

# BALLYMUN Tidy Towns

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## ANNUAL REPORT 2021

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## Ballymun Tidy Towns 3 Year Plan

**Date:** March - July

**Timeframe (ongoing/completed etc.):** Completed

**Stakeholders Involved:** BTT / consultant

**Review (pros/cons/outcomes/future plans):**

- Approx. 19 hours via Zoom meetings – 5 BTT members and 1 consultant. Total manhours spent drafting the 3 year plan – 114 hours. This was signed off by the BTT committee and volunteers and is available on the BTT website: <https://ballymuntidytowns.business.blog/>
- The BTT 3 year plan is arranged with Short / Medium / Long Term objectives. It is also divided using the Sustainable Development Goals and the National Tidy Towns 8 categories:
  - Community - Your Planning and Involvement
  - Streetscape and Public Places
  - Green Spaces and Landscaping
  - Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality
  - Sustainability – Doing more with less
  - Tidiness and Litter Control
  - Residential Streets and Housing Areas
  - Approach Roads, Streets and Lanes

## Ballymun Tidy Towns Clean Ups

**Date:** 12<sup>th</sup> May – 4<sup>th</sup> Dec 2021

**Timeframe (ongoing/completed etc.):** Ongoing

**Stakeholders Involved:** BTT volunteers

**Review (pros/cons/outcomes/future plans):**

• Average Number of Volunteers on Wed:	8.1 volunteers
• Average Number of Volunteers on Other Activity Days:	4.3 volunteers
• Average Number of Plant Waste:	1.4 bags
• Average Number of Litter:	1 bag
• Average Number of Cans:	0 bag
• Number of Wed. Clean Up Days:	24 days
• Number of Other Activity Days:	8 days

Wednesday weekly clean up or event						
			No. bags collected			
Date	No of volunteers	Activity done (eg edging kerbs, etc)	Plant waste	Litter	Cans	Other (specify which kind)
12/05/2021	6	Weeding at plaza bus stop, litter picking and edging of grass at plaza	6	2		
19/05/2021		Cancelled				
26/05/2021	6	Weeding and litter picking outside Muck and Magic and environs.	5	2		
02/06/2021	7	Planting 6 planters on Main street		3		
09/06/2021	8	Painting some of the planters, planting new plants in other planters, and litter picking	1	1		
16/06/2021	8	Painted one of the planters, and weeded area around bus stop outside of old shopping centre		2		
23/06/2021	5	Outside muck and magic - Sanding of planters in preparation for painting, and replacing compost in planters and planting new plants.				
30/06/2021	13	Painted 3 planters, litter picking at plaza, and planting plants in planters		3		
07/07/2021	8	Painting planters, litter picking, and weeding around trees on central median	0.5	1		
14/07/2021	12	Painted last of the planters, and weeded between Supervalu and the old shopping centre and the central median, and the Trinity Comp students seemed to litter pick on the main road	2?			
21/07/2021	5	Weeding outside civic centre, and old-shopping centre, and litter picking at plaza	1	0.5		

28/07/2021	12	Large clean-up at Gateway view, with some residents of there	5			
04/08/2021	8	Weeded opposite the silverstream nursing home, and worked on planters near plaza and litter picked there as well	3	1		
11/08/2021	10	Weeding pavement opposite Muck and Magic, and litter picking along near side of muck and magic	3	1		
18/08/2021	7	Weeded and edged the path on the opposite side of Trinity Comprehensive	6	2		
25/08/2021	7	Weeded in closed bed in car park, and in the six planters at the swimming pool	3			
01/09/2021		No data				
08/09/2021	9	Weeded and littered between Supervalue and the old shopping centre	2	1		
15/09/2021	6	Weeded on main street outside the Rediscovery centre, and along the street towards the bus stop at St Pappins	3			
22/09/2021	13	Weeded and picked up litter outside Northwood Green	0	7		
29/09/2021	7	Weeded outside Ballymun library and collect some seeds from the planters in the median	2			
06/10/2021	7	Planted up planters at the Ballymun Fitness courtyard	0			
13/10/2021	7	Removed old annuals, weeded and gave new compost to planters along the central medium outside Supervalue. Also litter picked at car park		1		
20/10/2021	10	Removed old annuals, weeded, and gave new compost to planters in the central medium on the Lidl side. Also mowed the	3			

		grass at the steachter school place				
27/10/2021	6	Put compost and plants in planters along central medium and bus stop at the plaza	0	0	0	

Other Activity Days			No. bags collected			
Date	No of volunteers	Activity done (eg edging kerbs, etc)	Plant waste	Litter	Cans	Other (specify which kind)
05/06/2021	5	Painting two of the planters on the main street				
12/06/2021	8	Painting 3 of the planters, and weeding along street outside Trinity Comp				
19/06/2021	3	Painting planters outside Trinity Comprehensive, and John planting new plants				
26/06/2021	1	John did some planting on the main street				
30/10/2021	4	Brought new compost to planters and removed old plants				
13/11/2021	7	Planting bulbs in raised bed on old ballymun shopping centre site, and in some of the planters in the central medium				
20/11/2021	2	Litter picked the central medium of the M50 approach road, and the grassy corner opposite Dealz		3		
04/12/2021	5	Put new compost and plants in planters on the main street, and then litter picked around old shopping centre car park and outside the swimming pool		3		

## Ballymun Biodiversity Action Plan

<b>Date started:</b>	Late 2019 / Jan 2020
<b>Timeframe (ongoing/completed etc.):</b>	Ongoing
<b>Stakeholders Involved:</b>	BTT / Ballymun Biodiversity Focus Group / Phibsboro TT

### Review (pros/cons/outcomes/future plans):

- Initial meeting in Autumn 2019 with DCC Lorrain Bull biodiversity officer, Stephen Groom NWA Parks and Mary Ann Harris to consider a new Biodiversity Action Plan for Ballymun. BTT received funding from The Community Foundation of Ireland of €5000 to employ an ecologist to survey, run surveying workshops and draw up the new BAP in conjunction with the Ballymun Biodiversity Focus Group. Mary Tubridy was employed as the ecologist to conduct these works.
- BTT linked in with Phibsboro Tidy towns as they are also drawing up their own BAP using Mary Tubridy as their ecologist. It was decided to run the survey workshops together.
- Covid restrictions have severely impacted and delayed the roll out of this project.
- During 2021 Habitat mapping, hedgerow surveys, bird surveys and water surveys were conducted under the direction of Mary Tubridy. The BBFG reviewed and gave feedback on the BBAP. They were also consulted regarding the proposed actions included in the BBAP.
- Received funding from the Dublin Airport Community Fund of €2000 for educational signage to promote biodiversity awareness: interpretation signs providing information on native biodiversity, habitats and ecosystems, ecosystem services, the importance of conservation. These will be created once the BBAP is completed.
- Received funding from the NPWS Grants Scheme for small biodiversity recording projects 2021 of €2559.20 to purchase recording and research equipment. The equipment has been purchased and is available to any local groups who wish to record biodiversity within the Ballymun environs.
- Waiting for the final draft of the BBAP for sign off by the BBFG.

