



# **Quarterly Report to Fingal Joint Policing Committee**

For period November 2022 – March 2023

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24th March 2023

# Garda Síochána Act 2005



In accordance with the Garda Síochána Act 2005 Section 36, the Council shall, in performing its functions, have regard to the importance of taking steps to prevent crime, disorder and anti – social behaviour within its area of responsibility.

This quarterly report will present ongoing information on the above which is in relation to and ancillary to the functions and work of the Fingal Joint Policing Committee.

Fingal County Council works in partnership with An Garda Síochána and the Community in areas of public order including the following:

- Anti-social behaviour
- Drinking in public places,
- Traffic management,
- Planning of major events
- Outdoor dining and casual trading
- Safer neighbourhoods – estate management (including tenancy enforcement and Public Lighting)
- Community based crime prevention initiatives etc.

# Fingal Joint Policing - Website



- ❑ Shortcut [www.fingal.ie/JPC](http://www.fingal.ie/JPC) is now live.
- ❑ All documentation and reports from the JPC are public documents
- ❑ Meeting documentation from 2022 & 2021 is now available online.

# Fingal County Council LA16 Reports for 2022



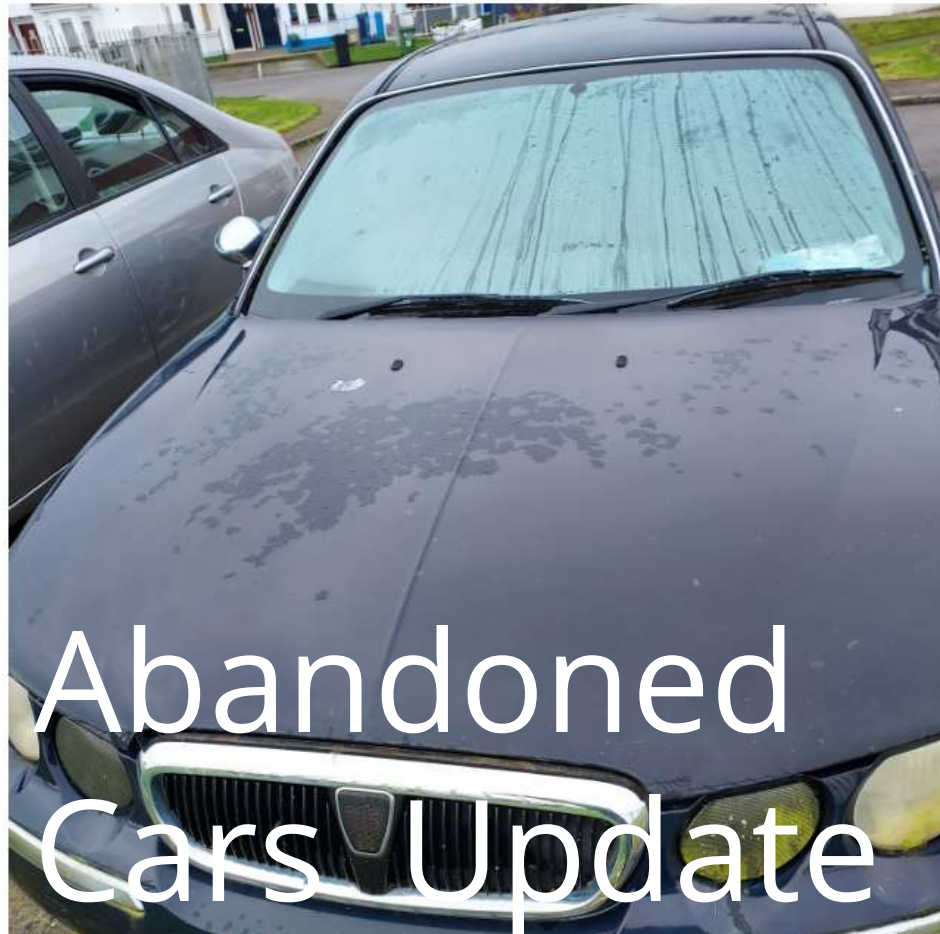
Q1 2022 – 0 Reports

Q2 2022 – 0 Reports

Q3 2022 – 1 Report in BRLS Operational Area.

