

DUN LAOGHAIRE RATHDOWN

JUNE MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT

1 June – 25 June 2020

In line with the Government Roadmap for Reopening Society & Business, the council commenced a phased return to work in line with the easing of restrictions. The Business Continuity Team are co-ordinating this phased return.

The Council continues to work with businesses to support them, with restart grants, licencing of outdoor tables and chairs and engagement on mobility interventions.

Briefing sessions continue with Councillors on the Mobility Interventions, to improve cycle and pedestrian facilities.

New working arrangements continue, including rotation of shifts/attendance, division of works teams to different locations, remote working and longer flexible office hours have been implemented.

Updates on services affected, by department are detailed below:

Community, Culture and Arts

The Community Centres remain closed due to the Covid 19 restrictions. Samuel Beckett and Mountown Community Centres opened on the 29th June 2020. The remaining centres will open in phases up to the

Estate Management

Meetings with committees have moved to an online platform. This gives the committee members an opportunity to stay in contact and to continue discussions relating to future plans of work.

COVID-19 Community Call Helpline

The Community response to Covid-19 is being led and coordinated by **Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council** in collaboration with a wide-range of stakeholders in the Community Response Forum, supported by a wide range of community and volunteer groups.

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Community Response to Covid 19:

- Helpline and email address set up and promoted across all communication channels
- Operates 7 days a week from 8 am to 8 pm
- The Community Call Helpline has dealt with 3500 calls since it commenced on 30 March.
- Issues range from shopping, pension, medical, loneliness and isolation
- The Community Response Forum is meeting on a fortnightly basis at present to support in co-ordinating the provision of a multi-agency response to the individuals in the community that are negatively impacted arising from the measures implemented by the Government to stem the spread of Covid 19

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<https://www.gov.ie/en/press-release/bee6ea-minister-ring-announces-25-million-fund-for-community-groups-involve/>

The groups who have received support from this fund are:

10th Kilternan Scout Group
Acquired Brain injury Ireland
Airfield Estate
Balally Family Resource Centre
Ballinteer Isolation Support
Ballinteer St.John's GAA Club
Ballyogan Family Resource Centre
Barnardo's
COPD Support Ireland
Crosscare
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Outreach Project
Enable Ireland
Focus Ireland
Hillview Resource Centre
Holly House Community Resource Centre
Making Connections
Mercy Law
Multiple Sclerosis Ireland South Dublin branch
Muslim Sisters of Eire
My Project - minding you
Nutmeg & Loreto Community Association
Patrician Residents Association
Purple House Cancer Support
Rosemount Community Group
Rosepark Independent Living
Serve the City
Southside Partnership
Southside Travellers Action Group
St.Columbanus National School

Municipal Services

All sections are working closely with the Gardaí to assist in social distancing in public areas, including parks, open spaces, beaches, harbours and piers.

Water Services: all essential services continue to be provided, including water supply, drainage services including surface water management and flood management. All essential repairs, operational and maintenance works are continuing, routine and other works are recommencing on a phased basis from 18th May 2020.

Parks: all public parks remain open to pedestrians; carparks which were closed have reopened from 18th May 2020. Playgrounds and outdoor gym equipment have reopened on a phased basis from 12th June 2020; pavement and other markings/signs reminding the public of the distancing requirements have been provided.

Essential maintenance and upkeep works are continuing in parks and open spaces, routine and other works have recommenced on a phased basis from 18th May 2020.

Cemeteries: all services operating with revised protocols in place for cemeteries staff, funeral directors/undertakers and funeral groups. All funeral directors and undertakers have been advised of revised arrangements and procedures. Vehicular access to both cemeteries has been restored, and full services have resumed.

Road maintenance: all essential services are continuing, and level of activity has increased with phased return to work from 18th May 2020 with the majority of outdoor staff now back in operation. Essential operations including emergency repairs and upkeep, winter maintenance, responses to Gardaí and traffic accidents continue to be dealt with, and Road Resurfacing & Footpath upgrade programmes have recommenced.

Cleansing/Street cleaning: all essential works are continuing, including litter removal, street sweeping/cleansing and litter bin emptying. Level of activity has increased with a phased return to work from 18th May 2020 bringing all outdoor staff back into operation.

Traffic: traffic management monitoring and urgent repairs continue to be provided, especially with the opening up of more businesses and workplaces from 29 June. Additional Covid 19 initiatives are commencing or have commenced.

Beaches/Harbours/Piers: Bathing areas at Seapoint, Sandycove and Forty Foot have been reopened to the public as of 20th May 2020. All beaches are open, pavement and other markings/signs reminding the public of the distancing requirements have been provided, together with Variable Message Signs (VMS) at coastal amenity areas. Dun Laoghaire piers are also open for walking/exercise, with social distancing reminders. All maintenance and cleansing services have resumed.

Local Enterprise Office

- The office was fully functional and operated at an increased capacity to cater for the extra supports being offered to support companies during the COVID crisis.
- The following new products were introduced/ modified with significant interest;
- Microfinance Ireland provided a COVID Business loan of up to €50,000 with a 6-month holiday on capital and interest payments, with a 1% discount (effective rate of 4.5%) if applied for through the LEO. We are partners in this scheme providing mentoring assistance to support client's applications. Annual targets already exceeded.

- ◇ In an effort to give companies specialist advice, a Business Continuity Voucher was introduced. Demand was extremely strong, with 456 applications received under this scheme before it closed on May 15th. Each voucher is worth up to €2,500 euro.
- ◇ An improved Trading Online Voucher scheme with 90% funding was introduced. Annual allocation 55, allocation increased. 232 applications received by 10/06/20 with 89 approvals. To date numbers of applications received are up 300% on the annual application number. Potential for year-end to be up 700% on annual figures
- Mentoring applications have increased to date by 100%. There is approximately 100 applications annually. 100 applications have been received to date (17/06/20).
- General Supports – An increase of at least 50% in general support queries, and requests for client meetings.
- A special page has been setup for the specialized LEO COVID supports <https://www.localenterprise.ie/DLR/Publications-Resources/COVID-19-Coronavirus/> which has details of all the government supports for businesses in these difficult times.
- In addition to helping companies adopt best practices in dealing with crisis, the Local Enterprise Office (LEO) is provided workshops on a variety of subjects including Re-opening Hairdressers, Barbers and Salons, and a Covid-19 Retail Seminar.

Infrastructure and Climate Change:

- The Directorate continues to respond to environmental, waste and litter pollution incidents, as needed, and such incidents are recorded and managed as usual through the Civic Hub and the CRM system.
- The Council's waste recycling facilities remain open (at Ballyogan, Eden Park and Shanganagh) with social distancing and other HSE recommended protocols in place and the Council-operated Bring Banks continue to be serviced and made available for use by the public.

Forward Planning Infrastructure

- The Directorate continue to engage with applicants, their representatives and other state agencies as part of on-line systems to include tele / video conferencing to facilitate workshops and reporting in the assessment of the Cherrywood Planning Scheme.
- Work continues in progressing the project designs and tender documentation of the Cherrywood Urban Regeneration Development Fund (URFD) - Parks, Greenways and Attenuation project, as well as the Cherrywood LIHAF project for the Druid's Glen Road.

- FPI successfully submitted an application under Call 2 of the URDF in respect of Cherrywood Public Access, Permeability and Amenity by the deadline of 12pm on 29th May 2020.

Architectural Services

Other than disabled bathroom adaptations works (small works), services have fully resumed.

Housing

- Essential Services including Homeless & Welfare, Allocations, HAP, Emergency and Housing Maintenance are being progressed with additional supports as required provided to the vulnerable including the Travelling Community. Social Housing Construction projects are back onsite.
- Staff continue to engage with home loan borrowers and tenants who have been affected by a loss of or reduced income as a result of the pandemic.

Finance

- **Rates Collection and Rates Waiver**

Businesses continue to experience the impact of COVID 19 which has resulted in a significant reduction in the Council's rates income. However, a Rates Waiver Fund of €260m has been created to waive rates of businesses impacted by Covid19 for a three-month period commencing on 28 March. Details of the scheme are not currently available, and it is not known if the waiver will be extended beyond the initial three-month period.

- **Restart Grant**

The Government announced details of the Restart Grant on the 15th May. The grant is aimed at helping micro and small businesses with the costs associated with reopening and re-employing workers following COVID-19 closures. To avail of the Restart Grant, applicants must be a commercial rateable premise and:

- i. it is a rateable and trading commercial business, and
- ii. a micro or small enterprise with turnover in its last financial year of less than €5m and employing 50 people or less, and
- iii. is impacted by a 25% or more reduction in turnover in the period from 1 April 2020 to 30 June 2020, and
- iv. declares its intention that employees in receipt of the Temporary Wage Subsidy Scheme will continue to be employed in the business.

Qualifying businesses will receive a grant equivalent to their commercial rates demand for calendar year 2019, subject to a minimum grant of €2,000 and a maximum of €10,000. It is open to applicants to apply on the Council's website www.dlrcoco.ie/restartgrant

The Government has allocated €250m for the Scheme. We have received 1,008 completed application to 25 June 2018. We have had a relatively low take up and are exploring ways in which we can increase awareness of across the business community.

- **Accounts Payable**

Accounts payable are continuing to work to ensure suppliers are paid as quickly as possible to assist with their cash flow requirements.

- **Financial Management**

The impact of Covid-19 on the Council's financial position will not be known for some time. In the meantime budgets and cash flow continues to be monitored closely.

Planning:

- The Planning Department is operating in accordance with the revised time frames set out by the Ministerial Orders. The Orders disregard the period from the 29 March 2020 to the 23 May 2020 (inclusive), 56 days/8 weeks, when calculating statutory timeframes.
- The Planning counter re-opened to the public on Monday the 29th June 2020 between the hours of 10:00 – 16:00.

