funded by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council Arts Office, the Arts Council, Creative Ireland and the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. The first artists will start working in the Studios in the coming months.

<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/municipal-gallery-dlr-lexicon/d%C3%BAn-laoghaire-baths-studios>

Open Call for Exhibition Proposals

The Arts Office launched an Open Call for proposals for the 2024-2026 visual art exhibition programme for the Municipal Gallery, dlr LexIcon, Dún Laoghaire. The callout was open to professional artists, curators, and arts organisations to apply. An in person Gallery visit for interested applicants was facilitated by the Arts Office, in addition to an online briefing session. The deadline for receipt of applications was Tuesday 14th March and 93 applications were received.

<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/municipal-gallery-dlr-lexicon/open-call-exhibition-proposals-2024-26>

Libraries

[dlr Libraries Online](#)

Online Resources

We have a vast selection of resources/services available on our website here <https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/online-library>

All you need is your dlr Library card.

- **Kanopy** is our new film streaming service that provides instant access to thousands of critically-acclaimed movies, documentaries and shows for children. Partnering with studios like A24, The Criterion Collection, PBS and more, there is sure to be something for everyone in the family to enjoy.
- **Moshi** is a well-being app for kids, with hundreds of original and inspiring audio stories, music and mindful meditations to enrich the imagination, promote improved sleep, and unlock potential.
- **TumbleBooks** is a streaming website of e-books for children
- **LOTE** is an online database of digital books in World Languages, created for children to enjoy books and learn language through storytelling. The platform provides over 1,600+ digital books in 50+ languages together with English translations. New books and languages are added each month
- **Who Next? and Who else Writes like?**
Online Guides for adults and children. Help your child on their reading journey, by finding another author they love on whonextguide.com and for adults, browse genres or authors on whoelsewriteslike.com
- **Medici.tv** is the leading video streaming service in classical music, opera, dance, and jazz. There are thousands of videos of concerts, operas, ballet, jazz, and masterclasses, as well as weekly and monthly live concerts and all that is required is a dlr Library Card.

dlr Libraries' resources for Ukrainian families

A snapshot of our list of resources is here: <https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/events-and-news/library-news/dlr-libraries-resources-ukrainian-nationals> and at: <https://padlet.com/dlrLibraries/vlqvsj8lxav4ukf0>

As with all DLR websites, content on <https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/> can be accessed in multiple languages, including Ukrainian and Russian, by using the Accessibility button at the top of the webpage. Online platforms with Ukrainian and Russian resources include: [LOTE Online, PressReader and Borrowbox](#)

Yoga for Adults

Yoga classes with Sally Dunne continue every Friday in dlr LexIcon. Half the available spaces are reserved for Ukrainian nationals living nearby, with many regular participants.

Sensory programming

Continuing our programming of inclusive events for the neurodiverse, we held Creative Art Workshops with Quaint Baby Art on Saturday 4 March. We had an area with sensory toys and equipment set up for participants to use if they needed to self-regulate during the sessions.

Our Magic Tables in dlr LexIcon, Deansgrange and Dalkey Libraries continue to be booked for use by individuals and groups, and requests to borrow items from our ASC collection of sensory toys, are ongoing. We continue with designated "Quiet Evenings" where lighting is dimmed, and phones and IT equipment are silenced to make our spaces more welcoming for the neurodiverse.

Events for Adults

Murder one in the Library: Harlan Coben in conversation with Breda Brown 21 March, dlr LexIcon

Presented by dlr Libraries in association with Murder One Crime Writing Festival, an audience of over 200 were in attendance as the best-selling crime thriller author spoke about his new book *I will find you* with top crime fiction reviewer, Breda Brown.

Seachtain na Gaeilge (1-17 Márta)

dlr Libraries hosted a series of events for children and adults throughout our libraries to celebrate Seachtain na Gaeilge, including the launch of our new Stair Scéal Trail at dlr LexIcon. Events included bilingual/As Gaeilge storytimes in Deansgrange, Shankill, dlr LexIcon and Blackrock Libraries, Pictionary as Gaeilge for families in Dalkey Library, a giant conversation circle as Gaeilge in Deansgrange Library, and a Ceol agus Comhrá session in Dundrum Library.

