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NO HOME FOR HOMELESS

Wicklow's homelessness crisis has deepened as the 12 beds that opened in December as part of the cold weather initiative were closed on Sunday.

Speaking last week on the impending cessation of the cold weather initiative, John Brady TD said "The majority of people will then end up back on the street as there is no alternative accommodation for them. I'm informed that the funding was only in place for this emergency accommodation to remain open until the end of March. The Minister for Housing has said that funding is not an issue when it comes to homelessness; he needs to immediately intervene to ensure that additional funding is in place to ensure that the 12 beds don't close. I have raised the issue directly with the Minister."

Last week the Department of Housing's homelessness figures for February demonstrated that there are 45 people in emergency accommodation in Co. Wicklow, a 25% increase on the figure of 36 from December.

Deputy Brady added that "these figures however don't reflect the real story of homelessness as many people are not offered any form of emergency accommodation and are forced to stay with family or friends and don't appear in these statistics as homeless."

"The time for a measured response in tackling this crisis is long gone. It's clear that Rebuilding Ireland isn't working, what

is needed are measures that will have an immediate impact. Sinn Féin wants an immediate three-year rent freeze. We have also brought forward a Bill that will prevent buy to let landlords from issuing vacant possession notices to quit to tenants when they are selling the property. The Bill, which is based on the Focus Ireland amendment, will help tackle the single biggest cause of family homelessness."

Brady concluded "Fine Gael need to wake up to the reality that their plan has failed a long time ago. The definition of madness is doing the same thing again and again and expecting different results,



Pictured is Adriana Panguene at the Wicklow Welcomes Coffee Morning in aid of the Wicklow Cancer Support Group, in the De La Salle Centre, Wicklow Town

we need a different approach to help the families that are behind the figures that are banded about."

Fianna Fáil spokesperson for Housing, Pat Casey TD said the number of homeless people in the state rising above 10,000 is a "shameful illustration of the Government's failed housing policy".

Deputy Casey said, "The official numbers are a shameful and saddening example of failed Government policy. The latest figures have risen by 277 compared with the same figures in January 2019. The total figure of 10,264 does not account for people sleeping rough or the hidden homeless. In Wicklow in particular there is a hidden homeless epidemic that exists all over the county due to the lack of Affordable Housing.

"There have been flashy

launches with hard hats and photo opportunities, however the facts speak for themselves. Not enough is being done to bring homeless numbers down. The Minister should be doing his level best to bring these lists down, not commenting on them to express his disappointment when they are announced. Last year local authorities missed their targets for building social housing units. There was uncertainty over funding levels in the Rebuilding Ireland home loan scheme. There is problem after problem in the Government's delivery of housing.

"As Vice-Chair of the Housing Committee, all members in that room are working on cross party measures to tackle the seriousness of the crisis but the Government are still dragging their heels on many areas."

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Urban X won the prize for Best Overall entry the Bray St. Patrick's Day parade prizegiving ceremony last week. Pictured are Olivia Politikaite, Rachel Fisher, Mark Politikaite, Leon Griffin-Offord, Georgia Treacy, Zalie and Safia Griffin-Offord. Urban X, run by Rachel Fisher, is a hip hop dance company based around the Bray area. They strive to share their passion and positivity with everyone and they really did that at the parade bringing colour and fun to the day. It was a unanimous decision by the judges after watching them perform at the reviewing stand.

What's Happening...

Music at The Well

There will be a concert in aid of Dementia Care on Thursday 4th April at 8pm, in Cornerstone Church, The Well, Bray (opposite the Royal Hotel), featuring the Wentchee Chamber Singers & Orchestra from Washington, USA, with special guest Wayne Woodman.

The programme includes songs from the shows, jazz standards, spirituals, pop songs and traditional Irish melodies. Entrance is Free, with donations to Dementia Care. For more information call 089 423 5171.

Greystones table quiz

Greystones First Responders are holding their annual fundraiser table quiz on Thursday 4th April in Greystones Golf Club at 8pm. A table of four costs €40. There will be fantastic raffle prizes to be won.

AONTU launch

The national launch for AONTU, the new Party which is headed up by Peadar Toibin TD and is supported by local Bray councillors Brendan Thornhill and Oliver O'Brien, will take place in the Ballyfermot Community Centre Dublin on Saturday the 6th of April. All are welcome to attend.

