

SHANDON NEWS



CHAIRMAN'S NOTE

Welcome to the summer 2019 edition of Shandon Residents Newsletter. Huge thanks to all Committee members for contributing and making the publication possible. It reflects the busy times that go on here in Shandon and the work that the Committee undertakes on behalf of residents. We hope you enjoy reading this newsletter.

The first event of this year was the annual clean-up which was held at end of April and it was fantastic to see the large group of residents who came out in force to give the place a lick. Always great to see the combination of familiar and new faces that take part.

If you happen to bump into any of our local Councillors, feel free to remind them of the conversations and promises that they may have made on your doorstep when they called looking for your vote in the lead up to last month's elections.

Don't forget to report all incidents of crime to the Gárdai. Contact Mountjoy at 01 6668600 no matter how small you think any incident might have been. By reporting everything, you are helping our local station to build their case for additional resources which in turn can only be a good thing for the area.

Fly-tipping continues to be an issue in the area. Dublin City Council operates a Litter Hotline for reporting illegally dumped rubbish. Call 1800 251 500 if you spot or become aware of any illegal dumping in our neighbourhood.

Looking forward to the summer.....any day now!
Yours, Cormac.

SHANDON STREET PARTY - 29TH JUNE

This is our sixteenth year of the event. The big day will be Saturday 29th June. Please save the date and further details to be announced with fliers in the Shandon area nearer to the date. Keep an eye out. Let us hope it will be a great summer, a great day for all our neighbours old and new!

We are looking for Volunteers to help with the event. From putting up bunting, setting up tables and chairs, getting organised and helping. If you want to get involved contact somebody from the committee. This year the street party will be on Shandon Park, alternating from last year on Drive. We will be meeting in Doyles on Monday 24th of June at 8pm to put the final plans in place. Feel free to come along.



COMMUNITY SPIRIT

Remember the churned-up grass verges, the mounds of slippery leaves, gaps in the tree-line like missing teeth, higgledy-piggledy parking? Well, you may have noticed that Shandon is slowly but surely improving. This can be attributed to several factors.

Firstly, our own community effort in sweeping up the leaves in late Autumn before they become an unsightly damp carpet has made a big difference. We filled over 200 bags that DCC took away the very next day. Our Clean Up Day in April also helps enormously not just in cementing community spirit but brings us into the Summer looking as neat as possible. Those improvements are down to you, the residents taking pride in our streets.

However, thanks are also due to the Council's Cabra Office team for their pro-active and vigilant support of our own efforts. Decaying trees have been removed and new replacement trees put in. We have the highest tree-complement in years with more planting scheduled for the corner where the Road meets the Park and the junction of Connaught Street and the Road. A close eye has been kept on grass verges where the Residence Parking has brought about significant improvements. The Shandon Drive "headstone" has been restored to its former up-right position.

Shandon Residents Association would like to thank those residents who keep their patches looking good in between DCC maintenance. Especially those who keep up their neighbour's verge, pathway and gardens. This does not go unnoticed. Day to day, the area is ever beautiful place to live and enjoy. We applaud your neighbourly attitudes and commitment to keeping Shandon looking so desirable.

A final note from DCC, if you go to the effort of trimming the hedges around the area, especially for garage access, it is recommended that this not be down between March and September as Birds and local Wildlife make use of these Hedgerows as their homes. Keep an eye out if you are having to trim back hedges to avoid unsettling the locals.

SPRING CLEANUP DAY

Our annual cleanup day was scheduled on Saturday April 27th. This local community event seems to be getting more popular each year with more and more neighbours coming out of the winter hideaways to give shandon its spring clean. Shandon Residents Association would like to say a huge thank you to all who helped out and also to those who did some bee friendly planting around our lanes. The lanes and streets are looking fantastic, what a wonderful display of community spirit. A special thank you to Gerry, Sarah, Mary and Michelle from the committee for coordinating the clean up effort, to DCC for providing the bags and tools and to Bang Bang for making thank you teas and coffees.

TIDY TOWNS & ROYAL CANAL CLEANUP

Phibsborough Tidy Towns are looking for sponsors for hanging baskets in the area. It was agreed that the committee would be willing to offer financial support for this. Keep an Eye out for the Shandon hanging basket.