Q4 2022 - 0 Reports

# Fingal County Council – Abandoned Cars



## Abandoned Cars Update



Fingal County Council, March 2023

Waste Management Act Section 71

# Fingal County Council – Abandoned Cars



## How to report an Abandoned Car

To report an abandoned vehicle please contact [Environment@Fingal.ie](mailto:Environment@Fingal.ie) providing the following details:

Vehicle Registration

Colour / Make / Model

Exact Location

Period of time that vehicle has not been moved\*

Name and Contact Number

The Council will arrange to investigate the matter.

If the vehicle is deemed to be abandoned the Council will then follow a procedure of issuing notifications to the registered owner.

The process from initial inspection to removal can take up to **3 months**.

\*Please note that a vehicle must not have moved for a significant period of time for consideration under this policy. (up to **6 weeks**)

# Fingal County Council – Abandoned Cars



## Vehicles which are NOT deemed to be Abandoned

- Vehicles poorly parked
- Vehicles involved in residential parking disputes
- Broken down vehicles
- Vehicles on public roads which are causing obstruction or road safety hazard should be reported to the Gardai.
- While a vehicle with no tax or insurance may be an indicator that a vehicle is abandoned, the issue of no tax or insurance on a vehicle on a public road does not automatically deem a vehicle abandoned. Having no Tax or Insurance on a public road is a matter for the Gardai and does not fall under the remit of Fingal County Council.
- Vehicles in estates which are owned by persons resident in the estate will not be deemed abandoned.
- Vehicles on Private Lands or Private Estates will not be deemed abandoned.
- Any vehicles registered outside of the Rep of Ireland should be referred to the Gardai.

# Fingal County Council – Abandoned Cars



## Process

- Litter warden will call out and take photo of vehicle/tax/insurance
- Seek information on the Last Registered Owner from the Motor Tax office
- Email vehicle registration(s) to Gardai to see if it is of “interest to them”
- First letter is then sent by normal post and registered post to the LRO requesting car to be removed with 14 days and details of Authorised Treatment Facilities are also given
- If no response received within 2 weeks a reminder letter is sent by normal and registered post to the LRO. This is followed up 14 days later with a final notice whereby the LRO is notified that failure to remove the vehicle within 14 days the vehicle will then become the property of Fingal County Council.
- After this period the vehicle registration is posted on Fingal County Council's website of our attention to remove vehicle from the location.
- Vehicle is removed to our Authorised Treatment Facility for disposal 10 days after being collected and treated in an Environmentally friendly manner (removal of battery, liquefied gas tank, potential explosive parts inc. air bags, removing/collecting and storing fuel, oils and other fluids, removing any parts containing mercury) All other parts of the car should where possible be recycled



# Fingal County Council – Abandoned Cars



## Most Common Scenarios regarding Abandoned Vehicles

Owner lives the estate	Not deemed abandoned
Car not there when inspected by the litter warden	Not deemed abandoned
Owner confirmed ownership	Not deemed abandoned
Owner doesn't live in estate	Deemed abandoned and will be investigated
Private Land	Not investigated
Not enough information and complaint is anonymous	Not investigated
Parked less than 6 weeks	Not deemed abandoned
Registered outside Republic of Ireland	Not investigated
Reported cars located in Dublin City Council jurisdiction	Not investigated
Estate not taken in charge by Fingal County Council	Not investigated
Valid tax and owner lives in estate	Not deemed abandoned
Vehicle in different location when litter warden carries out final inspection	Not deemed abandoned