Corporate Affairs:

- The AGM took place in the Ferry Terminal on the 8th June, with all Members present. Arrangements were in place to ensure social distancing for all attendees.
- In addition to the AGM, a briefing session for Members and the County Development Plan meetings also took place in the Terminal.
- Meetings of the Group Leaders continued on a weekly basis to update Members on services and actions being undertaken during this period.
- Area Committee meetings for both Dún Laoghaire and Dundrum for were held remotely.
- Strong engagement with the public continues through all our media channels, continuing to provide information, advice and updates on services to the public. The new "Report it" form uploaded onto our website in May has proved very popular and makes it easier for citizens to report any matters to us. Useful feedback on projects within towns and villages relating to achieving social distancing has also been received.

Circulars and Relevant Documents

[Planning and Development during the Covid 19 Emergency Circular PL 02/2020](#)

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/4v03i3z3flprs9i/AAA9a0nV_0rE8rLp5_kgxBuCa?dl=0

Community Response Helpline Report
30th March – 14th June 2020

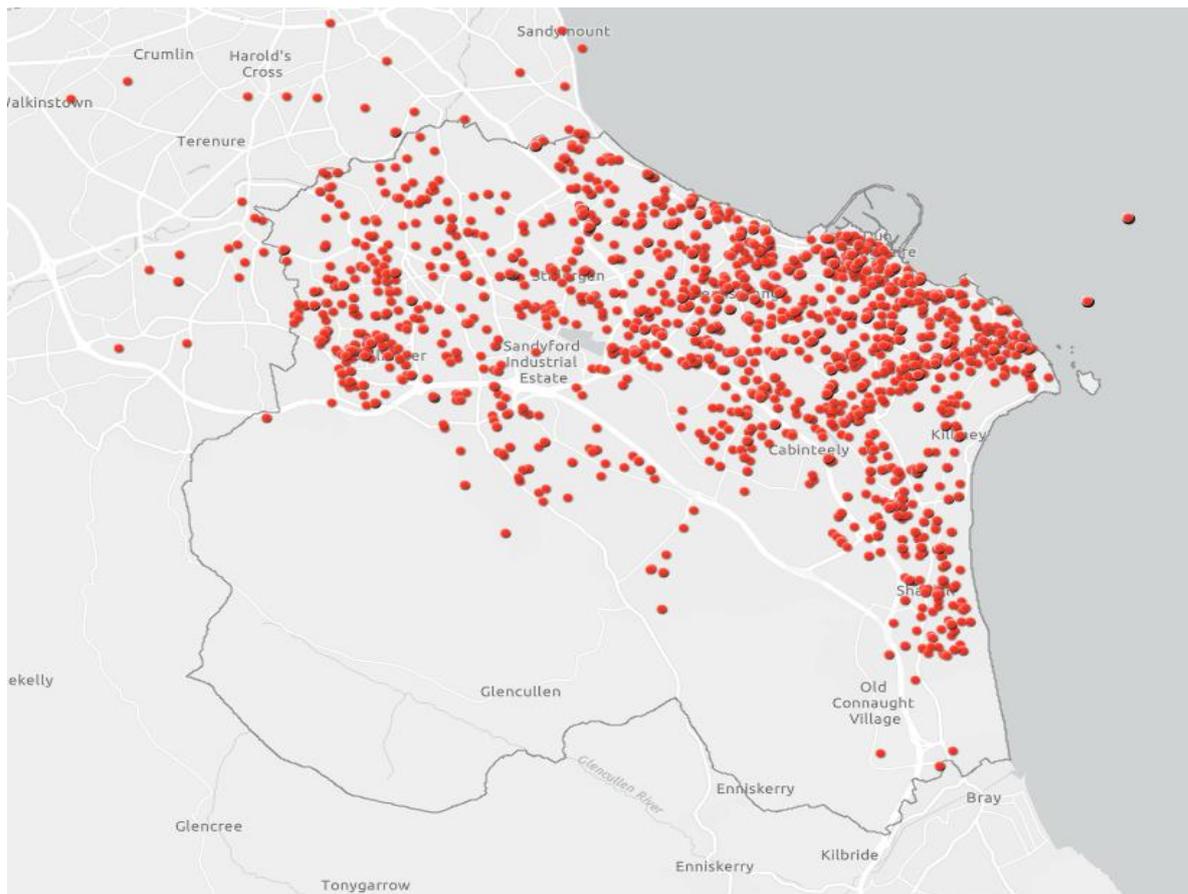
Total Number of Calls Received

3404

Breakdown of Calls by Category

Collection & delivery Service	1477
Social Isolation	586
Meals Service	52
Gardaí	28
Other Medical/Health	105
Other requests	1207
Closed Cases	1992
Follow-up call/email	2936
Forum meetings	15
Library Service	785

Geographical distribution of calls to helpline



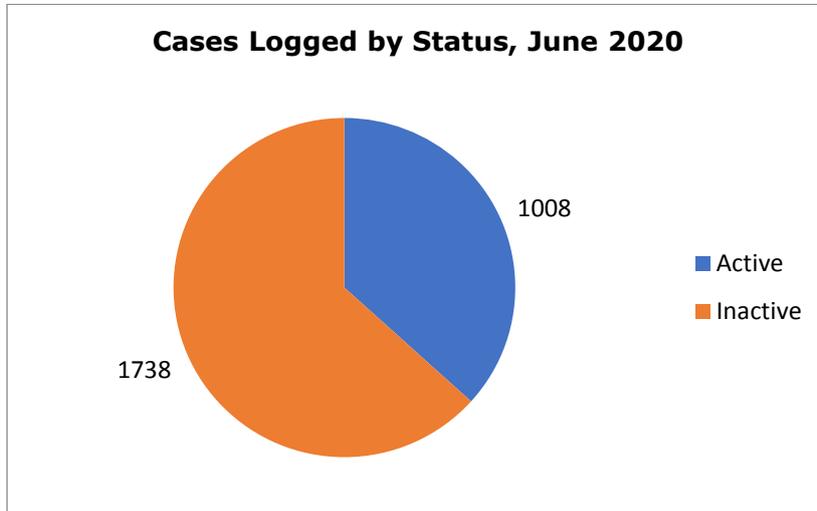
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*Included in Quarterly Management Report

Cases logged in June 2020



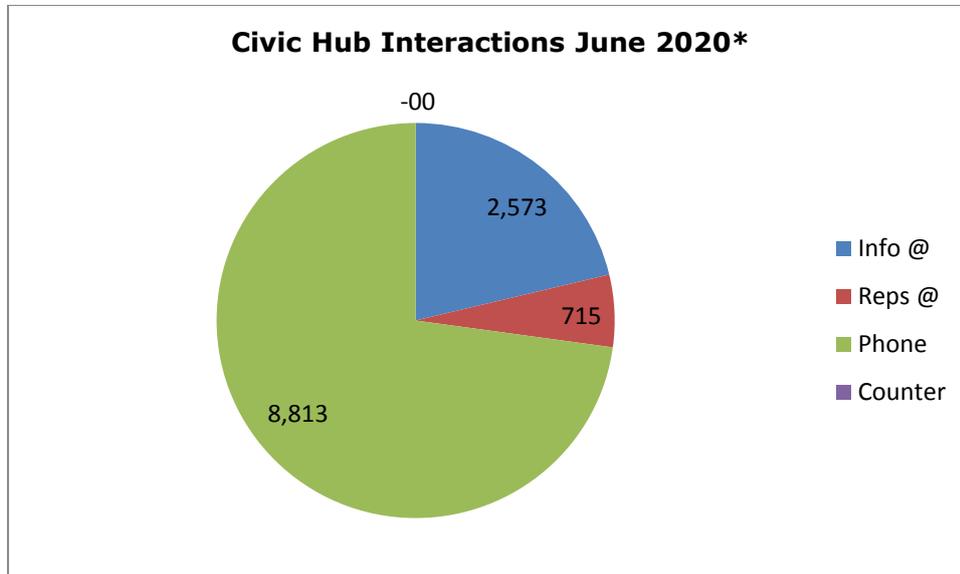
Open	1,008
Closed	1,738

Cases Logged in June 2020, by Section:

Section/Dept	Open	Closed	Total
Architects	2	3	5
Ballyogan Depot	9		9
CoCo	13	3	16
Comms & Civic Hub	20	504	524
Community	6	2	8
Corporate Services	9	11	20
dlrcoco	7	15	22
Environment	275	432	707
Finance	31	122	153
Housing	31	87	118
HR	2	2	4
Libraries	1		1
Parks	282	204	486
Planning	14	20	34
Property	80	4	84
Sports	1		1
Transportation	212	249	461
Waste Enforcement	13	54	67
Water Services		26	26
Grand Total	1008	1738	2746

Civic Hub Activities:

Cases logged in June 2020 * Pie chart excludes abandoned calls



Phone Statistics	Answered Directly	Transferred to overflow
	6,162	2,651

Emails received	Info@	Reps@	Total Emails
	2,573	715	3,288

Counter Interactions	Civic Hub	Appointments	Total
	0	0	0

Social Media and Website Activity – June 2020

Social Media

Twitter Accounts* Tweets Followers Impressions

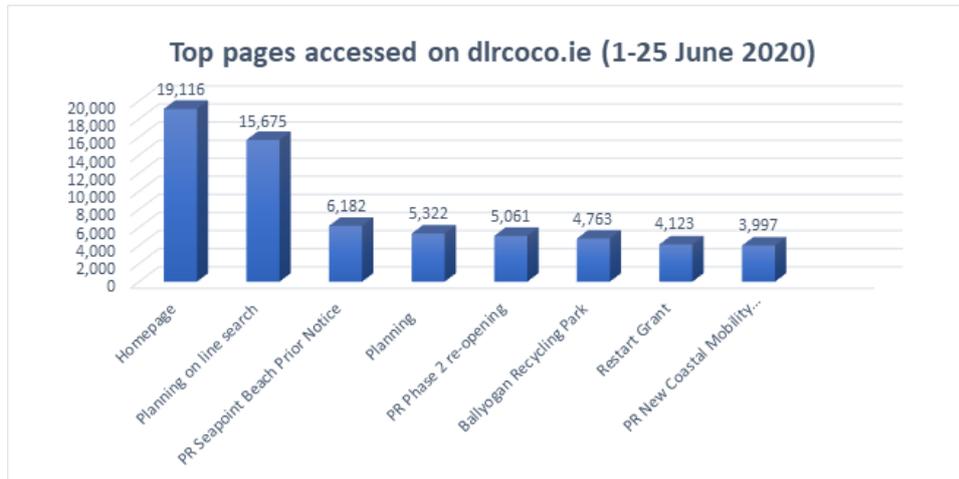
dlr corporate	168	15,004	982k
dlr libraries	122	7,779	258k
dlr Tourism	57	2,893	35k
dlr events	7	5,488	6.2k
dlr LEO	16	5,937	9k

Facebook Accounts* Facebook Posts Followers

dlr Corporate	135	11,485
dlr events	33	10,265
dlr libraries	160	6,351
dlr Tourism	27	140,235 (impressions have tripled since May)
dlr LEO	10	1607

Website Activity – page views

dlrcoco.ie 207,176
 dlrevents.ie 2,403
 dlrlibraries.ie 62,180



Press Queries

23 Press Queries in June.

Freedom of Information

There were 5 FOI requests in June.

1. Road Maintenance Management Report

Road Maintenance Management Report - June 2020						
Ref.	Programme Type	STATUS				Comments
		Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	
RRP Major	Road Resurfacing Programme - Major Works					
1	Nutgrove Avenue			✓		
2	Ballinteer Avenue		✓			
3	Kilmacud Road Lower				✓	
4	Green Route		✓			
5	Sydenham Road		✓			
12	Adelaide Road			✓		
13	Castle Park Road				✓	
14	Ballinclea Road	✓				
15	Corrig Road		✓			
16	Rathsallagh Estate		✓			
17	Ashlawn Estate	✓				
18	Rochestown Avenue	✓				
19	Saval Park Road		✓			
RRP Minor	Road Resurfacing Programme - Minor Works ('Patching')					
1	Broadford Road	✓				
2	Woodpark - The Drive		✓			
3	Stillorgan Road (old N11)	✓				
4	Upper Kilmacud Road	✓				
5	Ticknock Road Edges		✓			
6	Ballyedmunduff/Ballybetagh Road Edges		✓			
7	Heidelberg		✓			
8	Sandyford Village	✓				
22	Dalkey Avenue			✓		
23	Georges Place		✓			
24	Patricks Square		✓			
25	Casement Villas		✓			
26	Temple Crescent	✓				
27	Monkstown Farm	✓				
28	Georges Street Lower	✓				
29	Grotto Avenue/Grotto Place		✓			
30	Barnaslingan Lane	✓				

31	Shanganagh Terrace		✓			
32	Dublin Road (from old Conn Ave north to Circe K)		✓			
FP	Footpath Upgrade Programme					
1	Pine Valley		✓			
2	Sandyford Business District		✓			
3	Kerrymount Ave	✓				
4	Westminster Road				✓	
5	Enniskerry Road		✓			
6	Cabinteely Close	✓				
7	Eden Park/Slieve Rua/Dale Road		✓			
8	The Park, Cabinteely		✓			
17	Dún Laoghaire Town			✓		
18	Blackrock Town		✓			
19	Dalkey Village		✓			
20	Glasthule Village		✓			
21	Ashlawn Park/Coolevin	✓				
22	Wynberg Park		✓			
23	Watsons Estate	✓				
24	Woodbrook Glen				✓	
25	Glenavon Park	✓				
26	Ballybride Road		✓			
27	Ballycorous Road	✓				
28	Patrician Villas		✓			
29	Eaton Brae	✓				
BSP	Bridges & Structures Programme					
1	Blue Light Wall Repair	✓				
2	Woodside Road Retaining Wall	✓				
3	Belfield Flyover	✓				
4	Glenalua Wall Repair	✓				
	Category 3 Bridges	✓				
DGRP	Drainage / Gully Repair Programme					
1	Oakdown Road, Churchtown				✓	
2	De La Salle College, Churchtown				✓	
3	End of Old Bray Road, Cabinteely	✓				
4	Whitethorn Road, Clonskeagh	✓				
5	Woodside Road	✓				
6	Beech Lawn, Dundrum	✓				
7	Mine Hill Lane				✓	
8	Bridesglen Road				✓	
9	Rathmichael Road				✓	
10	Clonkeen Road (At South Park)	✓				
11	Woodbine Park	✓				
12	Seafield Road Killiney	✓				
13	Ruby Hall	✓				

NRP		National Roads Programme				
1	N31 Crofton Road	✓				
2	N11-N31, 3-Year Resurfacing Programme	✓				
AWP		Accessibility Works Programme				
1	Lynnwood to Ballinteer		✓			
2	Loreto Park	✓				
3	Mount Anville Road at Deerpark				✓	
4	Castlebyrne Park		✓			
5	Mt Albany Estate	✓				
6	Coolevin		✓			
7	Cloister Estate	✓				
8	O'Rourke Park				✓	
9	Laneway from Gleann na Smól to Stradbrook Road (part of)	✓				
CMP		Cycleway Maintenance Programme				
1	Brehonfield Road	✓				
2	Churchtown Road Upper	✓				
3	Kill Lane (sections from Foxrock to Deansgrange jct)	✓				
4	Baker's Corner's junction	✓				
EMP		Estate Management Programme				
1	Locations TBC	✓				
2	Rathsallagh Estate		✓			
TICP		Taking in Charge Programme*				
1	The Rise Mount Merrion	✓				
2	Redesdale estate - certain laneways	✓				
5	Foxrock Wood - Beech Park Laneway		✓			
		<p><i>*Subject to investigation and clarification of ownership, assessment of works and costs needed to bring these roads/laneways up to taking in charge standard, and no commitment can be made at this stage as completing such works would be dependent on available funding and resources.</i></p>				
RCRP		Roads Control Reinstatement Programme				
1	Proby Square (South)	✓				
2	Marine Court and assoc. Laneways		✓			
3	Devitt Villas	✓				

2. Traffic & Road Safety

	Preliminary Design Stage	Public Consultation	Detailed Design Stage	Tendered	On site	Complete	Comment
NTA Schemes							
N11 Brewery Road Safety Improvement Scheme			✓				Finalising design of the scheme
Sandyford Cycle Route (Drummartin Link Road / Rotary)					✓		Works recommenced on 18 May
Sandyford Cycle Route (UCD to Clonskeagh) Phase 3	✓						Consultant CSEA appointed to design the scheme. Topographical survey and GPR Work carried out.
Stillorgan Road Cycle Route (UCD accessibility at Nova)					✓		Works recommenced on 18 May
Sandyford Business District walking and cycling improvements	✓						Consultant Barry Transportation appointed to design the scheme
Stillorgan park Road cycle schemes							Consultant CSEA to be appointed to design the scheme
Wyattville Road Cycle route – Stage 2	✓						Preliminary Design is being updated to incorporate findings from ecology report
Brides Glen Greenway	✓						Consultancy tenders received
East Coast Trail (Merrion Gates to Seapoint)	✓						Environmental studies underway
Nutgrove Avenue Cycle Route					✓		Contractor on site for cycle improvements on Nutgrove Avenue from the Bottle Tower to the church
Monkstown Road Cycle Route						✓	Cycle track red surfacing is complete
Dodder Greenway	✓						Work on the Design of preferred option is being progressed by DCC
Cycle Parking						✓	72 cycle stands installed(Seapoint, Nutgrove, Stillorgan, Deans Grange, Vico Road)
Protected cycle routes Benildus Avenue					✓		Contractor to be appointed soon
Protected cycle routes Goatstown Road					✓		Contractor to be appointed soon. Leaflet drop carried out
Non-NTA Cycle Schemes							
Cruagh Wood Greenway – Ballyogan Road to Cruagh Wood					✓		Construction project complete
Carysfort Avenue Cycle Tracks	✓						Public consultation report presented to Dún Laoghaire Area Committee on June 22, 2020

Stillorgan Village Movement Framework Plan

- Phase 2-Lower Kilmacud Road from 100m east of the junction with Upper Kilmacud Road to the Access Road into Kilmacud Crokes GAA Club. Construction to commence on June 29th
- Phase 3 – Lower Kilmacud Road from Kilmacud Crokes to the N11. RPS Group appointed as design consultants.

Foxrock Village Improvements

- Upgrade of footpaths on the corner of Brighton Road and Westminster Lawns. Richard Nolan Civil Engineering has been appointed as the contractor. Works commenced June 22nd

Carysfort Avenue Pedestrian Signals

Construction has been completed on-site. Awaiting ESB connection

Covid-19 initiatives

A number of initiatives are being progressed by the Council to provide wider footpaths and improved cycling facilities around the County. These include reallocating parking bays to become pedestrian areas and providing segregation for cyclists approaching junctions.

One-way traffic schemes with improved pedestrian and cycle facilities are being progressed. Phase 1 of Blackrock Village has been completed, Seapoint Avenue is about to start construction, Phase 2 of Blackrock Village and Phase 1 of Dundrum Village are being designed.