Phibsborough Tidy Towns continue monthly Saturday morning clean-ups in the Village. These occur every third Saturday of the month, meeting at the Library at 10 till 12, followed by refreshments in St Peter's Court. All are welcome to get involved. Email phibsborotidytowns@gmail.com or go to www.facebook.com/pg/phibsborotidytown and www.phibsborovillage.com

Interested in the monthly clean-up of the Royal Canal. The Royal Canal Way and towpath is a great public amenity in Dublin City. The royal canal clean up group want to make it even better! Their aim is to get a group of concerned citizens together to come out and tidy up the space once a month (the second Saturday of every month). Email info@royalcanalcleanup.com or go to facebook.com/groups/royalcanal to get involved.

LOVE OUR LANeways

There is continued concern about our laneways being used for anti-social behaviour. Ways of reducing crime have been talked about at previous AGMs, and there is an ongoing conversation about gates being placed at one or more entranceways behind Shandon Drive.

We are exploring how we might improve these spaces, for all of us. Our laneways might be a potential opportunity. Increasing evidence suggests that by improving the 'social capital' of such outdoor spaces, by making them more visually appealing, finding a range of uses for them, improving footfall, we might in turn improve

their safety and reduce anti-social behaviour.

As well as planting wild flower seed, other ideas that have been suggested include creating and maintaining plant / vegetable boxes and encouraging and supporting our local children to get creative by decorating our garage doors (opt-in only!). There are plenty of interesting examples out there of other towns and cities that have seized the unique potential of their laneways. A not-for-profit organisation called Laneways We Love (www.lanewayproject.ca) offers some practical ideas for what can be done. Closer to home, Dublin

City Council have commissioned their own report for reimagining laneway improvement [www.wearedublintown.ie/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Reimagining-Dublin-One-Laneways-Final.pdf](http://wearedublintown.ie/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Reimagining-Dublin-One-Laneways-Final.pdf).

Whilst these projects are not going to solve local crime rates overnight, by beginning to use our laneways for a range of purposes, we can in turn contribute towards a reduction in anti-social activity and ultimately improve our local environment.

If you have any thoughts or suggestions on this, please contact residents' committee member Sarah Buchanan on 0851011535 or buchananomalley@gmail.com.

PLANT A SEED

Across Ireland there is a growing recognition of the need to support our vital 'pollinators'.

These are insects such as butterflies and bees, some of whom have seen a 15% decline in their populations in the past five years. A third of Ireland's 98 bee species are threatened with extinction. We can help pollinators in a number of ways. One of the most obvious ways is by sowing seeds of native flowering plants in our gardens and other outdoor spaces. Here in Shandon we have the fortune of our laneways, which gives a great opportunity for wild flowers to grow. This not only benefits the pollinators, but also provides us with a more visually appealing environment!

A bottom-up initiative called the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan 2015-2020 has a great, user-friendly website that offers more information on what each of us can do to support our pollinators (www.pollinators.ie). The Residents' Committee is supporting this initiative by offering all Shandon residents access to wild flower seed that we have bulk-bought for this very purpose. You could



choose a section of your garden to sow some seeds and allow grass to grow. Alternatively, you could commandeer a section of the laneway behind your home to cultivate by sprinkling some seeds. It also acts as a great way to get children involved from a young age in taking care of their environment and learning all about plants and wildlife.

Seed can be planted right up until the end of the Summer, but the sooner the better! Please contact resident Sarah Buchanan on 0851011535 or buchananomalley@gmail.com with any questions and to arrange a time to collect your seed.

MT BERNARD PARK

Direct Luas access, seasonal flowering, clean and litter free, well maintained grass areas, an exponentially growing (maybe an exaggeration) All Natural Playground, a new huge swing, exciting times for the park. For the area to have a place to take the little ones and get outdoors is fantastic.

Many of you have remarked on how well Mount Bernard Park is looking. As a result the park is enjoying a higher-than-ever footfall. Future plans for continued enhancement of the flora include planters and wild-flowers and tree pruning.

Did you know there is a "Play" section at DCC. They previously organized the Willow Weaving in Mount Bernard Park. They are responsible for expanding the play areas in the park with the welcome growth of the natural play area too. I think we all would admit that the park is very well maintained and is getting more and more facilities for play. A huge thank you must go towards DCC from all residents.

