

Ballyfermot / Chapelizod Policing Forum

Update from Superintendent Anthony Twomey and Kay Noonan Cork
March 2021

Superintendent Anthony Twomey submitted the following updates on Statistics and Issues arising since the last update.

JPC L District - Ballyfermot

25th January 2021



Superintendent Anthony Twomey

Crime Statistics

(10th September 2020 to 10th January 2021)

Type	2019	2020	Comparison
Assault Causing Harm	12	8	-33%
Criminal Damage	69	57	-17%
Discharge of Firearm	0	0	No Change
Robbery from Person	0	2	+200%
Theft from Shop	46	25	-45%
UT of Vehicle	42	16	-61%
Public Order Incidents	45	41	-8%
Possession of Drugs for Sale / Supply	36	36	No Change
Breach of Domestic Violence Orders	9	10	+11%

Serious Crime

(10th September 2020 to 10th January 2021)

Robberies

- 2 robberies from the person for this period, both occurring on Ballyfermot Road District., 3 persons of interest sought in relation to these incidents.
- 4 robberies of an establishment, occurring at 4 different locations within the Ballyfermot District. 2 suspects arrested and relating to these incidents, File to the DPP. 2 of these robberies remain under investigation.

Assaults

- 35 Assaults related incidents in the Ballyfermot area.
Assault Causing Harm (8), Minor Assault (21), Assault/ Obstruction/ Resist Arrest- Peace Officer (6)
- All incidents under investigation, some advancing to court.

Theft

- 97 theft related incidents in the Ballyfermot area.
Theft from MPV (38), Theft from Person (0), Theft from Shop (25), Theft Other (34)
- All incidents under investigation, some advancing to court.

Significant Detections



- **28th November 2020** - As a result of an Intelligence led operation **Cannabis with an estimated street value of €100,000**, file to DPP.
- **On 1st August 2020** Gardai intercepted a drug handover and recovered **€80,000 Cannabis**. Two males were arrested and detained, file to DPP.
- **On 23rd June 2020** as a result of a joint operation a controlled delivery of **Cannabis Herb valued at €17360** was seized. One male was arrested and detained, file to DPP.
- **On 6th October 2020** Gardai observed youths acting suspiciously outside an abandoned house. The garden of the house was searched and **€5960 of cannabis** was recovered, file to DPP.

Community Engagement.



Attached are some photos of some Community engagements Community Gardaí from Ballyfermot were involved in. They include bringing Santa up to St Patricks GAA nursery before Christmas to meet the u8 boys and girls teams.

Community Gardaí from Ballyfermot also delivered hot food and Christmas packs to Elderly people living in Dublin City Council sheltered accommodation in Ballyfermot and Chapelizod. This was done with Dublin City Council staff from Civic Centre in Ballyfermot.

Proactive Patrols, Covid-19 Patrols, and new Initiatives



There have been 647 Proactive Patrols carried out in the Ballyfermot area targeting Anti Social Behaviour

There have been 442 Checkpoints carried out targeting Road Traffic Offences and compliance with Covid 19 regulations

Business in the Ballyfermot area have been introduced with the local Community Gardaí covering the Area.

Operation Throw Over

Is a new initiative targeting people supplying drugs to prisoners by throwing drugs over the prison wall at Cherryorchard and surrounding area. The Initiative started in December and to date has resulted in 16 incidents of Sale and Supply of Drugs, 2 incidents as a result of Gardaí patrolling area drugs where discovered in waste ground, And 3 incidents for simple Possession.



Thank You.



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Update on Issues – March 2021

Traffic Issues

Covid Mobility Programme

Implementation of the Covid Mobility Programme for the City Council area continues with emphasis on schools and safe zones. School Zones are designed to create a safer, calmer, attractive environment in front of schools. The Zones consist of gateway School Zone and painted circle road markings with pencil bollards. The objectives of the zones is to make it safer for children to engage in active travel by walking and cycling to school. This is achieved through increased visibility of the zone which draws motorist attention to the presence of a school and discourage speeding and vehicle drop-off congestion in vicinity of the school

School zones have recently been installed at Mary Queen of Angels School, Gurteen Road, St. Louise's N.S. on Drumfinn Road and at St. Ultan's School, Cherry Orchard Avenue.

A pedestrian crossing at the junction of Cherry Orchard Avenue and Blackditch Road is also proposed and this will help children and adults access the school and church.

