



Autumn 2023

# Living Streets Update

## DÚN LAOGHAIRE CENTRAL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION NETWORK

We don't believe it is an exaggeration to say that Living Streets is the current project that will have the greatest long-term effect and widest impact on the town of Dun Laoghaire, effecting all residents and workers in the town and the surrounding area. Encompassing major changes to the road network and bus stops, it also includes refurbishing the whole of Georges St with new lighting, civic spaces, planting and trees. The expectation is that many streets off the main street will be improved resulting in a improved town centre for everyone.

We had expected to be able share the full details of the project but the release date of the final plans have been pushed back **again** to late October and we couldn't delay the newsletter any further. Here is a short recap of the changes, please take the time to look at the proposals and engage with them when they are eventually released. **This is your town and your voice does count.**

- Closing through traffic on Tivoli Rd, Cross Avenue, Clarinda Park West
- Reverse one-way from Peoples Park – Glashule on the coast
- Permanent Pedestrianisation on Georges St
- Renovation of the whole of Georges St – paving, lighting, planting, street



The proposed changes to the area outside the Carnegie Library

- furniture
- Some other local renovations across the town

When the Part 8 planning process begins in late October the council will present detailed plans of the proposed changes and start public consultation. *This will take a few weeks and will include online forms and on street polling of opinions. You can influence the outcome of this process and many of the councillors are waiting to gauge public opinion before they decide how they will vote.*

Representatives from the DLCRA network went to Malahide to see what the experience of retailers on New St was following pedestrianisation. All we spoke to said it hadn't had a negative effect on trade, the main concern we heard was over a reduction in the provision of car parking within the town. Robyn's Nest said that the increased social activity on the street didn't affect the shop and that there wasn't a mess when she was opening up in the mornings. In fact she only hoped that the street was repaved and refurbished to make it more pleasant for shoppers.

We asked some businesses in Dun Laoghaire who are opposed to the proposed changes involved in Living Streets if they wanted to write an article in this Newsletter. Sadly all decided, however we believe their main concerns relate to reduced customer numbers due to reduced carparking and vehicular access.

### Public Meeting

There will be a **public meeting** with all the councillor present in the **Eblana Club on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November**. All 7 local councillors will attend,

Mary Fayne (FG), Lorraine Hall (FG), Melisa Halpin (PBP), Tom Kivlehan (Gn), Justin Moylan (FF), Juliet O'Connell (Lab) and Dave Quinn (SD). This will be a good opportunity to ask them questions.

All 40 county councillors will be voting but the local councillors will tell their colleagues what public opinion is, so use your voice.

This is the biggest project with the largest investment in the town in a long time, maybe ever. We are looking forward to seeing all the proposed changes and interventions, e.g. how many will be done to promote the town afterwards, how much commitment to ensuring the town is kept safe and clean? Traffic measures which many will welcome for making streets safer and help achieve climate goals aren't the whole project. We are eagerly looking forward to seeing the full details of the changes and will be hoping that all the residents tell their elected representatives what they like and where they see any challenges, if any.

If anyone has any questions that they think we in the DLCRA forum could help with please email us on [info@dlcra.ie](mailto:info@dlcra.ie)

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# Town Info & Updates



The 100,000th passenger arrived at Dun Laoghaire port on the 31st Aug. 2023.

The **Historical Society of Dun Laoghaire** has started its Autumn schedule of talks and lectures. These take place in the Royal Marine Hotel they are a wonderful way to meet people interested in local history and to learn more about the town that we all live in, share and look after for those who will follow us. Their lecture on how Dun Laoghaire has changed since the Victorian time on the 14<sup>th</sup> of November 9at 8pm) will be of interest to many.

## Pedestrian Crossing York Rd

In response to some requests for the council to look at ways to slow down traffic on **York Rd** they are proposing a **pedestrian** crossing near the junction between York Rd and NorthCote Avenue, helping people get across the road and slowing traffic on a very busy road. We believe that the crossing is currently part of the Living Streets project and will be implemented if that project is approved, but

we hope that even if Living Streets were to be voted down, the council will still do this important intervention.

**Active Retirement Dun Laoghaire** were located in the Boylan Centre and now that the building has been sold to the County Council they will be moving on. They currently don't have a new permanent location but hope to have some good news before Christmas. Remember they are always looking for members and have a lot of interesting social activities for people over 60 living in Dun Laoghaire. If you are interested look at their website here to get in touch.