We have been in touch with DCC and the council have pruned trees as requested. New trees



for 2019 have been requested to replace those damaged by weather events. Contrary to rumour the TII lands at Cabra Luas station have not yet been transferred to DCC but we await developments. If it happens it

seems likely the park will be extended. However, no change of ownership will likely see the lands sit idle for the time being at least.

SHANDON, ARCHITECTURAL CONSERVATION AREA?

By popular vote at our AGM, it was agreed to pursue information on what ACA means for residents and the Shandon area alike. We are carrying out this and are discovering some interesting things. It is certainly something we think would be of advantage to the area to conserve the uniqueness of the area. However, the main thing

we are discovering is that this will take quite some time to process an application, from the submission process to the granting of ACA status could take 10 years.

Meanwhile, we will continue acquire the knowledge of what the process entails and source the information of what ACA means for you as residents. We are

talking to people with experience, contacting DCC about the process and putting a document together. We aim to have an update on this for residents at our next AGM with a potential drafted up application for your reference.

If anyone would like to read more into it, see <http://bit.ly/DCC ACA> or Conservation Section at DCC (01) 222 3926

BUS CONNECTS AND PHIBSBOROUGH

The National Transport Authority ran a consultation about their Bus Connects project which aims to deliver 230kms of dedicated bus lanes and 200kms of cycle tracks along 16 of the busiest corridors in Dublin. www.busconnects.ie.

The routes that concern Phibsborough are • Route 3 Ballymun to City Centre • Route 4 Finglas to Phibsborough • Route 5 Blanchardstown to City Centre. Shandon Residents Association sent in a submission based on the following concerns:

Are these routes necessary if Phibsborough will be served in 2027 by the Metrolink from Ballymun and a LUAS extension?

There is no co-ordination with the objectives of the LEIP (Local

Environmental Improvement Plan for Phibsborough)

There has been no traffic study or modelling done of the impact of the traffic changes on the village.

Increased Air pollution in Phibsborough by more diesel and petrol motor traffic.

Recommendations were submitted to support key objectives in the Phibsborough LEIP. These include improvements to the public realm, especially at Doyle's Corner and at the junction of Phibsborough Road and Connaught Street, enhancing pedestrian and cyclist experiences as well as reviewing the safety of the existing footpath at Cross Guns Bridge and providing a widened new bridge if deemed

suitable. Shandon Residents Association submission also supported a LUAS to Finglas extension; better and safer facilities for pedestrians, bus users and cyclists; better layouts at junctions; enhanced pedestrian crossings plus monitoring and alleviating air pollution.

The National Transport Authority set up a Community Forum for the Ballymun to City Centre and Finglas to Phibsborough Corridors (Routes 3 and 4) and invited one representative from all Residents' Associations and interested parties to attend. The Shandon Residents Association representation attended one meeting.

SHANDON PLANNING SUB COMMITTEE

Last year Shandon Residents Association established a Planning Sub Committee.

We felt a need for it due to the extent of changes in the area, the volume of DCC planning applications and also to form a group of people whom have a general interest in preserving the uniqueness of the area. With this committee such items reviewed have been the Phibsborough Shopping Center Redevelopment, the Bus Connect project, the Metrolink Project, local applications and also the review of the Architecture Conservation Area process and details. We ask each and every resident to think about the history and the aesthetics of the streets you live on when carrying out renovations. One such item you will notice in the area is that the cables for TV / Broadband run at the back of homes. Take a look at other streets and you will notice a difference. This is one of the many things that the committee fought long and hard for. Please respect the area by keeping it how it was originally established all those years ago. If you do so, the area will remain to be one of the most desirable in Dublin.

METROLINK AND THE ROYAL CANAL GREENWAY

METROLINK is a proposed high-capacity, high-frequency rail line running from Swords to Charlemont linking Dublin Airport, Irish Rail, DART, Dublin Bus and Luas services. If it all goes to plan, the Glasnevin station will be on the site of Des Kelly's /Brian Boru premises by 2027. www.metrolink.ie.

The Royal Canal Greenway is part of the national cycle route from Dublin to Galway - National Route 2 in the NTA's Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network Plan. It is a key commuting corridor for cyclists coming from west Dublin to the city. The Greenway is used by locals, boat users, kayakers, and tourists also.

