**DÚN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN**

**AUGUST MONTHLY**

**MANAGEMENT REPORT**

**1st – 28th August 2024**

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**Corporate Affairs**

**Civic Hub Stats**

**CRM Statistics**

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| Open | 829 |
| Closed | 1810 |

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| **Section/Department** | **Active** | **Inactive** | **Total** |
| Architects |  | 1 | 1 |
| Communications | 5 | 333 | 338 |
| Community | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| Corporate Services | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| dlrcoco | 18 | 12 | 30 |
| Enterprise |  | 1 | 1 |
| Environment | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Finance | 10 | 184 | 194 |
| Harbour | 1 | 6 | 7 |
| Housing | 41 | 89 | 130 |
| ICC | 489 | 924 | 1413 |
| IT | 2 |  | 2 |
| Parks | 237 | 232 | 469 |
| Planning&EconDev | 9 | 9 | 18 |
| Property | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Water Services | 10 | 10 | 20 |
| **Grand Total** | **829** | **1810** | **2639** |

**Civic Hub Activities:**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Phone Statistics** | Answered Directly | Transferred to overflow | Total |
|  | 7681 | 1275 | 8956 |

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| **Emails received** | Info@ | Reps@ | Oireachtas@ | Total Emails |
|  | 2587 | 80 | 250 | 2917 |

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| **Counter Interactions** | Civic Hub | Appointments | Total |
|  | 293 | 54 | 347 |

**Communications Office**

 The Communications Office oversees communications for the organisation and is responsible for all internal and external communications, public relations, corporate branding, creative graphic design, crisis management, advertising, event promotion and marketing extending across all service departments.

We publish four editions of the dlr Times in Irish/English which is distributed to every household in the County (70k).

We also manage the Irish Office and the Office of An Cathaoirleach.

**August 1 – August 29 2024: Monthly Report for dlrcoco.ie and dlrlibraries.ie**

Website Activity – Page views and number of users

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Website | Page Views | Users |
| dlrcoco.ie | 195,946 | 91,011 |
| dlrLibraries | 37,685 | 14,099 |

**Compared to June 21 – July 31 2024**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Website** | **Page Views** | **Users** |
| dlrcoco.ie | 306,874 | 132,142 |
| dlrLibraries | 58,256 | 20,956 |

In addition to that, there were 243 edits to published website pages on dlrcoco.ie during this period.

**Top viewed pages on dlrcoco.ie**

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**Press Releases**

We issued 5 Press Releases from August 1 – August 29

**Highest Performing News Stories**

[Click here to view the News Listings](https://www.dlrcoco.ie/news-listing)

1. [India Integration Fest is Returning to Kilbogget Park](https://www.dlrcoco.ie/index.php/news/general-news/india-integration-fest-returning-kilbogget-park) – Views 1,758
2. [Draft Traveller Accommodation Programme 2025-2029](https://www.dlrcoco.ie/news/public-consultation/draft-traveller-accommodation-programme-2025-2029) – Views 1,408
3. [Thousand of fans expected in Dún Laoghaire for Ukulele Hooley 2024](https://www.dlrcoco.ie/news/general-news/thousand-fans-expected-dun-laoghaire-ukulele-hooley-2024) – Views 565

**Press Queries:** 17

**Freedom of Information Requests:**

**Public Consultations:** 54 up to 29th August 2024.

**Social Media Activity**

 Highest performing social media posts on Facebook

1. Regal Princess arriving in Dún Laoghaire.
2. Norwegian Dawn will arrive in Dún Laoghaire.
3. Ukelele Hooley launch.

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**Highest performing social media posts on Instagram**

1. Killiney Beach bathing notice.
2. Swimming advisory notice.
3. Weekly bathing water notice

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**Highest performing Reels on Instagram**

1. Pop Up Shop.
2. Leave only paw prints campaign.
3. An Cathaoirleach round up.

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**Highest performing social media posts on X**

1. Sun rising behind DL pier.
2. An Cathaoirleach round up.
3. Kilcross playground public information evening.

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**Highest Performing Facebook Event Listings**

1. Ukelele Hooley/Lobster Festival promo.
2. Seaside Discovery.
3. Seaside Discovery.

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**Social media statistics**

We have over 94k followers across all social accounts including the corporate account, dlr events, dlr arts, libraries, LEO office, dlr heritage and dlr Sports Partnership.

We published 637 posts from 1 August - 29 August 2024.

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# Finance and Water Services

**Drainage & Flood Alleviation**

Engineering and environmental consultants were appointed in December 2019 for Flood Risk Management Works on the Deansgrange Stream. Stages I and II of the project, namely Option Selection/Preliminary Design and Planning are now substantially completed. Public consultation for the Part 8 Planning process on the proposed scheme ended in August 2023. The Chief Executive report for Part 8 was brought to, and approved at, the December 2023 Council Meeting, subject to approval from An Bord Pleanala (following an EIA determination direct request) and also a survey of SuDS opportunities being carried out in the wider catchment.An Bord Pleanala have recently determined that no EIAR is required.

Water Services are now progressing with detailed design. It is planned to progress the overall scheme in smaller projects to reduce the risk of significant cost overruns and also delays due to environmental/ stakeholder issues. Glenavon Park Ponds/Wetlands project will progress initially and advance works are already underway - invasives burial, otter surveys, archaeological digging etc.

Engineering and environmental consultants have also been appointed in 2020 for Flood Risk Management Works on the Carrickmines/Shanganagh Rivers. Preliminary design of a preferred option is completed. A Public Engagement Event took place on the 13th of December 2023.  Comments have been incorporated into the final option, where appropriate, and the EIAR report is now be finalized and will include final details from the environmental/ecological surveys.    It is planned to submit planning documentation to An Bord Pleanala in November 2024.

The Monkstown environs flood risk mapping project is substantially completed, and final draft mapping has been submitted for review.  Discussions are ongoing with the OPW mapping section re the preferred mapping format.

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# Planning and Economic Development

**Planning Applications – monthly statistics** 1st August 2024 – 28th August 2024

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Outline Permission** | **Permission** | **Total** |
| New application Received\* | 1 | 123 | 124 |
| Decision Deferred |  | 21 | 21 |
| Decision to Grant\*\* |  | 70 | 70 |
| Decision to Refuse\*\* |  | 8 | 8 |
| Issued within 2 months or 8 weeks |  | 67 | 67 |
| Invalid Applications |  | 19 | 19 |

*\*Includes 17 Applications for Retention.*

Includes 96 WEB Applications

*\*\*Split decisions;are entered as follows*

*62 Grant Permission*

*3 Grant Permission & Grant Retention*

*3 Grant Permission for Retention*

*2 Grant Permission & Refuse Permission (Split Decision) these are entered in as a decision under both "Decision to Grant" and "Decision to 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.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Case No | Applicant’s Name & Brief Description of Development | Date Application Received | Last Day for Submissions / Observations | Application  Website | Decision due date by DLR |
| LRD24A/ 0597 | For a Large-Scale Residential Development on 2 No. sites, measuring c. 14.2 Ha.,which will be separated by the future Glenamuck Link Distributor Road (GLDR). The western site principally comprises lands at Wayside Enniskerry Road and Glenamuck Road, Kilternan, Dublin 18, which include a derelict dwelling known as ‘Rockville’ and associated derelict outbuildings, Enniskerry Road, Kilternan, Dublin 18, D18 Y199 and the former Kilternan Country Market, Enniskerry Road, Kilternan, Dublin 18 D18 PK09. The western site is generally bounded by the Glenamuck Road to the north; the Sancta Maria property to the north, west and south; a residential development named “Rockville” to the north-east; the Enniskerry Road to the South-west; dwellings to the south; and future GLDR to the east. The eastern site is generally bound by dwellings to the south; the future GLDR to the west; and greenfield land to the north and east.  Road works are proposed to facilitate access to the development from the Enniskerry Road; to the approved Part 8 Enniskerry Road/Glenamuck Road Junction Upgrade Scheme on Glenamuck Road (DLRCC Part 8 Ref. PC/IC/01/17); and to the approved Glenamuck District Road Scheme (GDRS) (ABP Ref. HA06D.303945) on the Glenamuck Link Distributor Road (GLDR). Drainage and potable water infrastructure is proposed to connect to services on the Glenamuck Road, Enniskerry Road and the GLDR. The Glenamuck Road access point will include works, inclusive of any necessary tie- ins, to the footpath and cycle tracks to create a side road access junction incorporating the provision of an uncontrolled pedestrian crossing across the side road junction on a raised table and the changing of the cycle track to a cycle lane at road level as the cycle facility passes the side road junction. Surface water and foul drainage infrastructure is proposed to connect into the drainage infrastructure to be constructed as part of the Part 8 scheme. Potable water is to be provided from the existing piped infrastructure adjacent to the site along Glenamuck Road. Surface water and foul drainage infrastructure connections for the ‘former Country Market’ area (north-west of the site) are proposed to connect into the drainage infrastructure at the Enniskerry Road/ Glenamuck Road junction. The GLDR ‘western’ access point will include works, inclusive of any necessary tie- ins, to the footpath and cycle track to create a side road access junction incorporating the provision of short section of shared path and an uncontrolled shared pedestrian and cyclist crossing across the side road junction on a raised table. The works will also include the provision of a toucan crossing, inclusive of the necessary traffic signal equipment, immediately south of the access point to facilitate pedestrian and cyclist movement across the mainline road. All works at this GLDR access point will include the provision of the necessary tactile paving layouts. Surface water, foul drainage and potable water infrastructure connections are proposed into the drainage infrastructure to be constructed and part of the GDRS scheme. The GLDR ‘eastern’ access point will include works, inclusive of any necessary tie- ins, to the footpath and cycle track to create a side road access junction incorporating the provision of short section of shared path and an uncontrolled shared pedestrian and cyclist crossing across the side road junction on a raised table. Potable water, surface water and foul drainage infrastructure connections for the eastern site are proposed into the drainage infrastructure to be constructed as part of the GLDR. On Enniskerry Road, works are proposed to facilitate 3 No. new accesses for the development along with modifications to Enniskerry Road. The 3 No. side road priority access junctions incorporate the provision of an uncontrolled pedestrian crossing across the side road junction on raise tables. The modifications to Enniskerry Road fronting the development (c. 340 metres) includes the narrowing of the carriageway down to c.6.5 metres (i.e. a c.3.25 metres running lane in each direction) from the front of the kerb on the western side of Enniskerry Road. The remaining former carriageway, which varies in width of c. 2 metres, will be reallocated for other road users and will include the introduction of a widened pedestrian footpath and landscaped buffer on the easter side of the road adjoining the proposed development. On Enniskerry Road at the interface of the proposed Dingle Way and Enniskerry Road, aligning with the proposed location of the community centre/ Café and existing Our Lady of Wayside Church, works include the continuation of the Dingle Way surface materials across Enniskerry Road to create a raised table to connect these community facilities. The above works are inclusive of all necessary tie-in works such as new kerbs along the eastern side of Enniskerry Road, drainage details, road marking, signage and public lighting. Additionally, the development included the removal of the existing stone wall and the construction of a new stone wall set back to facilitate the upgrade and realignment of the Enniskerry Road. Potable water is to be provided from the existing piped infrastructure along the Enniskerry Road. At the ‘Rockville access point’, works are proposed to provide a multi-modal access, including a vehicular connection between the proposed development and the Rockville development (permitted under DLR Reg. Ref. D18A/0566). The new access will require the removal of the existing as-built hammerhead turning area at Rockville to create this new connection. The residual hammerhead area will be landscaped to tie into the adjoining landscape strategy. The above works are inclusive of all necessary tie-in works such as new kerbs, drainage details, road marking, signage and public lighting. Surface water and foul drainage infrastructure is proposed to connect into and through the existing/permitted Rockville developments (DLR Reg Refs D17A/0793, D18A/0566, D20A/0015 and D23A/0580).  The development will principally consist of: the demolition of c.740 sq m of existing structures on site comprising a derelict dwelling known as ‘Rockville’ and associated derelict outbuildings (c. 573 sq m) and the former Kilternan Country Market (wooden structure) (c.167 sq m); and the provision of a mixed-use development principally consisting of 487 No. residential units (196 No. houses, 201 No. duplex units and 90 No. apartments) and a Neighbourhood Centre.  The western site will comprise 362 No. residential units and the Neighbourhood Centre, which will provide and anchor retail store (c. 1,3,10 sq m) retail/commercial (c. 3,284 sq m), a restaurant (c. 182 sq m), a creche (c. 691 sq m) café (c. 326 sq m), and a community facility (c.332 sq m ), and the eastern site will comprise 125 No. residential units. The 487 No. residential units will consist of 53 No. 1 bedroom units (35 No. apartments and 18 No. duplexes), 150 No. 2 bedroom units 38 No. houses, 16 No. apartments and 96 No. duplexes), 236 No. 3 bedroom units (110 No houses, 39 No apartments and 87 No. duplexes) and 48 No. 4 bedroom units (48 No. houses). The proposed development will range in height from 2 No. to 4 No. storeys (partially over podium/undercroft level in Apartment Blocks 1, 2 and 3 and Duplex Block T and U on the eastern site).  The development also provides: a pedestrian/cycle route through the Dingle Way from Enniskerry Road to the future Glenamuck Link Distributor Road; 854 No. car parking spaces (125 No. in the undercroft of Apartment Blocks 1,2, and 3 and Duplex Blocks T and U and 729 No. at surface level) including 28 No. mobility impaired spaces, 100 No. electric vehicle spaces, 2 No. car share spaces, and 4 No. drop-off spaces/loading bays; motorcycle parking; bicycle parking; bin storage; provision of new telecommunications infrastructure at roof level of the Neighbourhood Centre including shrouds, antennas and microwave link dishes (18 No. antennas all enclosed in 9 No. shrouds and 6 No. transmission dishes, together with all associated equipment); private balconies, terraces and gardens; hard and soft landscaping; totem pole, sedum roofs, solar panels, boundary treatments, lighting; substations; plant; and all other associated site works above and below grounds. The proposed development has a gross floor area of c. 60,504 sq m above ground, in addition to an undercroft/basement (c.4,485 sq m) containing car parking, bike storage, bin storage and plant under Apartment Blocks 1, 2, and 3 and Duplex Blocks T and U on the eastern site.  An Environmental Impact Assessment Report has been prepared in respect of the proposed development. The Planning application together with the Environmental Impact Assessment Report may be inspected or purchased for a fee not exceeding a reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of the Planning Authority during its public opening hours. The application and Environmental Impact Assessment Report may also be inspected online at the following website set up by the applicant: www.kilternanvillagelrd.ie | 06/08/2024 | 09/09/2024 | [www.kilternanvillagelrd.ie](http://www.kilternanvillagelrd.ie/) | 30/09/2024 |

