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Safer Ballymun: What is it?

Safer Ballymun is a partnership involving An Garda Síochána, Dublin City Council, Ballymun Regeneration Ltd and local residents. This working group meets on a monthly basis, and has an action based, problem solving focus.

The group assesses, monitors and aims eventually to control the level of anti-social activity in the area.



Safer Ballymun addresses many of the issues proposed in forthcoming legislation that the future local policing committees will be addressing, such as:

- Improving estate management
- Reducing crime and disorder
- Tackling the adverse impact of alcohol and drug abuse
- Enhancing local policing
- Involving residents in decision making

Safer Ballymun's main aim is to ensure that Ballymun becomes a safer, more pleasant place in which to live.

Who attends the meetings?

- Residents
- Local councillors
- An Garda Síochána
- DCC and BRL representatives
- Local voluntary and community representatives

How it works

- Identifies local issues associated with anti-social behaviour and estate management and recommends solutions to appropriate agencies.
- Encourages and facilitates greater communication between local communities and An Garda Síochána.
- Encourages greater co-operation between An Garda Síochána, Dublin City Council, Ballymun Regeneration Ltd and the community in addressing the needs and concerns of the community.

Meetings of Safer Ballymun take place in the Ballymun Civic Centre every month. Everybody is welcome. If you would like to attend, contact Lynn on 01 222 5605 for further information.



What does it do?

Safer Ballymun has focused on the following areas so far:

- Security of parks and open spaces
- Upgrading of CCTV
- Improvement of public lighting
- Graffiti removal
- Litter and fly tipping controls and prosecutions
- Neighbourhood clean ups
- Removal of Rubble
- Initiatives for young people
- More focussed Garda patrolling of areas where residents have concerns



Getting closer to the people

Over the past couple of weeks, Ballymun Garda have been out and about, chatting to people, listening to what they have to say, and finding out how they think An Garda Síochána can help to improve the quality of life for residents of Ballymun.

While there has always been a strong rapport between the people of Ballymun and their local Garda, Inspector Karl Hellar felt that it was important for local community Garda in Ballymun to get out there and meet their communities face to face.

“There has always been a very good relationship between the Gardaí and people on the ground, in Ballymun” says Inspector Hellar. “The feedback we’ve got has just affirmed this positive sense. What we need to do together is to find more and better ways to tackle the concerns that have been expressed by people on their doorsteps”.

NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE UNIT BALLYMUN

Garda Noel Crinnegan	Shangan Road, Shangan Avenue, Shangan Gardens, Longdale Terrace, Woodhazel and Whiteacre
Garda Louise Fogarty	Coultry Road, Drive, Gardens, Lawn, Crescent and Park, Forestwood and Santry Avenue
Garda Brian Smyth	Balcurris Road, St Joseph’s School, Poppintree area
Garda Michael McGreal	Balbutcher Lane, Ard na Meala, Balcurris Gardens, Belclare Estate
Garda Brian Dunne	Silloogue Road, Avenue, Gardens, Sandyhill Gardens, Cuileann Park, Gateway and Marewood Estates
Garda Eileen Keogh	Glasnevin Avenue, Hillcrest Estate, Pinewood, Willow Park, Drapier Green, St Pappins Road
Garda Aoife Tuohy	Albert College, Shanliss Road, Oldtown Road, Shanard Road and Avenue