



DUN LAOGHAIRE CENTRAL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION



For those of you who haven't heard of us yet, we would like to introduce ourselves.

Dun Laoghaire Central Residents Association is made up of a group of residents from resident associations across the Dun Laoghaire area, who came together to address what we felt was a sense of stagnation that has lingered over our **beautiful** town for years

We strongly feel that the solution to many of Dun Laoghaire's problems can be found within the people of Dun Laoghaire itself, and that the path to Dun Laoghaire's successful future, can be found by looking at its unique history, environment and heritage.

We first met at the end of 2018 and our first endeavour was our **Residents Survey**. We asked residents and visitors to Dun Laoghaire to tell us what they loved about the town and what issues they would like to tackle if they could. You will see some of the results on page 3 of this our first newsletter.

Our mission in the DLCRA is to **provide a forum for the residents of Dun Laoghaire Town to work together on areas of common interest to effect change**. We want to give a voice to the residents and to help the different sectors of Dun Laoghaire to work together - the businesses, the Council, the community groups— working together to revitalise Dun Laoghaire, restore the town and give our community a pride of place.

We are **working** to build relationships and constructive links with all residents across the town, from York Road to the Peoples Park, from the sea to Cualanor and welcome additional associations, as we believe as a community we are stronger when we come together!

We will use this newsletter as our way to keep you up to date for future activities and events and welcome your ideas and support.

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Some members of DLCRA formed a Regeneration Group that has been organising community clean-ups around the town since late summer this year. We are trying to find more people across the town who want to help improve our communal spaces.

This is our town and there is a responsibility on all who live and work here to do all they can to make the environment that we share a welcoming, beautiful and sustainable town. If people took some responsibility for the outside of their own homes or businesses and worked together on their own streets Dun Laoghaire could be the best town in the county.

The clean-ups involve sweeping pavements, removing weeds from the gutters and litter collection. Dirt accumulating beside the road causes grasses and weeds to grow there which catch more dirt and dust. The grasses and weeds grow through the tarmac and damage the road surface which results in having to be repaired by the Council.

The Council has recently invested in new composters to deal with the increased amount of green waste they are receiving from community groups. So those of you who are environmentally minded can be assured that the weeds will be put to good recycling use. So far, we have

cleaned-up Northumberland Ave, Corrig Park, Mulgrave Street, Library Road, Cross Ave, Convent Road, Crofton Terrace, Tivoli Road East, Mellifont Ave, Clarinda Park East, Bentley Villas and Georges Street.

Tidy Towns

These clean-ups have highlighted the scale of the work needed. After much consideration, we propose that Dun Laoghaire should have its own Tidy Towns Committee. A Tidy Towns group is the best way to do the necessary work.

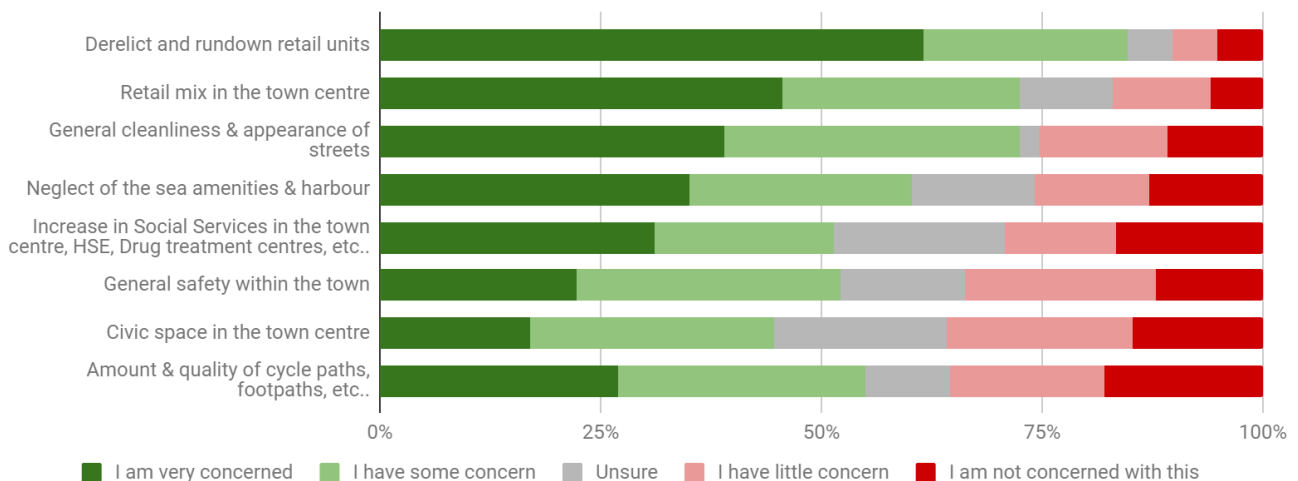
We are inviting anyone that is interested in helping and participating in Dun Laoghaire Tidy Towns to contact us at DLCRA.info@gmail.com. We will have a meeting in January for all who are interested to explain what work would be required and how much involvement would be expected of volunteers. A member of Dalkey Tidy Towns will address the attendees to give expert advice on what can be done and what it entails. With everyone working together, over time we can make improvements in Dun Laoghaire.



