



Information for Residents Regarding Smithfield

November 2011



Dear Resident,

Below please find a report on Smithfield Horse fair that may be of interest to you. The report was submitted to the Dublin City Council Central Area Committee meeting that I attended on 11th October.

I also attended a Dublin City Council workshop on 15th September with a view to drafting a Cultural Action Plan for Smithfield. Arising out of the workshop a report was submitted to the Arts Culture, Leisure and Youth Strategic Policy Committee of Dublin City Council of which I am a member. The actions agreed included developing a proposal for the programming of events, supporting The Complex, and clarifying planning, tax and legal responsibilities for the delivery of cultural space. Work on this is ongoing.

Should you have any queries or if I can be of assistance in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Cllr Claire O'Regan

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Smithfield Horse Fair

Following the March horse fair, a multi-agency group was brought together by Inspectors from the Bridewell Garda station. The agencies represented were An Garda Siochana, Dublin City Council, Dublin SPCA, Dept. of Finance, Dept. of Social Protection, Dept. of Agriculture Fisheries and Food, National Parks and Wildlife Service, The Taxi Regulator, Irish Ferries and Stena Line. Checkpoints were set up from 6am on the first Sunday of each month on the main approach roads to the city and were manned by representatives from each agency. An inner cordon from Stoneybatter to the North Quays to Church Street to North King Street was in place from the Saturday evening. All horses were checked to ensure their microchips matched their passport. Any that did not were seized. Drivers were stopped and their details checked. The results of having the checkpoints in place from April to September included the following results:

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- The March horse fair had 3,000 people in attendance and 300 horses. September had 40 people in attendance and 7 horses.
- Gardai seized 11 horses, had 7 road traffic incidents, 20 uninsured drivers and arrested 4 drunk drivers
- The number of horses seized by DCC is down from 188 in 2010 to 150 in the same period in 2011
- National Parks and Wildlife seized 7 finches and 2 rabbits
- D.S.P.C.A. – the number of calls responded to are down from 360 to 153, horses seized from 126 to 10 and horses put down from 48 to 4.
- The cleanup cost for the March fair was 21,000. September cost 2,700, a cost reduction of 18,300

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