### Various Biodiversity Based Projects:

- BTT and members of the BBFG linked in with DCC parks to obtain Leave It Bee signs in April. This is to encourage less mowing of the green spaces so that the natural seed bank is allowed to grow, such as dandelions and daisies, to provide food to pollinators.
- BTT Wild Plants of Ballymun Facebook series (April – June): BTT ran a series of FB posts highlighting natural wild plants which can be found in the Ballymun environs.

## Plant Nursery Joint Project

<b>Date started:</b>	Late 2019 / Jan 2020
<b>Timeframe (ongoing/completed etc.):</b>	Ongoing
<b>Stakeholders Involved:</b>	BTT / Muck and Magic Community Garden / Trinity Comprehensive

### Review (pros/cons/outcomes/future plans):

- BTT / Trinity Comprehensive / Muck and Magic Community Garden have collaborated to build and run a plant nursery. Located in the Muck and Magic Community Garden, this project will involve Gaisce and TY students learning how to grow plants from seed. These pollinator friendly plants will then be used by BTT / Trinity Comprehensive in their planting schemes and donated to the local community groups.

## Repak Recycling Project

<b>Date:</b>	Started Feb 2020
<b>Timeframe (ongoing/completed etc.):</b>	Ongoing
<b>Stakeholders Involved:</b>	BTT / Sunflower Recycling / Repak / various local groups
<b>Review (pros/cons/outcomes/future plans):</b>	

- Pilot project run by Repak with 7 other Tidy Towns groups in the country
- Repak recycling project is open to all Ballymun community / residents' groups.
- Accepts aluminium drink cans and plastic drinks bottles only.
- It needs to be a can or a bottle that was probably purchased in a local shop and was discarded in the Ballymun area.
- Cans and bottles need to be separated and placed into Repak / Tidy Towns bags.
- Repak / Tidy Towns bags are available in Nan's SuperValu which is also the collection point for Sunflower recycling to process the full bags on behalf of Repak.
- In 2021, each full bag is worth €5 from Jan – March, €4 from April – June and €3 from July to the remainder of the project.
- BTT invoices Repak for the bags collected by Sunflower recycling
- Payment is received from Repak into the BTT bank account
- BTT send out payments to the local community groups
- The project has had a fairly small uptake from local community / residents' groups considering Ballymun large population
- Stats:

Number of bags Collected in 2021	Payments to groups		
Jan - March	1911	€5 per bag	9555
April	274	€4 per bag	1096
May	329	€4 per bag	1316
June	389	€4 per bag	1556
July	418	€3 per bag	1254
Aug	411	€3 per bag	1233
Sept	387	€3 per bag	1161
Oct	326	€3 per bag	978
Nov	337	€3 per bag	1011
Dec	155	€3 per bag	465
<b>Total</b>	<b>4937</b>		<b>€19,625</b>

## Better Ballymun Projects

**Date:** Jan 2021 – Dec 2021

**Timeframe (ongoing/completed etc.):** Ongoing

**Stakeholders Involved:**

Ballymun Tidy Towns / Ballymun Tidy Towns / Trinity Comprehensive / BRYR / Poppintree Youth Centre / Ballymun Health and Fitness / Ballymun Book Exchange / City Farm Ballymun / Sika / Firehouse Pizza / Nan's SuperValu / DCC Public Domain & Community dept.

**Review (pros/cons/outcomes/future plans):**

**Planting Projects:** Druid Court Planting Project in conjunction with the DCC Court Laneways Project; Owensilla; Salley Garden with City Farm at Trinity Comprehensive; Wildflower areas in Trinity Comprehensive; Santry Cross by Sika; Poppintree Astro Turf;

**Painting Projects:** Shop hoardings at Santry Cross and beside Aprille's Take Away; Poppintree Astro Turf; Poppintree Sports Centre; Doon and Knowth Court; Muck and Magic Community Garden; Mural along St Margaret's Road

**Other Projects:** Irish History Trail signs; Spooky Trail signs; Trinity Comprehensive 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary signs; Children's Skipping Rhymes signs; Ballymun Health and Fitness Saturday litter pick runs; Gaisce students Wed litter picks; Trinity Comprehensive Compost bin with DCC; Beehives and Bug Hotels in Trinity Comprehensive; Litter pick at Poppintree Astro Turf; Ballymun Book Exchange; Sport Scholarship Students Can Collection; Bee Hotel donation from Sika.

## Ballymun Tidy Towns Website

**Date:** 26<sup>th</sup> May

**Timeframe (ongoing/completed etc.):** Completed

**Stakeholders Involved:** BTT / Trinity Comprehensive students / Gaisce student

**Review (pros/cons/outcomes/future plans):**

- Officially launched 26<sup>th</sup> May.
- Designed and researched by the student of 5 Liffey it is a great space to upload documents of relevance to the community and related to BTT activities
- Tabs: About Us / Ballymun Tidy Towns Competitions / Projects / Future Projects / Gallery / Information Map / Better Ballymun / Ballymun Biodiversity Action Plan / Publications / Contact Us

## Dublin Community Clean Up

<b>Date:</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> Sept
<b>Timeframe (ongoing/completed etc.):</b>	Completed
<b>Stakeholders Involved:</b>	BTT / DCC / Trinity Comprehensive students
<b>Review (pros/cons/outcomes/future plans):</b>	

- 3 sites litter picked Gateway / Balcurris Park / Whiteacre Park
- 3 groups including 15 students from Trinity Comprehensive and BTT volunteers

## Fairtrade Fortnight

<b>Date:</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Timeframe (ongoing/completed etc.):</b>	Completed
<b>Stakeholders Involved:</b>	DCC Community dept. / BTT
<b>Review (pros/cons/outcomes/future plans):</b>	

- Dublin City Council Community dept. and Rediscovery Centre organised an online event via Zoom to celebrate Fairtrade Fortnight. Ballymun was Dublin's first Fairtrade Town.
- BTT gave a donation of Irish wildflower seeds from Blooming Native Wildflowers for the Fairtrade Fortnight packs. Members of BTT attended the very informative event.