First Saturday Book Sale

On Saturday April 6th the April First Saturday Book Sale, which supports the Shankill Old Folks Association, will take place in the Shankill Old Folks Centre, Lower Road, Shankill, between 10am and 1pm so make a point of calling into it during that Saturday morning and pick up great reading material for Easter. Donations of books, which must be in a good and clean condition, other than school/text books, will be accepted on that day.

Wicklow Sings choral festival

Do you enjoy singing in a group? Come to Wicklow Sings Choral Festival on 6th April 4.15-5.45 at Temple Carrig School in Greystones for a relaxed, joyful singing session with international singing leader Katherine Zeserson. At 7pm see 400 community singers of all ages and musical genres in concert. For bookings and information see Eventbrite.ie. The Wicklow Sings Event is supported by Wicklow County Council and the Creative Ireland Programme.

Greystones Active Retirement Association activities

Tickets, bookings and enquiries at G.A.R.A booking office Tuesdays 10.30 to 11.30am.

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Booking deposit €50. Booking begins Tuesday 19th March at G.A.R.A. booking office.

Delgany Thursday Group

The next outing for Delgany Thursday Club is to Glasnevin Cemetery and Museum on 4th April, leaving from Christ Church, Delgany, at 1.30pm. The cost is €25 per person to include coach, guided tour and scone with tea/coffee.

To book, contact Noelen (01 2876878), Peter (086 8307644) or John (086 3566527).

Delgany and District Annual Daffodil show

A wide variety of Daffodil species will be exhibited at the Delgany and District Annual Daffodil Show which opens on April 6th in the Old School House Delgany.

Daffodils appear in nearly every garden and are one of the most popular garden plants. They signal the end of winter and create a welcome splash of colour in any garden. Furthermore there'll be a variety of other plant species on display from 3pm to 5pm. Exhibitors will be on hand so for green-fingered visitors it will be a perfect opportunity to ask experts questions. The show will also feature the popular floral art exhibition.

For anyone interested in taking part in the floral art exhibition, staging is from 9am - 11.30am and all exhibits need to be arranged on site. There are four competition titles for different levels ranging from beginners to experts.

In addition there is a Junior Class with the inspirational title 'Spring Surprises'. Competition entry costs €1. If you would like to enter email Natasha Scanlan at Scanlan.natasha@gmail.com. Spaces are limited so please get in contact as soon as possible.

Kilmacanogue History Society

The members of Kilmacanogue History Society are eagerly looking forward to their next lecture, which takes place on Tuesday April 2nd in the Glenview Hotel at 8pm.

Tim Crowley will present the Michael Collins Story with unique insight into the life and death of one of the most iconic political and military figures in the history of our nation.

Tim Crowley is a historian, writer and filmmaker from the Rebel County. Tim and his wife Dolores have established and run the Michael Collins Interpretive Centre and Museum near Clonakilty, Co Cork. Tim has family connections with Michael Collins and the 1916 Volunteers.

The society's summer outing is scheduled for Saturday June 8th. This year they are travelling to the Cavan County museum in Ballyjamesduff. Bookings for this popular outing will be taken at the talk on April 2nd.

Fundraising concert for Wicklow Cancer Support

On June 1st a fundraising concert will take place in the Fatima Hall in Wicklow. On the holiday weekend a choir from Montigny-le-Bretonneux will travel to Wicklow to perform with the renowned Wicklow Male Voice Choir which should prove to be the concert of the year.

Last year the local choir travelled to the French town for a series of concerts along with the Montigny choir and now everything is planned for the return visit to Wicklow.

Wicklow and Montigny have been twinned for many years and the connection has remained very strong throughout this time.

Wicklow Lions Club will be major supporters of this summer concert and all proceeds will go directly to Wicklow Cancer Support.



Open Door Day Centre in Bray wish to thank Loreto Transition Year students Orla Jackson, Melanie Walsh, Nicole McDonnell, Mairead Sheridan, Lilie Murray & Emily Sheridan for raising €1,054 for Open Door. The girls ran a fundraising ball in The Royal Hotel and also held a raffle in the school. The students presented the cheque to Open Door last Thursday and also, as part of their Eco UNESCO project, they planted Freesia and Irises in the conservatory for the members to enjoy. This generous donation will go towards activities for adults with physical disabilities in North Wicklow and South County Dublin. Visit www.opendoor.ie or telephone 01 2867123 to find out more about Open Door.

