

A momentous day as one million people vaccinated – Foster and O’Neill

The vaccination of more than one million people here is momentous for our whole society, the First Minister and deputy First Minister have said.

New chapter as libraries prepare for re-opening – Hargey

As libraries prepare to re-open from May 24, Communities Minister Deirdre Hargey visited Libraries NI’s headquarters in Lisburn to see the services the community will be able to enjoy.

Getting things done – Riverside Drive #dundeewestend



In recent weeks, I have had repeated concerns from residents about the full bins and extent of litter on Riverside Drive, particularly the stretch from the Bridgeview Station restaurant in the west to the V&A in the east.

I raised this again with environment management at the City Council and have received the following helpful response :

“As you know this area has saw a dramatic increase in footfall over the last year, particularly during periods of lock down. At the weekend the bins and litter picking would traditionally be on a route which covers quite a number of areas in the west end of the city and it was often the afternoon when it arrived at Riverside.

To try and alleviate the litter issues that are now occurring, over the last few weekends we have deployed an additional member of staff, who starts at the V&A/Slessor Gardens and works out to Riverside and Magdalen Green. This

is an additional resource and not a replacement of the existing service. Depending on when the picture was taken it may have been that they had not arrived at Bridgeview, the lighter evenings mean that people are staying out later, creating additional work for us in the morning.

There are also 2 additional litter bins to be installed at Bridgeview, which is where most of the complaints occur.

We will continue to monitor the situation to see if there are any further improvements we can make.”

Mallon encourages the public to get involved in planning

Infrastructure Minister Nichola Mallon is encouraging the public to get involved in planning.

Roof repairs fund for listed buildings opens

A £200,000 fund aimed at supporting roof repairs to listed buildings is now open.