Cycle Protection of junctions – flexible bollards

Dundrum Area

- Taney Road/Churchtown Road junction (Luas Bridge junction)
- Kilmacud Road Lower approaching Taney Road junction (near the Goat Pub)
- Sandyford Road approaching Wyckham Way junction
- Kilmacud Road Upper and Drummartin Road junction
- Kilmacud Road Upper and St. Raphaela's Road junction
- Kilmacud Road Lower/Eden and Drummartin Road junction
- Blackthorn Road and Blackthorn Drive (near the Beacon Hospital)
- Blackthorn Road / Blackthorn Drive / Benildus Avenue Junction
- Churchtown Road / Beaumont Avenue Junction
- Barton Road East / Balinteer Road Junction

Dun Laoghaire Area

- Stillorgan Park Road /Fleurville approaching the Carysfort Avenue junction
- Newtownpark Avenue and Rowanbyrn Road/Annville Terrace junction
- Deans Grange Road / Brookville Park junction
- Kill Lane approaching the SuperValu entrance
- Temple Road approaching Newtown Park Avenue Junction

TAG

There were no TAG meetings during the period of this report. Meeting are to resume in the next few weeks.

Deputations

There were no Deputations meetings during June.

Cycling

Tweeted about the various cycling and walking schemes/initiatives ongoing throughout the County. Press releases about Covid-19 initiatives and other schemes were also published on the Council website.

Following a Public Consultation process, a Draft Abandoned Bicycle Procedure was bought to the Transportation and Marine SPC on June 9, 2020. The Abandoned Bicycle Procedure will be enacted by Executive Order.

Cycle Forum meeting held on June 9, 2020

BusConnects Dublin Update

Nothing to report

3. Water & Drainage

Drainage and Flood Alleviation

Engineering and Environmental Consultants were appointed in Dec 2019 for Flood Risk Management works on the Deansgrange Stream. This is a 4 to 5 year project. Data gathering is currently underway. Activities for Q2 2020 include additional survey work, CCTV surveys, a Constraints study, Hydrological analysis and hydraulic modelling. Initial Public Consultation is proposed around the end of July.

Tenders have been received for Contractors to construct the new screen/flood storage structure in Kilbogget Park. These are currently being assessed. It is planned to award in July subject to approval by the OPW/Project Governance Board. An advance contract was tendered in February to control Invasive Species on the site of the proposed works. This advance contract is now complete.

Tenders have been received for Engineering and Environmental Consultants for Flood Risk Management Works on the Carrickmines/Shanganagh Rivers. These have been assessed and a consultant has been identified as being the most economically advantageous tenderer. An award letter will issue following OPW and internal approvals.

Drainage Section is working closely with the OPW as they commence the update process of the published flood maps as required by the EU Floods Directive.

Hydraulic modelling of the Dundrum Slang Stream is complete. Draft flood maps have been prepared and following a review are currently being finalised.

Tender documents are completed for consultants to prepare detailed flood risk maps for the Monkstown environs streams. This project has been tendered and the tenders are currently being assessed. Award of the project will commence following OPW and internal approvals.

Draft Flood Risk Management Plans (FRMPs)

The Flood Risk Management Plans were launched on 3rd May 2018 and these were adopted by the Council at the Council Meeting on the 10th September.

All three Flood Risk Management Plans (FRMPs) in the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council area (Deansgrange/Loughlinstown/Shanganagh, Carysfort-Maretimo and Old Connaught Wilford) have been included in the Ten-Year €1 billion Programme of Investment in Flood Relief Measures with Deansgrange/Loughlinstown/Shanganagh included in the first tranche of €257 million in funding for 50 new flood relief schemes to proceed to detailed design.

The OPW have asked DLR to project manage the scheme and have agreed to fund the necessary in-house project management personnel.

4. Parks

Parks & Landscaping Service:

- Sorrento Park works -70% complete.
- Remedial Tree Works for East & West – essential works ongoing only
- Dogs off leash area almost complete in Kilbogget Park.
- Grass maintenance - Ongoing
- Loreto Park –Playground replacement complete
- Cocooning Signs, COVID-19 signage and ground stencils for social distancing implemented in parks
- Watering of newly planted trees ongoing – essential work
- Due to the large volumes of people in parks currently, there is a significant increase in litter to be picked up and bins to be emptied.
- Parks outdoor staff returned to full capacity on site from Monday 18th May.
- Signage installed in Marlay Park re-enforcing the bye laws in relation to cycling which were being significantly breached since the commencement of lockdown causing increased risk to pedestrians who are present in large numbers.

Biodiversity

- Biodiversity Event for June was cancelled due to COVID-19
- Biodiversity meeting with NUI Galway to discuss the DLR County Hedgehog Survey (public engagement/citizen science to commence in July through our website and social media)
- Biodiversity Webpage created explaining Natural Capital and Ecosystem Services
- DLR support the launch of the Natural Capital Video developed by INCASE
- DLR promote biodiversity through the The Wild Postcard Project - Artwork Competition for Children & Teens
- Biosphere meeting with DCC and FCC to further develop the Biosphere Education Strategy
- Biosphere Partners meeting (summary of minutes will now be on Biosphere website)
- Invasive Species Action Plan Draft sent to DLR Section Leads
- All Ireland Pollinator Plan 2020 - 2025 Council Actions - draft reviewed
- UCD Artist in Residence Biodiversity Interviews completed and Artist chosen to commence in Sept
- Dalkey Island Infographic translated to Irish - final infographic due to be ready in July.
- Dalkey Island BWI continue to monitor protection measures on island for the nesting terns
- Review of County Habitat Mapping and Ecosystems Services will continue until September. No fieldwork required.
- Review of County Hedgerow Mapping and Ecosystem Services will continue until July. No fieldwork required.

CoCo Markets

During the month of June, we received 3 applications (2 permanent and 1 Christmas seasonal). These applications fell under the following categories: 2 permanent applications for Marlay Park; 1 Non-Food/Craft and 1 Other Food and 1 Christmas Seasonal Non-food/Craft application to trade in both Marlay & Dun Laoghaire. Due to the COVID restrictions there were no markets during June

Sports Development

dlr Leisure:

- Had phone meetings with 4 youth groups and have programmes provisionally booked for end of July/ beginning of August.
- Had phone meeting with St Johns School Ballybrack and sent on 2 exercise videos showing them programmes we offer.
- Updates on social media platform providing health tips and exercises.

Leinster Rugby:

- We have started on the "Return To Rugby" in Leinster & country. LR staff are supporting our local clubs as a point of contact between club & the IRFU in their creation of risk assessment plans that need to be approved prior to training starting.
- Setting dates for coach development workshops & coaching courses so coaches can better plan their time as volunteers.
- Planning to host part of the IRFU coaching courses online through MS Teams to limit impact of groups together & considering how we can safely run the pitch sessions of the courses after the online course work.
- Redeveloping back office documents to better inform clubs & schools etc. in what we do & what we offer in ways of support plus how we work closely with our DLR partners.
- Extensive documentation around the development of women's rugby across the province is being currently completed to support clubs in establishing a successful female section plus progressing our planning for the new season by advancing our projects further based on our key objectives for 2020/21.
- Currently the staff are working on developing a 5 year plan for community rugby as where we see rugby evolving by 2025 by meaningful & impacting projects that can be completed & successful.

FAI:

- Club Audit – continue to work with the 19 junior clubs to complete their FAI Child Welfare/Safeguarding requirements.
- Provided local clubs with 'Return to Training' Protocols.
- Summer Soccer Schools – provided up to date information on summer camps and ascertained which clubs were prepared to run camps based on the changing safety requirements. Rescheduled dates with clubs and confirmed with Head coaches and coaches their availability.
- Participated in FAI working groups evaluating FAI programmes and recommending changes. Team meetings on a daily basis.

Leinster Cricket:

- Currently helping clubs with 'Return to Play' protocols etc.
- Starting engagement with schools about running winter programs from September to the start of December.
- Designing winter blitz inter-schools competitions both outdoor and indoor.
- Delivering start up packs of hygiene and PPE and signage to local clubs FOC.
- On-going multi-media tools to help schools, clubs and LSP.
- Audits of risk assessments and practices put in place by clubs in Covid19 environment.

Sports Partnership:

- National BeActive Day on the 28th June with resources and supports for all ages and abilities to be active with their families.
- Third **Couch To 2K** programme nearly complete (total of 450 participants) with follow on Couch to 5K programme progressing well (140 participants).
- Working with Libraries to roll out a **Park Walks programme** for older adults who have been cocooning over the previous 3 months.
- Promoting online **Covid-19 readiness training for clubs**, which has been developed by Sport Ireland.
- Liaising with partner agencies to review planned programmes, events and actions that can potentially now be rolled out where government guidelines are met.
- **Social media campaign** around positivity and the supports that are available when looking to participate in sport and physical activity.
- Production and promotion of 6 **short motivational videos** of local sports personalities highlighting the importance of getting out and active.
- Continuing to link in with the local Wellbeing Group and Sport Ireland to assist in sport/activity elements of governments **In This Together Campaign**.
- Developing the process/criteria for a small grants programme (Sport Ireland funding) that will support clubs and encourage increasing participation among target groups.
- **Ballyogan Sports Hub** – Steering Group meeting on the 25th June to identify opportunities for engagement and roll out of initiatives to local young people.

5. Roads Control Unit June 2020

Reinstatement works

The reinstatement repair works on behalf of Irish Water has resumed on 18th May 2020 with 211 no. locations are being inspected and reinstated.