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ENFORCEMENT NOTICE ISSUED

Wicklow County Council has served an enforcement notice to Kelly Drain Maintenance Services Ltd regarding an unauthorised development on land known as 'Drummin Farm'.

The site, located in Delgany, encompasses parts of Drummin East and Kilpedder East. The enforcement notice issued on 22nd March refers to: 1) The material change of use of an established farmyard and part of the adjoining field, to use as a depot and administrative operational base (including the placing of four porta-cabins); 2) The erection of a ship-lap style solid

80 metre-long wooden fence along the outside of a section of the embankment-hedgerow boundary of the farmyard and adjoining field to the east, and 3) The construction and use of a light hard-core surfaced private access roadway within the subject lands.

KDMS Ltd has 10 weeks from the issuing of the notice to quit the site, remove vehicles and porta cabins, and to dig

up the access road into the site from the Farrankelly Road (Greystones Southern Access Route), and to reseed it with grass, thereby restoring it to its original state as grass-land.

The notice follows a separate notice issued to the company in June 2017 regarding the high steel palisade fence, which boxes in the Delgany to Kilcoole

Mass Path along the edge of the site. Delgany Community Council say they now expect the Council to ensure that both enforcement orders are fully complied with. They say that there has been an ongoing safety concern with large trucks and other vehicles using this new road to access the Farrankelly Road main dual carriageway.

Wicklow energy firm to create 50 new jobs

Wicklow-based energy firm Crowley Carbon will create 50 new jobs in Enniskerry as part of a €10m investment in solar energy. The new roles will be based at Crowley Carbon headquarters in Powerscourt Estate and will bring to 250 the number of employees globally.

The expansion comes as the company committed to increase solar energy production in Ireland by 50% with a €10m investment for three separate projects under the name Crowley Solar. Chief Executive Norman Crowley said the company hopes to install more than 1,000MW of solar energy in Ireland over the next five years for its corporate customers, reducing Irish carbon emissions by 250,000 tonnes per annum in the process. They currently supply energy services to companies such as Johnson & Johnson, Bunge and General Electric.

Mr Crowley said "Ireland's position on solar is unfortunately quite poor, with our installed base of solar standing at a mere 8MW in contrast to the UK, with similar sunlight, having 1,600 times more solar than we do." Crowley explained that there are many myths surrounding solar that need to be debunked, adding that there is a "general understanding that because it rains a lot here in Ireland we have little or no hope of generating electricity from the sun, which is simply not true."

Crowley Carbon is one of Europe's fastest growing energy efficiency companies. Founded in 2009 the company focuses on reducing the energy consumption of large industrial and commercial sites.

Application for over 200 houses in Enniskerry

A planning application has been made to An Bord Pleanála for a proposed Strategic Housing Development in Enniskerry for 218 residential units.

Capami Ltd lodged the application on 22nd March and a decision is due to be made on the application in July.

The proposed development would consist of 19 one-bed units, 42 two-bed units, 109 three-bed units, 45 four-bed units and 3 five-bed units. The units would comprise of a mix of own door apartments, terraced housing, semi detached and detached housing and vary in heights from one to three stories. The development would also include a childcare facility.

The development would be located on Killgarron Hill, in the Townland of Parknasilloge,

Enniskerry.

The development would also include two main vehicular accesses off the Glencree Road; Repair, replacement and provision of new drainage and pedestrian infrastructure including lighting toward the town centre on Kilgarron Hill along the Glencree Road; All associated site development and infrastructure works including amenity spaces, landscaping, open space, boundary treatments, vehicular parking, bicycle parking, utilities, internal roads, footpaths and shared surfaces, playground, site clearance and temporary construction development.

Bray Rotary appeal for those affected by Cyclone Idai

Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi were recently devastated by Cyclone Idai leaving tens of thousands homeless and hundreds, possibly thousands, dead.

The effects of Cyclone Idai will last for years, especially in Beira, the Mozambican city hardest hit by the storm that left more than 750 people dead.

The Rotary Club of Bray are organising a collection next Saturday (6th April) outside the Holy Redeemer Church on Bray Main Street, and are appealing for the public's support to help those affected by this disaster.