## National Tree Week

<b>Date:</b>	March / April
<b>Timeframe (ongoing/completed etc.):</b>	Completed
<b>Stakeholders Involved:</b>	BTT / BBFG
<b>Review (pros/cons/outcomes/future plans):</b>	

- Councillor Caroline Conroy sourced x100 silver birch whips from Easy Treesie on behalf of the Ballymun Biodiversity Focus Group.
- Total of x97 Silver Birch planted. Remaining x3 will be planted in Trinity Comprehensive Sports Scholarship Garden. Planting locations: Back of library x12, Shelter belt at St Margaret's x30, Carton x7, OLV x5, GLAS garden and Coultry Ave x8. The remaining x35 are temporally planted to be used at a future date.
- Uploaded a Native Irish Tree Trail YouTube Playlist as an educational tool to learn about native trees and how to plant them as part of National Tree Week 2021.

## National Biodiversity Week

<b>Date:</b>	May
<b>Timeframe (ongoing/completed etc.):</b>	Completed
<b>Stakeholders Involved:</b>	BTT / Trinity Comprehensive school / City Farm / BBFG
<b>Review (pros/cons/outcomes/future plans):</b>	

- Weeklong social media posts including:
  - Produced x2 videos with Trinity Comprehensive.
  - Launch of the Ballymun In Pictures online competition
  - Launch of the Ballymun Biodiversity Action Plan questionnaire which will feed into the actions of the final BBAP
  - Information about the current survey work being done for the BBAP including the hedgerow and water surveys.
  - Information on pollinator friendly planting provided by City Farm.
  - Showcasing the Ballymun Wild-Life Facebook page run by local wildlife photographer Michael Keating.
  - Showcasing the biodiversity projects in Trinity Comprehensive including their 9 areas for wildflowers, Leave It Bee areas with longer grass, Sports Scholarship Garden, Parent Poly tunnel, Salley Garden, and bird boxes.

## Ballymun Recovery Month

<b>Date:</b>	Sept
<b>Timeframe (ongoing/completed etc.):</b>	Completed
<b>Stakeholders Involved:</b>	BTT / Ballymun Youth Action Project / St Pappins Parish
<b>Review (pros/cons/outcomes/future plans):</b>	

- BTT went purple for the month of Sept to show support and positivity from our community to everyone in and thinking about Recovery.
- *Recovery Ribbons* – BTT volunteers and the sisters of St Pappins Parish sewed 200 purple ribbons for the community to wear during Recovery Month in association with Ballymun YAP. This project is to make recovery more visible and positive.
- *Recovery Rocks* - BTT volunteer designed and distributed some Ballymun Recovery Rocks in association with Ballymun YAP. This project is to make recovery more visible and positive.
- *Recovery Sign* – The BTT clean up group displayed the Recovery sign at their Wed clean ups along Main Street during Sept. This was to help make Recovery more visible, accepted and to show support.

## DCC Community Plant Event

<b>Date:</b>	29 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>Timeframe (ongoing/completed etc.):</b>	Completed
<b>Stakeholders Involved:</b>	BTT / DCC Community dept.

### Review (pros/cons/outcomes/future plans):

- BTT produced an information leaflet “Buzzing Ballymun” to accompany each batch of plants explaining the importance of pollinator friendly planting and information about the plants received. It also contained information about BTT, the work we do and how to get involved.
- Distribution was held in Trinity Comp car park and involved groups collecting their plants directly from DCC staff or delivered out by BTT volunteers
- 40 community groups collected, and 14 community groups batches were delivered
- Deliveries were coordinated and completed by BTT volunteers.

## DCC Environmental Projects

<b>Date:</b>	Jan - Dec
<b>Timeframe (ongoing/completed etc.):</b>	Completed
<b>Stakeholders Involved:</b>	DCC Community dept. / Public Domain dept.

### Review (pros/cons/outcomes/future plans):

- *DCC Greening Neighbourhoods Projects* - Four local Greening Neighbourhood Projects were organised and facilitated by DCC Community dept. in collaboration with GAP Ballymun. These were in: Ard na Meala, Coultry Green, Sandyhill Court and Shangan Gardens.
- *Druid Court Laneways project* - The laneways in Poppintree courts are being cleaned by the DCC Public Domain dept. with a view of making them into a usable space for community gardens. Residents will need to apply for a garden licence which gives them the ability to maintain and garden these areas. This project will encourage the use of recycled pots, planting, artwork with a view of making them into a wellness space for residents. Druid Court was selected as the pilot project and residents will link in with DCC Public Domain dept. and GAP for workshops and advice.

## Ballymun Tidy Towns Online Photo Competition

<b>Date:</b>	May / June
<b>Timeframe (ongoing/completed etc.):</b>	Completed
<b>Stakeholders Involved:</b>	BTT

**Review (pros/cons/outcomes/future plans):**

- Raise awareness of BTT within the community and boost traffic to different BTT social media accounts.
- Unable to do Ballymun in Bloom this May so this was used as a substitute and a precursor to the local area competition.
- Launched during National Biodiversity Week and conducted weeklong social media posts showcasing the entries using #BeautifulBallymun
- Judges: (X2) independent from BTT, the photos are sent in by DM to BTT social media or by email.
- Photos uploaded to a shared Google Drive folder to which the judges have access. To ensure impartiality, the owners of the photos were not identified.
- 2 categories: Flowers / Wildlife. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> prize per category, Highly Commended and Special Awards. €25 One4All vouchers (X4) and 10 prizes of €20 pizza vouchers donated by Firehouse Pizza.
- It was suggested that the entries could be used in a BTT yearly calendar once permissions are secured.

<b>Ballymun In Pictures Winners 2021</b>	
<b>Wildlife Category</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	Vincent Hall
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	Jenny Ryan
Highly Commended	Muriel Farrell
	Melanie Hartigan
	Sarah-Rose Farrell
<b>Flowers Category</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	Alannapio
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	Deirdre
Highly Commended	Mick Creedon
	Rose Murphy
	Abdula Abdulnasser
<b>Special Awards</b>	OLV 1st class students Erin and Matas

## Ballymun Tidy Towns Local Area Competition

**Date:** July

**Timeframe (ongoing/completed etc.):** Completed

**Stakeholders Involved:** BTT

**Review (pros/cons/outcomes/future plans):**

- The BTT Local area competition was launched on the 5<sup>th</sup> July online, posters placed in local shops and the screen in the Civic Centre. Closing date was 23<sup>rd</sup> July.
- Categories: Front Garden / Young Persons Front Garden / Open Area / Enclosed Area / Community Garden / Youth Group Garden / Shop Front
- Judging took place on Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> July, meeting at the Civic Centre and lunch provided at The Reco. Judges were representatives from the OPW, Botanic Gardens, Dublin Northwest Partnership, the City Farm, Ballymun, DCC Parks, Public Domain, Community depts. as well as from Finglas and

Phibsboro Tidy Towns. There were 5 judging groups in total. Each judging group included 1 horticulturist, one independent judge and 1 BTT/local person chaperone.