We launched our first **dlr Stair Scéal Trail**, on Haigh Terrace, adjacent to the Maritime Museum. This is an outdoor local history story walk, to encourage reading in all settings. This Scéal Trail features the bilingual (Irish & English) book *The Forgotten Tragedy* written by Carmel Uí Cheallaigh and illustrated by Jimmy Burns. The sinking of the RMS Leinster, in October 1918, is regarded as Ireland's greatest maritime disaster.

Our second **dlr Yarnspinnors** Storytelling Circle took place on 15 March, hosted by bilingual guest Storyteller, Máirín Mac Lochlainn.

International Women's Day (8 March)

To celebrate International Women's Day, we hosted an Arlen House event in dlr LexIcon. Liz McManus, Mary Rose Callaghan and Ann Devlin read from their new titles from feminist publisher Arlen House.

Digital Literacy Classes

Deansgrange Library hosted Computer Classes for seniors, organised with Age Action. In Dalkey Library, TY students from Loreto assisted older users with queries about their Smart Devices.

ACORN tablets can be borrowed from each dlr Library. They are designed with the older person in mind and aim to provide more accessible options for those with little or no computer or smart device experience. The home screen is clear and easy to navigate.

Get Crafty with dlr Libraries!

Following on from the successful series of events in 2022, we were delighted to begin working with the craft collective The Muddle again in 2023 for online and in-person events. We held a Decoupage workshop and 2 Needlefelting workshops in March.

Clubs & Groups

A wide variety of clubs and groups continue to use our library spaces to meet. These include the Language Exchanges and the Scrabble Club in Deansgrange Library, the Craft Circle in Shankill Library, the Knit Club in Cabinteely Library, and the Family Lego Club in Blackrock Library. The staff-led Film Club in Blackrock continues along with the Ciorcal Comhrá, the informal Irish conversation group which takes place in the LexIcon Café every Tuesday morning.

Each of the 8 branches have in-person book clubs, including the Audio Book Club in Dundrum Library with some also continuing with their online book clubs, due to ongoing demand. The very popular online monthly Book Club with Mary Burnham continues to meet online. *The Offing* by Benjamin Myers, was discussed at the March meeting.

As part of its centenary year celebrations, a new *Ulysses* book Club for adults is ongoing in Dundrum Library. For those who've always wanted to read this literary masterpiece, members will meet monthly to discuss two chapters at a time in order to finish the tome by Bloomsday 16 June 2023.

Exhibition Programme

Línte na Farraige

Moran Park, dlr LexIcon

Until 31 May 2023

Línte na Farraige is an outdoor bilingual exhibition on the subject of a series of LED light installations across Irish coastal sites, designed by Finnish artists Timo Aho and Pekka Niittyvirta. The installations show the risks of rising seas and storm surges and demonstrate the need to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions and adapt together to protect our coastlines, communities and infrastructure from the effects of climate change.

More information at www.lintenafarraige.com

Norman Ashe Aerial Photography Collection: Local views of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown in the early 1950s

Level 4, dlr LexIcon

Until 3 March 2023

Curated by Patrick Kiersey, this wonderful exhibition consists of 30 photographs, many taken within Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown in the 1950s by Norman Ashe. They are of special interest as they depict the area when there were more fields than houses, lanes that became dual carriageways and landmarks that are no longer.

Patrick Kiersey, Art/Photographer teacher, with a keen interest in historical photographic collections, worked in Dún Laoghaire VEC/ETB for many years. He found the collection almost by accident and is restoring the images of aerial photographs from all over Ireland taken in the early 50s. The Norman Ashe Collection can be seen on Facebook (The Old Drone: Norman Ashe Aerial Photographic Collection).

The Dún Laoghaire Baths Exhibition 1843 – 2023

Level 3, dlr LexIcon

Until 27 Mar 2023

Marking the reopening of the Dún Laoghaire Baths area to the public and celebrating the 180th anniversary of their original opening, this exhibition is a pictorial celebration of life, work and play in the Baths. From their origins as a private enterprise, through the Edwardian redevelopment by the Urban District Council and covering heydays and dereliction through to the present day.

It charts the highs and lows of this much-loved local institution – swimming lessons, sunbathing paradise, childhood freedom, protests, ice creams and fun park. Told through the images and the voices of those who lived, worked and played in the Dún Laoghaire Baths over many years, the exhibition brings the past to life, while looking to the next chapter in the life of this iconic Dún Laoghaire attraction.