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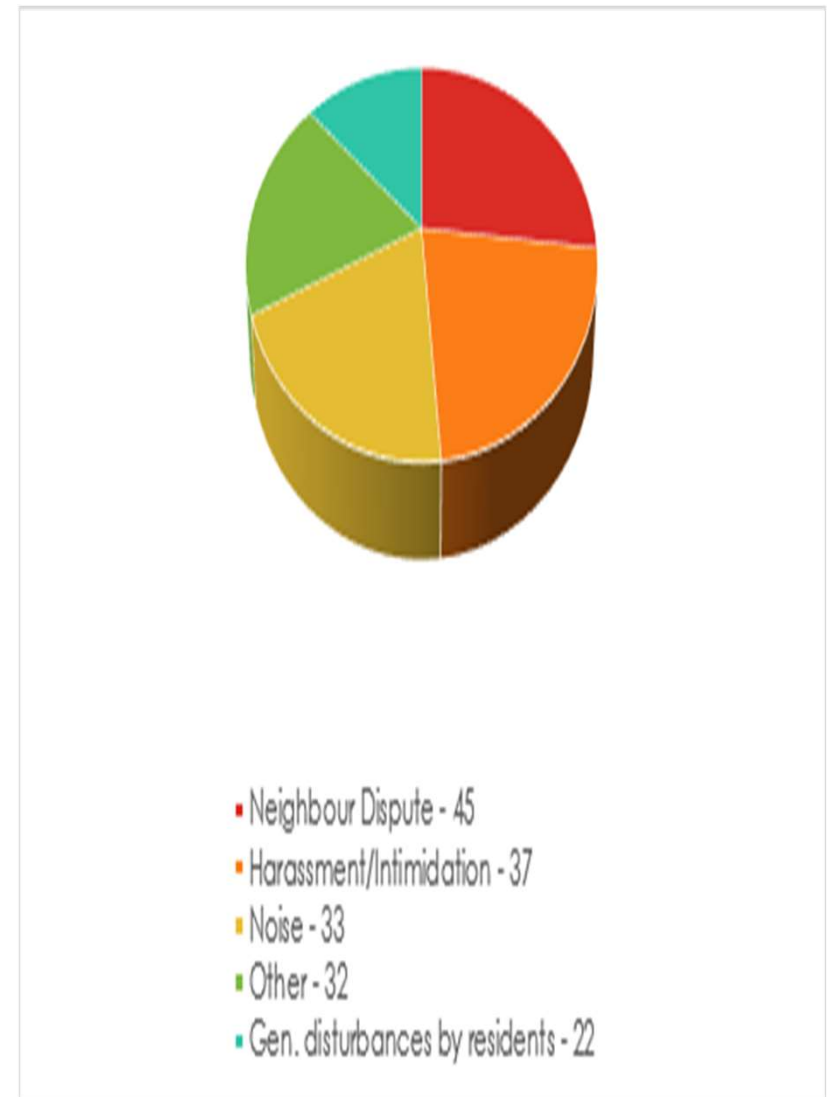
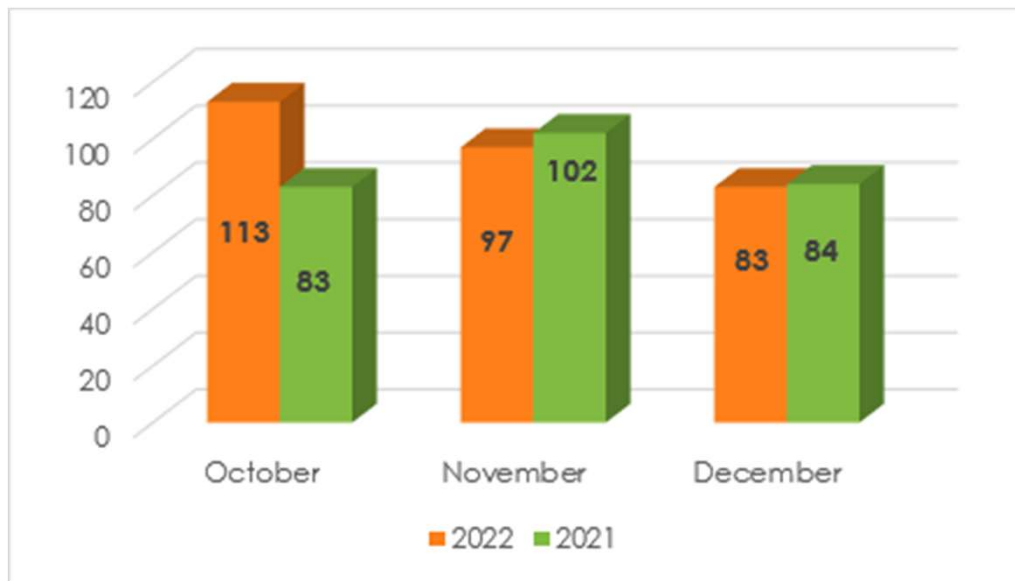
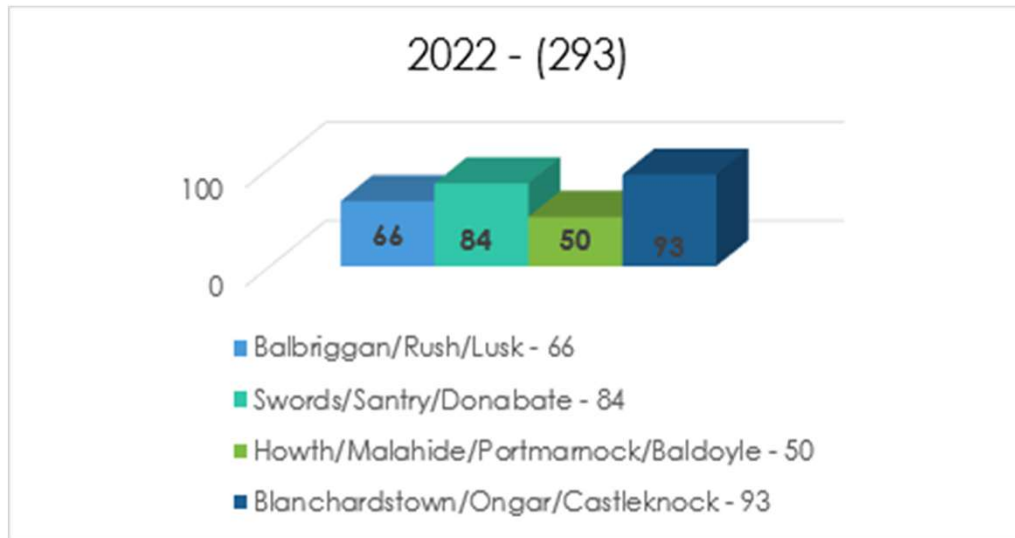
## 2022/2023 Figures