Restoration works

- Proby Square (North and South) part off, Blackrock, site investigation is required.
- Devitt Villas, Dun Laoghaire (in joint with the Utility Company GNI), waiting for GNI to complete their works first then our Contractor could mobilise to reinstate the road.
- Mariner’s Court and nearby Laneways, Dun Laoghaire, waiting for a revise price document due to additional works are included.

6. Cleansing Section Information & Statistics

Cleansing & Beaches Section Statistics: December 2019 – May 2020

Cleansing & Beaches Stats	Dec 2019	January 2020	February 2020	March 2020	April 2020	May 2020
Weight of Rubbish Collected from Streets/Beaches (tonnes)	347	349	194	223	201	198
Clean-Ups Assisted	28	50	42	44	20	38
Animal Removals from Public Spaces	19	29	21	16	6	23
Bathing Water Samples Taken	0	5	9	10	0	9

Gullies Cleaned	1051	1474	1277	368	685	1149
Dumping Incidents Managed	81	76	63	81	64	87
Bathing Water Pollution Incidents Detected	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reported Overflows from Drainage Network to Bathing Water	8	7	35	1	0	0
Street Bin Collections	3927	3259	3141	3271	3108	4043

* Statistics available up to the end of May 2020.

Cleansing & Beaches Project Updates – June 2020

- Cleansing works on the N11 (*gully cleaning, road sweeping and weed control*) originally scheduled for March/April are currently delayed in line with the COVID 19 outbreak. Cleansing works on the Rock Road will be progressed after the N11 works.
- A review of Killiney Beach is being carried out to assist with identifying areas where current signage is inadequate and assess accessibility to the car park and at entrances to the beach. Initial minor maintenance works to improve beach accessibility have been carried out. A digital screen installation at the beach will be completed in the coming months.
- Lifeguards have commenced at designated bathing areas in line with the commencement of the bathing season.
- Public toilets at beach locations of Sandycove, Seapoint, Killiney and Vico Road have reopened to the public following the COVID 19 outbreak.
- Deep Clean initiatives will be progressed in various towns and villages in the coming weeks and months.
- Segregated waste bins have been installed at Seapoint, Sandycove and Killiney beach for the duration of the bathing season.

7. Relevant Statistics

There were 2,404 fixed charge notices/fines issued in May 2020 (correct at 26 June 2020), a breakdown of which is as follows:

<u>Violation;</u>	<u>No. of Tickets issued</u>
Electric vehicle in an electric vehicle bay but not charging	1
Not parking a vehicle within the limits of a parking bay	9
OVERSTAYING 1 HOUR PARKING LIMIT	5
OVERSTAYING 3 HOUR PARKING LIMIT	15
Parking a goods vehicle in a loading bay for over 30mins	10
Parking a non-goods vehicle in a goods vehicle loading bay	252

Parking a vehicle at a no parking sign at a time prohibited	1
Parking a vehicle in a prohibited place	16
Parking a vehicle in a taxi stand	36
Parking a vehicle obstructing other traffic	3
Parking a vehicle on a cycle track	23
Parking a vehicle on a double yellow line	133
Parking a vehicle on a footway	254
Parking a vehicle on a grass margin	9
Parking a vehicle on a roadway with less than 3 lanes where there is a continuous white line	134
Parking a vehicle on a single yellow line during a prohibited time	18
Parking a vehicle within 15 meters approach side of traffic lights	1
Parking a vehicle within 15 meters of pedestrian crossing (approach side) or 5 meters on the other side	2
Parking a vehicle within 5 meters of a road junction	10
Parking a vehicle within 5 meters of exit side of traffic lights	1
Parking a vehicle within a stopping place or stand or bus stop	25
Parking Electric Vehicle Only Bay	1
Parking in a bay reserved for Car Club Vehicles	3
Parking or stopping a vehicle in a disabled person`s parking bay	44
Parking or stopping a vehicle on a clearway	7
Parking out of the limits of a bay	2
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display / Permit Parking Area Regulations	28
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display Parking Regulations	179
Vehicle committing an offence contrary to Pay & Display/Permit Parking Area Regulations	1182
Total No. of tickets issued between 01/06/20 and 25/06/20	2404

There were no convictions secured in June 2020, as the District Court is closed due to Covid-19 restrictions in place.

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

Number of repairs carried out in June 2020:	264
Percentage of lights out at the end of June 2020:	0.5%
Pole replacement carried out in June 2020:	6
Bracket replacements:	175
Tree trimming:	0
ESBN Connections/ Requests:	21
LED Upgrades	153

(extra line added to summarise table below)

LED Upgrading Program

Annaville Avenue	5
Aran Avenue	3
Ardeevin Terrace	1
Avondale Road (Killiney)	1
Barnhill Road	8
Bellevue Park Avenue	1
Braemor Avenue	7
Braemor Drive	4
Braemor Grove	2
Braemor Park	3
Cabinteely Avenue	1
Carrickmount Ave	2
Coolnevaun	1
Cromlech Fields	13
Deansgrange Road	1
Dodder Vale And Orwell Walk	8
Eaton Brae Churchtown	7
Embassy Lawn	1
Finsbury Park	4
Foster Avenue	1
Greenlands	3
Harbour Road	7
Hyde Road	1
Kilmacud Road Upper	2
Landscape Road	5
Laneway Annville Dr To Slieve Rua Dr	1
Laneway B/T Barnhill Rd/St	1
Laneway Hazel Ave Into Cul-De-	2
Laurleen	1
Mapas Road	1

Marine Court	2
Meadow Grove	2
Nugent Road	1
Orwell Gardens	6
Sandyford Road	2
Shrewsbury Lawn	3
Springfield Park Poles 1 To 6 Dcc	4
Springhill Avenue	1
The Oaks (Dundrum)	1
Thornccliffe Park	13
Walkway B/T Oaktree Rd &	6
Wolverton Glen	7
Woodside Drive	6
Wyattville Road	1

Planning and Building Control

Applications analysed	16
Inspections completed	3

Requests

Light requested by stakeholders (completed)

Additions:	0
Alterations:	5
Legal requests:	0

Road Opening Licences June 2020

Road Opening Licences received via Maproad Roadworks Licensing MRL System during and after Covid-19 lockdown.

No. Road Opening Licences ROLs				
	March	April	May	June - up to 24.06.2020
Authority	Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council			
Total Number of Licences	413	194	232	230
Total Number Billing Events	540	243	301	328
Application Submitted	220	67	134	166
Application Granted	201	92	95	130
Sign Off Licence	119	84	72	32
Guarantee Period Ends	0	0	0	0

Road Closures, Street Furniture, event signage and filming applications

In June there were:

- 2 application for Road Closures
- 2 applications for Street Furniture and no application for event signage
- 1 Film application

8. Dún Laoghaire Harbour

COVID-19 Measures

- Social Distancing reminders have been sprayed at the East and West Piers and the Marina Breakwater.
- Food vendors on the Pier and in the Battery have reopened with Social Distancing measures in place.
- Solar bin handles and handrails generally are being regularly disinfected.
- Additional steward/security personnel have been introduced on both piers alongside an increased Harbour Police presence to assist with pedestrian safety / social distancing. This initiative is working well and has been welcomed by the public generally.

Harbour Activities:

- The Marina has reopened fully to boat owners.
- The Yacht Clubs are operating but their clubhouses remain closed and numbers on decks are strictly limited. Clubhouses are gradually reopening from Monday 29th July.
- Sailing schools have reopened on a limited basis with social distancing measures in place.
- A Panoramic Wheel will arrive on the Carlisle Pier in early July for 6-8 weeks, to provide a socially distanced view of Dun Laoghaire and Dublin Bay.

Filming

With the COVID-19 crisis, all filming within the Harbour has ceased.

Real Estate Negotiations

- A temporary licence has been agreed for the 5th Floor of Block 2 Harbour Square, pending agreement of a lease later in the year.
- The 1st Floor of Block 2, Harbour Square is vacant and advertised for lease.
- Negotiations have been postponed with DMYC and INSS on renewal of their respective leases due to the COVID-19 situation.

Ferry Terminal

Planning Permission was granted for the ferry terminal project on the 7th February 2020. A planning appeal was lodged to An Bord Pleanála and is currently being determined. A business briefing on the ferry terminal proposal was delivered to the elected members by Hilary Haydon on the 25th February 2020. This matter will be brought to Council later in the year for disposal pursuant to Section 183 of the Local Government Act 2001.

Dun Laoghaire Harbour and Town Studies

Work has commenced on developing the Economic Plans for Dun Laoghaire Harbour and Dun Laoghaire Town. The Stakeholder Engagement Campaign underpins both plans that will generate new ideas for the sustainable regeneration of the Town and the Harbour. The intention is that this exercise is undertaken across four phases:-

- **Inform: Initial Workshop/Meeting and Exploratory Interviews with key stakeholders that will inform key stakeholders of the project objectives**
- **Invitation for submissions**
- **Consultation: Preparation of detailed surveys**
- **Structured interviews**



Arising from the restrictions introduced to stem the spread of Covid-19, the Council has been unable to progress this campaign. In agreement with the consultants, the project has been paused until the restrictions and protocols around social distancing have been lifted.

Social Media Platforms

Twitter – 4,399 followers

Facebook – 2,457 followers



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Finance and Economic Development

Local Enterprise Office (LEO)

Financial assistance approved year to date for 2020							
Period	No. of feasibility study approvals	No. of business priming approvals	No. of business expansion approvals	No. of Technical Assistance for Micro Exporters approvals	Total no. of applications approved	No. of Trading Online Vouchers approved*	No. of client applications submitted to Microfinance Ireland
Jan -June 2020	9	5	8	12	34	129	11
Enterprise Ireland Target to June	7	8	5	9	29	25	10

*Trading Online Vouchers – The qualifying criteria for Trading Online Vouchers was expanded in March 2020 in response to the COVID-19 situation, allowing previous recipients to avail of the scheme.