Fashioning a Suburban Neighbourhood

Level 3, dlr LexIcon

08 - 27 March 2023

This exhibition of photography celebrates the work of Sligoman and South Dublin resident Gerry O'Shea, who along with his wife Kitty, ran *Rosemount Art Studio* at their family home in Rathfarnham, between 1964 to 1972. Prior to taking up residence in Dublin, Gerry worked as a press photographer for the Sligo Champion and the Munster Tribune.

Most of the work of the Studio entailed photographing families from the then new suburb of Ballyroan. Christenings, communions, confirmations, weddings and occasionally individual requests for portraits, were grist to the mill of the camera's lens. Occasionally Gerry was requested to shoot fashion shows by the late Charlie Nicholl who ran a fashion boutique called *Tanya Boutique* in Rathfarnham Shopping Centre during the 1960s and 70s. The latest trends from London were displayed, often with style and humour. This exhibition is essentially a snapshot of suburban life that includes style, fun and celebration - a story that runs counter to what is often depicted as a drab, conservative period in Ireland.

Captured: An exhibition by the Dublin Camera Club

Level 4, dlr LexIcon

Until 11 April 2023

The Dublin Camera Club, founded in 1945, is the oldest and largest camera club in Ireland. It brings together photographers of all ages and abilities to develop and share knowledge in a collaborative environment. Further details on their website.

This wonderful exhibition 'Captured' is the first time since the pandemic that the club are holding an exhibition of photographic prints.

Callan Institute Art Competition 2023

Deansgrange Library

09 Mar 2023 - 23 Mar 2023

Art Exhibition By Children and Adults with Extra Support Needs, as part of Saint John of God Community Services clg

This Art Show is part of an Emerging Voices Initiative which began in 2005 to celebrate Callan Institute's 10th Anniversary. This initiative recognises and reflects on the need to listen, look and learn together with disabled people. Each year, the art competition is themed, with the winning entry featuring on the cover of our annual report. This year's theme is 'Reduce, Reuse, Recycle' Come see and enjoy!

For information on all our onsite and online exhibitions, please visit <https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/events-and-news/exhibitions>

Events for Children

Seachtain na Gaeilge (1-17 Márta)

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Engineers' Week [4-10 March]

Children from local schools took part in workshops online and in dlr Libraries to celebrate engineers week including, building geodesic domes, elephant habitats, paper towers and hovercrafts. The Rediscovery Centre, through staff in Stillorgan Library, ran workshops in St Raphaela's School.

World Book Day [2 March]

For World Book Day, author Sadhbh Devlin visited dlr LexIcon for a workshop for local schools, and library staff visited local schools to talk about libraries and what we offer.

Regular Events for Children

Blackrock, Dalkey, Dundrum & Shankill Library all run weekly Parent and Toddler groups, as well as Baby Book Clubs in Dalkey, Cabinteely, dlr LexIcon once a week.

Shankill Library run a monthly Junior bookclub and Dalkey have recently started a new family book club. Storytimes for children take place across our libraries weekly. For full details visit: <https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/events-and-news/library-services-for-the-young/storytime>

Statistics

Social media (as of 27 March 2023)

Facebook	7,934
Twitter	8,770
Instagram	3,716
TikTok	377
dlr Libraries e-bulletin	10,460

Online resources (as of 21 March)

Resource	Description	Preliminary stats 21-03-23
Overdrive	ebooks	1,466
	eaudio	1,090
	Magazines	2,974
	Comics	17
Borrowbox	eaudio	6,887
	ebook	3,116
Freegal	Streaming and downloads	1,760
Pressreader	Offsite and onsite Newspapers	15,481
Tumblebooks	Streaming e-books	79
Lote4Kids	logins	8
Who else	logins	4
Who writes	logins	4
Kanopy	Visits	743