<https://planning.agileapplications.ie/dunlaoghaire/application-details/99777>

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| Case No | Applicant’s Name & Brief Description of Development | Date Application Received | Last Day for Submissions / Observations | Application  Website | Decision due date by DLR |
| LRD24A/ 0636/WEB | The proposed development comprising amendments to the permitted LRD (Ref. LRD23A/0678 / ABP-318921-24) consists of the following:  (a) Reconfiguration and reduction of the basement level layout from approx. 3,411 sqm to approx. 2,242 sqm.  (b) Reduction in total car parking spaces at basement level from 80 no. spaces to 57 no. spaces including 2 no. accessible spaces and 1 no. GoCar parking space.  (c) Reduction of resident bicycle parking spaces from 254 no. spaces to 190 no. spaces and relocation of bicycle stores to the ground floor level at both Blocks A and B.  (d) Relocation of the resident bin stores at basement level serving Block B to the ground floor level of Block B.  (e) Amendments to the ground floor layout and minor modifications to include reduction in commercial / retail unit areas to accommodate bin and bicycle stores at ground floor level in Blocks A and B and addition of stairs to the basement level in Block A. There are no changes proposed to the upper floors.  (f) Alteration of the basement level access ramp from a slope of 1:14 to 1:10.  (g) All associated site development and infrastructural works. | 16/08/2024 | 19/09/2024 |  |  |

<https://planning.agileapplications.ie/dunlaoghaire/application-details/99892>

**Planning Counter Figures: 1st August – 28th August, 2024**

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| Customers Served | 198 |

**Building Control: 1st August – 28th August 2024**

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| Fire Safety Certs applications received\* | 19 |
| Fire Safety Certs applications Granted \* | 5 |
| Fire Safety Certs applications Refused/Withdrawn/Invalid \* | 0 |
| Disability Access Cert Applications Received \*\* | 9 |
| Disability Access Cert Applications Granted / Refused\*\* | 5 |
| Commencement Notices Validated | 50 |
| 7 Day Notices received | 6 |
| Completion Certs Validated | 15 |

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

\*\*Includes DACs, Dispensation/ Relaxation

**Local Enterprise Office and Economic Development Unit**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Approvals for Financial Assistance Year to Date** | | |
|  | Total approved  to 28th August 2024 | Enterprise Ireland target to 28th August 2024 |
| Feasibility Study | 5 | 33 |
| Business Priming | 3 |
| Business Expansion | 5 |
| Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters | 12 |
| Trading Online Vouchers | 75 | 30 |
| Other Grant Applications (Green, Digital, Agile, IP etc.) | 39 | 28 |
| Microfinance Ireland \* | 8 | 8 |
| **Total Approvals** | 147 |  |

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

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| --- | --- |
| **Job creation as a result of direct financial assistance** | |
|  | Jan - 28th August 2024 |
| No of jobs created | 14 |

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| --- | --- |
| **Clients assisted in LEO activities Year to Date for 2024** | **Total to 28th August 2024** |
| Number of applications for Financial Assistance | 147 |
| Clients attending Networking Events | 411 |
| Clients commencing training and attending workshops or seminars | 1292 |
| Clients commencing mentoring assignments | 261 |
| Clients attending Business Advice clinics | 315 |
| **Total No of Clients Assisted** | 2426 |

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| **DLR Economic Development Supports** | **Total to 28th August 2024** |
| Vacant Commercial Premises Scheme | 3 |
| Shop Front Improvement Scheme | 5 |
| Business Promotion Grants | 10 |
| Street Furniture Grants | 1 |

**Enterprise Promotion activities in August 2024**

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| --- | --- |
| **DLR Enterprise News** | [**DLR Enterprise News**](https://mailchi.mp/leo/dlr-enterprise-news-october-17279441)  (Sent 02/08/24) Open rate 53%, 3377 recipients  [**LEO DLR – Dublin Climate Action Week**](https://mailchi.mp/leo/dlr-enterprise-news-october-17280341)  (Sent 20/08/24) Open rate 54%, 3373 recipients |
| **Business Advice Sessions** | Sessions throughout August |

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **LEO dlr Social Media Analysis: 1st - 25th August 2024** | | | | |
|  | **No of followers** | **No of New followers** | **No of posts** | **Impressions** |
| Facebook | 2,234 | -4 | 52 | 1,837 |
| Twitter | 5,526 | 0 | 52 |  |
| Instagram | 1,916 | 26 | 52 | 4,178 |
| LinkedIn | 1,071 | 11 | 52 | 1,028 |

**Tourism Development**

7 Day a week tourist information service operating from Marine Road providing up to date tourist information to visitors and cruise guests.

Our **Transition Year Brochure** of activities 2024/2025 was published online and emailed to TY coordinators around the county and surrounding counties. The brochure has 15 activities in the county on offer to TY students with Ski Club and Trapeze in Stillorgan being unique to DLR and the only offering in the country.

**Events and Festivals in the county.**

**Ukulele Festival –** 2 days live music event taking place in various locations across the town over 24/25th Aug

**Dalkey Lobster Festival** 24/25th Aug **–** 2 Day festival of food, music, food demonstrations and kid's activities along Castle Steet in Dalkey.

**Irish Fest in Milwaukee –** dlr Tourism contributed to the contingent that represented Dublin County at the huge event in the US. The biggest of its kind in the US it attracts American holiday goers for the last 43 years with an interest in all things Ireland for 4 days every August.

**Ticket sales trial** at the Tourist Information Kiosk

3 water-based operators are trialling the sale of tickets from the tourism kiosk at times of high footfall to increase their exposure in the area.

2nd Ezine of the year went out this month with events and tourism news in the county.

**Cruise calls in Aug were as follows**

23 Cruise calls for the month of Aug

16 tender calls

2 turnaround & 4 transit

28,000 Guests and approx.12,000 crew

3 cancelled (2,000 guests and 1200 crew)

**Enterprise Hub by Quarterdeck in the Ferry Terminal**

The members agreed to a S183 leasehold disposal of the terminal building to Quarterdeck at the Council meeting held on 13 June 2022 to operate an Enterprise Hub. Quarterdeck had indicated that they expected to incur expenditure of c€4m and began the process of seeking tenders for the necessary works after the lease became effective in July 2022. Widespread tender price inflation meant that the tenders obtained by Quarterdeck came in significantly higher than expected, resulting in a delay to the commencement of the works as Quarterdeck sought to get the project to a position where it was financially viable, based on the short-term lease.

In the interim the following conditions of the lease have been satisfied.

* Work was completed on fit out of Stena Line Offices in April/May 2023.
* Work commenced on the fit out of Ground Floor Offices in October 2023.
* Some furniture has been installed in both areas recently.
* A decision was made on the 30th April 2024 to grant the Fire Safety Certificate for the building.
* Works to the remainder of the building are yet to commence.
* The Food Hall and Ground floor co-working area remain under design.
* External signage and façade improvements are yet to commence.
* No date has been given as to when the building will be occupied.

The Economic Development Team will continue to engage with Quarterdeck on the plan to open and occupy the building. The Economic team will continue to engage with Quarterdeck to ensure the conditions of the lease are being adhered to, and to seek remedy to address any non-compliance. It is acknowledged that progress on the project has been significantly slower than anticipated since the lease became effective. The level of construction price inflation experienced during 2022 following the war in Ukraine was unprecedented and unforeseeable. It would have been unreasonable not to have afforded Quarterdeck sufficient time to explore options. Despite the extraordinary construction price inflation, Quarterdeck have again indicated they are committed to the project. The project requires a significantly larger budget which Quarterdeck have said they are willing to commit to. Quarterdeck have said that although they are committed to the project, the project timelines are still subject to change as they rely on external circumstances.

**Dún Laoghaire Harbour**

**Cruise Ship Business**

The 2024 Cruise season is underway with 85 vessels currently booked into Dún Laoghaire Harbour. We are working with the Tourism Section, the Dún Laoghaire Business Association and the Dún Laoghaire Chamber of Commerce to maximize the local benefits of the cruise visitors. The season is proceeding well so far.

**Projects:**

**Harbour Masterplan**

A project to create a Masterplan to guide the future development of the Harbour has been approved. Tenders for a design team were issued a consortium led by a Danish firm, Arrow Architects was the successful tenderer. The proposal includes significant public and stakeholder consultation and will likely commence in September 2024.