- New to the 2021 competition:
  - Each entry form had a section to tick: *Do you use: Weedkiller? Slug Pellets?* This information is to gauge how environmentally friendly gardening practices are within Ballymun and to help direct BTT in their educational campaigns.

**Breakdown (2021):**

- Total sites judged – (x63)

**Breakdown of Competition Category Entries and Locations (2021/2020/2019):**

<b>Best Front Garden</b>	<b># Entries</b>	<b>Poppintree</b>	<b>Shangan</b>	<b>Sillogue</b>	<b>Coutry</b>	<b>Main St.</b>
2021	23	15	1	1	6	
2020	34	29	3	1	1	
2019	21	13	3	2	3	
<b>Best Young Persons Garden</b>	<b># Entries</b>	<b>Poppintree</b>	<b>Shangan</b>	<b>Sillogue</b>	<b>Coutry</b>	<b>Main St.</b>
2021	3	1		1	1	
2020	4	2		1	1	
2019	New Category					
<b>Best Open Area</b>	<b># Entries</b>	<b>Poppintree</b>	<b>Shangan</b>	<b>Sillogue</b>	<b>Coutry</b>	<b>Main St.</b>
2021	16	11		2	3	
2020	14	13			1	
2019	7	6			1	
<b>Best Enclosed Area</b>	<b># Entries</b>	<b>Poppintree</b>	<b>Shangan</b>	<b>Sillogue</b>	<b>Coutry</b>	<b>Main St.</b>
2021	5	3		1	1	
2020	6	5		1		
2019	3	2			1	
<b>Best Community Garden</b>	<b># Entries</b>	<b>Poppintree</b>	<b>Shangan</b>	<b>Sillogue</b>	<b>Coutry</b>	<b>Main St.</b>
2021	4		1		2	1
2020	4		1		2	1
2019	3		1		2	
<b>Best Youth Group Garden</b>	<b># Entries</b>	<b>Poppintree</b>	<b>Shangan</b>	<b>Sillogue</b>	<b>Coutry</b>	<b>Main St.</b>
2021	3	1		1		1
2020	2			1		1
2019	New Category					
<b>Best Shop Front</b>	<b># Entries</b>	<b>Poppintree</b>	<b>Shangan</b>	<b>Sillogue</b>	<b>Coutry</b>	<b>Main St.</b>
2021	9	1	1	1		6
2020	12	4	3			5
2019	New Category					

**Recommendations:**

- Very top heavy with Best Front Garden entries from Poppintree. BTT volunteers to cold call into houses with well maintained gardens and encourage the residents to enter the competition.
- Divide the Best Front Garden entries and have 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> prizes for the 5 main areas of Ballymun (Poppintree / Balcurris / Sillogue / Shangan / Coutry) and then an overall winner.
- Produce a checklist for the next local area competition.

## Ballymun Tidy Towns Local Area Awards Night

**Date:** Nov

**Timeframe (ongoing/completed etc.):** Completed

**Stakeholders Involved:** BTT

**Review (pros/cons/outcomes/future plans):**

- The Ballymun Tidy Towns Awards Night 2021 was held on Wed. 17th Nov. at 6pm in the Axis Theatre
- Due to Covid measures entrants could only attend, have a Covid cert and wear masks.
- *Main Awards:* Best Front Garden / Young Persons Front Garden / Open Area / Enclosed Area / Community Garden / Youth Group Garden / Shop Front
- *Highly Commended Awards:* Sponsored by Firehouse Pizza and spread over the 7 categories
- *Special Awards:* Best New Entry / Biodiversity Champion / Community Spirit / Volunteer of the Year / Endeavour Award / Recycling Champion / In Memorial
- In the interval, Orla Kelly and students from Trinity Comprehensive gave a presentation about the planned Better Ballymun day in March 2022.
- Following the ceremony, local Gaisce student Ciara Lennon and Tay Ray from the Reco provided entertainment while the guests enjoyed refreshments provided by the axis.
- BTT Thank You postcards are sent out the entries who did not place detailing the positive judges' comments recorded on the day of judging.
- Going forward it was recommended as well as a plaque for the winners, add a cert with the judges' positive comments.
- The awards night is not about winning but about recognising the effort everyone has put into their area and Ballymun as a whole.

Ballymun Tidy Towns Awards Night 2021 – Winners	
<b>Best Front Garden 2021</b>	
Name	Award
Deirdre M.	Joint 1 <sup>st</sup> Prize
Philip Clarke	Joint 1 <sup>st</sup> Prize
Noel Moloney	Joint 2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize
Leonia Steers	Joint 2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize
Joe O Grady	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize
<b>Best Young Persons Garden 2021</b>	
Name	Awards
Alanna Pio Hislop	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize
Eoin Fitzsimons	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize
Emma Louise Buckley	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize

<b>Best Enclosed Area 2021</b>	
<b>Group Name</b>	<b>Awards</b>
Druid Court No. 25-36	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize
William Boland	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize
Forestwood Avenue No. 34-38	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize
<b>Best Community Garden 2021</b>	
<b>Group Name</b>	<b>Awards</b>
Muck and Magic Community Garden	1st Prize
Glor Na Gael	2nd Prize
Glas Community Garden	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize
<b>Best Youth Group Garden 2021</b>	
<b>Group Name</b>	<b>Awards</b>
Trinity Comprehensive – Sports Scholarship Garden	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize
BRYR – The Reco Garden	2nd Prize
Gaisce Gold People – Poppintree Sports Centre	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize
<b>Best Open Area 2021</b>	
<b>Group Name</b>	<b>Awards</b>
Carton Gardens	1st Prize
Coultrey Way Tidy Road Committee	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize
Doon In Bloom	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize
<b>Best Shop Front 2021</b>	
<b>Business Name</b>	<b>Awards</b>
Edward Mac Manus Pharmacy	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize
Ridgeway Barbers	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize
St Vincent de Paul	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize
<b>Highly Commended 2021 – Sponsored by Firehouse Pizza</b>	
<b>Catagory Name</b>	<b>Group Name</b>
Best Front Garden	Francis Harvey
Best Open Area	The Waltons
Best Open Area	Joe's Patch
Best Open Area	Sunnyside
Best Community Garden	Trinity Comprehensive – Parents Polytunnel
Best Front Garden	John Herbert

