

# Shandon Residents Association Newsletter

Spring 2021

**Welcome!** We hope this finds you well. The Shandon Residents Association (SRA) Committee is writing to give you a brief update on various events and activities in recent months, as well as what's ahead.

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## *Join Us*

*We are working towards setting up a website so that more residents are able to access updates, archives and planned activities of the SRA.*

*In the meantime, please do consider following us on Facebook '**Shandon Residents Association Group**' for the most up-to-date news*



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*We will also be hoping to resume collection of the SRA membership fee over the course of the Summer, so please look out for a note through your door*

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## **Planning Activities in the Area**

We have been working hard in recent months on a series of submissions towards proposed developments in the area, including the Phibsborough Shopping Centre and Cross Guns Strategic Housing Developments (SHDs), as well as the BusConnects proposals which are anticipated to significantly affect traffic on Connaught St and Phibsborough Road. Thanks to all of those who got involved and either added their signature to a submission, or submitted something of their own. Perhaps the best example of community effort was the joint submission we made in response to the Cross Guns SHD, in collaboration with Leinster St North Residents Association, Re-imagining Phibsboro, Phibsboro Tidy Towns, and other local organisations.

In other news, as part of an initiative involving Re-imagining Phibsboro and a number of other groups, the SRA is in discussion with BusConnects to arrange for re-purpose of the 'triangle' of wasteland bordered by Mt Bernard Park, Shandon Gardens and the canal, with the aim to have an additional public space, which would include some re-wilding and a pathway connecting the Park to the canal.

## Committee communications with Dublin City Council

### Laneway access

We have been contacted by a number of local residents who have not been able to access a laneway due to a car blocking their way. Please consider others by pulling over to one side. This ensures wheelchair users and buggies can still pass.

Thank you!

We have continued to maintain regular contact with DCC on a range of issues. Thanks to those residents who have been in touch about a number of concerns. The following is a list (but not exhaustive!) of issues we have raised recently:

- A consideration for suitable speed restriction interventions across our roads
- A review of the recent waterlogged condition of Mt. Bernard Park
- The condition of the footpath around Mt Bernard Park (recently repaired!)
- Further lighting around the main circle of the park, of a time-limited nature (e.g. until 10pm) to allow for continued exercise and dog-walking after dark
- Request for repairs to be made to grass verges following roadworks
- Consideration for planter boxes to be installed at the entrance to Shandon Road

DCC are also in touch with Waterways Ireland about the condition of the footpath leading up to the canal. There are also plans for a small wildflower patch in the grass area near to the canal, so look out for that!

The SRA also submitted a request to DCC in 2020 to consider the Shandon area for Architectural Conservation Area (ACA) status. We have been informed that they will consider this request as part of their work towards the next City Development Plan 2022-2028.

## Greening and Cleaning Shandon

We have pencilled in the weekend of **8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> May** for a general clean-up of the area. We hope you can lend a hand if able to. Both the streets and laneways would benefit, and equipment (including green waste bags, hoes, and shovels) will be available for contactless collection (and return!) – details to follow. Please consider the social distancing guidelines and wear a mask where possible. The idea is to stagger the clean-up across that weekend to ensure safe social distancing.

We're also hoping to take delivery of some bedding plants from DCC for use in communal areas – again, we'd welcome a hand with these, and details to follow.

We're running a competition, until the end of May, for the best effort at 'greening' our community. You might have spotted some wonderfully creative additions to the laneways in recent months – including from our youngest residents! A big thank you to those who are contributing to the improvement of these spaces for us all to enjoy.



### Gathering outside Bang Bang

Our local coffee shop is valued by many of us, particularly in these times of home-working. Where possible, please consider the neighbours that live around the shop, and try to keep noise and gathering to a minimum.

## Future events

We are waiting to see whether public health guidelines will allow us to hold a much overdue Street Party before the end of the Summer. Whether it is this Summer, or into 2022, we'll be sure to make it a fun one.

No doubt just as missed is the AGM. If public health guidelines prevent us from meeting in person later in the year, the meeting will be held via Zoom. Either way, details (and assistance to attend where required) will be provided in due course.

Until then, take good care!

## Shandon Residents Association Committee

Please do get in touch with any Shandon-related ideas or queries: [Shandonresidentsassociation1@gmail.com](mailto:Shandonresidentsassociation1@gmail.com)