**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 finalizing 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 scheme to apply for additional “top-up” funding was announced in July and DLRCC have been successful in securing an additional €410,952 for this important project. We are out to tender at present for a design team to commence design and permitting for this exciting project.

**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.

**Infrastructure and Climate Change**

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| 1. **Road Maintenance Management Report - August 2024** | | | | | | |
|  |  | **STATUS** | | | |
| **Ref.** | **Programme Type** | **Design Stage** | **Tendered** | **On site** | **Complete** | **Comments** |
| **RRP Major** | **Road Resurfacing Programme - Major Works** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | Meadowmount (part of) |  | ✓ |  |  | Contractor Appointed - Start imminent |
| 2 | Village Road, Aikens Village (part of) |  |  |  | ✓ | Works Completed |
| 3 | Brennanstown Road (part of) |  |  | ✓ |  | Works on site currently |
| 4 | Enniskerry Road (R-117) |  | ✓ |  |  | Works Tendered |
| 5 | Ballinteer Road, Dundrum (R-826) | ✓ |  |  |  |  |
| 6 | Glenageary Road Upper |  |  | ✓ |  | Construction works ongoing |
| 7 | Ashlawn Estate | ✓ |  |  |  | Topo/GPR are completed and a tender has been issued to design the scheme to commence in September. |
| 8 | Dalkey Avenue (part of) |  |  | ✓ |  | Proposal sought from Roadstone on dealing with coal tar issue. Work to resume in September. |
| 9 | Old Dublin Road (part of) | ✓ |  |  |  | Some patching works to take place near Shanganagh LDA towards the end of August/easrly Septrmber |
| 10 | Dundela Estate (parts of) |  |  | ✓ |  | Construction works ongoing |
| 11 | Greenville Road public realm | ✓ |  |  |  | Topo/GPR are completed and a tender has been issued to design the scheme to commence in September. |
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| **RRP Minor** | **Road Resurfacing Programme - Minor Works ('Patching')** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | Deerpark Road |  |  |  | ✓ | Works complete |
| 2 | Woodpark |  |  |  | ✓ | Works complete |
| 3 | Cornelscourt Hill Junction, Cornelscourt |  |  |  | ✓ | Works complete |
| 4 | Mount Anville Park Cul-De-Sac |  |  |  | ✓ | Works Successfully Completed |
| 5 | Glenamuck Road |  |  |  | ✓ | Works Successfully Completed |
| 6 | The Gallops, Ballyogan |  |  |  | ✓ | Works complete |
| 7 | Harbour Road |  |  | ✓ |  | Footway works completed. Surfacing work to commence in late August (incl Breffni and Hudson Road) |
| 8 | Breffni Road |  |  | ✓ |  | Surfacing work to commence in late August |
| 9 | Pucks Castle Lane |  |  |  | ✓ | Sustainable patching carried out along the route |
| 10 | Foxrock Court |  |  |  | ✓ | Completed |
| 11 | Grove Avenue (part of) |  |  |  | ✓ | Completed |
| 12 | Abbey View (part of) | ✓ |  |  |  | Initial survey undertaken and design has commenced |
| 13 | Hudson Road (part of) |  |  | ✓ |  | Surfacing work to commence in early September |
| 12 | Clonkeen Road (Supervalu Car park) | ✓ |  |  | ✓ | Works Completed |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **FP** | **Footpath Upgrade Programme** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | Sandyford Business District (part of) |  |  | ✓ |  | Works Complete |
| 2 | Kerrymount Avenue (part of) |  |  |  | ✓ | Works Completed |
| 3 | The Park, Cabinteely (part of) |  | ✓ |  |  | Works Tendered |
| 4 | Mount Anville Road (part of) |  | ✓ |  |  | Contractor Appointed |
| 5 | Cornelscourt Village | ✓ |  |  |  |  |
| 6 | Balally Estate |  |  |  | ✓ | Works Completed |
| 7 | Northumberland Avenue |  |  | ✓ |  | Construction works ongoing |
| 8 | Thornhill Road (part of) |  |  | ✓ |  | Construction works ongoing |
| 9 | Trafalgar Terrace | ✓ |  |  |  |  |
| 10 | Beechwood Park (part of) | ✓ |  |  |  | Design has commenced |
| 11 | Granville Road |  |  | ✓ |  | Construction works ongoing |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **BSP** | **Bridges & Structures Programme** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | Dublin Road Shankill Bridge | ✓ |  |  |  |  |
| 2 | Category 3 Bridges - Bridge assessment | ✓ |  |  |  | survey ongoing |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **DGRP** | **Drainage / Gully Repair Programme** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | Landscape Park |  |  |  | ✓ | Works Completed |
| 2 | Old Kilgobbin Road |  |  |  | ✓ | Works completed |
| 3 | Brennanstown-Brighton Roads Junction |  |  |  | ✓ | Works Complete |
| 4 | Blackthorn Road, Sandyford |  |  |  | ✓ | Works Complete |
| 5 | Castlebyrne Park | ✓ |  |  |  | Survey carried out |
| 6 | Silchester Park/Adelaide Road junction |  |  |  | ✓ |  |
| 7 | Kill Lane |  |  |  | ✓ | Works have benen undertaken at the location by Active Travel |
| 8 | Carrickbrennan Road | ✓ |  |  |  |  |
| 9 | Glenageary Dart Station at junction with Marlborough Road | ✓ |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **NRP** | **National Roads Programme** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | N11-N31, 3-Year Resurfacing – Phase 3 |  |  |  | ✓ |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **AWP** | **Accessibility Works Programme** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | Hillview |  | ✓ |  |  | Contractor Appointed - Start Date Imminent |
| 2 | Laneway behind Rosehill (part of) | ✓ |  |  |  | Initial survey undertaken |
| 3 | Corbawn Lane Beach access | ✓ |  |  |  | Meeting to be held with nearby property owners |
| 4 | Sandycove Close |  | ✓ |  |  | Contractor Appointed |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **CMP** | **Cycleway Maintenance Programme** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | St. Olaf’s National School |  |  |  | ✓ | Works Completed |
| 2 | Village Road, Aiken’s Village | ✓ |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | Bellarmine Avenue | ✓ |  |  |  |  |
| 4 | Johnstown Road (part of) | ✓ |  |  |  |  |
| 5 | N11-N31, 3-Year Resurfacing – Phase 3 |  |  |  | ✓ | Wokrs complete |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **EMP** | **Estate Management Programme** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | Moreen/Blackthorn |  |  |  | ✓ | Works complete |
| 2 | Meadowlands Avenue | ✓ |  |  |  | Initial survey undertaken |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **TICP** | **Taking in Charge Programme\*** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | Redesdale (Laneway at Back of Shops) |  |  |  | ✓ | Works Complete |
| 2 | Foxrock Wood - Beech Park Laneway | ✓ |  |  |  | Awaiting feedback from Property |
| 3 | Lane Station Road Killiney (near DART) to Marino Avenue West\* | ✓ |  |  |  | Initial survey undertaken |
| \*Subject to investigation & clarification of ownership, assessment of works & costs | | |  | |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **RCRP** | **Roads Control Reinstatement Programme** |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | Cherrygarth |  |  |  | ✓ | Works Complete |
| 2 | Kilgobbin Road (at Sandyford Hall r-about) | ✓ |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | Landscape Park, Churchtown | ✓ | ✓ |  |  | Works Tendered |
| 3 | Rock Road public lighting |  |  | ✓ |  | Works are underway |

1. **Traffic and Road Safety**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Preliminary Design Stage** | **Public Consultation** | **Detailed Design Stage** | **Tendered** | **On site** | **Complete** | **Comment** |
| **CAPITAL Schemes 2024 – Schemes being progressed by Traffic & Road Safety Section** | | | | | | | |
| Sandyford Cycle Route (Roebuck Road to UCD) |  |  | ✓ |  |  |  | Progressing slowly due to lack of internal resources and is also subject to funding |
| Cycle Parking Development |  |  |  |  | ✓ |  | Cycle parking roll-out continuing. New cycle stands are being fabricated and delivered to our stores. Various locations have been identified with the contractor for their installation. |
| Stepaside Village – Cycle Link to Cruagh Wood |  |  | ✓ |  |  |  | Detailed Design on-going for Phase 1. |
| Sandyford Village and Cycle Scheme | ✓ |  |  |  |  |  | Civil works for Traffic calming interventions at entry points to the village (Phase I) complete. Appointment of Engineering consultant to carry out design of Phase II ongoing |
| Frankfort Park, Dundrum, Signalised Junction |  |  |  |  | ✓ |  | Construction ongoing. |
| **Public Consultations-**Local ballot on modal filter on “Old” Lower Kilmacud Road: Responses were due by the 5th July 2024. 67 survey papers were returned of which 49 votes were in favour (73%)  and 18 votes were not in favour(27%). DLR Traffic plan to progress the installation of a modal filter as outlined in the information sheet provided to residents. | | | | | | | |

**Stillorgan Village Movement Framework Plan**

Phase 3 & 4 – Preliminary redesign ongoing for Phase 4 on Old Dublin Road. Property title searches required to progress Phase 3 on Kilmacud Road Lower.

**Traffic Advisory Group (TAG)**

In August   2024 there was a TAG meeting in Area 2(Dundrum) on the 20th of August at which 26 items were dealt with.  Area 1(Dún Laoghaire) had a TAG meeting on the 23rd of July at which 30 items were dealt with.

**Road Safety and Sustainable Travel**

* Shanganagh Road, Shankill: Civil works have now been completed with poles yet to be installed.
* Old Bray Road, Cabinteely: Construction ongoing.
* Tender has been awarded for Traffic calming scheme at Rollins Villas, Sallynoggin with construction to begin in 2-4 weeks
* Discovery Bus Services pilot scheme has now ended for the Summer 2024
* School Warden Service returns with recruitment of reserve school wardens who will start work in some vacant posts that have arisen. Garda Vetting and medicals have now all been completed.

**Deputations**

There were no deputations in July/August 2024

**BusConnects**

On the 5th June 2024 the NTA advised Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council they were preparing tender documentation (detailed design and construction stages) for the procurement of the Design and Build Contractors. Following this, the NTA sent Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council ‘work in progress’ scope sections for the Belfield/Blackrock to City Centre Core Bus Corridor for consultation and input. This detail was referred to various departments within the Council for comment and responses were sent back to the NTA at the end of June.

 On the 7th June 2024 Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council received notification from An Bord Pleanála inviting Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council to make an additional submission under s.217B of the Planning and Development Act 2000, in respect of the BusConnects Bray to City Centre Core Bus Corridor Scheme. This correspondence was referred to various departments within the Council for comment and a response was sent back to An Bord Pleanála on the 4th of July 2024. The Scheme was due to be determined by An Bord Pleanála on the 31st of July 2024 however An Bord Pleanála has since notified Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council that this target will not be met, and instead will be determined 'as soon as practicable'.

Discussions regarding bus interchanges and stops around the County in particular around Dundrum are ongoing.

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| **August 2024** | **Road Closures** | **Filming Locations** | **Event Signage** |
| Applications Received | 1 | 5 | 3 |
| Applications-Awaiting Further information | 0 | 5 | 2 |

1. **Road Restoration Programme**

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Ref. | Programme Type | STATUS |
| **RCRP** | **Roads Control Programme 2024** | |
| 1 | Landscape Road | The total area of works has been measured and a tender documented was prepared and sent out. The closing date for these was 23/08/2024. The tenders will be reviewed, and the successful contractor shall be awarded the contract to start following all road reinstatement by the Contractor for UE. |

**Road Opening Licences (1st August to 26th August)**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **National Maproad Roadworks Licensing MRL System** | |
| Applications Received | 148 |
| Applications Not Processed Yet | 58 |
| Applications Refused/Withdrawn | 2 |
| Valid Licenses Issued | 67 |
| Licensed Works Completed | 9 |
| Applications Expired | 12 |

**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 is the area responsible for the issuing of such licenses for above ground telecommunications infrastructure.