Best Front Garden	Kelly Moore
Best Front Garden	Amanda Collins
Best Front Garden	Marie Devlin
Best Open Area	The Fairy Garden

### Special Awards 2021

Name	Award
Sika Ireland	Endeavour Award
Samantha Henry	Biodiversity Champion
Pauline Hannon	Recycling Champion
Paddy O Reilly - Trinity Comprehensive	Community Spirit
Luke Brennan - BTT Volunteer	Volunteer of the Year
In Memorial	Memorial Plaque for Ray Doyle
Lidl Ballymun	Best New Entry

## National Tidy Towns Awards

**Date:** Nov

**Timeframe (ongoing/completed etc.):** Completed

**Stakeholders Involved:** BTT / National Tidy Towns

**Review (pros/cons/outcomes/future plans):**

- Due to Covid the National Tidy Towns Awards were not held in 2020
- Ballymun Tidy Towns came Runner Up in the SDG Special Awards Category
- Ballymun Tidy Towns gained 11 extra points in the 2021 National Tidy Towns Competition

Categories	Maximum Mark	Marks 2018	Marks 2019	Marks 2021
Community – Your Planning and Involvement	60	46	46	47
Streetscape & Public Places	60	37	38	40
Green Spaces and Landscaping	60	39	40	41
Nature and Biodiversity in your Locality	50	39	40	42
Sustainability – Doing more with less	50	26	27	28
Tidiness and Litter Control	90	43	43	44
Residential Streets & Housing Areas	50	31	31	32
Approach Roads, Streets & Lanes	50	31	32	34
<b>TOTAL MARK</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>308</b>

- **Excerpt from the Adjudicator's Report 2021:**

Lean leis an dea-obair. It is great to see that your active committee continue to make improvements to Ballymun. Your committee is well organised with a range of subgroups being formed on a 'needs be basis' and given the large number of projects undertaken, this approach (notwithstanding the pandemic related restrictions) appears to be working well for you. We are delighted to read that events with appropriate safeguards have taken place and that there was a great response to the National Spring clean day in Ballymun. Be sure to try to maintain the high level of engagement with your residential areas and local schools as it will make a positive difference to the appearance and maintenance of your area. The online Ballymun in pictures competition sounds like an excellent alternative to the Ballymun in Bloom event and you are commended on this excellent initiative. The community barbecue (to promote the muck and magic community garden), the spooky Halloween competition and the better Ballymun project also sound like enjoyable activities that showcase the strong community spirit in your area. It is great to see that your committee has developed excellent links with statutory agencies (such as Dublin City Council, Fingal County Council and the Dublin North West partnership) and other bodies such as the regional resource centre, the Men's Shed and the business community. Participation in community level projects in Ballymun has reached an exceptionally high level with 59 local environmental groups (an increase of 17 since 2020) and it clearly demonstrates that the work of your committee and volunteers is worthwhile and appreciated by other residents. Given that there is now a large number of local environmental groups, we recommend that a mechanism (such as a simple umbrella committee made up of representatives of these groups) is considered to ensure that their work is coordinated. This will help you to get the most out of their efforts and ensure that each group understands its role in improving Ballymun. It would also assist you by confirming that all areas within Ballymun are getting attention and facilitate your committee in delegating projects to them. The link with the Trinity comprehensive secondary school is commended and we urge you to approach other schools to see if they are interested in getting involved in your projects. Local sports clubs may also be interested in participating. Your communication strategy is particularly impressive and given the level of community engagement achieved in your area, it seems to be working very well so be sure to keep up the good work on it. Well done also on participating in the community employment scheme (on foot of a recommendation in the 2019 report) and you are congratulated on the special awards won in 2021. Thank you also for an improved map and your completed application form as it was very helpful during adjudication. However, it has now become a very extensive document (running to 111 pages) and it is recommended that a more succinct application form is prepared for next year's competition.

## DCC NWA City Neighbourhood Awards

**Date announced:** Nov (online)

**Timeframe (ongoing/completed etc.):** Completed

**Stakeholders Involved:** DCC Public Domain / BTT

**Review (pros/cons/outcomes/future plans):**

- DCC North West Area City Neighbourhood Awards 2021 (Ballymun winners in **bold**)

Category	Winner
<b>RESIDENTIAL COMPETITION</b>	
1- 150 Dwellings	<p>1<sup>st</sup> – Beneavin Residents Association</p> <p><b>Joint 2<sup>nd</sup></b> – Oakwood Sycamore Residents Association</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Coutry Way Tidy Road Committee</b></li> </ul> <p>Joint 3<sup>rd</sup> – Beneavin Court Residents Association</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Eastwood EWG</li> </ul>
151-300 Dwellings	<p>1<sup>st</sup> – Lakeglen Residents Association</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> – Griffith Area Environmental Group</p>
300 Dwellings and Over	1 <sup>st</sup> – Willow Park and Pinewood Residents Association
Senior Citizen Complex	<p><b>Joint 1<sup>st</sup></b> – Fold Ireland (Ballygall Senior Citizens)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Sandyhill Gardens Senior Citizens</b></li> </ul> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> – Griffith Crescent Senior Citizens Complex</p>
Front Garden	<p><b>1<sup>st</sup> – 45 Doon Court (Tina &amp; Terry)</b></p> <p><b>Joint 2<sup>nd</sup></b> - 125 Hillcrest Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>48 Doon Court</b></li> <li>- <b>26 Druid Court</b></li> </ul> <p><b>3<sup>rd</sup> – 52 Shangan Avenue</b></p>
Open Green Space	<p><b>1<sup>st</sup> – Carton Gardeners</b></p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> – Doon in Bloom</b></p> <p><b>3<sup>rd</sup> – Belclare Park Residents Association</b></p>
Community Environment Initiative	<p><b>1<sup>st</sup> – Trinity Sports Scholarship Garden</b></p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> – Finglas Tidy Towns</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> – Willow Park and Pinewood Residents Association</p>
Community Garden	<p><b>Joint 1<sup>st</sup> – Glas Community Garden (GAP)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Muck &amp; Magic Garden</b></li> </ul> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> – The Waltons</b></p> <p><b>3<sup>rd</sup> – Fairy Garden</b></p>
Urban Village	1 <sup>st</sup> - Finglas Tidy Towns