Moshi		
Medici		
Totals		33,629

Parks

- Landscape Maintenance ongoing in Public Open Spaces/Parks/Sports Pitches/Playgrounds/Cemeteries/Housing sites/Halting Site/Senior Citizens residence/ Reservoirs & Pumping Stations/Sandyford Industrial Estate/Road Reservations/Margins, roundabouts, medians & embankments (Grass cutting/litter picking etc), ongoing by Landscape Maintenance Contractors and Parks Staff
- tree pruning works underway countywide
- Tree planting continuing countywide
- Wildfire Management works ongoing on site in Killiney for Buffer areas
- Shared cycle/pedestrian routes constructed around the open space on Lakelands Ave and at Broadford Park. New fully accessible entrance into Leopardstown Park at Leopardstown Oaks
- New Community Woodlands planted at Fernhill Park and Gardens (approximately 4500 trees planted)
- Interim repairs to footbridge at Rockfield Park completed
- New vehicular access route from Shanganagh Park to Shanganagh Castle complete

Heritage

- Launch of *Spring into Heritage 2023* - heritage building access/local history walking tours/heritage talks
- Presentation to Culture, Community and Wellbeing SPC on 2021/2022 Heritage Plan implementation
- Heritage Council of Ireland County Heritage Plan 2023 funding approved; Dublin Mountains Community Archaeology year 3 programme (in collaboration with SDCC and Dublin Mountains Partnership), Deansgrange Cemetery heritage and biodiversity projects, People's History of dlr book
- Meeting of National Heritage Officer Network
- Site visit with Ministers Martin and Noonan at Fernhill
- James Joyce Tower and Museum Board meeting
- Dalkey Castle and Heritage Centre Board meeting
- Training session for Tour Guide students on Dublin Mountains archaeology and study visit to the Oratory
- Meeting with RMS Leinster Commemoration committee
- Input to Coastival programming
- Irish translation of Dublin's Monumental Mountains and Roger Casement Statue books
- Input to process for selection of new name for park in Sandyford
- Distribution of Dublin's Monumental Mountains booklets through library network
- Progression of Dún Laoghaire Augmented Reality historic photo project
- Naming and numbering planning compliance reports
- Transcriptions of People's History interviews
- Ongoing liaison and advice to internal dlr sections, citizens, and community groups

Biodiversity

- Biodiversity Event Invasive Alien Species Talk for public
- Amphibian migration event with volunteers and HSI at Barnacullia
- Biodiversity talk with Cycling without Age pilots
- Site visit by Minister Catherine Martin and Minister Noonan to Fernhill Park to hear

about heritage and biodiversity

- Meeting Biosphere group regarding impacts of dog owners and dogs on biodiversity
- Meeting with An Taisce regarding Booterstown Marsh
- Meeting with NBDC regarding staff recording of IAS
- Dundrum LAP design and biodiversity
- Loughlinstown Woods pNHA ecology surveys commissioned
- Killiney Hill ecology surveys commenced
- Killiney Hill Fire Strategy ecology input and meetings
- Dalkey Island Gull Tagging project commenced
- Dalkey Island new tern boxes final design and production 40 boxes
- IAS tenders assessed and treatments/surveys commissioned
- Contributing to new LA biodiversity officer group

Sports Development

Dlr Leisure set up the following activities in March 2023

Schools (Drafts after school programme)

- Scoil Mhuire, Shankill (10-12 age)
- Columbanus, Loughlinstown (10-12 age)
- St. John's, Ballybrack (10-12 age)
- Holy Family, Monkstown (10-12 age)
- Colmcille's, Ballybrack (10-12 age)
- St Lawrence's Secondary School (13-17 age)
- St Joseph's, Dun Laoghaire (10-12 age)
- Dominican School, Dun Laoghaire (10-12 age)

Youth groups

- Furry Hill - girls group (10-14 age)
- Kilcross - boys group (10-14 age)
- Hillview - mixed group (10-14 age)
- Dun Laoghaire Crosscare - girls only (15-17 age)
- Sallynoggin Crosscare - mixed group (10-14 age)
- Balally Family Resource Centre - mixed group (10-14 age)
- Boylan Centre - girls group (11-13 age)
- Boylan Centre - mixed group (15-17 age)
- Whitehouse Crosscare - boys group (10-14 age)
- Youth Diversion Ballyogan - boys group (15-17 age)
- Ballybrack Crosscare group 1 (12-15 age)
- Ballybrack Crosscare - group 2 (10-14 age)
- Carmona Special Needs Group - mixed group (18-24 age)
- Strive Disability Group - mixed group (18-24 age)