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The Results of the DLCRA Survey

Residents told us what they're concerned about ...



As our first public initiative we ran a questionnaire across the centre of the town, assessing the residents' view of the positive and negative aspects of the town and their ideas on what could be done to improve it. We were very pleased with around 350 responses and a wealth of interesting and constructive ideas. We would like to thank everyone who took the time to share their thoughts with us! The results of this survey have been key in shaping the focus areas for our group.

The main issues raised centred on the retail environment, appearance/cleanliness of the streets, general feelings of neglect and a range of parking issues were also highlighted .

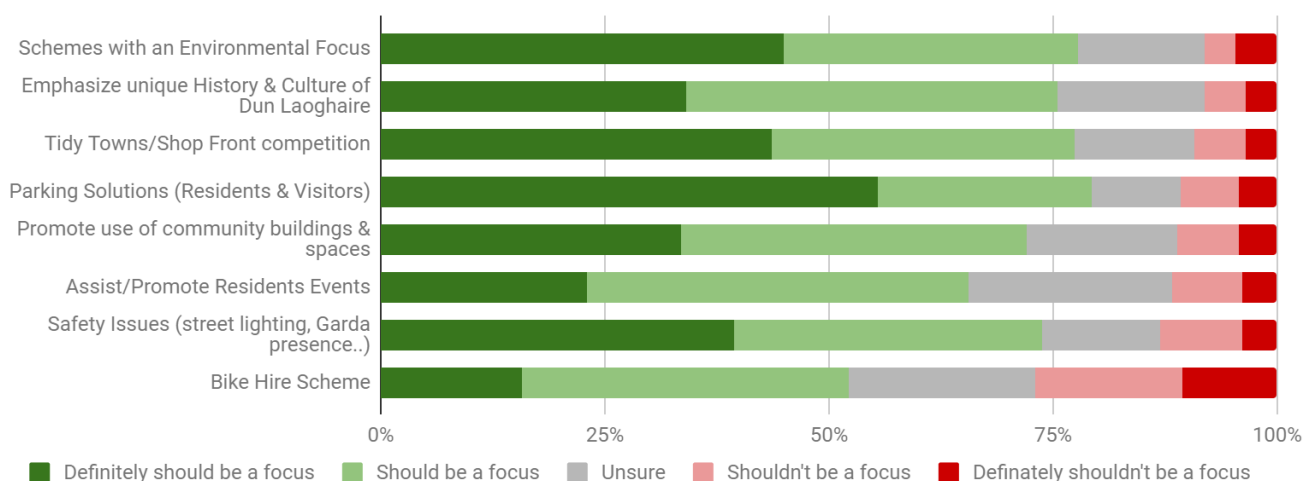
Over 71% of written comments mentioned that they loved the sea, pier or harbour when discussing the town. Other aspects highlighted were the unique heritage, culture and history of our town.

There was also a wealth of proposals that could benefit Dun Laoghaire such as activities like Entente Florale, Open Garden days, promoting more living over the shop to bring life back into the town.

We are working on many of these issues and ideas. We have been in contact with all the County Councillors regarding our initiative. You can increase the urgency of issues by contacting the councillors personally about these and other issues of concern to you, for example, car parking in the commercial areas of the town or dog fouling on pavements.

We would encourage areas to form their own residents associations. We can help and assist you to do this. We can give advice on communicating effectively with DLRCC. We can also assist with organising things like clean-ups, and environmental initiatives like tool-sharing and wildflower bee-bombs.

And which types of schemes they would like to see promoted ...



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Christmas Decoration Competition

To celebrate businesses & residents who add to the town's festive spirit in the run up to Christmas we're introducing two awards:

Best Shop & Window Display & Best Residential House

So, go ahead and get decorating!

We will consider all places within the boundaries of the seaside, People's Park, York Rd and Tivoli Rd.

Winners announced
by the end of Dec



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This Christmas we would like to encourage residents and visitors alike to take winter walks through Dun Laoghaire. You can enjoy and appreciate decorated shops and residential properties. You can savour the beauty of our town in the Christmas period.

To celebrate shops, businesses and residents who add to the town's festive spirit at Christmas, we're introducing two awards. Both of these awards will consider all properties within the boundaries of the seafront, People's Park, Tivoli Road and York Road. Judging will happen between Dec 9th and 20th and all winners will be notified before the end of the Christmas period.

Best Shop Window Display

To recognise the effort that shopkeepers and businesses make to give Dun Laoghaire a festive glow, we will award a prize to the

owner of the best shop window display. We are looking for displays and shop fronts that are pretty, festive and eye-catching.

The children of the 6th class of the Dominican Convent Primary School will be the judges. The winner of the Best Shop Window will receive a prize and the Primary School will receive a gift for taking part.

Best Residential House/Front Garden

In addition to the Best Shop Window Display, we are also offering a prize to the best decorated house or front garden. Many residents decorate with great love and attention for the festive season and we would like to appreciate their contribution to the atmosphere and beauty of the town. There are no extra points for flashing reindeers!

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