As regular readers will know we, along with Tidy Towns, have been requesting that **Myrtle Square** be named after Richard Toutcher (*Dun Laoghaire Forgotten Hero, Autumn 2021 issue*), the man who was instrumental in the harbour getting built and who was left destitute after the authorities didn't reimburse him for obtaining the granite to build the pier. Ending his years in the poor house, his vision and sacrifice created the town that we live in today. Naming a new square after the man who gave us so much shouldn't be a controversial opinion, but DLR said the question was put to the councillors and that they didn't have a preference



Unightly graffiti



Newly painted

so it will stay as Myrtle Square.

The **Planning permission** for the 4 story storage unit on Patrick St was refused by the planning department and the developer has appealed to An Bord Pleanala. There is a long backlog in ABP so it will likely be sometime next year before any ruling is made.

**The last cruise ship** of the year will dock in Dun Laoghaire on the 20<sup>th</sup> of October, weather depending. The Norwegian Star carrying 3,024 passengers. The 100,000<sup>th</sup> passenger arrived on the 31<sup>st</sup> of August and many more since then. Many stayed and shopped in the town helping local retailers while the landing fees are ring fenced to be spent in the town, next year should be a greater success.

The DLCRA assisted the DL Business Association in arranging **weeding of the facades** of some shops in the town. At NO COST we sprayed and scrapped off weeds from many buildings along Georges St. Some weeds were inaccessible on roofs or too high to reach, but as a first attempt at this initiative we think it was a success and will hopefully be

accepted by more landlords/businesses next year.

Some members raised the issue of the **graffiti** on the Card Factory to the manager of the shop. We are sympathetic to shop being a victim of this & asked if they could get it cleaned. When graffiti is repeatedly cleaned the vandals often lose interest and scrawl on walls where their tags are likely to remain longer. Thankfully after a small number of reminders The Card Factory got their side wall repainted and its been looking great ever since.

If you have been reading our newsletters over the last few years you will have followed our efforts to get a **Skatepark** in Dun Laoghaire. It was the brain child of one man, David Houlton of Dungar Terrace who saw that the town was lacking any facilities for teenagers. He felt something for skateboards, bikes and scooters that can be used for free 24/7 would be ideal. David came up with the idea, spoke to BMX Ireland, got designs made and through the DLCRA, made contact with council officials to see if they would be interested. Now, with the park opening on the 14th of November, we all owe David a big thank you for the vision and the



How Myrtle Square used to look



Harland & Wolff themed Climbing frame

perseverance to see it through when many told him to forget about it, it was never going to happen, or councillors who told him that it would take years.

Thanks David for finding a way.

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# The History of a Street

Since our piece in the last edition of the newsletter, some residents have requested more information on the street where they live. So, with the assistance of two people living on the avenue and using some historic recorded information from a deceased resident, I have tried to capture a little of the history of Corrig Avenue.

Just off the main thoroughfare, at Upper George's Street you will find Corrig Avenue. It is one of the oldest streets in Dun Laoghaire. The Avenue is unique as far as it retains its traditional character and remains exclusively residential, yet it is very close in proximity to the town centre. From the beginning it has been, and remains today, a very pleasant place in which to live and dare I say play.

It is not very clear by whom or why the name "Corrig" was chosen for this Avenue, which appears on the 1821 map of



*Boulder outside the Garda Station, is a subtle reference to the name of the Avenue* Co.

Dublin. It is most likely that the name was derived from the Irish word for rock – Carrig, given the rocky nature of the lands in this area.

In the year 1804 Lord Longford and Viscount De Vesci granted to William Carter a lease of the lands between "Stoneview" (the present Clarinda Park House) and "Corrig Castle" (situated where Corrig Park is located). Corrig castle was demolished around 1945. On this land William Carter built "Corrig House," the first house to be built on the Avenue circa 1810, where the present Corrig House Residential Apartments are located. Corrig House being the only house on the Avenue, thus the Avenue became known as Corrig Avenue, which was formally laid out as an Avenue driveway from Corrig House to Upper George's street in 1849. These three houses, namely "Stoneview," "Corrig House" and "Corrig Castle" are on the 1821 map, and it is probably true to say that they more or less dominated this local area for most of the 19th century.

The first houses to be erected on the Avenue were the present block of houses Nos. 10 to 14 and the four Regency



houses adjoining. Later came the houses on the East side Nos. 19 to 37 with a gap where the six very fine red brick Leixfort Villas houses now stand. (This was likely to preserve the view from "Corrig House" towards "Stoneview" or Clarinda Park Lands). In 1880 "Corrig House" became a celebrated boy's school and named "Corrig School" which closed in 1910.