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| Section 254 – Above Ground Telecommunications Infrastructure | |
| 1st August to 26th August | |
| **Applications** |  |
| Received | 0 |
| Granted | 0 |
| Withdrawn | 0 |

**4.** **Cleansing, Beaches & Coastal Protection Section Statistics:**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Cleansing & Beaches Stats** | **Feb**  **2024** | **Mar**  **2024** | **Apr**  **2024** | **May**  **2024** | **June**  **2024** | **July**  **2024** |
| Weight of Rubbish Collected from Streets/Beaches (tonnes) | 288 | 266 | 283 | 228 | 218 | 248 |
| Clean-Ups Assisted | 39 | 43 | 88 | 93 | 89 | 91 |
| Animal Removals from Public Spaces | 27 | 17 | 30 | 38 | 42 | 41 |
| Bathing Water Samples Taken | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 36 | 49 |
| Gullies Cleaned | 497 | 521 | 635 | 1554 | 753 | 1958 |
| Dumping Incidents Managed | 34 | 37 | 45 | 45 | 41 | 65 |
| Bathing Water Pollution Incidents Detected | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| Reported Overflows from Drainage Network to Bathing Water | No  report received | No  report received | No  report received | No  report received | No report received | No report received |
| Street Bin Collections | 4409 | 4743 | 4662 | 4990 | 5026 | 5089 |
| Filming/Event Licenses | Filming- 1  Events-2 | Filming-1  Events-2 | Filming – 1  Events - 0 | Filming- 2  Events -3 | Filming – 0  Events -5 | Filming – 0  Events - 8 |

\* Statistics available up to the end of July 2024.

**Cleansing, Beaches & Coastal Protection Updates July – August 2024**

* Lifeguards are on duty at Killiney, Seapoint and Sandycove in line with the commencement of the Bathing Season in June.
* Bathing water sampling is on-going at 9 locations, with weekly sampling now in operation during bathing season.
* Statutory reporting to the HSE/EPA is now in operation for bathing water quality incidents during bathing season.
* Bathing area maintenance, ringbuoy inspections and maintenance are on-going.
* The Road/Cycle Lanes Sweeping schedule is ongoing. Also, areas are being swept as per CRM worklists and site inspections.
* Gully Cleaning operations and early morning works are on-going. Gully Cleaning works that require Traffic Management are also on-going
* Weeding is ongoing with DLR and Contractor crews
* Public Realm cleaning is on-going
* The fleet of Smart Bins are being maintained and emptied on a daily basis throughout the county
* Litter Picks and Blue Bag collections are on-going.

**5.** **Relevant Statistics**

There were 1948 Fixed charge notices/fines issued between 1st and 28th August 2024 breakdown of which is as follows:

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| **Violation** | **No. of fixed charge notices issued** |
| Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display/Permit Parking Area Regulations | 901 |
| Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display Parking Regulations | 369 |
| Parking a non-goods vehicle in a goods vehicle loading bay | 185 |
| Parking a vehicle on a footway | 130 |
| Parking a vehicle on a double yellow line | 76 |
| Parking a vehicle on a roadway with less than 3 lanes where there is a continuous white line | 55 |
| Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display / Permit Parking Area Regulations | 45 |
| Parking a vehicle in a prohibited place | 35 |
| Parking a vehicle in a taxi stand | 24 |
| Not parking a vehicle within the limits of a parking bay | 18 |
| Parking or stopping a vehicle in a disabled person`s parking bay | 17 |
| OVERSTAYING 3 HOUR PARKING LIMIT | 16 |
| Parking a vehicle within a stopping place or stand or bus stop | 16 |
| Parking a vehicle at a no parking sign at a time prohibited | 14 |
| Parking a vehicle on a single yellow line during a prohibited time | 10 |
| Parking a goods vehicle in a loading bay for over 30mins | 9 |
| Parking Electric Vehicle Only Bay | 7 |
| OVERSTAYING 2 HOUR PARKING LIMIT | 4 |
| Parking a vehicle within 5 meters of a road junction | 3 |
| Electric vehicle in an electric vehicle bay but not charging | 3 |
| Parking a vehicle on a cycle track | 2 |
| OVERSTAYING 1 HOUR PARKING LIMIT | 2 |
| Parking a vehicle obstructing other traffic | 1 |
| Parking a vehicle within 15 meters approach side of traffic lights | 1 |
| Parking a vehicle on a median strip | 1 |
| Parking or stopping a vehicle at a school entrance | 1 |
| Parking a vehicle within 15 meters of pedestrian crossing (approach side) or 5 meters on the other side | 1 |
| Parking out of the limits of a bay | 1 |
| Parking in a bay reserved for Car Club Vehicles | 1 |
| **Total no. of Fixed Charge notices issued between 1st August and 28th August 2024** | **1948** |

There was no sitting of the District Court in August 2024.

**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**

|  |  |
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| Number of repairs carried out in August 2024: | 191 |
| Percentage of lights out at the end of August 2024: | 0.55% |
| Pole replacement carried out in August 2024: | 1 |
| Bracket replacements: | 45 |
| Tree trimming: | 0 |
| ESBN Connections/ Requests: | 6 |
| LED Upgrades | 80 |
| Total lights upgraded to LED | 22,031 |
| Total percentage (%) of lights as LED | 90.3% |

**LED Upgrading Program**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Albert Road | 1 |
| Beaumont Avenue | 1 |
| Beech Grove | 1 |
| Braemor Park | 2 |
| Carrickbrennan Road | 4 |
| Charlemont Avenue | 1 |
| Churchtown Road Lower | 1 |
| Churchview Road | 1 |
| Clifton Avenue | 2 |
| De Vesci Terrace | 3 |
| Dundrum By-Pass | 1 |
| Dunleary Hill | 1 |
| Flemington Park | 2 |
| Glencairn Estate (The Gallops) | 1 |
| Glenview Park | 1 |
| Grey Gates (Incl. 6 Lights In Green) | 2 |
| Griannan Fidh | 1 |
| Harbour : Car Park Area Lighting | 1 |  |  |
| Heather Estate | 1 |
| Henley Park | 1 |
| Kilmacud Road Upper | 1 |
| Lambourne Wood | 1 |
| Landscape Road | 1 |
| Loreto Ave | 1 |
| Marian Park Blackrock | 2 |
| Marino Avenue West | 1 |
| Monkstown Crescent | 2 |
| Monkstown Road | 1 |
| Mount Merrion Avenue | 1 |
| Murphystown Road (16 Serviced By Dcc) | 3 |
| N31 Harbour Road | 3 |
| Old Dublin Road | 2 |
| Orpen Estate | 1 |
| Orwell Gardens | 5 |
| Otranto Place | 2 |
| Pearse Street | 2 |  |  |
| Roebuck Castle \*\*\*\*\*\* | 1 |
| Sandycove Avenue East | 8 |
| Sandycove Avenue West | 4 |
| Seafield Avenue | 1 |
| St. Fintans Park | 1 |
| St. Lukes Crescent | 1 |
| The Rise(Mount Merrion) | 1 |
| Vico Road | 1 |
| Walkway Pearse Gardens/Sallynoggin Road | 1 |
| Walkway Pearse Park/Pearse Gardens | 1 |
| Woodside Drive | 2 |

**Planning and Building Control**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Applications analysed | 48 |
| Inspections completed | 3 |

**Requests**

Light requested by stakeholders (completed)

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| --- | --- |
| Additions: | 1 |
| Alterations: | 4 |
| Legal requests: | 2 |

**Environmental Enforcement:**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **DATE** | **Number** | **Comment** |
| Enforcement Complaints – Opened | 38 | Air/Noise/Waste |
| Enforcement Complaints – Closed | 45 | Air/Noise/Waste |
| Environment Cases – Opened (Dumping/Litter) | 87 | Litter Section |
| Environment Cases – Closed (Dumping/Litter) | 105 | Litter Section |
| Abandoned car Cases - Opened | 35 | Waste Section |
| Graffiti Cases - Opened | 90 | Waste Section |
| Presentation/Storage of Waste – Opened | 23 | Waste Section |
| Litter Fines issued | 17 | Litter Pollution Act/Litter Bye-laws |
| Waste Fines issued | 6 | Waste Bye-laws/Waste Management Act |
| Legal Proceedings initiated | 1 | Litter Pollution Act/Litter Bye-laws/Waste Bye-laws/Waste Management Act |

Monthly Management Report – August

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| --- | --- |
| **Dog Statistics from 1st August 2024 – 28th August 2024** | |
| No. of dogs on hand on 1st August | 2 |
| No. of dogs entering the shelter | 6 |
| No. of dogs surrendered | 0 |
| No. of dogs rehomed | 2 |
| No. of dogs reclaimed | 2 |
| No. of dogs sent to rescue | 3 |
| No. of dogs put to sleep | 0 |
| No. of dogs remaining in the pound on 28th Aug | 1 |
| Dog attacks in this period | 5 – 1 on person |

**Roads Admin Stats August**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Roads Admin Stats** | **Jan 24** | **Feb 24** | **March 24** | **April 24** | **May 24** | **June 24** | **July 24** | **August 24** |
| **Taking In Charge Certs** | **103** | **115** | **104** | **83** | **188** | **134** | **211** | **180** |
| **Footpath Dishings** | **10** | **3** | **1** | **4** | **2** | **7** | **11** | **7** |
| **Hoarding Licences** | **3** | **2** | **1** | **n/a** | **2** | **4** | **6** | **3** |
| **Surface Permits** | **12** | **9** | **6** | **7** | **5** | **3** | **5** | **12** |
| **Road Opening Licences** | **218** | **237** | **220** | 250 | **272** | **219** | **220** | **161** |
| **CRMs (Assigned to Roads Admin) for January** | **423 Assigned** | **327 Assigned** | **280 Assigned** | **288 Assigned** | **571 Assigned** | **365 Assigned** | **410 Assigned** | **327 Assigned** |

**Architects**

**Energy**

Preparations are underway for the ‘Energy Tune Up Clinic’ onWednesday morning, 11 September in the Studio at dlr LexIcon, Dún Laoghaire. The free event is for individuals and community groups to learn easy and accessible ways to understand, manage and reduce their energy use.It is an opportunity to learn more about energy grants from Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland and about energy bills, smart metering and how to switch energy suppliers from the Commission for Regulation of Utilities. CODEMA, Dublin's Energy Agency will give advice about how to handle draughts, ventilation and mould.   
Pre-booking is required through[*dlr Libraries Eventbrite*](https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/energy-tune-up-clinic-tickets-991292982997?aff=ebdsoporgprofile) *or* [*Dublin Climate Action Week*](https://dublinclimatechange.codema.ie/climate-action-week/events/)websites.

**Conservation**

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| --- | --- |
| Planning Applications  (inc.FI & comp reports) | 20 |
| Pre-planning | 3 |
| Section 5 Declarations | 9 |
| Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) 2024 Grant Scheme &  Historic Structures Fund (HSF) 2024 Grant Scheme | Ongoing administration and site visits as required |
| Review 4no. Character Appraisals of Candidate Architectural Conservation Areas | Meeting with Forward Planning to discuss repots and sign off. |

**Dangerous Buildings**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Dangerous | 0 |
| Potentially Dangerous | 5 |
| Not Dangerous | 0 |
| **Total** | **5** |

**Awards**

European Prize for Urban Public Space.