The damage to infrastructure in the countries affected by Cyclone Idai-Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi has led to a loss of more than \$1 billion, according to the Economic Commission for Africa. Beira, one of Mozambique's largest cities, was the epicentre of the disaster.

"We probably have lost about a billion dollars in Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Madagascar and Malawi in terms of resources, in particular the Beira port, the signature port of Mozambique, is essentially today almost a thing of the past because of Cyclone Idai," Vera Songwe, the UN's Economic Commission for Africa's executive secretary, said.

"It is particularly distressing that severe damage has been done to schools, hospitals, health facilities and other key infrastructure as this will have consequences not just for the emergency response phase but for the long-term efforts of these countries to eradicate poverty and hunger," said Mami Mizutori of the UN's Office for Disaster Risk Reduction.

With hundreds of people still missing, there has been no time to estimate the cost of rebuilding Beira, but it will take years.



Pictured: Maria and Elizabeth Cornyn at the Wicklow Welcomes Coffee Morning in the De La Salle Centre, in aid of the Wicklow Cancer Support Group.

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Pictured: Pippins Parkinson with Cllr Tom Fortune at the launch of the new website Greystones.ie, last week. See story page 16

'Delivery of community facilities is essential in Ireland's fastest growing village'

Sinn Féin representative and local election candidate for Wicklow East Muireann Dalton has expressed serious concerns about the failure to provide public facilities and infrastructure in Newtownmountkennedy, Ireland's fastest growing village.

Dalton stated "While it's absolutely wonderful to see houses getting built and our beautiful village expanding, it's very concerning that the community facilities that were promised for Newtown haven't happened.

"There is no real plan on the table to show what the actual time frame for work is or what facilities are going to be provided. The people of Newtown are angry and can't afford to sit around waiting indefinitely for the critically important community infrastructure.

"Members of the community and I have started a petition calling on Wicklow to ensure that the needs of the community are met and a clear timeframe is put in place. We as a community are not going to stand idly by, we want what we were promised.

"The community has been promised a public park and community rooms. These should all be done in tandem with the construction of badly needed housing, not at some distant point in the future, if ever."

'Bray should have a dog park'

Bray Labour local election candidate Ian McGahon believes it's time that Bray should have a dog park, and thinks it could be located in the Ballywaltrim/Southern Cross area.



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Ian McGahon

McGahon said "Members of the Greystones Labour Party campaigned for 10 years with 'Campaign for Greystones Dog Park' and it is now confirmed that it will definitely happen.

"I believe that Bray Municipal District should have a dog park. There are some brilliant examples nearby, such as Cabinteely. I believe there is definitely scope to locate a dog park around the Ballywaltrim/Southern Cross area and it is certainly something I will be pursuing if elected.

"This is a positive suggestion for Bray, for dog owners, for dogs and for the environment."

Call for 'safe routes to school' scheme

Alice O'Donnell, local election candidate for Greystones has called for the introduction of a Safe Routes to School scheme to get more children walking and cycling to school. O'Donnell stated "Greystones school traffic has become busier each year as numbers of pupils increase.

"The school that I teach part.

"We have a lot of schools in our area and many children do not attend the school nearest to their home, this adds hugely to our traffic problems and it is an issue that we need to address given the problem of climate change. While the scheme would require some improvements to footpaths and pedestrian crossings, the main investment would be in training children to cycle and walk safely to school and in influencing their



Alice O'Donnell

parents to allow them to do so. I believe a scheme like this could be co-funded through the Healthy Ireland funds and the National Transport Authority and I hope to

progress this idea with the support of our local Minister Simon Harris."

Minister Simon Harris said "I am absolutely supportive of this excellent idea and I will be working with Alice to ensure we can achieve this. I launched the Healthy Ireland Fund in 2017 in order to support communities to make healthy lifestyle choices. It is vital that we are doing all we can to put health and wellbeing at the heart of local planning and development."

Council urged to improve public safety at Kilmacanogue pond

Wicklow County Council has been urged to improve public safety at Kilmacanogue pond after two lifebuoys went missing. Independent Local Election Candidate Rory O'Connor has written to Wicklow County Council's CEO Frank Curran requesting immediate action.

O'Connor, a candidate for Bray West, said "Kilmacanogue pond needs urgent attention by the County Council, not only to increase public safety, but to maximise its value in the community. To kickstart this process, I've requested that Wicklow Council replace the two lifebuoys.

