

Shandon Residents Association Newsletter

Autumn 2023

SRA AGM 2023

The 2023 SRA AGM will take place in the Shandon Pitch & Putt club at 7pm on Thursday 19th October. A priority item at the AGM will be to ratify the draft SRA constitution, see details below.

SRA Committee Members

Over the past 2 years, the SRA Committee has had a strong representation of residents, with 12 members currently sitting on the committee. However, 4 members are due to step down at the AGM and the committee is hoping for new members to join.

SRA Draft Constitution

The SRA draft Constitution is available on our website:

<https://shandonresidents.com>

and Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/ShandonResidentsAssociation>

As always, you're welcome to contact us via email:

shandonresidentsassociation1@gmail.com

MB Park Monthly Clean-up

The volunteer clean-up of the park continues to be a very successful community initiative. This takes place on the first Sunday of every month (9.30am) pickers, gloves & bags supplied. All very welcome!



Photo by Helen Williams

Dear all, we hope this Autumn Newsletter finds you well.

The Shandon Residents Association (SRA) Committee is writing to give you a brief update on local matters.

SHANDON SUMMER STREET PARTY

The Shandon Street Party 2023 was as warm and delightful an event as a welcome cup of tea after a long hard slog up the Sugar Loaf. Our sincere thanks to DCC for a generous grant which allowed us to subsidise firstly delicious pancake delights from our very own Crêpe Escape hosted by Gael from Shandon Road followed by ice-creams for all! Thanks also to Phizzfest for loaning us the bunting so artfully erected by the Crescent Prep Team. Academy Plaza Hotel and Ellis ensured once again that the tables were wreathed in shining linen, adding the usual touch of class to our soirée. Thanks for their support as well. The Crescent Folks hosted a truly lovely evening for their first time and we look forward to revisiting their street in years to come.

MOTH SURVEY

A huge thanks to Shandon Pitch & Putt Club for generously giving time and space to facilitate an overnight Moth Survey in the grounds in early September. This important survey is being conducted by Connecting Cabra with support from the National Parks and Wildlife Service. Phibsboro Village Tidy Towns Biodiversity Group is helping out in the Phibsboro section of the survey. Some of the moths that have been identified in the P&P have amazing names such as Grass Veneer, Flounced Rustic, Marbled Carpet and Light-Brown Apple. This survey will really help provide a snapshot of D7's ecological health.



Royal Canal Greenway

Phase 4

According to local councillors, Royal Canal Greenway Phase 4 Planning has now been earmarked to go to public consultation by the end of September—beginning of October with a window of six-weeks to submit observations.

Annual leaf clean-up is 25th November, all helpers welcome!

Leaf Mulch Cages

What do residents think about having Leaf Mulch Cages available in Shandon?

Griffith Avenue residents have been using them for a couple of years now and they have been successful. The wire cages provide an alternative way of collecting leaves alongside the more usual bags supplied by DCC. If you want to fill out the survey, it's available via the Shandon Residents Association Facebook page or via

<https://shandonresidents.com/leaf-mulch-cages-survey/>



Metrolink

An Bord Pleanala has written to Shandon Residents Association and said it will be holding an oral hearing on the Metrolink plans early-2024. Shandon Residents Association was one of over 330 Metrolink submissions so will have the opportunity to attend

CROSS GUNS CAMPAIGN

The Judicial Review taken by the Cross Guns Campaign against the SHD was successful when An Bord Pleanála conceded. Thank you to everyone who supported the community effort.

The developer, Bindford, has submitted a new application very similar to the previous one but with 50% units build-to-sell. The approach of the developer seems to be to exhaust the funds and the energy of the local community by continuous applications. DCC granted this application in July but with conditions including reducing the 12 storey tower to 9 stories. In granting this permission DCC ignored the many legitimate issues raised by Cross Guns and other parties in earlier submissions. Three appeals against the permission have now been lodged. One from the developer to restore the deleted three stories, one from a planning consultant on behalf of Cross Guns listing the above mentioned issues and one from Louth Environmental also opposing the granting of permission.

For updates and a summary of the appeals check the Cross Guns Facebook page. You can send your name and address to the Cross Guns Campaign and they will list you as a supporter of their observation. crossguns2021@gmail.com

GENERAL MAINTENANCE: MOUNT BERNARD PARK, ROYAL CANAL LINEAR PARK & GRASS VERGES

In response to issues raised by several residents about the general maintenance of the Shandon area, the Committee engaged with Dublin City Council Parks Services Department on this. A copy of our letter to Mr Les Moore, Head of Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape Services, along with his reply, and that of his colleague, Mr. Stephen Groome, are on the SRA website and Facebook page. With a view to building a mutually beneficial relationship with DCC, the Committee will now write to the DCC Area Manager for Cabra/Glasnevin to request a meeting. We will keep you updated on developments on the website and Facebook page.

BUSCONNECTS

An Bord Pleanala has written to those who've made submissions on BusConnects Blanchardstown-City Centre indicating that it will not be holding an oral hearing but has provided a document responding to concerns raised. Link available via ShandonResidents.com where you can also view submissions from Shandon Residents Association.

PHIBSBOROUGH FOR ALL

The new community group '**Phibsboro For All**', committed to supporting an inclusive local environment, had a soft launch at the Bohemians FC Family Intercultural Day on 13 August in Dalymount Park. The group works towards ensuring that Phibsborough remains a warm and welcoming place for everyone, both long term local residents and newcomers alike, including those seeking international protection. Phibsboro For All is actively recruiting new members to support its activities, including intercultural gatherings, heritage and nature walks, storytelling and community sponsorship. If interested please contact info@phibsboroforall.org

COKE OVENS COTTAGES

Coke Oven Cottages takes its name from the original coke ovens, directly opposite Nos. 3 and 4, used to manufacture fuel for the steam trains. It was also used to creosote the sleepers for the building of many railway tracks in the area. The canal began its life in the 1790s and today's residents take pride in the history of the area and its environment that is teeming with newts, frogs, sticklebacks, and dragonflies. We occasionally get to see an otter, just as dusk is falling. The residents of Coke Ovens Cottages are delighted to be joining the Shandon Residents Association.