Dún Laoghaire Baths has been shortlisted as a finalist in the Seafront category of the European Prize for Urban Public Space 2024. The second round of the competition award process takes place on the 9th September 2024 with a presentation of the project to the judging panel, and the winner will be announced in October 2024.

<https://www.publicspace.org/the-prize/-/edition/2024/finalists-only>

**Community, Cultural Services & Parks**

**Community Integration Forum (formerly Community Response Forum)**

On Monday 20th May a lease agreement was signed between DCEDIY and DLR to lease Ballyogan DAC for 11 months to accommodate International Protection Applicants (IPAs).

As part of the comprehensive wrap around service, accommodation services managed by DCEDIY at the Centre are being supported by HSE staff providing onsite support to meet the healthcare needs of IPA residents, and residents also have access to an offsite GP service 7 days a week and a number of agencies are providing supports to the residents, including access to English classes being managed by the DDLETB, volunteer opportunities through dlr Volunteer Centre, a weekly running group supported by DLR Sports Partnership, Crosscare support for people up to 24 years of age, Cuala GAA and weekly clinics provided by the dlr Local Authority Integration Team Support Workers.

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

The Forum has been meeting since 28 March 2022 and have met two times in August.  Support services are being provided to those Ukrainian nationals who are being accommodated in hotels and in private accommodation within the County.  Support services are being provided to IPAs who are being accommodated in the county.

Local coordination efforts continue to provide comprehensive support services including from Southside Partnership dlr, HSE, An Garda Síochána, Department of Social Protection, D&DL Education and Training Board, TUSLA, Community and Family Resource Centres, dlr Volunteer Centre and a number of other community and voluntary groups.

**dlr Local Authority Integration Team (LAIT):**

The dlr Local Authority Integration Team was established in the Community Section of dlr County Council at the end of July with an Integration Support Coordinator, two Integration Support Workers and an Assistant Staff Officer in place to support International Protection Applicants (IPAs) and Beneficiaries of Temporary Protection located in the various centres across dlr, working in collaboration with many other organisations supporting new arrivals to dlr. All local authorities are currently recruiting or have recruited LAIT’s which are supported by the Local Government Management Agency (LGMA) and the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration & Inclusion (DCEDIY). The LAIT’s report to their Local Authority Community Integration Fora and to the LGMA & DCEDIY on a regular basis.

During August the dlr LAIT visited accommodation centres across dlr to meet residents and to assess their needs, assist with queries and to signpost and encourage engagement of new arrivals with local service providers appropriate to their needs - employment, developing English language proficiency, training, healthcare, volunteering, childcare & education, sporting, community activities etc.

The dlr LAIT have also been meeting the various organisations that are providing support to IPAs and BOTP in dlr to map service provision, identify any gaps in service provision avoiding duplication and to identify collaborative projects to support residents and assist with integration in the community.

**Community Recognition Fund 2024**

The Community Recognition Fund (CRF) introduced in 2023 by the Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD) recognises the efforts made by communities in welcoming and supporting new arrivals coming to Ireland.

For 2024-25, DLRCC has been allocated €765,487 under the Community Recognition Fund 2024 and the dlr Local Authority Integration Team is administering the fund on behalf of the DRCD.

DLRCC are currently accepting applications for the CRF 2024 and all information in that regard is available to view on the dlrcc website at: <https://www.dlrcoco.ie/community/community-funding-support/community-recognition-fund-2024>

Two information evenings about the Community Recognition Fund 2024 were held in August in Blackrock Library and the Samuel Beckett Community Facility, Ballyogan. The closing date for applications in this window is Monday 16th September. Recommended applications must be forwarded to the DRCD by 30th September 2024. DRCD will then assess all applications, and applicants will be notified in late 2024.

A further funding call will be made in November/December 2024, with a list of recommended applications to be sent to the DRCD no later than 31st January 2025. These applications will be assessed by the DRCD, with applicants notified in Spring 2025.

**Local Community Safety Partnership (LCSP) & Local Policing Fora (LPF)**

During July Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council invited expressions of interest for consideration to the appointment of Chairperson of a new Local Community Safety Partnerships (LCSPs) which will be established in line with the Policing, Security and Community Safety Act 2024, closing date was on 2nd August 2024.

A meeting of the Sandyford/Stepaside LPF took place on 13th August 2024.

A meeting of the Dundrum/Stillorgan LPF took place on 20th August 2024.

**Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown** **Local Economic and Community Plan 2023-28**

The Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Local Economic and Community Plan for 2023-2028 has been developed to guide the sustainable economic and community development of the County over the next five years. The LECP 2023-28 was adopted at the County Council meeting held on 8th April 2024.

**Comhairle na nÓg**

DLR Comhairle members continued to work on the topic of School Stress. 2 Members took part in a radio interview on RTE Radio 1 Promoting DLR Comhairle na nÓg and the upcoming Bridging the Gap event. The Bridging the Gap Event took place on Sunday 25th August in Dundrum Town Centre and it was a great success with excellent interaction throughout the day. The event was attended by An Cathaoirleach Cllr Jim O' Leary.

**Estate Management**

Estate Management Forum's continued to work through their annual action plans, supported by Community Team Staff. Estate Management Forum's were supported to finalise applications for Tidy Districts 2024. 1 Estate Management Forum received notification of their successful application for the 2024 Community Climate Action Programme, this was supported in all stages by the Community Staff Team.

**Pride of Place 2024.**

### Judging of the 4 dlr entries for the 2024 Pride of Place Awards took place on the 19th and 20th August. This annual competition is an all-island competition that acknowledges and celebrates the work that communities are doing all over the island of Ireland. The four dlr entries for 2024 are as follows:

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| --- | --- |
| **Group** | **Category** |
| **Shanganagh Community Gardens/Men's Shed** | **Climate Action and Biodiversity.** |
| **Dlr Men's Shed** | **Community Wellbeing Initiative.** |
| **Ballinteer Active Retirement Association** | **Age Friendly- Communities.** |
| **Shankill Village** | **Population over 5,000.** |

**Local Policing Fora (LPF)**

A meeting of the Central Dún Laoghaire LPF took place on 11th June 2024.

A meeting of the Dundrum Stillorgan LPF took place on 17th June 2024.

A meeting of the Loughlinstown Ballybrack Shankill LPF took place on 18th June 2024.

**dlr Integration Forum**

The dlr Integration Forum is a voluntary committee from diverse backgrounds and the main objective of the Forum is to promote the participation and integration of immigrants in the county of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown and membership is free.

The dlr Integration Forum will host their Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 3rd September at 7p.m in the New Council Chamber, Dún Laoghaire and are currently seeking new committee members and migrant community groups to join the forum that are passionate about integration of new communities in the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown area.

**India Integration Fest 2024**

India Integration Fest 2024 was held on Saturday 24th August in Kilbogget Park, Cabinteely and was a very successful community day celebrating the rich heritage, traditions, diversity and culture of India as well as music and dance from Brazil, Georgia, Indonesia, Ireland, Malaysia, Peru, Philippines & Slovakia.

The free event was organised by the voluntary Indian Community group Social Space Ireland and Cabinteely Football Club and was part funded by the Events Office and Social Inclusion Unit of dlr County Council.

**dlr High Security Locks Scheme 2024**

The dlr High Security Locks Scheme 2024was launched during March and the closing date was the 31st May 2024. Applications were received from homeowners 65 years of age and over living in dlr to replace existing lock barrels or cylinders in external doors with high security anti-snap locks and covers the total cost for the replacement of lock barrels only, on up to maximum 2 locks per home – front door / back door / side door.

Over 200 applications were received online, over the phone and in the post with successful applicants notified during June and locks replacements taking place over the summer months. Installation of these locks began during July and 192 were completed during July.

**dlr Older People’s Council**

The closing date for the 2024 dlr OPC Transport Grants was the 31st May and applications for Transport Grant’s worth €300 per applicant group for day & evening trips taking place during 2024 have been received from 25 groups. To date payment of the Transport Grant has been made to 13 groups.

A meeting of the dlr Older People’s Council was held on 16th July in County Hall. The Older People’s Council Events Subcommittee are currently planning for an older people’s variety show to take place in 2 locations in the county during October 2024.

Iarnród Éireann have recently appointed a National Age-Friendly Manager and 10 train stations have been piloted nationally to become Age-Friendly train stations. An informal walkability meeting took place at the end of May with DLRCC Engineering, Architecture & Age-Friendly Staff with Iarnród Éireann staff at Dalkey Dart Station and a formal walkability audit will take place before the end of the year to assess accessibility and Age-Friendly services at Dalkey DART Station.

**dlr Age-Friendly Alliance Q2 meeting**

The dlr Age-Friendly Alliance held their Q2 meeting on Tuesday 11th June in the New Council Chamber and presentations were made by UCD Access & Lifelong Learning; DLR Sports Partnership; Go Ahead Buses and the Healthy Age-Friendly Homes Programme and updates and opportunities for collaboration were discussed between the 20+ older person’s groups and organisations operating in dlr. Actions continue to be implemented.

**Domestic Violence Refuge**

The Council commissioned a Domestic Violence Refuge Needs Assessment to establish if there was a need to provide a Domestic Violence (DV) refuge within the County.  The report established an evidence-based approach that underpins the need for a refuge in the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown area.

The Council is progressing this project under the Planning and Development Acts and the regulations made thereunder and more specifically the Planning and Development (Section 179A) Regulations 2023.

This project will deliver 12 units of accommodation and associated facilities to accommodate those affected by domestic abuse and their families.

**Arts**

**Municipal Gallery, dlr LexIcon Programme**

**Room to Explore** a visual art exhibition for 0-5 year olds concluded in August. Featuring artists Helen Barry, Anne Bradley, Jane Hayes and Orla Kelly the exhibition was curated by Anne Cradden. The artists have created pieces that encourage children to interact with – or simply observe – textures, materials, colours, and sound, all presented in an intimate and playful environment. Artworks by Helen Barry were co-created with children and early years educators from Shanganagh Park House Community Childcare Service. This was a special commission in partnership with dlr Children and Young People's Services Committee, Shanganagh Park House and dlr Arts Office. The Commission was funded by Creative Ireland as part of Cruinniú na nÓg 2024. Record visitor numbers were recorded for this exhibition with over 17,700 visits throughout it’s run.

**Musician in Residence**

Musician in Residence Brian Fleming and band Amerghin performed in the dlr Children’s Library to an audience of over 120 people. Between the members they have played with everyone from Led Zepplin to the Chieftains, Elvis Costello, In Tua Nua, Riverdance, Mamady Keita, concert, chamber and baroque orchestras around the world, on more than 150 albums and in more than 50 countries.

**The Friendship Residency at dlr Baths**

We are delighted to announce that Gemma Gallagher has been awarded the Friendship Residency in Studio 4, dlr Baths. Gemma is an experienced theatre maker and facilitator who has always been committed to working in an inclusive manner through a process of accessing creativity and exploring art as an alternative mode of communication and sharing. Gemma will begin the residency on 1 September which allows the space and time to focus on the creation of the artist/s own work while also building relationships with participants from Enable Ireland and St. John of God Dublin South East Services.

**Libraries**

**Online Resources**

We have a vast selection of resources/services available on our website here [https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/online-library](https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/online-library%E2%80%AF) All you need is your dlr Library card. Highlights include:

* **Kanopy:** 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:** 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.
* **LOTE:** 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.
* **Medici.tv:** video streaming service in classical music, opera, dance, and jazz. There are thousands of videos of concerts, operas, ballets and masterclasses, as well as weekly and monthly live concerts and all that is required is a dlr Library Card.