A late development on the Avenue was the demolition of some old outbuildings and a cottage, in a Dairy Yard, between No. 19 "Rosemount" and Leixfort Villas, and the erection of new houses about the year 1937. At the bottom of the Avenue and the corner with Upper George's Street, early Directories record there were assembly rooms, and a Mission Hall church where now stands Brookhouse Apartments. On the opposite corner, where now stands Sherry Fitzgerald's office, Hamilton Long's chemist was located, and before that a well know wine merchants P.W. Bryan & Son.

In 1859 William Masterson erected as his own residence "Sydenham House" with its courtyard and coach house (now Corrig Court) & 8 other houses, Nos 2 to 9, which were regarded as fashionable houses to let and rent. In 1977 "Sydenham House" was renamed "Ventour House" by the then owner a Mr. Byrne.

Because of the historic development of sections of the Avenue and its numbering sequence over the years since its beginning in 1810 it can be sometimes very confusing for deliveries and visitors alike. But one thing is for sure the Avenue remains a living street, it has its people, its character, and a way of life, which offers harmonious living to the old and young alike who have made Corrig Avenue their home.

We would welcome other central residents of other streets to get in touch with their own history.

## Cruise Ship

It's late summer and you'll all be aware of the number of cruise ships and passengers visiting the town this summer. The substantial revenue generated by this business is earmarked for the exclusive maintenance and development of the harbour. Many may have noticed the substantial works in the East pier to repair storm damage from a



few years ago. Other works are continuing on the Carlisle Pier fenders to bring both sides of the pier back into use.

Many have enquired as to when the canopy will be replaced on the shelter behind the band stand on the East pier. We have been informed that this was a "capital project without funding". Currently the

project is with Shaffreys Architects as there are concerns that the original design would be susceptible to further storm damage. New designs that would be more robust or the option of moving the entire structure are under consideration.

We have heard many people on the street say that the cruise ships are of

no benefit to the town as the tourists get on coaches to Glendalough, etc..

The is simply not true. The cruise ships pay significant fees to land and the revenue is ring fenced only for Dun Laoghaire. Also many tourists do stay in the town and the DLBA have been offering Welcome Ambassadors and trailing walking tours of the town which have been keeping more passengers sampling all that our town has to offer.

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# Skatepark Opening

After some delays due to the previous site requiring additional surveys by Irish Water, the council have decided to proceed with the proposed skate park development at Apna Park which is the green area at Seapoint past the scrap yard. The project is a temporary facility to determine the demand for a pump track and skatepark elements. Currently it only includes the Pump



Panaramic photo of the pump track

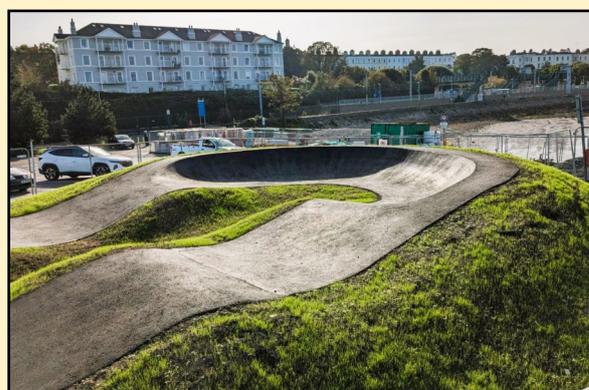
Track for bikes, but they will be installing a Skate Board element before Christmas. Depending on its success the county council will look at

further measures to build upon the facilities such as a half pipe, skate bowl, basketball court, and make them more permanent.

The official opening will take place on Tuesday the 14th of November, tell everyone you know who might be interested!



Map of the pump track



The big curve looks like lots of fun

## Shop Fronts

There have been some changes to Georges St since our last newsletter, including the refurbishment of two shop fronts. The book shop and the Chinese health store were given new shop fronts in a traditional style. They are sympathetic to the street and have been warmly welcomed by many on social media. Directly across from these two beautiful shops a new retailer opened with what can only be described as the most garish and unsympathetic signage we have ever seen in the town.



Before and After images of the refurbished shop fronts on

Many councillors raised the issue with DLR planning dept but were told that there was nothing that they could do.

One of our members did some research online and found a number of county and city councils that have Shop front design guides, check our website for examples from Louth County Council & Dublin City. We believe that it would be a good idea to **consider** implementing something similar in Dun Laoghaire and will be writing to councillors to ask them to raise this with the county council to see the benefits and implications.