Shandon Residents Association sent in a submission based on the following concerns:

Appendix K of the Metrolink report indicates a permanent impact on the Royal Canal Greenway in order to provide a 4m heavy rail platform at Glasnevin Station. The present railway retaining wall would have to be removed and a new one constructed nearer to the north side of the canal. This would cut off access to the Canal and Greenway during construction of the station. If TII (Transport Infrastructure Ireland) insists on closing the Royal Canal Greenway during construction, then TII must provide a suitable alternative on the south bank of the canal. A solution must be found to keep access to the canal and greenway open.

**ATTRACTIVE MODERN
BRICK HOUSES**

AT
SHANDON CRESCENT

TOP OF CONNAUGHT STREET, PHIBSBOROUGH

SITUATED ON
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SHANDON CRESCENT, PHIBSBOROUGH
Phone: 71065.

SHANDON HISTORY

Here is a recent discovery from a house on Crescent. What a find it is and hopefully it brings back some memories to some of our neighbours. Have a read through it.

The Committee of the Resident's Association would love to hear from anyone who has old photographs, stories, secrets, or scandals attached to the Area. It would be great to compile an archive while we still have residents who can recall the good old days.



**ALL-ELECTRIC
Demonstration House**

OPEN from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. DAILY

**AT SHANDON CRESCENT
PHIBSBOROUGH, DUBLIN**

Builder: Geo. F. Byrne, Shandon Works, Phibsborough

The electrical installation is most modern and convenient, and ensures the greatest ease for the housewife. Lights are situated in the best positions, an electric cooker is installed, electric fires are provided in all rooms and hot water is automatically supplied. This is a house where work will be easy and quickly finished.

The electrical equipment comprises an electric cooker, an electric clock and an electrically heated towel rail in the kitchen; a boiler grate with two electric heating insets in tiled fireplace in the dining room; 2 k.w. electric fires in the sitting room and two principal bedrooms; a 1 k.w. fire in the third bedroom, and an electrically heated towel rail in the bathroom.

An electric immersion heater is fitted to the boiler and provides constant hot water when the fire in the dining room is not lighting. When the fire is lighting the immersion heater is automatically switched off.

In the two principal bedrooms there are bed-head panels consisting of a dual control for the main light, a socket for a bed lamp and a switch controlling the fire.

Information regarding All-Electric house equipment may be obtained from:

CONSUMERS' DEPT.

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28 L.R. FITZWILLIAM STREET, DUBLIN

PHIBSBOROUGH NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH (FACEBOOK)

Due to the unfortunate increase in crime in over the last 9 months, Shandon Residents Association met with Tara from Shandon Park whom had been in touch due to concerns shared throughout the neighbourhood. Tara runs Phibsborough Neighbourhood Watch which is a Facebook Group that was set up in 2014. It is a forum local residents use to report to and get reports from about criminal activity in the area. An outcome of our discussion with Tara is to research local area neighbourhood watch schemes. We will carry out some research in this area. Another more immediate outcome is to link the Shandon Residents Association Facebook page to Phibsborough Neighbourhood Watch Facebook. Linking the two will hopefully quickly spread issues in the area to residents across the wider Phibsborough area. Please feel free to join the group. For those not on social media, please give us time to look into an official neighbourhood watch scheme. More importantly contact the Gardai with your questions and concerns.

COMMUNITY GARDA UPDATE

Our community Garda is currently

Garda Ed Manning. As most of you are aware through our Facebook, Whatsapp and many crimes personally experienced, crime in the area is a problem we are confronting. All incidents simply must be reported to the Gardai to ensure the local Gardai are provided with the manpower to deal with the volume of issues. This is the message that the Gardai have consistently given us when contacting them. It should be noted that the Gardai have responded promptly to calls from residents, not always within the hour, however once you ring them they will investigate the issue you report.