**dlr Libraries’ resources for Ukrainians and other guests of the County**

A snapshot of our list of resources is here: <https://shorturl.at/HMQX5> and at [https://padlet.com/dlrLibraries/vlqvsj8lxav4ukf0](https://padlet.com/dlrLibraries/vlqvsj8lxav4ukf0%E2%80%AF). 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](https://lote4kids.com/member-home/) and [Borrowbox](https://dunlaoghaire.borrowbox.com/search?languages=Russian&limit=60&q=Russian&sort=relevance).

Library staff in dlr LexIcon have engaged with the staff and service users of the International Protection Centre in the Eblana Centre (Dún Laoghaire) to let them know of the services and resources available to them in their local dlr Library. In the LexIcon, a meeting space with free wifi has been made available for those who need it, and tutors from the *English in the Library* group offer English conversational sessions for Eblana Centre users. Outreach visits from Blackrock Library staff to Blackrock Hall International Protection Centre have begun, to make service users there aware of the services and resources they can avail of through dlr Libraries. Excess book stock is being sent from Library HQ to the service users of the IPCs in Blackrock and Blackglen.

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**August Highlights**

**Heritage Week Events** (dlr LexIcon, 17-25 August)

National Heritage Week 2024 takes place from 17th - 25th August. National Heritage Week celebrates Ireland's Built, Cultural and Natural heritage with events across the country. Dlr Libraries held a series of talks for adult and junior audiences, on topics related to natural and built heritage of the Dún Laoghaire Rathdown area.

* **The Place Names of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown** (20 August, dlr LexIcon)

Drawing on sources from the Place Names Commission, dlr Local Studies department, and oral histories, this talk explored the many and varied place names in the county, and how people and communities are connected across generations, in a myriad of ways, to these names.

* **Make Your Home A Nature Reserve** (21 August, dlr LexIcon)

Donna Mullen’s talk explored fascinating routes through our natural heritage while teaching participants about Ireland’s wildlife.

* **Eoghan Daltun Talk. Heritage Week 2024** (22 August, dlr LexIcon)

Author of An Irish Atlantic Rainforest, Eoghan Daltun had a vision to re wild a 73 acre farm on the Beara Peninsula, charts his journey in rewilding his farm and a connection to our natural heritage.

* **Wild Bees and Honeybees with Edel Heeran** (24 August, dlr LexIcon)

An interactive presentation about our wild bees and honeybees and how the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan was developed to help them.

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**Sensory programming for the Neurodiverse**

**Summer Camps** (6-8 August, dlr LexIcon)

We programmed a free three-day drop-off summer camp for neurodiverse children. 20 children attended the two-hour Camp each day which was facilitated by coaches from Active Kids Academy and Quaint Baby Art. Activities included messy art, active movement and sensory toys.

**Sensory resources from dlr Libraries**

* Our Tovertafels (Magic Tables) in dlr LexIcon, Deansgrange and Dalkey Libraries are available to book by individuals and groups
* Sensory Room in Deansgrange Library is available to book
* Items from our Accessible Services Collection [ASC] of sensory toys and equipment can be borrowed
* We continue with designated *Quiet Evenings* in many library spaces where lighting is dimmed, and phones and IT equipment are silenced to make our spaces more welcoming for the neurodiverse
* Each library has a sensory box with a selection of toys/equipment including ear defenders. These items can be used onsite by visitors to the library
* A dedicated set of items, including ear defenders and a dark den, are available for branches to borrow for events

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**Events for Adults**

**Eco-Friendly Soap Making for Adults** (6 August, Dundrum Library)

Participants were provided with a wide selection of moulds, scents and colours and created various types of soap, while learning how your choice of soap can impact the planet.

**Film Clubs** (15 August, Blackrock Library, 26 August, dlr LexIcon)

Held once a month, the Blackrock Film Club offers the screening of a cinematic classic or undiscovered gem every 3rd Thursday, followed by a group discussion. This month’s screening was Japanese film *Shoplifters* (2018), directed by Hirokazu Kore-eda.

For Spring and Summer, the dlr LexIcon Film Club will be holding free screenings of an eclectic selection of World Cinema. The choice for August was film noir *The Third Man* (1949) directed by Carol Reed.

***Lord of the Rings* Tolkien-iversary** (27 July, 2 & 10 August, dlr LexIcon)

Screening of the Lord of the Rings film trilogy to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the publication of the first part of J.R.R Tolkien's series *The Fellowship of the Ring*, along with corresponding book displays and promotion.

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**Creative Writing Groups**

Creative writing groups currently taking place in dlr Libraries:

Scriveners – Fortnightly writing group, Dundrum Library

Writeway - Fortnightly writing group, Dundrum Library

Monthly Writers’ Group, Deansgrange Library

Green Kites Poetry Group – Fortnightly writing group, Deansgrange Library

Dalkey Library Writers’ Group – Monthly writers group, Dalkey Library

dlr LexIcon Writers Group – Fortnightly writers’ group, dlr LexIcon

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**Language Exchange Groups** (Daily, Deansgrange Library)

Deansgrange Library offers daily conversation groups, from 10.00am-11.30am, in an informal self-led setting. All levels are welcomed, and no booking is required. The schedule is: Mondays – Italian, Tuesdays – Irish, Wednesdays – German, Fridays – French, Saturdays – Spanish.

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**Library Clubs & Groups for adults**

A wide variety of clubs and groups continue to meet in our library spaces. These include the Language Exchanges and the Scrabble Club in Deansgrange Library, Scrabble Club in Dundrum, the Craft Circle in Shankill Library and Craft and Chat in dlr LexIcon, the Knit Clubs in Cabinteely and Blackrock Libraries, and the Family Lego Club in Blackrock Library. The English in the Library group meet weekly in dlr LexIcon and Blackrock Library hosts a Local History Group every month. Dalkey Library now hosts an Adult Board Game Club and has also started a self-led Sketch Club offering the opportunity to sketch in a warm, friendly environment.

**Book Clubs**

Each of our 8 libraries has in-person book clubs, including the Audio Book Club in Dundrum Library, the Irish language Club Leabhair in Dalkey Library and the Thriller Tuesday Book Club in the LexIcon plus the Blackrock Library online book club takes places on the second Thursday of the month via Zoom. LexIcon also hosts a History Book Club and a new monthly Irish language Club Leabhar Filíochta. Our long-running, popular online Book Club with facilitator Mary Burnham takes a break for July and August and is set to return in September.

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**Exhibition Programme**

**Melfield:From Opera to Rockera** (1 – 31 August, Blackrock Library)

Discover the fascinating history of 200 year old Melfield House, the home of Newpark Academy of Music from 1979 to 2024. From Melfield’s beginnings as the home of a dramatist and librettist with an interesting circle of friends, to the present-day hub of a diverse range of musical styles, this exhibition explores the history that lies beneath buildings we often take for granted.

**Feast Upon the Earth** (29 July – 30 August, dlr LexIcon)

Feast Upon the Earth is a big picture story depicting existence, Earth and humanity. The artwork is a large timescape 2.4 metres high, spanning 10 metres. It was originally commissioned by the Irish Museum of Modern Art as part of the Earth Rising eco-festival. Feast Upon the Earth situates us in geological time, zooming in on human timeframes as we progress through the 8 panels. As we move through the panels towards the present moment, the complexity accelerates and the impact of human choices and systems on nature become apparent. The connection between the cosmos and humanity is shown. We are led to reflect on our place in the whole dynamic of existence, and ponder “What future will we choose?”

**Dublin Camera Club Annual Exhibition** (9 July – 30 August, dlr LexIcon)

Founded in 1946, Dublin Camera Club has run an exhibition of photographs every year, and we are pleased to hold the exhibition for a second year in dlr LexIcon, Dun Laoghaire.   
120 photographs will be exhibited on Level 4 showing the best of local photography across many different genre - landscape, seascape, portrait, nature, street documentary etc.  
Club members will be in the library throughout July to answer questions about photography and give tips and advice to those interested in taking up this interesting hobby.

**Yeats Sisters and the Cuala Press Exhibition** (30 July- 30 August, dlr LexIcon)

This exhibition told the origins of the Dun Emer & Cuala Industries in Dundrum and Churchtown, the engagement between the Yeatses, specifically Susan ‘Lily’, and the pioneering figure of Evelyn Gleeson.

**The Rochestown Demesne and Surrounding Areas, 1750-1950** (17- 30 August dlr LexIcon)  
This exhibition, presented by dlr Local Studies and local historian Duncan Sheppard, explored networks and routes, some changed, some long gone, and an important part of the built heritage of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.

**Apothecaries, Medicines and Herbal Remedies** (17- 30 August, dlr LexIcon)  
The Story of pharmacies, medicines and unusual remedies. When times were hard, people often turned to simple herbal remedies. Hosted by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown Local Studies, Dún Laoghaire Historical Society presents an exhibition of glass embossed bottles from local sources, showing the range of medicines available and a valuable route back to our cultural heritage.

*For information on all our onsite and online exhibitions, please visit:*

<https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/news-events/dlr-exhibitions/dlr-exhibitions>

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**Events for Children and Families**

**Summer Stars** (4 June – 31 August, throughout dlr Libraries)

Our annual Summer Stars Reading Adventure for children returns to all our library branches from June. Summer Stars is a free, national reading programme available to all children and is an element of the national Right to Read literacy campaign. Each child is invited to sign up at their local library and enjoy reading lots of books as part of this adventure during the summer holidays. Our Summer Stars programming continued throughout August, with events held in most library branches, including:

* **Summer Stars Family Quiz Night** (27 August, dlr LexIcon)
* **Summer Stars Art Competition** (during August, Dundrum Library)
* **Summer Stars Crafts** (7 August, Dalkey Library and 17, 31 Aug, Cabinteely Library)
* **Teddy Bear Picnic** (22 August, Dundrum Library) - The teddies had a fun sleepover in the library, where they got up to loads of mischief and made some new friends! They enjoyed reading some books, watching a movie and playing with toys.
* **Summer Stars Junk Art workshop** (6 August, dlr LexIcon)
* **Summer Comic Book Club** (14 August, Dalkey Library)
* **Summer Board game club** (9, 23 August, Cabinteely Library)
* **Big Bug Childrens Art Workshop** (21 August, Shankill Library)
* **Builders’ Club** (17, 31 August, Cabinteely Library)

**Creative Writing for Children** (15 August, dlr LexIcon)

Suitable for 8-12 year olds, this workshop was aimed at children who might be interested in being a writer or coming up with their own adventures. The 10 participants were given an opportunity to try out some creative writing games and learn how stories are made.

**Bee-utiful Science Beeswax Candle Workshop** (19 August, Dalkey Library)

Suitable for children aged 10 yrs+, this interactive workshop gave a chance to learn about Bees and Beeswax, all the things that are made with this naturally occurring wax, and make a beeswax candle to take home.

Wild Bes and Honeybees with Edel Heeran (24 August, dlr LexIcon)

**Double Trouble at the Dead Zoo with Alan Nolan** (14 August, Shankill Library)

Author and illustrator Alan Nolan brought 15 lucky attendees on a thrilling after-dark tour of Dublin’s Dead Zoo – as featured in his latest children’s historical novel, Molly Malone and Bram Stoker in Double Trouble at the Dead Zoo. They met the “real-life” Molly and Bram, took part in the Double Trouble Creature Quiz, and learn how to draw the oddest Dead Zoo animal of all, Captain Lamprey’s creepy croc!