Mixed Use Street	<b>1<sup>st</sup> – Ballymun Tidy Towns</b>
<b>SPECIAL CATEGORIES</b>	
Individual Contribution	<b>1<sup>st</sup> – Rodney McCreery</b> <b>Joint 2<sup>nd</sup></b> – Susan Clarke (Wadelai Hillcrest) - Adam Lawton & Sarah Farrell (Trinity Comp) <b>3<sup>rd</sup> – John Mason 3 Coultry Avenue</b>
Best New Entry	<b>1<sup>st</sup> – Belclare Lawns Community Garden</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup></b> – Eastwood EWG <b>3<sup>rd</sup></b> – Mellowes Crescent Residents Association
Endeavour Award (Most Improved Entry)	<b>1<sup>st</sup> – Simon Byrne 87 Belclare Park</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup></b> – Wadelai Hillcrest (Plant Sale) <b>Joint 3<sup>rd</sup> – Wadelai Hillcrest (Clean ups)</b> - Wellmount Crescent Residents Association
Apartment Complex	<b>1<sup>st</sup> – St. Canice's Court Apartment Complex</b>
Allotments	<b>1<sup>st</sup> – Finglas Tidy Towns</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> – Meakstown Allotments</b>
<b>BUSINESS COMPETITION</b>	
Best Shopfront	<b>Joint 1<sup>st</sup> – Print Ready</b> - Burgess Galvin <b>2<sup>nd</sup> – The Willows Pub</b>
<b>SCHOOLS COMPETITION</b>	
	<b>1<sup>st</sup> – Trinity Comprehensive</b>

#### Recommendations:

- Ballymun local residents, environmental / residential groups won 22 awards across 11 out of 17 categories with 10 awards going to residents/groups based in Poppintree.
- It was great to see Trinity Comprehensive winning awards in 3 different categories. The hard work of the teachers, students and members of the community is really being recognised.
- Going forward, in conjunction with DCC, use BTT social media and mailing list to encourage and support more entries from different areas of Ballymun into the DCC City Neighbourhoods Competition.

## Ballymun Tidy Towns Spooky Competition

<b>Date:</b>	Oct
<b>Timeframe (ongoing/completed etc.):</b>	Completed
<b>Stakeholders Involved:</b>	BTT / DCC Community dept.

### Review (pros/cons/outcomes/future plans):

- Due to Covid restrictions the Otherworld festival was unable to go ahead. DCC approached BTT to run a Spooky Competition with DCC providing the One 4 All voucher prizes. This is the competitions 2<sup>nd</sup> year running.
- DCC organised Sharon Harvey to produce a video on how to make homemade / recycled decoration which was shared on BTT social media accounts.
- To advertise the BTT Spooky Competition, BTT decorated a window in the Sillogue Neighbourhood Centre highlighting the use of recycled materials for decorations. All decorations used were hand crafted by a member of BTT.
- The winners were announced on MunTV on Halloween night as well as on BTT social media.
- It was a great success; recommend running again next year in conjunction with DCC Community dept. and the Otherworld festival.
- Approach the winner of the Spooky House category to produce a video on how he made his decorations for next years competition.

### Breakdown:

<b>Ballymun Tidy Towns Spooky Competition 2021 – Results</b> All prizes provided by DCC Ballymun Community dept.	
<b>Best Spooky Garden 2021</b>	
<b>Results</b>	Address
1 <sup>st</sup>	Anna O Loughlin - Balbutcher Lane
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Eoin Fitzsimons - Owensilla
Joint 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Joanne Lee - Woodhazel Terrace
Joint 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Helen Scully - Owensilla
Best Use of Recycled Decorations - 1 <sup>st</sup>	Gerry Hogan - Shangan Green
Best Use of Recycled Decorations - 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sharon Keating - Dolmen Terrace
<b>Best Spooky Road 2021</b>	
<b>Results</b>	Address
1st	Ard na Meala / Balcurris Gardens Environmental Group
<b>Best Spooky Shop / Community Centre Front Window 2021</b>	
<b>Results</b>	Address
1 <sup>st</sup>	The Reco
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sillogue Neighbourhood Centre
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ballymun Communications
Highly Commended	Firehouse Pizza
<b>Best Spooky School Classroom 2021</b>	

Results	Address
1 <sup>st</sup>	Scoil an tSeachtar Loach
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Our Lady of Victories
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Trinity Comprehensive

## IBAL Report

**Date Released:** 17<sup>th</sup> Oct 2021 (Round 1) / 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2022 (Round 2)

**Timeframe (ongoing/completed etc.):** Ongoing

**Stakeholders Involved:** BTT / IBAL / DCC

**Review (pros/cons/outcomes/future plans):**

- The IBAL reports assess **10** different areas within Ballymun each year, but they are not the same areas in each of those years and to this degree makes it hard enough to see trends.
- To increase the ranking the following areas with consistent D and C Grades could be improved:
  - Balbutcher Lane
  - Street Level Car Park beside former Ballymun Town Centre
  - Rear of Ballymun Sports and Leisure Centre
  - Bring Facilities at Shangan Road and the Taxi Rank beside former Ballymun Town Centre

Final Grade - Round 1 2021 (Ballymun: 34th out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Littered.)	
Areas assessed	Grade
Lidl Car Park	A
Balbutcher Lane	C
Bring Bank at Taxi Rank	B+
Silogue Gardens	C+
Ballymun Sports and Leisure Centre	A
Ballymun Road	B+
R108 Approach to Ballymun (from M50)	B
Axis / Ballymun Civic Centre	A
Car Park beside site of former Ballymun Town Centre	D
Gateway Crescent: Grace C	C

Final Grade - Round 2 2021 (Ballymun: 36th out of 40 towns / cities surveyed. Littered)	
Areas assessed	Grade
R108 from M50	B
Street Level Car Park beside former Ballymun Town Centre	D
Ballymun Library	A
Rear of Ballymun Sports and Leisure Centre	C
Balbutcher Lane	D
Ballymun Road	B
Bring Facility, Shangan Road	C+
Lid Car Park: Grade A.	A
Silloge Gardens: Grade A.	A
Gateway Crescent: Grade B.	B

## Ballymun Tidy Towns Window Displays

<b>Date:</b>	June and Oct
<b>Timeframe (ongoing/completed etc.):</b>	Completed
<b>Stakeholders Involved:</b>	BTT / SuperValu / Sillogue Neighbourhood Centre

### Review (pros/cons/outcomes/future plans):

- *SuperValu window* – BTT have decorated the window highlighting all the different works BTT are involved in as well as the different Better Ballymun projects. This display was commended in the IBAL Report Round 2
- *Sillogue Neighbourhood Centre window* – To advertise the BTT Spooky Competition, BTT decorated this window highlighting the use of recycled materials for decorations. All decorations used were hand crafted by a member of BTT.