Active youth sports challenge

- Sallynoggin Crosscare (10-12 age)
- Whitehouse Crosscare (10-12 age)
- Boylan Centre (10-12 age) & (15-17 age)
- Shankill Crosscare (10-12 age)
- Ballybrack Crosscare (10-12 age)

Other activities

- Brought Sallynoggin Youth Reach for bowling and pool in Bray Bowl.
- Currently assisting dlr Sports Partnership with men's shed programme.
- Arranged a football match between community guards from Dun Laoghaire and Ballyogan against youth diversion teenagers Ballyogan.
- Met with St. John of Gods in relation to setting up a summer camp.

Dates booked for July (update to follow).

- Have met and arranged the following schools to take part in our sailing programme commencing in May in the Royal St. George Yacht Club.
 - St Joseph's
 - Gael Scoil Phadraig
 - Columbanus
 - St. Joseph's
 - Holy Family
 - St. John's
 - St. Kevin's
- Met with Louise from Ballyogan family resource centre in relation to setting up programmes after Easter.
- Met with George from Larch Hill along with dlr Sports Partnership and Aidan Boyle school completion office to arrange activities.

Leinster Rugby – March 2023 report

Jonathan Sharkey (Leinster Rugby CRO)

Primary Schools = 11

Males = 722

Females = 513

Secondary Schools = 0

Males = 0

Females = 0

Emily McKeown (Leinster Rugby WDO) – I was annual leave from 20th February to 10th of March 2023

Primary Schools = 4

Males = 94

Females = 227

Secondary Schools = 4

Males = 38

Females = 100

Andrew Egan (Leinster Rugby CCRO in Old Wesley RFC)

Primary Schools = 9

Males = 156

Females = 108

Secondary Schools = 0

Males = 0

Females = 0

Luke Sloyan (Leinster Rugby CCRO in Seapoint RC)

Primary Schools = 8

Males = 887

Females = 619

Secondary Schools = 3

Males = 297

Females = 76

dlr rugby clubs sessions, workshops or AOB (please include numbers and breakdown male/female)

St Brigid's RFC U11s – contact training – 22 male players
 Blackrock College RFC U11s – contact training – 21 male players
 Old Wesley RFC U6 and U7s every Sunday – 32 Players – AE
 Seapoint RC Under 7s, U10s and U12s female rugby – LS
 Willow Park School yearly tournament – LS

dlr female club rugby

DLSP FC annual London Irish RFC U12s tournament – 72 female players, 7 metro area clubs attended and 4 were from the dlr region – first year being held
 DLSP FC annual London Irish RFC U12s tournament – 6 metro area clubs attended, 2 were from the dlr region

dlr rugby development schools (male/female)

St Andrews College – (2nd to 6th year) – 40 females
 Loreto Foxrock – (1st years) – 22 females
 Leinster Rugby dlr county councils team 2023 – 6 dlr schools – 24 (1st year) and 12 (2nd year) male players

South Dublin 7s or female tournaments 1st year touch or X7s (dlr only)

X7's Leinster girls finals – 1 dlr school attended
 South Dublin 7s – round 4 – hosted in Stillorgan Rathfarnham RFC – 120 male players

School numbers Sept 22 to March 23	Boys	Girls	Totals
U7	79	85	164
U8	526	378	904
U9	544	379	923
U10	643	602	1245
U11	688	592	1280
U12	591	579	1170
U13	642	650	1292
U14	15	88	103
U15	199	87	286
U16	109	0	109
U17	12	31	43
U18	0	0	0
U19	0	0	0
Grand totals	4048	3471	7519

FAI:

- **Administration** - Planning work for all programmes in 2023 on a continual basis. Regional and national staff meetings and training days on-going on a weekly and monthly basis.
- **FFA** – Planning DLR programmes with FFA Development Officer and DLR Sports.
- **Club Mark:** On-going contact meetings with other registered clubs to achieve award.

Leinster Cricket:

- On-going planning for future school yard sessions.