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**Library Clubs & Groups for children and families**

In dlr LexIcon, the monthly family film club takes place in the Studio Theatre on the last Thursday of the month at 3.30pm. The film choice for August was the animated caper *The Lego Movie* (2014). Blackrock, Dalkey, Dundrum & Shankill Library all run weekly Parent and Toddler groups, as well as Baby Book Clubs in Dalkey, Cabinteely and Dalkey Libraries once a week. Shankill Library host a monthly Junior book club and Dalkey have a popular family book club. Deansgrange Library have started a baby/parent group that meets weekly.  Cabinteely Library organises a number of clubs which foster creativity and skills, including a Builders Club which uses Magformers and blocks, and a Board Game Club.

Lego clubs are held in Dalkey, dlr LexIcon and Blackrock libraries, with monthly events for families. Family Lego Time in Blackrock Library, children are asked to bring their most creative ideas and the library will provide the Lego. Dalkey Library Lego Challenge Club is a free play session on the first Saturday morning of the month.

For full details of storytime sessions visit: <https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/using-your-library/children-and-families/children-and-families>

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**Statistics**

**Social media (as of 28 August)**

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| Facebook | 8,520 followers |
| X (formerly Twitter) | 8,795 followers |
| Instagram | 4,830 followers |
| TikTok | 591 followers |
| dlr Libraries e-bulletin | 14,312 subscribers |

**Online resources (as of 28 August)**

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| **Resource** | **Description** | **Prelim stats August 2024** |
| Overdrive | E Books | 1,798 |
|  | E audio | 1,452 |
|  | Comics | 1 |
| Borrowbox | E audio | 11,135 |
|  | E Book | 5,169 |
|  | E Press | 13,467 |
| Freegal | Streaming and downloads | 2,629 |
| Tumblebooks | Streaming e-books | 2 |
| Lote4Kids | logins | 12 |
| Who else writes | logins | 2 |
| Who next guide | logins | 0 |
| Medici | Videos Viewed | Stats not available until end of month |
| Moshi | Accounts | Stats not available until end of month |
| Kanopy | Visits | 4,738 |
| **Totals** |  | **40,405** |

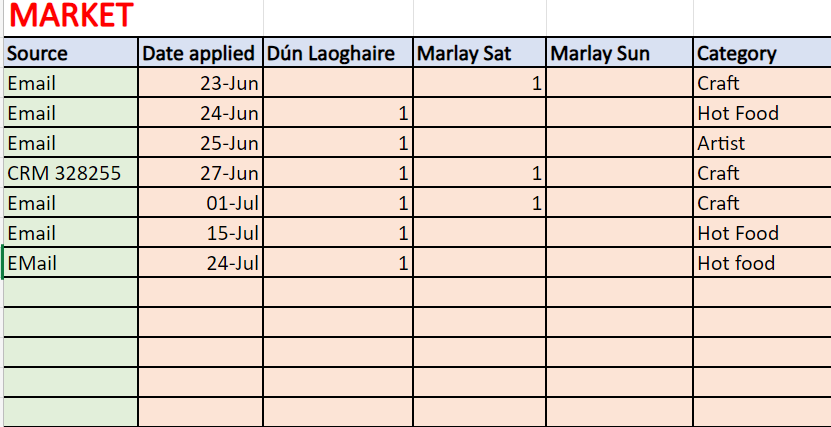
**Biodiversity**

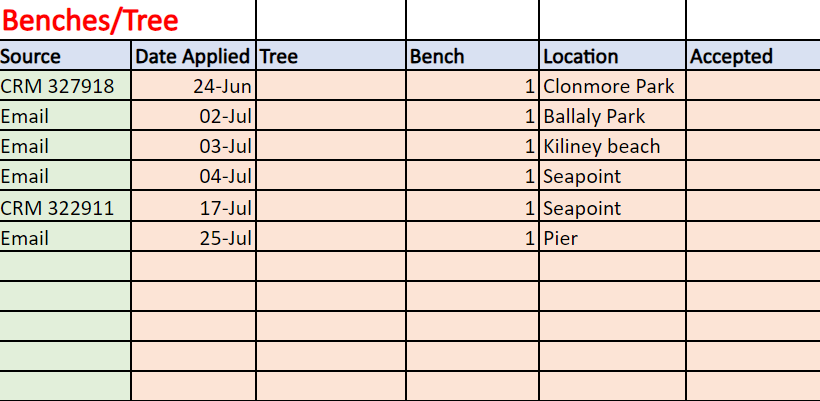
* Biodiversity events including for Heritage Week, bat walk and talk Loughlinstown Woods pNHA, mayfly event online, water biodiversity event at the Carrickmines river
* Meetings with DLR Dog warden, parks and environment regarding dogs off leash issues and impacts on biodiversity
* Meeting with NPWS Marlay meadows and their biodiversity
* Meeting with An Taisce re Booterstown Marsh projects
* Seed harvesting and collections at Shanganagh, Fernhill and Marlay parks
* Green Infrastructure strategy review commenced
* Biodiversity Net Gain guidance ongoing
* Bat surveys by bat specialists of Loughlinstown Woods pNHA
* Topo surveys and assessments for creation of wetland at Dalkey Quarry
* Old Irish Goat Society commenced recruitment process of DLR Goat Herder
* Tenders for DLR County Riparian and Wetland Restoration study
* Fitzsimons Woods pNHA woodland management plan commenced
* Killiney Hill pNHA woodland management plan commenced
* Old Irish Goat Society commenced recruitment process of DLR Goat Herder
* Dalkey Island Tern Project completed with new contractor and new Tern warden
* Dalkey Island Gull Monitoring project completed
* Dalkey Island Rat Management continues
* Dalkey Island Conservation Management Plan 2025 meetings
* Mink trapping and management of the Dodder
* Catchment Invasives treatment programme for 2024 ongoing
* Tenders for the Invasive Species Plan for Loughlinstown Woods
* Invasive Species Plan for Killiney Hill in progress
* Ongoing liaison and advice to internal dlr sections, citizens, and community groups

**DLR Sports Partnership**

* **Her Outdoors Week** – delivered a range of activities across the County during this initiative from the 12th to 18th August. Included zumba, kayaking, tennis, mountain biking, yoga, SUP, trail running and orienteering (280 participants in 15 activities).
* **Communications For Sports Clubs** – developed a new training programme to support club volunteers to maximise their work in the areas of website, social media and awareness raising. Currently recruiting through clubs with 18 places available.
* **Irish Runner Race Series** – partnered up with Athletics Ireland on running events in 5KM, 5M and 10M distances as part of Active Cities (300 participants).
* **Parks and Trails Challenge** – extended this family friendly walking challenge into August to encourage people to visit Dublin parks and trails through an App.
* **Teen Girls Learn to Skate** – delivering a new Her Moves programme for young girls looking to learn to roller skate or improve their skills (20 participants).
* **Beginners Padel Tennis Programme** – new 4-week coaching programme in Meadowbrook for women to learn the basics of playing Padel (24 participants).
* **Woodlands For Health** – started delivery of another weekly walking programme for adults experiencing mental ill-health with Cluain Mhuire (20 participants).
* **Inclusive Orienteering** – held a fun taster event in Cabinteely Park for all abilities to learn the basics of orienteering (45 participants).
* **This Is Me Camp** – supported activity camp for children on the Autism Spectrum in Gaelscoil Sliabh Rua.
* **Men On the Move** – completed another physical activity programme aimed at adult men to support them to become active (20 participants).
* **Social running group for IPAs** – set up a weekly informal running group for men staying in the Ballyogan centre.
* **ICoachKids Conference** – hosting an informative seminar for sports coaches on best practice when coaching children. Taking place in The Radisson Hotel on the 23rd September in collaboration with Sport Ireland.
* **Outdoor Swimming Infrastructure Grant** – working with Beaches to deliver project to upgrade the Forty Foot Hut (€20,000 secured through Sport Ireland).
* **Staffing**– secured funding and sanction for a Programmes Manager and Sport 4 Empowerment Officer positions. Awaiting date to start recruitment.
* **Stronger By the Sea** - 6-week outdoor programme consisting of bodyweight exercises in a fun and friendly environment in Dun Laoghaire (16 participants).
* **Yoga in the Park** – 4-week outdoor yoga programme for women in Fernhill (24 participants).
* **Inclusive Bike Fleet –** ongoing support provided to this free inclusive bike hire service for people with a disability along the Coastal Mobility Route.

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| **Parks Capital Projects – Aug 2024 Progress** | | | | | | | |
|  | **On Hold** | **(i) Preliminary** | **(ii) Design** | **(iii) Tender** | **(iv) Construction** | **(v) Complete** | **Comment** |
| Myrtle Square & Convent Lane Greening |  |  |  |  |  | ü | Complete in Oct 2023. |
| Meadowbrook Pitches, Padel Courts & Teenage Play |  |  |  |  |  | ü | Complete in Oct 2023. |
| Grass Pitch Refurbishments |  |  |  |  |  | ü | All complete except Rosemount |
| Oatlands All Weather Pitch |  |  |  |  |  | ü | Complete in June 2024 |
| Mounttown Boxing Facility |  |  |  |  | ü |  | Works commenced in Jan 2024 for completion in Jan 2025. |
| Hudson Road Park (Sports Pavilion) |  |  |  |  | ü |  | Modular building being constructed on site – for completion in Q3 2024 |
| Fernhill Park & Gardens - Phase 3 |  |  |  | ü |  | ü | Toilets, Seating and dogs-off-leash area, sports pavilion complete. Adventure Play Space tenders have been invited. |
| Blackrock Park - Phase 2 |  |  |  |  | ü | ü | Teenage zone, boules court, seating, Phoenix Terrace planting and play space complete, renovation of steps all complete. Historic Kiosk conservation works are on-going – for completion in Q1 2025. |
| New Play Spaces at Finsbury Park & Kilcross |  |  |  | ü | ü |  | For completion in Q4 2024 |
| Pavement Improvement Programme |  |  |  | ü | ü |  | Works and procurements on-going. |
| Play Space Development 2024 Projects (East & West) |  |  |  | ü | ü |  | Priority projects for completion in Q4 2024. |
| Marlay Golf Redevelopment |  |  |  | ü |  |  | On-going. |
| Shankill Tennis Upgrade Works |  |  |  | ü |  |  | Tenders have been received and value engineering of works is being considered |
| Multi-Use Campus at St. Thomas Estate – Phase 2 |  |  | ü |  |  |  | New Part 8 advertised in July 2024 - to be brought back to the Oct Council meeting |
| Shanganagh Park Masterplan – Phase 1 |  |  | ü |  |  |  | Part 8 approved at the Feb 2024 Council Meeting. Judicial Review is delaying the works |
| Cabinteely Park Projects |  |  | ü |  |  |  | Sports pavilion and other elements are out to Part 8. |
| Sandyford Urban Open Space |  | ü |  |  |  |  | Acquisition is being progressed. Design to progress. |
| Jamestown Park Masterplan |  | ü |  |  |  |  | Masterplan considerations on-going. |
| Parks Depots | ü |  |  |  |  |  | Initial stakeholder engagement is taking place. |
| Shanganagh Castle Sports Facilities | ü |  |  |  |  |  | No progress. To progress when resources permit. |
| Woodbrook College All-Weather Pitch | ü |  |  |  |  |  | Delay due to Dept. of Education review. On hold |
| Dalkey Island (Upgrade Tower & Gun Battery) | ü |  |  |  |  |  | No progress. To progress when resources permit. |
| Marlay Park Masterplan | ü |  |  |  |  |  | No progress. Recent pedestrian entrance constructed and putting green with Padraig Harrington. |
| Wetlands & Attenuation (East & West) | ü |  |  |  |  |  | Recent work on Cabinteely pond and Corke Abbey Valley Park. Other projects being identified. |
| Kilbogget Park Community Sports Centre | ü |  |  |  |  |  | No funding available. On hold. |
| Shanganagh Crematorium | ü |  |  |  |  |  | No funding available. On hold. |
| Stonebridge Road Changing Rooms | ü |  |  |  |  |  | No funding available. On hold. |





**Filming in the Park**

We received the below request for filming in DLR Parks in August 2024:

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| CRM Source or Email | Location | Date Request Received | Date of Filming | Permit Granted (Y/N) | Reason (if refused) |
| 333512 | Cabinteely Park | 07/08/2024 | 29/08/2024 | Y |  |
| Email | Marlay Park Courtyard and Orangery | 17/07/2024 | 26/08/2024 | Y |  |
| 334909 | Killiney Hill | 21/08/2024 | 27/08/2024 | N | Company didn’t go through with filming due to weather |

**Allotments**

Castle:

* Plot 6 and 63 have been reallocated to new plot holders.
* Site inspection carried out 28/08/2024 by admin staff.
* Old posts have been replaced at Castle Allotments.