## Ballymun Tidy Towns BBQ

<b>Date:</b>	Aug
<b>Timeframe (ongoing/completed etc.):</b>	Completed
<b>Stakeholders Involved:</b>	BTT / Local groups / other Tidy Towns groups

### Review (pros/cons/outcomes/future plans):

- The annual BTT BBQ is a celebration of the work BTT have done throughout the year and a Thank You to all those who support the group.
- It was held in the Muck and Magic Community Garden as was a great success with representatives for different local groups as well as from Phibsboro and Finglas Tidy Towns.

## City Farm / Muck and Magic Community Garden Harvest Festival

<b>Date:</b>	Sept
<b>Timeframe (ongoing/completed etc.):</b>	Completed
<b>Stakeholders Involved:</b>	BTT / City Farm / Muck and Magic Community Garden

### Review (pros/cons/outcomes/future plans):

- BTT had an information stall at the City Farm / Muck and Magic Community Garden Harvest Festival.
- A series of information posters were designed to showcase the different works BTT are involved in throughout the year. This was then made into a short video titled 'It's not all about the litter' and was uploaded to the BTT You Tube channel.

## Training / Information Webinars

**Date:** Jan 2021 – Dec 2021

**Timeframe (ongoing/completed etc.):** Completed

**Stakeholders Involved:** BTT

**Review (pros/cons/outcomes/future plans):**

- GAP UN Sustainable Development Goals Workshop
- Sustainable Gardening Workshop with Aoife Munn
- Volunteer Ireland – Developing Annual Reports
- National Tidy Towns Application Webinar
- Fairtrade Fortnight Information Presentation
- Dublin Northwest Partnership Administration Training Workshop
- Dublin Northwest Partnership Social Inclusion Network Meeting
- Dublin Northwest Partnership Project Management Training
- Dublin Northwest Partnership Minute Taking Workshop
- Dublin Northwest Partnership Committee Skills Training
- Dublin Northwest Partnership Board Match Training Workshop
- Dublin Northwest Partnership Grant Writing Workshop
- Living Lightly in Ireland Information Talk
- Conscious Cup Campaign Information Talk
- Sustainable Living with Aoife Munn
- VOICE Waste Reduction and Recycling Workshop
- Phibsboro Tidy Towns Climate Club Information Talk

**Ballymun Biodiversity Action Plan:**

- Habitat mapping; Hedgerow / wetland survey - BBAP webinar Mary Tubridy.
- Discovering Hedgerows Seminar
- Heritage Keepers Webinar

## Metrics

### FACEBOOK METRICS

**Date:** Jan 2021 – Jan 2022

**Timeframe (ongoing/completed etc.):** Ongoing

**Review (pros/cons/outcomes/future plans):**

Jan 2020: 1,156 followers

Jan 2021: 1,501 followers (+345 followers)

Jan 2022: 1,704 followers (+203 followers)

Number of Posts: Jan-Dec - 315

Jan - 1	Feb - 13	Mar - 8	April - 33	May - 66	June – 45
July - 44	Aug - 20	Sept - 23	Oct - 32	Nov - 30	Dec - 15

**Best performing posts:**

Local Area Competition (Front Garden Pics) – 8,901 reach

Ballymun Tidy Towns Dec. Sat Planting – 5,147 reach

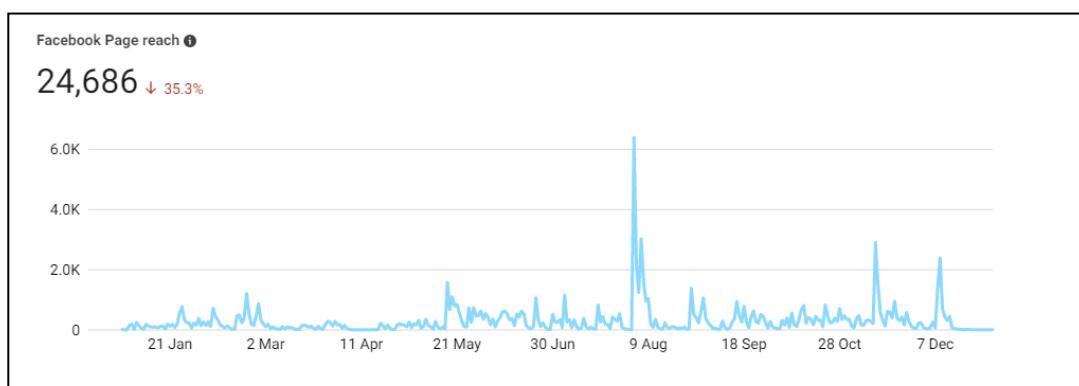
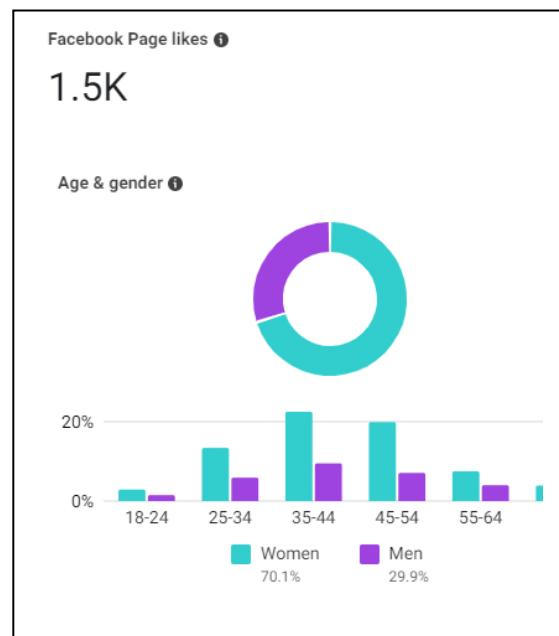
Local Area Competition (Open Area Pics) – 3,521 reach

Launch Ballymun In Pictures Comp. – 2,925 reach

NTT Awards (+11 points) – 2,921 reach

NTT Awards (Runner Up – SDG Award) – 2,871 reach

22 posts had over 1000 reach



## INSTAGRAM METRICS

**Date:** Jan 2021 – Jan 2022

**Timeframe (ongoing/completed etc.):** Ongoing

**Review (pros/cons/outcomes/future plans):**

Jan 2020: 82 followers

Jan 2021: 253 followers (+171 followers)

Jan 2022: 464 followers (+211 followers)