- Planning for area blitz competitions.
- Sessions completed in the following schools. Rathmichael NS, Kill of the Grange NS, Ballinteer GNS stream A, Glencullen NS, Glenageary & Killiney NS and Balinteer GNS stream B.
- Full intro to cricket sessions completed from Jnr infants to 6th class at Glencullen NS and G&K NS
- Teacher training sessions have taken place in both Kill of the Grange and Glenageary and Killiney Nat schools. The sessions were incredibly well received by both schools and more sessions are planned with other schools.
- Continued liaison with both Sandyford and DLR cricket clubs regarding on-going works at both Marlay and Shanganagh parks.

Sports Partnership

- **Women In Sport Week** – took place from 13th - 19th March with 255 participants across education workshops, chair aerobics, yoga, basketball, table tennis, rowing, skating, walking events and promotion of national opportunities.
- **Sports Forum** – meeting held on the 28th of March in The Lexicon. Focus on progressing club opportunities for people with a disability.
- **Women In Sport Leadership** – Peer training and support programme for females involved in sport in DLR. 19 nominations received from clubs.
- **Coaching Teenage Girls** – Designed to support coaches of girls 12-17yrs and delivered 2 x 3-hour workshops in March. (31 attendees).
- **2022 Reporting** – completing a full actions/financial report for Sport Ireland as well as circulating a user-friendly infographic summarizing achievements.
- **Dormant Accounts Fund** – delivering 2022 funded projects across Active Cities, Volunteer Supports, Urban Outdoor and Sports Inclusion Disability. Putting together applications for the 2023 fund due in by the 11th of April.
- **Schools Supports Booklet** – compiled to highlight potential DLRSP supports and circulated with one focused on primary and the other secondary schools.
- **Healthy Ireland Fund** – successful in our application for €15,000 in funding to deliver a 'Tea Dances for older adults' programme in Sept/Oct.
- **Website** – initial design and navigation work complete and currently finalising content for launch in early April.
- **Blazing Wheel's Roller-Skating Programme** – delivered a taster session with Stepside Ed. Together secondary and Sport Ireland event (100 teenage girls).
- **Get Going Get Rowing** – participation programme with St. Tiernan's and St. Laurance's this term with event taking place on the 4th of May (60 participants).
- **SociaBall** – linking in with Dublin Raiders to introduce females into the sport of basketball in a fun and social environment (15 participants).
- **Try Track and Field** – collaboration with Athletics Ireland to deliver this new physical literacy programme to 5 DEIS Primary Schools starting from 17th April.
- **Urban Outdoors Adventure** – project in Rockford Manor (50 students) and St. Augustine's Special School in March/April with rock climbing and kayaking.
- **Walking For Health** – delivered 2 x 5-week walking programmes with one in Dun Laoghaire and the other in Marlay Park (32 participants).
- **Walk & Talk** – with DLR Social Prescribing on 7th March for an open event that brought together those who have linked into its programme (30 participants).
- **Hello How R U Campaign** – launch of DLR's mental health campaign with a public walk on 30th March in Dun Laoghaire (50 participants).
- **Mens Sheds** – linking in with a number of local Sheds to deliver archery and walking football programmes (30 participants).
- **Sofa To Saddle Cycle Programme** – working with Age & Opportunity on new 5-week cycle programme for over 55 years novice cyclists (10 participants).
- **Over 55's Chair Aerobics** – 6-week programmes being delivered in Loughlinstown and Ballyogan with local retirement groups (35 participants).
- **SportsAbility Opportunities Booklet** – updating our existing booklet that

highlights sport and activity opportunities for people with a disability.

- **Inclusive Learn to Cycle** – delivered two 6-week programmes in Monkstown Educate Together for children with a disability to learn to cycle (31 children).
- **Inclusive Tennis** – 10-week programme with St. Augustine's Special School to introduce the sport to teens with an intellectual disability.
- **Choices For Health** – completed delivery of a new programme for adults suffering mental ill-health with visits to dlr Leisure Monkstown (10 participants).
- **Boules Courts** – launch of new courts installed in Marlay Park on the 30th of March. Kilbogget park courts are also complete, and both are available to local clubs and the general public for free informal use.
- **Siel Bleu Older Adult Exercise** – continuing to deliver an online programme for those who are not ready to join in-person activities (34 participants).
- **ExWell** – 3rd of these 8-week programmes nearly complete for older adults with chronic illnesses. Supports in place to continue (Sandyford Community Centre).
- **Child Safeguarding** – 4 Safeguarding Workshops in March (48 participants)