2022	Abandoned Car	Burnt out Vehicle
Jan	0	0
Feb	0	1
Mar	3	0
Apr	2	0
May	1	0
Aug	2	0
Oct	2	0
Nov	2	1
Dec	1	1
2023	Abandoned Car	Burnt out Vehicle
Jan	0	1
Feb	0	0
Total	13	4

There were a total of 383 vehicles reported to the Environment Department in 2022.

33 of the reported vehicles were deemed to be abandoned following our investigations and correspondence to the Last Registered Owners. Final inspections by our Litter Wardens were carried out before the vehicles were removed, 20 of which were not in-situ and no longer deemed abandoned therefore leaving 13 still abandoned and subsequently removed.

# Estate Management – ASB Statistics (Q4 2022)





# Major Events

## Lá Fhéile Pádraig

### PARÁIDÍ FHINE GALL 2023

**DÉ HAoine, AN 17 MÁRTA**  
SORD... 11AM BAILE BRIGÍN...12PM  
AN ROS...1PM LUSCA...1.30PM  
BAILE BHLAINSEIR...1PM  
MULLACH ÍDE...2PM NA SCEIRÍ...3PM

FAIGH TUILLEADH EOLAIS AGUS FÉACH AR BHEALAÍ NA PARÁIDE AR:

FÁILTE ROIMH CHÁCH  
MÓLTAR ÉADAÍ ATÁ OIRIÚNACH  
DON AIMSIR A CHAITHEAMH

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## St. Patrick's Day

### FINGAL PARADES 2023

**FRIDAY 17TH MARCH**  
SWORDS... 11AM BALBRIGGAN...12PM  
RUSH...1PM LUSK...1.30PM  
BLANCHARDSTOWN..1PM  
MALAHIDE...2PM SKERRIES...3PM

FIND OUT MORE INFO & VIEW THE PARADE ROUTES ON:

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# Major Events – St Patrick's Day



# Major Events – Upcoming in 2023



## Upcoming Concerts at Malahide Castle

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June – Depeche Mode

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June – Paolo Nutini

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June – Blur

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June – Sam Fender

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June – Florence + The Machine

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Sting

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June – Hozier



# Other Events

Millennium Park, Blanchardstown

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023 –

International Women’s Day

Shine a Light for Women Event

St. Catherine’s Park, Lucan

Sunday Markets will return in 2023,

details will be available at [www.fingal.ie](http://www.fingal.ie)

or on @fingalcoco on Social Media



# Fingal Community Development Cross County Diversionary Projects Q1 2023



## Youth Initiatives:

- **Fingal Comhairle na nÓg** – development of Service Level Agreement for the coordination over 3 years of a youth council representing the voice of 12 – 18 year-olds living in Fingal
- **SAMH: Donabate, Balbriggan, Malahide & Swords** meet quarterly. Students participating in Planet Youth have presented the findings of their research on addiction among their peers. Research on the prevalence of alcohol abuse and vaping among youth and self-harm among young people
- **Swords Youth Advisory Committee** meet quarterly with key stakeholders as a vehicle for sharing two-way communication between young people and agencies
- **Cricket4All** – An intergenerational project bringing older and younger people together for mutually beneficial activities and build relationships between older and younger people.
- **FCC/Yellow Flag Programme** in schools – Irish Traveller Movement – Anti-Racism Art Competition for Anti-Racism Month March.
- **Summer Projects** – supporting Community & Voluntary Groups to prepare their programme and application for summer project funding (45 projects in 2022)
- **Information Event/Showcase** for older people. First of a series will take place in Swords on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March (2.00-4.00). Community Gardai will be present to provide information and advice.