Mount Anville:

* Telephone calls and emails sent to people on Mount Anville Waiting list offering available plots.
* New plots turned

**DLR Sports Partnership Update – August 2024**

* **Her Outdoors Week** – delivered a range of activities across the County during this national initiative from the 12th to 18th August. Included Zumba, kayaking, tennis, mountain biking, yoga, SUP trail running and orienteering (280 participants across 15 activities).
* **Communications For Sports Clubs** – developed a new training programme to support club volunteers to maximise their work in the areas of website, social media and awareness raising. Currently recruiting through local clubs with 18 places available.
* **Irish Runner Race Series** – partnered up with Athletics Ireland on running events in 5KM, 5M and 10M distances as part of Active Cities (300 participants).
* **Parks and Trails Challenge** – extended this family, friendly walking challenge in August to encourage people to visit Dublin parks and trails through an interactive App.
* **Teen Girls Learn to Skate** – delivering a new Her Moves programme for young girls looking to learn to roller skate or improve their skills (20 participants).
* **Beginners Padel Tennis Programme** – new 4-week coaching programme in Meadowbrook for women looking to learn the basics of playing Padel tennis (24 participants).
* **Woodlands For Health** – started delivery of another weekly walking programme for adults experiencing mental ill-health with Cluain Mhuire (20 participants).
* **Inclusive Orienteering** – held a fun taster event in Cabinteely Park for all abilities to learn the basics of orienteering (45 participants).
* **This Is Me Camp** – supported activity camp for children on the Autism Spectrum in Gaelscoil Sliabh Rua.
* **Men On the Move** – completed another physical activity programme aimed at adult men to support them to become active (20 participants).
* **Social running group for IPAs** – set up a weekly informal running group for men staying in the Ballyogan centre.
* **ICoachKids Conference** – hosting an informative seminar for sports coaches on best practice when coaching children. Taking place in The Radisson Hotel on the 23rd September in collaboration with Sport Ireland.
* **Outdoor Swimming Infrastructure Grant** – working with Beaches section to deliver project to upgrade the Forty Foot Hut (€20,000 secured through Sport Ireland).
* **Staffing**– secured funding and sanction for a Programmes Manager and Sport 4 Empowerment Officer positions. Awaiting date to start recruitment.
* **Stronger By the Sea** - 6-week outdoor programme consisting of bodyweight exercises in a fun and friendly environment in Dun Laoghaire (16 participants).
* **Yoga in the Park** – 4-week outdoor yoga programme for women in Fernhill (24 participants).
* **Inclusive Bike Fleet –** ongoing support provided to this free inclusive bike hire service for people with a disability along the Coastal Mobility Route.

**Sports Development**

**Dlr Leisure set up the following activities in August 2024**

**Summer camps**

* Kilcross Youth Club - Kayaking session (10-15 age).
* Dún Laoghaire Crosscare - Rainforest golf session (10-15 age).
* Mounttown Crosscare - mixed group (10-14 age).
* Bernardo’s Ballyogan - mixed group (10-11 age).

**Other Activities**

**Consultation with DEIS schools for our after-school sports programme**

Contacted the following DEIS Schools to arrange our drafts after school sports programme starting in the academic year.

1. Dominican School, Dún Laoghaire.
2. St. Joseph’s, Dún Laoghaire.
3. Good Shepherd, Nutgrove.
4. Queen of Angels, Ballaly.
5. Gaelscoil Phadraig, Ballybrack.
6. St. John’s, Ballybrack.
7. Columbanus, Loughlinstown.
8. St. Kevin’s, Sallynoggin.
9. Scoil Mhuire, Shankill.
10. Scoil Colmcille, Ballybrack.
11. St. Laurence Secondary School, Loughlinstown.
12. Cabinteely Secondary School.

**Consultations with other organisations**

* Met with Carmona Services, John of Gods and Strive and have organised their archery sessions to start back in September.
* Met with St. Michael’s, Goatstown and have arranged a block of sport sessions starting in September.
* Met with the following Crosscare groups to arrange activities for September onwards;
* Sallynoggin
* Dún Laoghaire
* Mounttown
* Ballybrack
* Cois Cairn
* Shankill
* Nutgrove
* Whitehouse

* Assisted with LAB projects Friday Night Football League Awards Ceremony.
* Assisted DLR Sports Partnership with their Stronger by the Sea programme.
* Held our monthly sport session with Kilcross Youth Club.
* Ran sport taster sessions for the Integration Fest event in Kilbogget Park on Saturday 24th August.
* Ran a sport taster session for Cabinteely Secondary School for 1st years as part of their induction day.

**FAI:**

* **Administration** - Planning work for all programmes in 2024 on a continual basis. Regional and national staff meetings and training days on-going on a weekly and monthly basis.
* **FFA** – Walking Football in St Joseph’s AFC, Sallynoggin. Between 15-20 participants. Friendly games with Walking Football groups in Bray, Kilcoole and Wicklow. St Joseph’s AFC close to registration as FFA club.
* **Club Mark**: New application process being rolled out at present. On-going contact meetings with registered clubs to complete applications in order to achieve the award.
* **Coach Ed Week –** Region 2 Coach Education week in Greystones attended by DLR club coaches. New formats being developed for October.
* **Child Welfare –** Region 2Safeguarding 1 Courses being planned for August.
* **Girls’ ETP Weekly sessions –** Talent ID ongoing in DLR & Region 2 – Sessions recommence on September 12th.
* **Social Inclusion –** 20 IPA adults playing football one day a week.
* **Futsal In the Yard –** Contacting schools for September - December.
* **Primary School DLR league –** in conjunction with UCD AFC Community Officer.
* **Disney Playmakers –** Clubs taking part, Rosemount/Mulvey, Lakelands FC.
* **Personal Development –** Both Development Officers began new Sport Ireland Coaching Development Level 7 award. The course continues until February 2025.
* **Summer Soccer Schools –** Wayside Celtic, Broadford Rovers and Dundrum FC, 300 kids.
* **Football Pathways Consultation –** Meetings on-going in Region 2.
* **Kick Fit women’s programme –**
  + Shankill FC - now a registered team in the EWFL.
  + Rosemount/Mulvey

**Leinster Cricket:**

* June was busy with sports days and active weeks with 12 schools having cricket sessions as part of their end-of-year activities.
* The end of June and start of July saw the U11 and U13 take part in the district cup series.
* U11’s won all their matches and are this year’s outright champions.
* The U13’s won 2 out of 3 matches and along with Fingal are joint champions for 2024.
* August is planning month getting schools prepped for a new program, with over 15 schools vying for early spots and another half a dozen still to confirm interest.
* Assisted with the Integration Festival event in Kilbogget Park.

**Parks Operations**

* Ongoing Countywide Landscape Maintenance works
* Works underway on the redevelopment of Gallops Playground
* Repair works under way on Marly walled garden fountains
* Playground redevelopment works at Deer Park under way
* Works completed on path upgrade at Cluney Park
* Works commenced on Path upgrade works Shanganagh Cliffs
* On going watering of newly planted trees
* Numerous Wayleaves and Road Opening Licences processes

**Heritage**

August

* Summer of Heritage 2024 programme, 26 weekly free heritage tours/walks all month
* Support for organisers of National Heritage Week events (17th – 25th) – 56 events <https://www.heritageweek.ie/event-listings?q=&where%5B%5D=dublin-dunlaoghaire-rathdown#listings>
* *The women of Cuala and Dun Emer/Irish Guild of Embroiderers* exhibition, dlr Lexicon in collaboration with dlr Libraries and the Yeats Sisters Commemoration Project
* Heritage Council funded projects underway
  + Gathering the archive of 40 years of the Southside Travellers Action Group (in collaboration with dlr Community/Creative Ireland/Heritage Council)
  + Dublin Mountains Community Archaeology programme Year 4 in collaboration with Dublin Mountains Partnership and SDCC
* Creative Ireland funded project underway
  + Lios an Uisce:Water’s Edge; dance/heritage project in Blackrock park with 2 public movement workshops (3rd/24th ) and public performance (31st), update/reprint of *Martello Towers of Dublin* book
* Community Monument Fund projects underway
  + Shankill Castle Conservation Plan
  + Puck’s Castle restoration works
  + Kilgobbin graveyard wall repair
* Budget meetings
* Carrickbrennan cemetery wall repair underway
* Copies of *Sléibhte Séadchomhartha Bhaile Átha Cliath* to An Siopa Leabhair for distribution
* Biodiversity and heritage resources to Monkstown Tidy District for Harvest Festival
* Dalkey Castle and Heritage Centre Strategy development
* Carrickmines Castle site ecology surveys
* Tender documents preparation - restoration of haha at Marlay Park
* Naming and numbering planning compliance reports
* Ongoing liaison and advice to internal dlr sections, citizens, and community groups
* Ongoing maintenance of dlr heritage properties

**Parks Planning**

**August 2024**

**Team:** Dara O’Daly, Deirdre O’Riordan, Neil Molloy, Norman Kelly

* **Reports:** 
  + Between 1st August and 29th August there has been 29 referrals received by the Parks Planning Team.
  + Reports for planning applications this month range from small scale residential infill projects up to large scale LRD applications including sites on Glenamuck Road which is a large residential site and the Glenageary roundabout.
* **ROW:** There have been meetings in relation to a right of way on Roches Hill. A complicated scenario which involves the property line of Killiney Golf Course and a historic route which enters the golf course property. A boundary was erected which has been challenged by locals. This issue spans planning and operations.
* **Tree Bonds:** The Parks Planning Team have engaged the Senior Planners, both East & West, the Planning enforcement team and DLR legal. There have been issues in the past with developers challenging the wording of the tree bonds after the loss of trees. A meeting was hosted by Parks and there is a list of wording to be sent to legal to review.
* The Parks Planning team have provided preplanning input into the strategic racecourse lands to the south of the Leopardstown Racecourse.
* **LAP:** The Parks team continue to have input into the Old Conna and Rathmichael LAP process. This month we provided input on standard rates to help put figures on the proposed infrastructure development across both LAP’s.
* **Meetings:**
  + There have been 2no. pre-planning meetings this month. This involves a one hour meeting with the applicant and their design team to give guidance on their application and there is a 30min post meeting Teams call to clarify the DLR comments.
  + There is also a weekly Planning files meeting which takes one hour. This meeting is run by the Planners and they go through applications which have been recently received. This is a productive meeting which gives all departments a heads up on impending applications and what the general attitude is around the proposal.
  + We hold our own 1 hour 30 min. Parks Planning Team meeting every Tuesday morning to discuss the different applications and to divvy out the applications to each of the three members of the Parks Planning Team.