



^ Outline of Alleyway.

This alley is a gated, roughly T-shaped area running between Marsden Gardens, Hopefield Avenue and the Cavehill Road across from the Waterworks Park, north Belfast.

It is a mature residential area with approx 50 houses bordering it including red brick terraces with yards and gardens as well as newer apartment housing.

The space is actively used by residents who have brought it to life with planters, hanging baskets, flowerpots, lights and wall art. At any time, particularly in good weather you are likely to find kids playing, washing out drying or residents having tea and a chat at the tables and benches that they have installed there. There work was covered by Belfast Live last summer; <https://www.belfastlive.co.uk/news/belfast-news/north-belfast-neighbours-regenerating-alleyway-20707958>

Despite having gates at all entrances residents still experience issues with fly tipping and rubbish collection from time to time. There are also some access issues as not every house has an alley gate key. The group is hoping to access more funding to continue the improvements they have made to the space though as the alley is owned by both the Department of Infrastructure and the Belfast City Council, progress has sometimes been slow.

Info for Artists

The borders of the alley are a mix of concrete rendered and red brick walls as well as fences and gates. In many parts trees and plants from neighbouring yards overhang the walls. This space is busy and eclectic. Most of the residents interventions and decorations have been placed in the main mid-section (vertical part of the T) and the end sections are cleaner.

Photo Album of images from the alley can be found here:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1nevEiR-VeuJ8LfEKRCu0DSFySoYK985i?usp=sharing>