Job creation as a result of direct financial assistance Year to Date 2020	
Jan - June 2020	26.5

Clients assisted in LEO activities Year to Date for 2020						
Period	No. of applications for financial assistance	No. of clients attending networking events	No. of clients commencing training / attending workshops or seminars	No. of clients commencing mentoring assignments	No. of clients attending business advice clinics	Total no. of clients assisted
Jan-June 2020	90	428	3717	104	174	4513

DLR Economic Development Supports	Vacant Commercial Premises Scheme	Shop Front Improvement Scheme	Business Promotion Grants
Jan-June 2020	1	4	6

Jan – June 2020	Business Continuity Voucher Applications	457
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The Business Continuity Voucher was available during March and April as a specific measure to assist businesses by providing access to specialist advice.

Enterprise Promotion activities in June 2020

One-to-One Business Advice Sessions	Remote Sessions throughout June
Search Engine Optimisation & Web Analytics	June 8 th
Enterprising Women Network Webinar	June 9 th
Trading Online Voucher Information Seminar	June 24 th

DLR Tourism Steering Committee

A meeting of the DLR Tourism Steering Committee took place on June 10th to review the impact of Covid 19 in Dun Laoghaire Rathdown. The Tourism Sector continues to be impacted very heavily by Covid 19. Many Tourism businesses are not expected to reopen until July 20th. The requirement for 2-meter social distancing is a significant issue affecting trade. Focus for the next few weeks will be on the reopening of services.

Well Worth The Climb

An online meeting of the “Well Worth The Climb sub group” took place on June 22nd. This group of Tourism providers operate in the rural part of the county. The WWTC Group will meet again in September.

Tourism Friendly Cities Network

Dun Laoghaire was to host a Transnational Network meeting of the partner Cities on June 16th & 17th however this was postponed due to Covid 19. An online meeting of partners took place on June 25th & 26th.

A meeting of the Dun Laoghaire project Committee (ULG) took place on June 16th to discuss the project and plan the next steps.

Destination Towns Fund “Dun Laoghaire”

Work is has begun on the implementation of the projects included in the Destination Town Application.

Tourism Promotion

In May/June DLR Tourism ran a new Food Trail campaign on our DLR Tourism social platforms promoting local offers.

DLR Tourism Social Media Impact June

24 June 2020				
Facebook	No of followers	No of New followers	No of posts	Impressions
dlr Tourism	5,214	81	27	140,235
Twitter	No of followers	No of New followers	no of posts	Impressions
dlr Tourism	2,893	51	57	35,000

DLR REVENUE ACCOUNT
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/05/2020

41.67%

SERVICE DIVISION		EXPENDITURE		
		Expenditure €	Adopted Full Year Budget €	Exp as % of Budget
A	Housing & Building	19,989,904	49,324,900	40.53%
B	Road Transport & Safety	11,846,103	30,748,700	38.53%
C	Water Services	4,885,231	12,388,600	39.43%
D	Development Management	9,085,452	21,872,800	41.54%
E	Environmental Services	12,208,006	30,671,800	39.80%
F	Recreation & Amenity	13,033,201	34,532,100	37.74%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	2,767,591	4,748,900	58.28%
H	Miscellaneous Services	3,491,880	8,207,900	42.54%
Total Expenditure		77,307,368	192,495,700	40.16%

SERVICE DIVISION		INCOME		
		Income €	Adopted Full year Budget €	Inc as % of Budget
A	Housing & Building	17,890,774	42,936,600	41.67%
B	Road Transport & Safety	4,136,381	13,492,400	30.66%
C	Water Services	3,434,439	8,557,300	40.13%
D	Development Management	2,683,308	5,360,400	50.06%
E	Environmental Services	2,315,465	5,627,200	41.15%
F	Recreation & Amenity	1,993,895	5,551,400	35.92%
G	Agriculture, Education, Health & Welfare	2,032,833	3,934,400	51.67%
H	Miscellaneous Services	2,835,146	6,617,300	42.84%
Sub Total		37,322,241	92,077,000	40.53%

LPT	Local Property Tax	4,528,960	10,869,500	41.67%
RA	Rates	37,234,530	89,549,200	41.58%
Total Income		79,085,731	192,495,700	41.08%

Surplus as 31/05/2020 -€1,778,363

**DLR CAPITAL ACCOUNT
INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY SERVICE DIVISION TO 31/05/2020**

SERVICE DIVISION	Balance at 01/01/2020 €	Expenditure YTD €	Income YTD €	Balance at 31/05/2020 €
A Total Housing & Building	-11,150,942	12,699,587	-10,064,156	-8,515,510
B Total Road Transport & Safety	-9,485,702	1,778,820	-841,363	-8,548,245
C Total Water Services	-3,339,681	143,883	-48,669	-3,244,467
D Total Development Management	-58,562,198	2,959,492	-5,564,798	-61,167,503
E Total Environmental Services	-8,557,016	18,401	-203,125	-8,741,740
F Total Recreation & Amenity	-14,795,623	3,206,215	-1,278,673	-12,868,081
G Total Agriculture, Education, Health&Safety	-4,029,685	200,000	0	-3,829,685
H Total Miscellaneous Services	-37,024,959	1,325,846	-3,239,108	-38,938,221
Grand Total	-146,945,806	22,332,244	-21,239,891	-145,853,453

SUMMARY OF RATES DEBTORS TO 31/05/2020

	Balance at 01/01/2020 €	Balance at 31/05/2020 €	Arrears from current year debit	Arrears >1 year
RATES	14,468,049	72,908,412	59,404,527	13,503,886

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*Please note the Second Moiety is due in July 2020 in the sum of €44,681,435

Planning Applications – monthly statistics

	Outline Permission	Permission	Total
New application Received*	0	90	90
Decision Deferred	0	35	35
Decision to Grant**	0	75	75
Decision to Refuse**	0	10	10
Issued within 2 months or 8 weeks	0	46	46
Invalid Applications	0	20	20

*Includes 8 Applications for Retention

**Split decisions; Grant Permission & Refuse Permission (inc. For Retention) are entered in as a decision under both "Decision to Grant" and "Decision to Refuse".

2 Split Decisions (to Grant and Refuse)

Strategic Housing Development (SHD) Applications:

Planning Applications received under section 4 of the P&D (Housing) & Residential Tenancies Act 2016

Case No	Applicant's Name & Brief Description of Development	Date Application Received	Last Day for Submissions/ Observations	Application Website	Due to be decided by ABP
ABP 307332	151 No. apartments Deansgrange Road, Deansgrange	19/6/20	20/7/20	www.deansgrangeshd.com	05/10/20

<http://www.pleanala.ie/shd/applications/index.htm>

Planning Counter Figures 1st June to 25th June

Customers Served	*30
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*The public counter re-opened to the public on Monday the 25th May to facilitate the viewing of live planning applications by appointment.

Building Control

Fire Safety Certs applications received	10
Regularisation Certs	0
Revised Fire Safety Certs	0
Fire Safety Certs applications Granted	10
Fire Safety Certs applications Refused	0
Disability Access Cert Applications Received	1
Disability Access Cert Applications Granted	8
Commencement Notices Validated	1
7 Day Notices received	16
Completion Certs Validated	2



Comhairle Contae County Council

Infrastructure and Climate Change

Environmental Enforcement

Litter Fines issued (Litter Pollution Act): 0 (included below)

Presentation of Waste (Waste Bye-laws) fines: 3

Legal proceedings initiated: 0

Statutory notices issued by Environmental Enforcement:

LPA Warning notices: 3

Waste Warning notices: 0

Environmental Enforcement Section - Waste Enforcement, Air, Noise

Complaints received 67

Complaints closed 70

Litter

June 2020	Number	Comment
Litter Fines issued (Litter Pollution Act/Litter Bye-laws)	36	
Presentation of Waste (Waste Bye-laws) fines	2	Waste Bye-laws
Legal proceedings initiated	7	
Cases opened (Dumping/Litter)	197	Litter Section
Cases closed (Dumping/Litter)	152	Litter Section

Awards

Rosemount Court Housing scheme has been shortlisted for the 2020 RIAI Awards and Rochestown House Phase 3 has been selected for exhibition later in the year. Rosemount is also part of the Public Choice Award shortlist where members of the public can vote for their favourite building of the year.

<https://www.riai.ie/public-choice-award-poll/#poll-3>

Conservation

12 successful applicants in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown will benefit from €79,000 under this year's Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS). One applicant will benefit from €30,000 under this year's Historic Structures Fund (HSF).

This financial assistance to assist with the conservation and restoration of Protected Structures is greatly welcomed. As the projects get underway, they will support employment and generate some flow of income within communities at this time.

<https://www.chg.gov.ie/app/uploads/2020/06/full-list-of-bhis-approved-projects-2020-1.pdf>

<https://www.chg.gov.ie/app/uploads/2020/06/full-list-of-hsf-approved-projects-2020.pdf>

Energy

dlr Leisure's Energy Performance Contract is progressing and 3 Energy Services Companies (ESCo) were shortlisted and have now been invited to participate in competitive dialogue and carry out investment grade audits at their own expense.

Dangerous Buildings: June 2020

Dangerous	1
Potentially Dangerous	4
Not Dangerous	2
Total	7

Community and Cultural Development

Dlr Comhairle na nÓg

Dlr Comhairle na nÓg meetings have continued in an online format. Representatives from Dlr Comhairle na nÓg met with dlr Senior Parks Superintendent to discuss potential tree planting project later in the year.

