



VOLUNTEERS FROM FRIENDS OF THE GRAND CANAL ON MONTHLY CLEAN UP.

Come join us for our monthly clean up of the Grand Canal. We meet on the first Saturday of every month at 10am at Leeson Street Bridge. Litter pickers will be provided. All you need to do is turn up.

YOUR TEAM IN DUBLIN SOUTH EAST:

Pembroke-Rathmines: **Cllr. Michael Donnelly**
South East Inner City: **Cllr. Sarah Ryan**

CHRIS ANDREWS TD

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If you'd like to join the team or get involved, please make sure to contact me.

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GRAND CANAL UPDATE

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GRAND CANAL UPDATE



Dear Resident,

The Grand Canal is a vital amenity in our local area. I am delighted to report that our vision for the development of a Linear Park has been taken up by Waterways Ireland, who have commissioned a study on its potential as a canal corridor in the city.

The year 2008 saw a number of improvements take place. As part of the Friends of the Grand Canal we are continuing our monthly clean-up, creating a much higher standard and fostering local pride in the area.

You may have noticed that new bins have been installed and a regular 5-man environmental crew patrol is now in operation.

There is still work to be done, however to achieve our twin goals of better maintenance and long-term regeneration.

A steering group has been set up with representatives from Dublin City Council, Friends of the Grand Canal, the Royal Canal Amenity Group. It is expected to report in 2009.

I would like to thank those of you who are already involved for your support and I look forward to continuing to work together in 2009. I would encourage others to get involved in this community project.

WATERWAYS IRELAND ROWS IN

Excerpt from Sunday Business Post 18th January 2009:

The Royal Canal and Grand Canal could again pulsate with the movement of barges, writes Kieron Wood. Waterways Ireland is undertaking a study to identify the recreation, tourism and commercial potential of the two canals with a view to developing the waterways.

The study is being carried out in conjunction with the Dublin Docklands Development Authority, Fáilte Ireland and Dublin City Council, and will include associated docks within the council's boundaries. Consultants Scott Wilson have been hired to examine existing activities, identify achievable projects and set up the necessary investment and maintenance framework. Waterways Ireland said consultation with a wide range of interested parties was an essential part of the task. It wants to collect information and views on the current and potential levels and types of use in and beside the canals, as well as the views and issues of non-users.

GEORGIAN DUBLIN

As part of urban renewal and protection, I continue to believe that **Georgian Dublin** is one of Ireland's greatest treasures and needs to be celebrated as such. I have asked



the Minister for the Environment to consider its inclusion as a UNESCO world heritage site and will continue to look for other ways to ensure its protection.

If you have any ideas in relation to the Grand Canal or Georgian Dublin or would like to get involved in protecting and promoting our urban villages, please get in touch.