Cycle Parking

On street cycling parking has recently been installed on the main street in Chapelizod and another cycle parking facility is proposed for the Old Lucan Road.

Traffic Calming Measures

The proposed upgrading of existing ramps and additional signage on Spiddal Road have been delayed due to Covid measures but remains on this year's works programme.

Ballyfermot Road

A 'no right hand turn' sign has been installed at the junction of Ballyfermot Road and the entrance to Cherry Orchard Industrial Estate (at the Lidl store) to help improve traffic flow at this location.

Special Speed Limit Bye-Laws 2021

Proposals for the implementation of new speed bye-laws will be presented to Councillors at the March Area Committee meeting. Proposals include reduction in speed limits from 50km/h to 30km/h for main roads, villages, residential roads and at school locations. Public consultation on these proposals will take place at a later stage.

Road Maintenance Programme

Resurfacing of Ballyfermot Road from its junctions with St. Laurence's Road and Sarsfield Road is included in this year's programme.

Resurfacing of Le Fanu Road (between Raheen Park and Killeen Road) will also be carried out this year.

Housing Projects

Cornamona Court – 61 Units

Due to Covid 19 restrictions, all work on site has ceased. Date for reopening of site has been extended beyond 5th April 2021. Current expected completion date is Q1 2022, which may have to be revised due to latest closure.

3.8 Acre Site at Sarsfield Road – 176 Units

The most recent meeting of the Sarsfield Working Group was held in February at which representatives from DCC City Architects Department gave an update on the stage 1 application from DCC to the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government. The ambition of the SWG is to develop this site as one project with a masterplan for the overall site to ensure a certain amount of coherence and consistency across the entire site.

Further public consultation will take place as soon as it is feasible under the Covid 19 restrictions and if this is not possible, an 'Information Note' outlining the proposals will be distributed to the local residents.

Springvale Site, Chapelizod -71 Units

Due to Covid 19 restrictions, all work on site has ceased. Date for reopening of site has been extended beyond 5th April 2021. Current expected completion date is Q1 2022, which may have to be revised due to the latest closure.

Cherry Orchard Green

Further landscaping works are planned for early 2021 and engagement is continuing with the local residents who have formed an environmental group. This engagement is being carried out in conjunction with Cherry Orchard Youth Services but has been limited due to Covid 19 restrictions. Public Domain supporting the continued engagement of a contractor for litter picking and grass cutting until an annual contract with Parks is put in place.

Skate Park Le Fanu Park

The proposed fencing in the skate park is awaiting delivery and installation but has been delayed due to Covid 19, as it is not deemed essential works. The proposal is for a 2.4m high weldmesh to both skate and play park, which is the same type as around the pavilion and changing rooms in Le Fanu Park. An Garda Síochana are continuing to monitor the Park. Ballyfermot Youth Service continue to engage with local youths and there has been no further reports of anti-social behaviour.

Kylemore Park

The contractor completed most of the upgrade works before Christmas but there are still some outstanding tasks to be completed. The contractor, (travelling from the North) will not be able to complete his work with current restrictions. Familibase have continued to engage with the residents and the youths in area. No further incidents have been reported.

Ballyfermot Civic Park

It is hoped to commence work on the Ballyfermot Civic Park in Q1 2021 when the selection of the preferred contractor has been finalised. Further meetings will be arranged between the landscape architect, the artist and the community representatives to discuss all elements of the project. A revised plan for the entrance to the park at Civic Offices has been circulated to members of the Tribute Garden Committee for their comments.

Markievicz Park

At the request of residents, alterations have been made to the gate at O'Hogan Road entry point, an additional bench is ready to be installed, and quotes are being obtained to replace the table and benches, which were vandalised. The damaged bin will also be replaced. This work will proceed early in 2021.

Cherry Orchard Park

A meeting was held in December to discuss minor repairs to the astro turf pitch for use by the Cherry Orchard Running Club. It was agreed, to repair the lights and the fencing and ensure that the area is kept clean for use. The Running Club have agreed to assist in maintaining the cleanliness of the park. When these works are completed, the area can be assessed for further upgrade while a full plan is being implemented for Cherry Orchard Park under the Local Area Plan.

Springvale Allotments

All allotments have been allocated and the allotment holders are busy preparing the soil for planting. A second storage container has been provided on site. The Council are grateful to Donor Harriers who have agreed to allow access to their car park for occasional usage such as to drop off supplier or delivery of large items. A committee will be elected when restrictions are lifted.