Dun Laoghaire as we know it was founded with the building of the



Harbour in 1816 and much of it was originally planned and built in the late Victorian and Edwardian eras. Some would propose that the shops in the town could be more sympathetic to this heritage without being pastiche. As many buildings on Georges St are listed buildings you would think this would be standard practice.

If you have an opinion on the shop fronts in the town and the idea of shop front planning guidelines please write to us at [info@dlcra.ie](mailto:info@dlcra.ie)



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very local level. It would be 30<sup>th</sup> of September at St. Michael's Square, some of the many photos are shown together occasionally to here. Despite the inclement weather, it was a great Our Tidy Towns group can success and we hope to be of assistance here, with repeat such an event on a our "large army" of number of occasions volunteers and all necessary throughout the year. This tools and equipment. We have already provisionally scheduled clean-ups around Royal Terrace, Crosthwaite Park and Clarinda and welcome requests from other areas for assistance.

### Update from Dún Laoghaire Tidy Towns

Residents will have noticed a large increase in the number of Tidy Towns volunteers over the last three months.

We approached the International Protection Centre in Eblana Avenue shortly after it opened and invited residents to come and join us as volunteers. We have been overwhelmed by the positive response. We now have almost 50 residents of the centre joining us at each bi-weekly session. They are enthusiastic, friendly, and hard-working. Volunteering provides them with a welcome opportunity for outdoor physical activity and a way to get to know our community.

Several companies in the area joined us for corporate volunteering days and others are scheduled for October.

We have also welcomed a number of new individual volunteers.

However, the number of local residents volunteering has declined; this is an area of concern for us, and we would like to work with DLCRA to address this.

Clients of the charitable organisation Festina Lente located in Upper Georges Street have started a weekly litter pick along the Metals.

Transition year students from secondary colleges in Dún Laoghaire Rathdown have enrolled as volunteers as part of their Gaisce community service program.

Some residents' groups carry out seasonal clean-ups, leaf sweeping and weeding in their areas, but this is not the norm. Such clean-ups help promote a community spirit at

We held an Open Day on the

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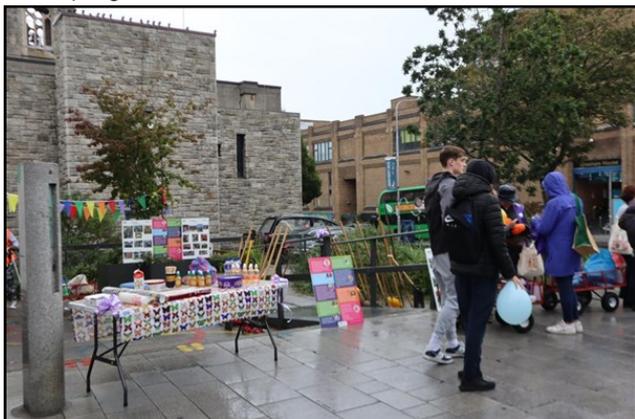
## Needs You



### To get involved

Volunteer, join a local community group, start a neighbourhood clean up group, there are loads of things to do and ways to get involved.

Email us at [info@dlcra.ie](mailto:info@dlcra.ie) if you want any ideas of groups or causes that are looking for people to get engaged.



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# DÚN LAOGHAIRE CENTRAL

## RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Dear Residents,

Welcome to our Autumn Newsletter.

As Myrtle Square nears completion some of the members of the DLCRA recently attended the first of three workshops run by the Council focused on 'activating the Square and Convent Lane' The newly developed public area and up-graded lane should be fully open and completed by Halloween.

The aim of the project is to create a green destination space at the heart of Dun Laoghaire for all age groups. A public place where people can sit in a relaxed open setting surrounded by trees. A

centre for the town which challenges the idea of what an urban space can be.

There was general support from those who attended the workshop, business owners, residents, community garda, for the strong design and high quality of materials used. Support was also expressed for the innovative sustainable urban drainage system using trees, root systems and soft landscape and the fact that it is estimated over 50% of rainfall will be captured as the soil will act as a sponge. The ability of trees to absorb carbon dioxide and particles should be a major health benefit.

Some questions, objections

and concerns which were raised include

**The colour and scale of the canopy.** This we were assured would soon be covered in green foliage as climbing plants, wisteria, evergreen jasmine, ornamental grape vines and honeysuckle grow. It will also provide a habitat for birds with a wide range of bird feeders. It is designed to form a gateway to pass under into the square.