We feel that there is a need for increased Garda patrols with a much more visible presence of community Gardai in our area. A recent article in the news showed the need for Phibsborough area wide patrols due to drug problems in broad daylight. The more and more attention we bring

to crime in the area, the more chance of additional resources being assigned to the area. Meanwhile, Shandon Residents association will work with An Garda Siochana and local representatives about highlighting your concerns and the issues in the area. For your information, Mountjoy station number is 01-6668600. You can ask for Garda

Manning at this number or you can Email him at dmr.northcentral.community@garda.ie

For more information see www.garda.ie/en/crime-prevention www.garda.ie/en/Crime-Prevention/Securing-your-home/

At our AGM, crime prevention techniques were talked through by the Gardaí. Some of these were;

- Install a sensor spot light.
- Always lock your sheds and garages.
- Always lock your Bikes to a fixed item.
- It is worth buying an expensive lock. It will be cheaper than having to buy a new bike.
- Keep a picture of your possessions.

- Keep a note of your Bikes serial number.
- Never leave items in your car.
- Never leave keys in your vehicle, even when defrosting your windscreen.
- Use automatic timers for lights and ask a neighbour to drop into your home.
- Always set your home alarm.
- Report characters and vehicles you would not normally see in the area to Gardai.

LEAD IN THE WATER

We felt the need to re-issue this article based upon a report in the news that there is a low uptake of grants for lead pipe replacement.

More and more houses are having their water tested and results show that houses in the area have confirmed elevated levels of lead in their water supply. It is only by having your water tested that you can establish if you have excessive levels. It is worth noting that even though you may have replaced the piping from the water meter to the rising main in your house you could still have a problem because Irish Water did not replace piping from the distribution pipe to the water meter. The householder is responsible for paying for replacing the pipe between the meter and the rising main in the house. The public authority is responsible for replacing any lead piping between the meter and the distribution pipe. For information on the grant scheme see; https://www.citizensinformation.ie/en/housing/housing_grants_and_schemes/lead_piping_grant_scheme.html

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What should be done next? The Public Analyst Laboratory at Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital, Lower Grand Canal Street, Dublin 2 (telephone 6612022: website www.publicanalystdublin.ie) will test samples for you for 10 Euro. You should ring them first for sampling instructions. Lead is most problematic for children. Flush your water system in the morning for a few minutes and this will reduce but not necessarily eliminate lead levels. Some water filters claim to reduce or eliminate lead levels but you need to do your own research on this point.

Consider using bottled water - but this is not a long-term solution to the problem. Some bottled waters are not suitable for babies or children and of course vastly increase both the cost of water and the use and exposure to plastic.

IN PHIBSBOROUGH



Phibsboro Tidy Towns have set up a website. Check it out using the above website. Did you know there is a Heritage Trail. A Mens Shed. Did you know community wide, there are groups that want to make Phibsborough Greener, a cleaner village and it seems to be paying off. More and more businesses are coming to Phibsborough and the established businesses seem to be here for good. Taking a walk around recently here is a list of what's new.

LEGIT 394 North Circular Road (Near Credit Union)

LORETTAS 162 Phibsborough Road (Doyles Corner)

RUA PIZZA 140 Phibsboro Road (Replaced Subway)

NOMS 336A North Circular Road (St. Peters Church)

THE MAD SCONE 330 North Circular Road (St. Peters Church)

BATH LANE BLOOMS 328 North Circular road (St. Peters Church)

BOHEMIANS 2019 SEASON (Dalymount Park)

YOGAHUB 382 N Circular Road (Near Credit Union)

CUT_SOCIAL 377 North Circular Road (Beside Two Boys Brew)

ILLEGAL DUMPING

1 800 251 500

Dublin City Council: Environmental Complaints
Hotline available 24hrs a day, 7 days a week.

SUBSCRIPTIONS DUE

Each year of running of the Shandon Residents Association there are various expenses. These include cost of events, coffees/tea, stationary, hiring of equipment and bank fees. As a result we ask residents to subscribe to the Committee whom organise events and carry out various duties on your behalf for the area.

The annual SUBSCRIPTIONS for 2019/2020 are now due. Your committee members will call shortly to collect subscriptions €10 per household €5 concession rate.

PARKING PERMITS

Reminder to renew your parking permits. We ask that people continue to park with consideration for their neighbours and maximize the space we have. For people with multiple cars we ask that you make use of garages where possible. With this we also ask that car owners do not block lane access.

30KM ZONE

It goes without saying that the roads are narrow and speeding is the area is 30Km/h. We ask that motorists drive safely with consideration for children at play and of course our pets. The speed limit will make Shandon a safer place to live and play for our residents and of course the animals and pets.

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