# Integration & Awareness to encourage participation



- **One Town Singers, Swords:** multi-cultural choir to encourage participation of new residents to Swords – meets every Tuesday at 7pm, St Colmcilles GAA, Swords
- **English Language Classes for migrants:** Holywell Community Centre – Mondays 10am – 12noon
- **Faite Isteach** conversational English language sessions/ supports for Ukrainian and other migrants weekly, Donabate Community Centre, Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- **Akidwa Women for A Better World Workshops** Balbriggan. Integration and collaborative project with Cairde addressing social issues.
- **Cultural Awareness Masterclass** 14th March with Irish Diversity Institute. To provide space for participants across Fingal to examine their own cultural identity and bias.
- **Fingal Winter Pride 4** LGBTQ+ Information and Support Events across Fingal Nov – Feb 2023



# Integration & Awareness to encourage participation



- Shine A Light for Women: Millennium Park –International Women’s Day event to raise awareness of ‘embracing equity.’
- 8th March 5 - 7pm
- Through our Eyes, the Power of Women’s Leadership in Community Action Showcasing the Leadership of Women through Photographs
- Exhibition launching in County Hall 6th March
- Financial Wellness for Women: Holywell Community Centre (7th March)
- Women’s Shed and Ukrainian Women, Swords: Shared food and experiences (commencement date to be confirmed) To help combat racism and a negative narrative.
- FCC Model of Education Programme – Importance of Inclusion, online – January 2023. Aimed at women across Fingal to provide information on representation and local authority structures.



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# Community Development – Pathways to Participation



- **Support** to 35 Community centres across Fingal providing facilities for all ages – Footfall in 2022 = 5 million
- **Secured** the outdoor basketball court at Flemington CC from DDLETB for operation by the community centre – for use as a drop in space for the community
- **Garda Clinics and Property Marking** events in Tyrrelstown and Parslickstown community centres – February (every 2nd month in Tyrrelstown going forward)Local communities are invited to participate.
- **Digital Financial Wellbeing Workshop** for Internet Safety Day taking place in Tyrrelstown Community Development Hub
- **Glas @ TU Dublin** – preparation of community garden for use of community and voluntary groups in Dublin 15 – reach out to schools and community & voluntary groups
- **Pre-development** group supports to include first women’s shed in Dublin 15 and a new toy library – encouraging participation
- **Thrive Balbriggan** Hello How Are You Day, March 30th 2023 – addressing Mental Health awareness and supports

# Community Development – Pathways to Participation



The Community Development Office has established a pilot project of three “Welcome Rooms” in community centres across Fingal, two in Dublin 15 and one in Swords. They are located at Parslickstown House, Corduff Resource Centre and Rivervalley Community Club.

The rooms are designed to provide a Living Room space within the community centre and are equipped with armchairs, board games, books, a kids play area, TV’s, a radio and charging points for devices.

There is also the facility for people to help themselves to tea and coffee and light refreshments. The space is freely available to all. The rooms are available broadly in line with the opening hours of the centres.

FCC is currently scoping out the extension of the pilot beyond March 2023 to include a series of pop-up events to encourage participation



# Sport Development Initiatives



## Flemington Basketball Q4 – Q1

- Sport Section continues to support this Programme every Friday evening 7-10pm
- 60-70 participants enjoying Basketball & interacting with staff and Community Garda
- FCC are in discussions with Basketball Ireland to co-fund a basketball development officer – this will be part of their brief



# Sport Development Initiatives



## Balbriggan Sports Hub Q1

- Fingal Sports Office has recently launched a pilot scheme to attract 8-11 years olds, not involved in “mainstream “ sport, to try new activities at weekends.
- The take up rate for places has been excellent with a waiting list in place.
- The plan is to invite Communny Garda to sessions to develop a friendly channel.