Community Facilities

Community Staff continued to work with the Managers and Board of Management of Community Facilities to support them in the process of preparing Community Facilities for re-opening.

Local Economic & Community Plan (LECP)

- The [dlr Local Economic & Community Plan 2016 – 21](#) is a key statutory plan to support and enhance quality of life and well-being of our communities in Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown.
- The Council supports community engagement and participation, and the ongoing development of the dlr Public Participation Network. The PPN is an independent umbrella group through which the Council consults with community groups. <http://dlrppn.ie/>
- DLR is an Age Friendly County, and work is ongoing to implement [DLR's Age Friendly Strategy 2016-20](#) working with dlr's Age Friendly Alliance Partners. The Alliance met on 10 June
- The Healthy Ireland Steering Committee met on 10th June.
- Work is ongoing to support Social Inclusion and promote cultural diversity in dlr.

Community Health and Wellbeing Initiatives

Community

Zoom quizzes and bingo on the Green took place in Patrician Villas every Saturday and Sunday during June. Nutgrove/Loreto Residents Association held street bingo every Saturday in June while Kilcross held bingo on the Green with a small donation which goes to support front line staff.

3 live events were held to support those feeling very isolated that showcased ballroom dancing, storytelling and classical guitar.

The Flag to Sea event was launched that will be held as the country emerges from the final phase of Covid public health restrictions.

Estate Management

The Estate Management groups have continued to meet on line to stay connected and to discuss plans of work for the year ahead once restrictions lift.

Age Friendly Alliance

The Age Friendly Alliance met on the 10th June 2020.

Community Centres

The Community Department team are engaging closely with the individual boards of management and with the community centre managers to assist centres with their own preparations for the phased re-opening of facilities. In relation to community centre

premises, an extensive mapping and risk assessment exercise of each facility is being carried out by each centre to ensure each centre will have a re-opening plan in compliance with all Government and HSE guidelines. A Covid document pack was issued to all centres to support this process.

The Centres at Mountown and Samuel Beckett opened on the 29th June 2020.

COVID-19 Community Call Helpline

The Community response to Covid-19 is being led and coordinated by **Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council** in collaboration with a wide-range of stakeholders in the Community Response Forum, supported by a wide range of community and volunteer groups.

Community Response to Covid 19:

- Helpline and email address set up and promoted across all communication channels
- Operates 7 days a week from 8 am to 8 pm
- The Community Call Helpline has dealt with 3,500 calls since it commenced on 30 March.
- Issues range from shopping, pension, medical, loneliness and isolation
- The Community Response Forum is meeting on a weekly basis at present to support in co-ordinating the provision of a multi-agency response to the individuals in the community that are negatively impacted arising from the measures implemented by the Government to stem the spread of Covid 19

2 stakeholder forum multi agency meetings were held.

The Family Support forum met on 2 occasions.

The Health and Wellbeing Forum met on 2 occasions

A Covid-19 Emergency Fund has been introduced by the Department of Rural and Community Development. The Fund is designed to support groups/organisations involved in Community Call Covid-19.

The groups who have received support from this fund are:

10th Kiltiernan Scout Group
Acquired Brain injury Ireland
Airfield Estate
Balally Family Resource Centre
Ballinteer Isolation Support
Ballinteer St.John's GAA Club
Ballyogan Family Resource Centre
Barnardo's
COPD Support Ireland
Crosscare
Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Outreach Project
Enable Ireland
Focus Ireland

Hillview Resource Centre
Holly House Community Resource Centre
Making Connections
Mercy Law
Multiple Sclerosis Ireland South Dublin branch
Muslim Sisters of Eire
My Project - minding you
Nutgrove & Loreto Community Association
Patrician Residents Association
Purple House Cancer Support
Rosemount Community Group
Rosepark Independent Living
Serve the City
Southside Partnership
Southside Travellers Action Group
St.Columbanus National School

Cultural Development

Arts

Cruinniú na nÓg

As part of the dlr Creative Ireland programme, Cruinniú na nÓg, the national day celebrating creativity in children and young people took place online on Saturday, 13th June. It was a great success with all workshops requiring advance registration getting fully booked.

This year's festival programme included online performances, workshops, long term projects and art challenges to inspire, showcase and celebrate local creativity. One of our projects, *In Other Words*, was featured on RTE Radio 1 News at One on Friday, June 12th. <https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/arts/children-and-young-people/other-words>

Much of the free programme is still available to enjoy over the summer months. The Festival was delivered in partnership with a large number of local arts and resource organisations, and local artists. See www.dlrcoco.ie/cruinniu

Musicians in Residence

Dave Flynn, the first musician in residence for 2020, continues his online residency. Weekly videos from Dave about his composition progress and influences are posted on the website and via social media. The scheme is jointly funded by Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council and the Arts Council and managed by Music Network.

<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/arts/music/dave-flynn-musician-residence-2020>

Social Media

From the 12th March onwards, the Arts Office increased the amount of social media posts in order to stay connected to our community and audiences.

Arts Grants

3 types of grants were assessed in June to support artists and cultural organisations

Emerging Artist Grants to support the development of new work by emerging artist are funded by The Arts Council. 66 applications were received and assessed by the Arts Office.

<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/arts/funding-opportunities/emerging-artist-grants>

dlr Creative Ireland Artist Professional Development and Mentorship Bursary: Funded by Creative Ireland, the objective of this bursary is to support further creative development among professional artists in dlr and to grow that capacity of the arts community by supporting professional development and mentorship. 20 applications were received and assessed.

dlr Creative Ireland Innovation & Incubation Bursaries 2020:

Funded by Creative Ireland these bursaries offer the opportunity for professional, dlr based not-for-profit cultural organisations and institutions to invest resources and time to develop innovative ways of working, engaging with their audiences or artists in new ways, test new ideas and practices or incubate a new project or strand to their work. 9 applications were received and assessed.

<https://www.dlrcoco.ie/en/arts/funding-opportunities/creative-ireland-bursaries>

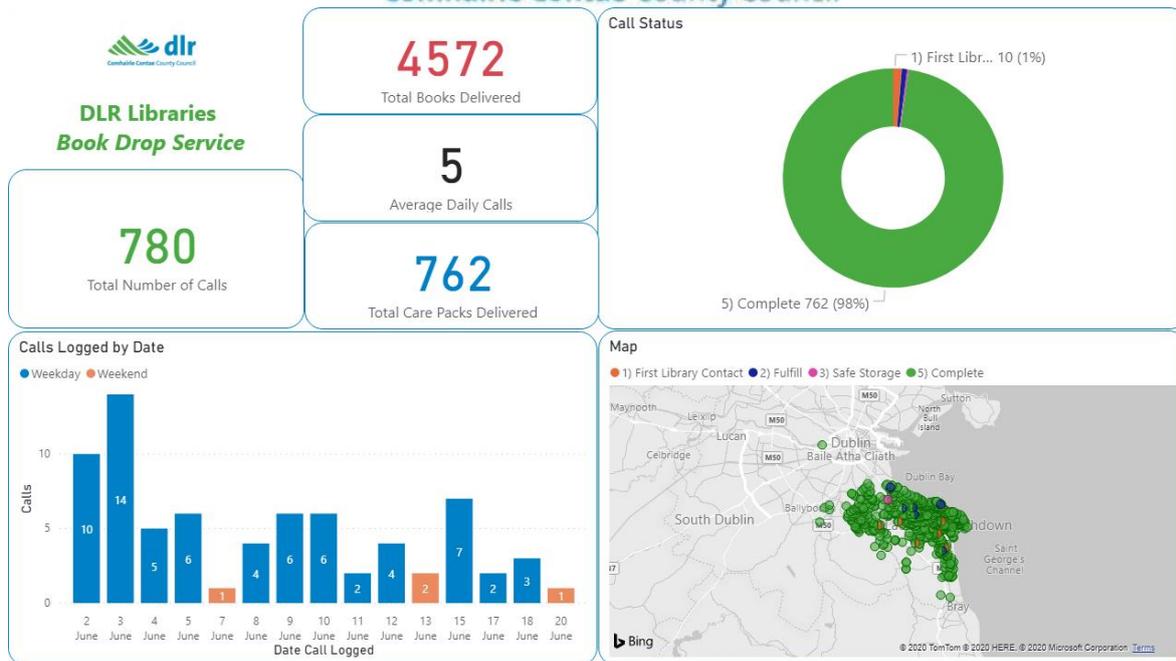
Online Poetry Competition

Funded by Creative Ireland dlr Arts Office ran an online Poetry competition. There are 4 categories, adult, Haiku, young adult and children. Nearly 200 entries were received and assessed. The judges are Katie Donovan, Paul Perry, Jessica Traynor and Lucinda Jacob and winners will be announced by the end of June.