**The design, function and position of the slide** in front of the entrance to Bloomfield and how it is to be supervised.

**The possibility of anti-social behaviour** especially in the evenings. A community garda was present.

**The level and quality of lighting** in the Square and Convent Lane

**Regular cleaning and Maintenance**

Further information can be found at [www.dlrcoco.ie](http://www.dlrcoco.ie)

Just a reminder that the DLCRA is a volunteer group made up of residents to represent the interests of everyone living in Central Dun Laoghaire. Our aim is to address various issues and concerns that arise in the area and help make our neighbourhood a more pleasant place to live. We have no political affiliations. We work closely with the Council and other agencies in trying to maintain and improve Central Dun Laoghaire and to inform residents. All who are interested in getting involved are welcome.

We would all like to thank again Dun Laoghaire Tidy Towns voluntary community group for their wonderful work in keeping the town greener and cleaner and their new volunteers from the International Protection Centre who worked so hard on weeding and cleaning the town in the past few weeks.

Mary Kelly-Borgatta Chair

# Dog Owners

The DLCRA network of resident associations has received a number of messages from residents on the issue of dogs which we thought it would be worth covering.

Dun Laoghaire is lucky to have some beautiful parks and squares around the town centre. Sadly there has been an increase in the number of incidents involving dogs in the parks along with more complaints about owners not picking up after their dogs. We thought it would be a good idea to remind people that the parks are for everyone.

There have also been reports of people being knocked over by dogs running off their lease and also of people being bitten.

Discarded bags of dog poo are often found around these parks, which is a great shame

as there is never a bin too far away in Dun Laoghaire.

On the subject of dog dirt, 2 new residents who have recently bought into the town remarked that they were more than a little surprised by the amount of dog dirt on the streets and wondered if anything could be done about it.

We are writing this article to raise awareness of these issues and to ask everyone to be more considerate of others. Dog dirt can be an especially difficult problem for people who are blind or visually impaired, while dogs running around off leashes can easily hurt children, older people, especially if they are big.

There are rules in place, dogs are meant to be on leashes, fines for dog fouling. Please, respect the rules and respect your fellow residents, its common decency.



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# Restaurant Review

The Vanilla Pod, Dun Laoghaire

A long time friend and myself wanted to meet for lunch in Dun Laoghaire and we decided on The Vanilla Pod.

This eatery (which they like to call it) is situated in the grounds of The Royal Marine Hotel in Dun Laoghaire.

Outside dining is on offer at all times and although it was a beautifully sunny day, we decided to dine inside. We were shown to a nice comfortable table with lovely views of the grounds of the hotel and the sea sparkling in the distance. The attendant who showed us to our table was very friendly and attentive. The tables are situated a comfortable distance apart, so you are not left with the feeling of hearing what the other diners are saying, or them us!

We were quickly handed menus and a carafe of tap water and glasses and left in peace to peruse the menu, which stated that the food was made from ingredients carefully sourced from small artisan Irish suppliers. The food on offer was of the type one would eat anytime from morning till mid afternoon, the variety was such that it made decisions difficult as it all read so temptingly delicious.

As we were having lunch, rather than opting for croissants or scones we decided on the more filling options, of which there were many. Choice was very difficult, so eventually after much debate and deliberation we chose the Smashed Avocado on Sourdough €15.50, my companion and The Buttermilk Pancakes with Crispy Bacon and Maple Syrup €14.90 for

myself. There is a wine list, but as we were driving we opted to stay on water. The music, which was very nice was a little loud, so we asked our server if she could lower it down, she quickly obliged without any fuss. We were both delighted with our choices and enjoyed the food enormously, my only complaint was that there were three pancakes and two would have been more than enough, but having said that, they were delicious, the server offered to wrap my remaining pancake to bring home.

The portions are quite large, so we didn't have any room for any of the desserts or cakes on offer, but we agreed that we would return for a late morning coffee and cake another time. As it is a big, bright room there is a comfortable feeling of airiness and calm, the staff went about their business quietly and efficiently and paid attention



to us throughout our meal. The other diners varied in age, two couples with very young, quiet babies there also seemed to be people lunching from work. I would think that the food is so varied that all tastes and appetites are catered for.

They also have a very good kiddies menu, which had all the favourites Mini French Toast, Mini Pancakes, Bacon & Sausage and Toast, Chicken Goujons and many more.

The total bill was €43.50, including two coffees, with a gratuity of €5.00, our lunch cost €48.50, in our opinion very good value and we agreed we would return very soon.



