

Blanchardstown – DMR West

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***Fingal Joint Policing Committee Meeting
Friday 3rd March 2023***

Blanchardstown: Significant Issues.

- **Operation Saul** - commenced at the start of last year and involves High Visibility Patrols of Train Stations and Trains with a view to tackling Anti Social Behaviour. This initiative is ongoing with a number of actions days planned for 2023
- **Operation Spine** – Preparations are underway for **St Patricks Day 2023** in order to ensure that Gardai are in a position to tackle public disorder/crime issues.
- **Blanchardstown Shopping Centre** - Anti – social Behaviour/ Crime Issues - Gardai attached to Blanchardstown have had an increased presence at the Shopping centre in recent months in order to combat issues at the centre.
- **Domestic Violence** – our DAC (Domestic Abuse Coordinator) program is up and running with over 50 individuals being case managed and supported within the K District.

Blanchardstown: Significant Detections

- 17/1/2023 - an intelligence led operation resulted in the search of an address in Mulhuddart and subsequent seizure of drugs valued at approximately €10,000 and €5000 cash. One male currently charged and before the courts.
- 12/1/2023 – Robbery from the Person - male entered **Circle K** had an altercation with a member of staff which became physical leaving the staff member in fear. Male identified from CCTV and arrested, detained and later charged. Matter is now before the courts.
- 22/1/2023 – Dangerous Driving - Vehicle containment operation put in place after a vehicle failed to stop in the Kildare division. Multiple incidents of dangerous driving in Kildare and Dublin. Vehicle made way to Blanchardstown Shopping Centre and mounted footpaths at Retail Park 2 driving along shopfronts. Vehicle was monitored by Air support. Vehicle abandoned at retail park 2 occupants ran to Whitestown Park and were apprehended by Gardai. Driver is now in Custody.

Community Engagement

- Blanchardstown Gardai continue to support the organisation **Little Blue Hero's**.
- Community Policing Blanchardstown are continuing to support Sonas Women's Refugee and attended the annual D15 Domestic Violence Working Group Conference where Gardai made a presentation on Coercive Control
- Foroige - Community Policing Blanchardstown continue to engage and support Foroige in 2023
- Community Policing Blanchardstown are engaging with Schools and Crèches on request developing relationships with young people in D15.



UBUNTU INITIATIVE

- On 8 and 9 September 2022, [Dr. Ian Marder](#), (Maynooth University [School of Law and Criminology](#)) co-facilitated a dialogue process in Dublin West, in collaboration with community members and Gardaí. Their goal was to explore the extent to which restorative practices could be used to facilitate dialogue and build understanding between young Black adults who live, and Gardaí who work, in D15.
- Six young Black adults and six Gardaí participated in the dialogue process. Over two days, participants engaged in a variety of discussions and other activities.
- The UBUNTU Project is funded by the Irish Research Council [New Foundations](#) scheme, and has obtained ethical approval from the Maynooth University Social Research Ethics Subcommittee.
- The results of this initiative will be published soon

PROPERTY MARKING

- As part of our Crime Prevention Initiative **COMMUNITY POLICING** Blanchardstown are now offering a Property Marking Service with a number of Property Marking Events already organised for 2023. If anyone is interested please contact –

blanchardstown_community@garda.ie



Other:

- **Garda Clinics** – Community Policing Blanchardstown are bring Clinics to certain areas with a view to enhanced community engagement while increasing Garda Visibility and accessibility. Dates for Clinics have been set in some locations and information will be disseminated within those local communities. For further information contact blanchardstown_community@garda.ie.
- **Schools Talks** – With schools back Community Policing Blanchardstown will be starting there schools program for both Primary and Secondary. All schools will be approached and offered same. Contact with community policing for Schools talks can again be made via blanchardstown_community@garda.ie.

Thank You.