"It's a popular place for residents and it can be turned into a fantastic amenity if the right resources are provided. If I'm elected, I want to see the Green Infrastructure Development Plan Strategy amended to include the creation of a park in the village. It should be pretty affordable too, with excellent groups like tidy

towns to help, we can start making the necessary improvements together as a community."



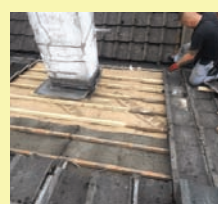
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'Driving instructor shortage to blame for Wicklow test delays'

Co. Wicklow has one of the longest waiting lists in the country for driving tests, with an average waiting time of 12 weeks.

Fianna Fáil Local Election Candidate for Greystones, Elaine Willis, has criticised government efforts to rectify this situation as the latest Road Safety Authority (RSA) figures show that only 52 driving test instructors were hired last year. The target set by the government for the same period was 67.

Willis commented, "The government is failing in its responsibility to bring down driving test waiting times. At present there's an estimated 29 weeks wait-

ing time to get a driving test. Despite the urgent need for additional testers the government has missed their own target at the end of 2018 with only 52 instructors hired.

"In the two years previous, 13 and 15 instructors were hired in 2016 and 2017. It is clear where this problem originates. Kilrush has an average



Elaine Willis

waiting list of 14 weeks, Skibbereen has 13.6 weeks, Newcastle West has 13 weeks, while Wicklow and Shannon are joint fourth with a 12 week waiting list. Wexford and Carrick on Shannon have the shortest waiting times at 5.4 weeks. This situation must be rectified without delay.

"This is another fine example of Minister Ross

and his hands-off approach to his role. It is nigh-on-impossible to get around rural Ireland without access to a car. In forcing young people to wait for months on end to get a driver's licence, this government is denying them access to jobs, educational opportunities, and social links. The solution is very simple. Minister Ross must up his game and ensure driving test instructors are hired so we see waiting times reduced," concluded Willis.

Holidaymakers urged to check passports

Cllr Irene Winters is encouraging all families in Co. Wicklow to check their passports before booking their flights this summer and to apply early, at least six weeks in advance of travel.

"From my years as a travel agent I know the May Bank Holiday Weekend leads to the biggest spike in passport applications over the course of the year, as families across the country book their holidays. So I'm encouraging

people to prepare, to check before you book and to renew online. "Common incidences that can cause last minute dashes to the passport office, are children's passport expiry dates being overlooked or some countries require your passport to be valid for a minimum length of time after your intended date of departure.

"Both adult and child passports can be renewed online. Online applications are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at www.dfa.ie/passportonline. No need for a paper application form, witnesses or printed photos, however a signed consent form must also be submitted to the passport office for a child's renewal."

Cllr Winters added "The online method is convenient and secure, with current turnaround times of 10 working days. The postal express method currently has a turnaround of 15 working days (three weeks) but both these wait times are likely to increase as the main holiday season approaches.

"If you are not eligible to use the online facility and are travelling in more than three weeks' time, you can submit your application by Passport Express through your local post office. You can also make an appointment to submit your application at the passport office in Dublin.

"A same day turnaround service is available if you are travelling within three days, however this service is by appointment only and costs double the normal fee per passport. There are a limited number of appointments per day and proof of travel will be required."

Call for enhanced local authority powers as Ireland ranks last in EU local democracy index

Labour's Local Election Candidate for Bray East, Anne Ferris, has welcomed The More Power To You campaign, organised by the SIPTU, Fórsa, and Connect trade unions, which calls for the substantial increase in revenue and funding for local authorities across the country and for the restoration of Town Councils which were abolished in 2014. The More Power to You campaign is in direct response to a research paper, commissioned by the three trade unions, titled Democracy Works If You Let It, by Dr. Mary Murphy of Maynooth University.

"The findings in Dr. Murphy's research is both interesting and timely", said Anne Ferris, "in that it shows that only 8% of Irish public spending occurs at local government level, compared to an EU average of over 23%. The report also finds that Ireland has far fewer local municipalities than similar sized European countries. The new Municipal Districts that were meant to replace Town Councils have not worked as well for towns. They are, in effect, only sub-committees of the County Councils and do not have the dedicated focus

on town development. Furthermore, they often have much larger areas under their responsibility. The change from Town Councils to Municipal District Councils has also meant a loss of staff in towns to carry out maintenance and repairs which slows down the response time to local needs.