## Brain Teaser

**See if you can come up with the answers without looking up and books or the internet.**

The quiz master was trickier than usual last issue and we have no winner for the last Brain Teasers.

This issue the Brain Teasers are a little easier, but still require a little effort, some are abstract and some are number based. Have a go and even if you only get one or two right, send your answers into us at

[info@dlcra.ie](mailto:info@dlcra.ie), you never know, you could be lucky!

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**Q.1** Can you think of a word which contains the letters TCHPHR grouped together in the middle?

**Q.2** What two figures multiplied together will equal 7?

**Q.3** I have found that a certain number reduced by 6 and the remainder multiplied by 6 will give you the same result if you reduced that certain number by 9 and multiplied the remainder by 9. See if you can find it.

**Q.4** One-ninth of a log was found stuck in mud. 5/6 of the of the log was neither in the mud, nor in the water, and 2 feet of it was in the water. How long is the log?

**Q.5** A man took a suit to a

tailor. The jacket had a permanent stain 6 centimetres square. The suit had come with a small extra piece of cloth which measured 4 centimetres by 9 centimetres. Using this piece of cloth, how did the tailor make a patch the right size by cutting the cloth in just two places?

**Q.6** There is an ordinary English word of five letters and one syllable that is turned into another of five letters and two syllables by replacing a V with a U. What is it?

**Q.7** What men are above board in their movements?

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The Winner will get either a €20 gift voucher or a lovely bottle of red wine.

Answers to [info@dlcra.ie](mailto:info@dlcra.ie)

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# Why I love Dún Laoghaire..

By Emily Barton

This issue we have asked Emily Barton to tell us why she loves Dún Laoghaire. If you know of a long time resident who would like to tell us why they love our town, let us know. Hearing what others like can give us a new perspective on just how beautiful our town is.

Email us at [info@dlcra.ie](mailto:info@dlcra.ie) if you know of anyone who would like to see here.

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I moved to the beautiful Crosthwaite Park when I was six months old. I had the happiest childhood in Crosthwaite Park – one of my happiest memories aside from running around the park playing games – was the Victorian Garden party we used to have – organised by all the neighbours. We would dress up in Victorian costume, there would be cakes and tea and chairs and music – it was wholesome and warm – with the neighbours all coming together to socialise.

When I met my boyfriend, now husband, we moved down the road to Corrig Avenue. I have spent all my 38 years living in Dun Laoghaire, for me there is no better place to live! The best way for me to tell you why is to highlight some of my favourite aspects of the town.

I love Dun Laoghaire because:



Beautiful Victorian Park for all to enjoy

Like many residents and visitors alike I love to walk down the east and west piers, I also love to walk down to Sandycove for a swim and of course we know Teddys Ice cream is an institution. There are more options too on the east pier for food and coffee and all along the seafront and it is so great to see new businesses opening. In the summer I am fortunate to go sailing with my dad from the Royal Irish Yacht Club. Occasionally, I like to rent a SUP board from Big Style down on the west pier.

There are so many art and entertainment options in Dun Laoghaire. When I finished school, my very first 'real' job was Duty Manager in The Pavilion Theatre – where I worked for 5 years. It is still one of the best jobs I ever had. I got to work with lovely people and got to see so many amazing performances. As a major film lover – I was delighted to see they added the Movie Mondays to their programme. Growing up we used to go down to the old Forum Cinema in Sandycove – sadly no longer there. I am so happy to have had the IMC cinema right on my doorstep. I am a big fan of experience and make a concerted effort to support the theatre and cinema as much as I can. It is also nice to see more music coming back to the



Enjoying the evening sun on the front step, one of life's simple pleasures

streets and pubs – I really enjoy the live Jazz on Sundays in Walters.

My husband and I got into playing frisbee during lockdown and were so fortunate to have our pick of parks to use, from Newtown Smith to Crosthwaite to Royal Terrace and Clarinda Park which also has free tennis courts – we like to use a lot in summer/autumn. Though we get quite competitive over the tennis – the loser has to buy the first cocktail down in the Parlour bar in the Haddington Hotel!

I love to visit the library to study, work, have meetings, they also host some great exhibitions and I have found many a move gem in their

DVD collection. It is hands down the best public service in the country.

I love that I have literally everything I need right on my doorstep, from food, pharmacy, doctor, beauty, arts, pubs, café, restaurants and the cherry on the cake is being beside the sea and being able to walk down to the market every Sunday for breakfast or lunch. The town offers me the best quality of life and am so grateful to live here.

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