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Mayor pays tribute to IBM staff for Corduff Park clean-up

The Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Mary McCamley has paid tribute to the employees of IBM who volunteered to take part in a clean-up of Corduff Park as part of the company’s Corporate Social Responsibility programme.

The Mayor, and the Chief Executive of Fingal County Council, Paul Reid, were on hand to congratulate the 20 employees at the end of their clean-up and help them finish the planting of 20 new trees in the park.

The clean-up was organised with the assistance of the Council’s Operations Department who provided litter pickers, gloves, visibility vests and bags as well as the trees and shovels.

The IBM volunteers were given a short history of Corduff Park by Ludovic Beaumont, Assistant Parks Superintendent, who explained that the demesne dates back to the 13th century and outlined the Council’s plans to
re-establish the lines of trees shown on the first Ordnance Survey over 170 years ago. They were part of an early Victorian landscaping scheme, connected to Corduff House, and the Council intends to re-introduce classic Victorian broadleaves trees such as beech, oak and lime.

Thanking the volunteers, the Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Mary McCamley, said: “I want to thank IBM for facilitating this clean-up through their Corporate Social Responsibility Scheme and I want to pay tribute to the members of their staff who volunteered to take part and did such a great job. Corduff Park is an important amenity within Dublin 15 and the addition of 20 new trees will greatly enhance it.”

The Chief Executive of Fingal County Council, Paul Reid, said: “As a Council we are very keen to engage with companies across Fingal and assist them with their Corporate Social Responsibility programmes. Our Operations Department has developed an excellent relationship with IBM over the last few years and today’s clean-up is an excellent example of the type of work that can be done and which can make a great difference to the communities where companies are located.”

John Collins, IBM’s European Marketing Manager, who looks after the company’s ‘I like it here!’ project which encourages greater employee engagement, said: “We are grateful to Fingal County Council for once again facilitating the IBM team in this give back to the community project. There was a lot of effort that had to happen on the Council's side to make the event happen. It was good to do something locally that makes a difference and our team had a great afternoon.”

Corduff Park is a 5.5 hectare roughly rectangular site which was originally part of the Courduff House estate. It is located on high ground on the eastern side of the Tolka River Park. It is linked with the Tolka Valley Park by a green corridor of approximately 300 metres length. The park is now located in the middle of housing estates which were developed in the late 1970s.

PHOTO CAPTION: Volunteers from the staff IBM pictured with Mayor of Fingal Cllr Mary McCamley and Fingal County Council Chief Executive Paul Reid at the end of the clean-up and tree planting in Corduff Park.

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