Libraries

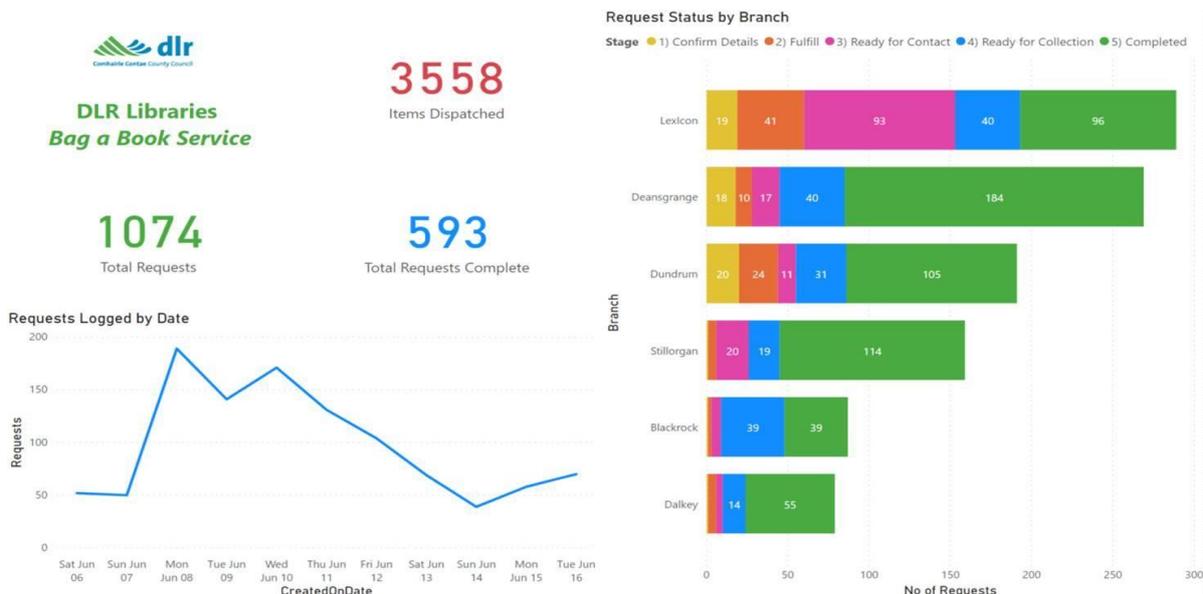
Community Call Book Drop

Library staff in dlr LexIcon continue to deal with calls to the Book Drop line. The number of requests has steadily decreased as those cocooning are now permitted to leave their homes and make short journeys, and with the introduction of a *Contact & Collect* service in dlr Libraries.



dlr Bag a Book: Contact & Collect Service

In advance of the planned gradual re-opening of library spaces in Phase III on 29 June, dlr Libraries launched a Contact & Collect Service on 8 June, allowing users to order a selection of books, CDs and DVDs, based on reading habits, hobbies and interests. This selection is made via a bespoke online order form or by calling any of the 6 participating dlr Libraries. Members of the public can now return items to their local library, and collect new ones. In the first week of this new service, we received over **1,000 requests** with over **3,500 items** ordered for collection.



For further information on the *Contact & Collect Service*, please visit our website at: <https://libraries.dlrco.co.ie/events-and-news/library-news/bag-book-new-contact-collect-service>

Quick Browse Service in dlr LexIcon

Following on from the *Contact & Collect Service*, dlr Libraries announced on 17 June that Level 3 in dlr LexIcon is now open to the public for a **Quick Browse Service**, the next phase in the planned re-opening of all dlr library spaces. We have created a mini Library via the Haigh Terrace entrance for users to visit, browse and self-issue library material. dlr LexIcon Quick Browse includes a well-stocked children's library plus a selection of adult fiction, non-fiction, large print, audiobooks, DVDs and new books to choose from. In line with public health guidelines on social distancing and hygiene, visitor numbers are currently limited at any given time, with limited browsing, a one-way system and sanitation station at entrance.

We continue to examine innovative ways of enhancing the user experience especially during this challenging time e.g. dlr Libraries App to allow self-issue and self-return of library items to minimise using touch screens and handling library cards, traffic-light system when entering library spaces to ensure maximum capacity numbers are being adhered to.

For further information on the *Quick Browse Service*, please visit our website at: <https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/events-and-news/library-news/quick-browse-service-dlr-lexicon>

dlr Libraries Online

dlr Library staff continue to adapt our usual events programme to an online environment where possible. This includes Storytime sessions and videos, quizzes, arts and crafts workshops, podcasts as well as social media posts promoting local and national well-being initiatives.

We continue to offer an expanded suite of online resources including e-books, e-audio books, a music streaming/download service, online newspapers and magazines plus a variety of online courses via our website.

See the full list of our online resources here: <https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/online-library>

Sitting Pretty

In May, we asked the public to send in photos of themselves, their family or pets reclining in their favourite sit-down spot to help capture this recent extraordinary time in our County. The final photo montage was posted to our social media platforms in mid-June.

dlr Local Voices: Short story competition

As part of the dlr Creative Ireland 2020 Programme, we launched the *dlr Local Voices: Short story* competition for all ages. Our judges are currently deliberating and making their final decisions, and the winners will be announced by the end of June.

<https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/events-and-news/library-news/dlr-local-voices-writing-competition-%E2%80%93-creative-ireland-initiative>

Events for Adults

Online Book Club

After a successful debut in May, our next online book club takes place on 24 June at 7.30pm via Zoom. The chosen title is *Girl, Woman, Other* by Bernardine Evaristo, which jointly won the Booker Prize in 2019. The book club will be facilitated by Mary Burnham of Dubray Books.

Bloomsday 2020

To celebrate Bloomsday 2020 on 16 June, we offered the public, in collaboration with our colleagues in *The Friends of Joyce Tower Society*, a unique opportunity to see three rarely-screened films on the life and work of James Joyce. The films were produced by

Bruce Arnold in the 1990s, and explored stories and controversies which still surround Joyce and his most famous work, *Ulysses*.

Irish National Opera podcasts

Another recent collaboration has been with the Irish National Opera. Mezzo soprano Sharon Carty guides us through a new two-part podcast exploring the inner workings of the opera world. The listener explores some of the many voice types that can be heard on the operatic stage as well as uncovering just what goes in to putting a production together. For these podcasts and all other dlr Libraries podcasts, visit our page here: <https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/online-library/library-podcast>

Regular events for adults

Quizzes – including weekly book and geography quizzes.
Flashback Friday – An image from our Local History collection is posted, in some cases, “then” and “now” images are posted to stimulate memories and discussion.
Share your Shelf – We’re asking our community to share their bookshelves with us, with a little background info on why they’ve kept a certain book over the years.

Exhibition Programme

To view a selection of our exhibitions that are now available online, visit: <https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/library-services/local-history/history-d%C3%BA-laoghaire-rathdown> and click on the relevant exhibition from the list on the left-hand side.

Events for Children

Online Storytime

Storytime takes place online on Facebook at 10.30am Mon-Fri, with stories as *Gaeilge* on Thursdays. During April and May, we’ve posted more than 40 videos, with over 20,000 views and reaching over 58,000 people to date. We will continue with online storytime over the next few months while our library spaces gradually re-open.

Summer Stars 2020

Summer Stars is the public library national summer reading programme for children that runs annually from the 15 June until the end of August. All children throughout the country are invited to join the adventure and to enjoy the fun and pleasure of reading and writing over the summer. Summer Stars is non-competitive and every child who reads even one book is regarded as having completed the programme – and it’s all completely free! Our programme this year will take place at home and online and include a national short story competition, online bookclubs for those living within dlr, author sessions, quizzes, treasure hunts and more!

Further information on the national Summer Stars programme 2020 can be found here: <https://www.librariesireland.ie/services/right-to-read/summer-stars>

Summer Art competition for children

We’re still accepting entries online for our Summer Art competition. Children throughout the County are being asked to create a piece of art inspired by the title: ‘*Summertime is for...*’ To be in with a chance to win One4All and Art & Hobby vouchers, entries must be received before the closing date of 30 June.

Lego Competition 2020

Children and adults are invited to participate in dlr Libraries Lego Competition 2020, a perfect project to work on over the summer months. This year’s theme is: ‘*Design your ideal outer space world using Lego*’

We have several age categories and team builds are also accepted, so buddy up with a sibling or family member. As in previous years, we hope to display all the Lego builds we receive in dlr LexIcon in the autumn.

<https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/events-and-news/library-news/dlr-libraries-lego-competition-2020>

Let's Play!

We've been participating in the Government's recent *Let's Play* initiative, aimed at promoting play for all children during the Covid - 19 restrictions. We've been posting videos on Facebook showing parents some book-related activities they can do at home with their children related to specific book titles.

Cruinniú na nÓg 2020

This year's Cruinniú took place on Saturday 13 June in a mainly online environment due to ongoing restrictions on public gatherings. dlr Arts Office programmed the majority of events with dlr Libraries organising a sold-out Young Writers' workshop via Zoom, hosted by dlr Writer in Residence Sadhbh Devlin and award-winning children's writer, Sarah Webb with guests, author Dave Rudden, author and illustrator Alan Nolan and Gráinne Clear, Senior Editor at Walker Books.

Many of the projects began in advance of 13 June and many will continue after the designated day of celebration. For a full list of dlr Cruinniú 2020 events and projects, visit here:

<https://cruinniu.creativeireland.gov.ie/events/location/d%c3%ban%20laoghaire%20rathdown>

Further info:

Keep up with what's happening in dlr Libraries by signing up for our fortnightly e-bulletin: <https://libraries.dlrcoco.ie/events-and-news/dlr-libraries-ebulletin>

Statistics

Social media platforms (May Vs June2020)

Facebook: 6,141 – 6,243 followers

Twitter: 7,709 – 7,767 followers

Instagram: 2,226 – 2,356 followers

Subscribers to fortnightly Libraries e-bulletin: 6,509

Online resources (May 2020 Vs April 2020) – June Stats not available until full month is completed

Resource	Description	Checkouts May 2020	Checkouts April 2020
Overdrive	e-Audio	1,397	1,405
Overdrive	e-Book	2,979	2,837
Borrowbox	e-Audio	4,525	4,315
Borrowbox	e-Book	3,845	3,912
RB Digital	Audio and Comics	1,300	1,221
RB Magazines	Magazines	4,237	4,501
Press Reader	Newspapers	47,762	44,230
Freegal	Music downloads	216	276
Freegal	Music Streaming	3,889	2,633

