

## Recent Incidents in Malahide

The Malahide Community Forum is concerned about the increase in lawlessness in Malahide. This lawlessness has come to a head over the last two weekends where there have been incidents of fighting. These incidents have been widely shared on Social Media. Other general areas of concern include

- 1) Drug dealing at Gas Yard Lane, the railway station and various places in the Demesne.
- 2) People who beg buying cigarettes, alcohol and vapes for underage youths
- 3) Littering, glass breakage and soiling of public space
- 4) Normalisation of illegal consumption of alcohol on the Village Green, New Street and The Castle Demesne.
- 5) Selling of alcohol with open containers on New Street
- 6) Toileting and soiling, off New Street, the Marina Village and on the beach
- 7) Partying and extensive littering on Paddy's Hill, the beach and the Demesne, as well as other areas around the village
- 8) Gangs coming in from outside village arranging fights, intimidating everyone and attacking teenagers (including the incident over the weekend)

To combat this lawlessness, The Malahide Community Forum is calling for the following actions to take place:

- Increasing the number of Gardaí stationed in Malahide. Given the volume of visitors at weekends and over the summer, the Station is under-resourced.
- More visible on the ground policing, during the afternoons and night time
- Consideration of measures to prevent the excessive purchase of alcohol from local off-licenses
- Policing of groups and gangs arriving into Malahide by public transport

We are in communication with the Gardaí about these issues & they have been very responsive to this communication. The Garda have confirmed the following actions have been put in place:

1. District policing plans are regularly reviewed, and policing in this District is adapted according to evolving crime trends and in line with the community's needs e.g. over the past two weekends additional resources have been allocated to mountain bike/beat duty to provide high visibility policing in open areas in the Malahide Village Area, including the Dart Station and Malahide Castle.
2. These measures are in addition to the local patrol vehicle and members allocated to the Station during each tour. The Roads Policing Unit also patrols daily, as does the DMR Public Order Unit. All activities are coordinated to ensure higher visibility in the greater Malahide area.
3. The areas identified above (1-8) will be brought to the attention of all beats and patrols in the Malahide area. In addition, they will be added to the patrol vehicles daily itinerary.
4. Recent incidents are currently under investigation, and all identified offenders will be dealt with in accordance with the Criminal Justice System.

In addition to these actions, the Gardai have asked that residents be aware of the following advice

- Be considerate of other people at all time and respect your community;
- Please do no litter – clean up after yourselves and lead by example, especially in teaching your young persons;
- Be Safe and be Seen on the roads - always wear the correct Personal Protective Equipment suitable for the vehicle you are travelling in/on;
- Be sensible with our young persons – avoid purchasing scramblers/quads for young persons as they are dangerous to operate and a nuisance to the community when not used in a controlled environment;
- Parents, ask teenagers to be mindful and considerate of others;
  1. Do not hang around in Large Groups – this is very intimidating for others;
  2. Do not engage in anti-social behaviour;
  3. Be aware of the dangers of fighting and using weapons;
  4. Don't be afraid to report criminal behaviour (see confidential number below);
  5. Be proud of your area and be an active part of your community. Don't expect others always to report something:
- Take Action and Always Report:
  1. Suspicious Activity;
  2. Drug Dealing;
  3. People you know to be taking risks in motor vehicles;
  4. People who are actively involved in anti-social behaviour;
  5. People you know to be driving while disqualified/without insurance etc.....
- If you need to report an emergency, please use the 999/112 system only;
- To speak to the Gardaí in complete confidence, ring the Garda Confidential Telephone Number **1800 666 111**;
- Although it will assist the Gardaí if you provide as much information as possible, you do not have to give your name if you ring to report an incident.

Malahide Community Forum is in the process of finalising meetings with Garda Management, at District and Local level and we will update all members, once these take place.