Number of Posts: Jan-Dec - 112 posts

**Best performing Posts:**

Local Area Competition (Front Garden Pics) – 305 reach

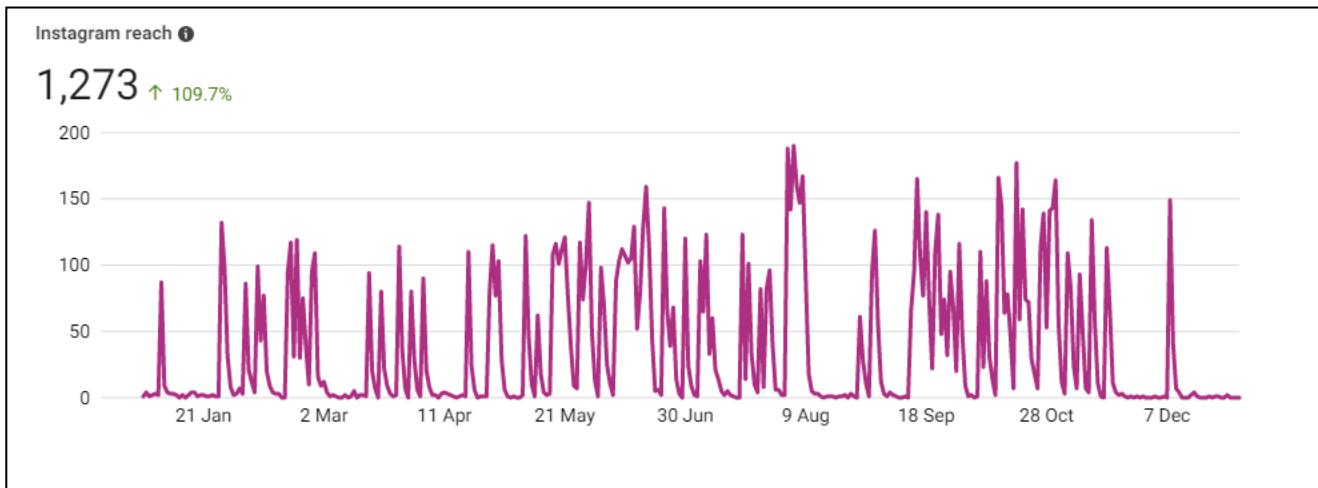
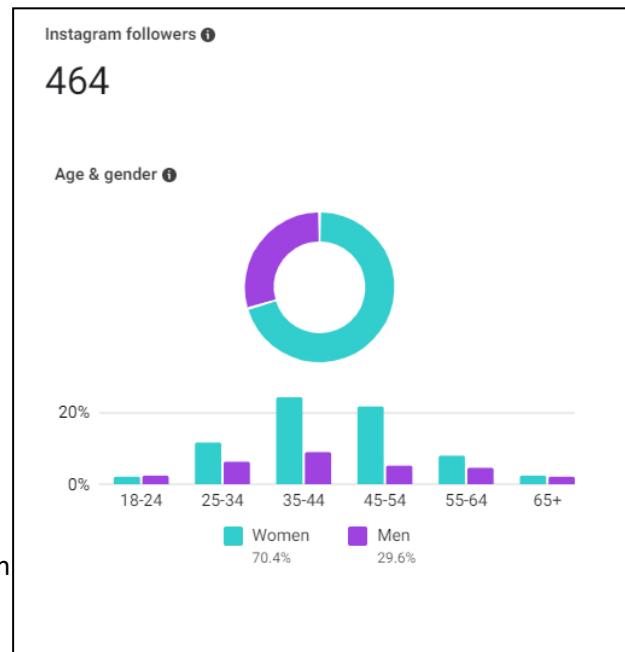
#waveoflightforjosh – 285 reach

Local Area Competition (Judges/Chaperon Pics) – 260 reach

Local Area Competition (Shop Front Pics) – 258 reach

Ballymun's Living Walls Pics – 256 reach

10 posts had over 200 reach



## TWITTER METRICS

**Date:** Jan 2021 – Jan 2022

**Timeframe (ongoing/completed etc.):** Ongoing

**Review (pros/cons/outcomes/future plans):**

Jan 2021: 46 followers

Jan 2022: 70 followers (+24 followers)

## YOUTUBE METRICS

**Date:** Jan 2021 – Jan 2022

**Timeframe (ongoing/completed etc.):** Ongoing

**Review (pros/cons/outcomes/future plans):**

- Officially launched Feb 2021
- Channel views: 3,782
- Playlists created to help with BTT ongoing Biodiversity / SDG projects and to showcase BTT completed projects
- 9 Playlists created to date

**Recommendations:**

- Create and upload more videos to showcase BTT projects

## WEBSITE METRICS

**Date:** Jan 2021 – Jan 2022

**Timeframe (ongoing/completed etc.):** Ongoing

**Review (pros/cons/outcomes/future plans):**

- Officially launched May 2021
- Visits: 163
- Tabs: About Us / Ballymun Tidy Towns Competitions / Projects / Future Projects / Gallery / Information Map / Better Ballymun / Ballymun Biodiversity Action Plan / Publications / Contact Us
- A great space to upload documents of relevance to the community and related to BTT activities

## BALLYMUN TIDY TOWNS COMMITTEE MEETING METRICS

**Date:** 28<sup>th</sup> Jan – 11<sup>th</sup> Nov

**Timeframe (ongoing/completed etc.):** Ongoing

**Stakeholders Involved:** BTT

**Review (pros/cons/outcomes/future plans):**

- Number of meetings: 11 meetings – No meeting in Dec
- Number of committee members: 18 members
- Average number of attendees per meeting: 7 attendees
- Number of non-attendance members: 4 members

## BTT/DCC LIAISON GROUP MEETING METRICS

**Date:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb - 18<sup>th</sup> Nov 2021

**Timeframe (ongoing/completed etc.):** Ongoing

**Stakeholders Involved:** BTT / DCC Community dept. & Public Domain dept.

**Review (pros/cons/outcomes/future plans):**

- Number of meetings: 11 meetings – No meeting in Dec
- Number of group members: DCC – 3 members / BTT – 5 members
- Average number of attendees per meeting: DCC – 2 / BTT – 3

## BALLYMUN BIODIVERSITY FOCUS GROUP MEETING METRICS

**Date:** 21<sup>st</sup> Jan- 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 2021

**Timeframe (ongoing/completed etc.):** Ongoing

**Stakeholders Involved:** BTT / City Farm / Local residents / DCC Biodiversity and Parks dept / DCC Councillor / DNP

**Review (pros/cons/outcomes/future plans):**

- Number of meetings: 15 meetings
- Number of group members: 5 core members / 15 on the email list
- Average number of attendees per meeting: 5 attendees