"In Wicklow, we have seen our citizens, trade unions and local businesses calling for the restoration of Town Councils. Towns have always been the important economic hubs that serve the wider economy and are essential for

regional economic development. The Labour Party's own legislation on restoring Town Councils has received cross-party support in the Oireachtas, with the exception of Fine Gael, and is currently at committee stage.

"Town Councils of old were not perfect but the real solution should have been to reform and rebuild local democracy at town level, not to sweep everything away. The Labour Party was in the government that carries collective responsibility for the decision to abolish Town Councils, but having seen the

effect of that decision, we readily admit that it was a mistake and that Town Councils should now be restored.

"I understand that the More Power To You campaign is seeking commitments from political parties and candidates in the upcoming Council elections on a range of local government reform and as a candidate in the Bray East area I am totally supportive of this campaign and of the Labour Party's legislation to restore Town Councils," concluded Anne Ferris.



Muireann Dalton, Sinn Féin representative for Wicklow town and local election candidate, pictured above with John Brady TD, has welcomed the start of work on the long awaited 51 new social houses at the Convent Lands in Wicklow town.

She did however raise serious concerns regarding the 18 month delay in commencing the scheme. When complete there will be 19 one-bed units, 22 two-bed units and ten three-bed units. "The estate is being constructed by Public Private Partnership and a different body will manage and maintain the estate for 25 years, after which Wicklow County Council will take it over," Dalton said. "It's estimated that it will take about 12 months to construct and when completed will help address the serious housing crisis."

Wicklow Lions' mark of respect Funding for community projects

At their most recent meeting, members of Wicklow and District Lions Club held a minute's silence as a mark of respect for Elizabeth Balbontin who sadly passed away.

Elizabeth was a wonderful supporter of the Lions Club and even more so a very important part of the Wicklow Lifeboat fundraising committee. Her husband Santiago is a very active and highly respected member of the RNLI and Lions.

Funding workshops will be run by Wicklow County Council and County Wicklow Partnership providing information about funding schemes that are aimed at the revitalization of rural areas.

Information Workshop for Grant Schemes 2019 for this area will be held on Wednesday, 3rd of April in the Brockagh Resource Centre at 7pm. Enquiries to County Wicklow Partnership 0402 20955 or Wicklow County Council at 0404 20208.



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Bray Sailing Club Instructor Jack Hannon, Councillor Steven Matthews, Bray Sailing Club Commodore Boris Fennema, Mary Hargadan from Bray Tidy Towns and Instructor Dan Hatter at the launch of the 'Three For The Sea' initiative.

'Three For The Sea' campaign aims to tackle beach plastics

Councillor Steven Matthews, along with Bray Sailing Club Commodore Boris Fennema, sailing club instructors Jack Hannon and Dan Hatter and Bray Tidy Towns, launched the new '3 For the Sea' campaign on Bray Seafront last week.

The campaign's aim is to encourage everyone to take away three pieces of plastic every time they visit the beach.

"We are all aware of the huge problem with plastic pollution in our marine environment and these signs are a polite request to visitors to help by picking up a few pieces of plastic along our seashore," said Green Party Councillor Matthews.

"The amount of plastic waste on our beaches and

in our seas is at crisis point and this campaign also seeks to further raise awareness of the problem."

The campaign is based on initiative that originally began in New Zealand. "I was asked by Bray Sailing Club if we could do the same for Bray Beach," said Councillor Matthews. "Bray Tidy Towns supported the campaign and we sourced these attractive stone engraved signs from Shanganagh Monuments."

Bray Sailing Club, recent winner of the Volvo Irish Sailing Training Centre of the Year award, hope to build on their 'Turn the Tide on Plastics' campaign that began last season as part of their Junior Training courses. Senior Instructor, Jack Hannon explained, "We want to instil a sense of responsibility and stewardship in our Junior members to look after our coast line. Everyone can make a difference and this '3 For the Sea' initiative is a great

way of highlighting that and getting the community involved.

"Last year, Assistant Instructor Dan Hatter gave presentations to Junior members on the dangers that plastics pose to our natural environment which were followed by beach clean-ups. This year, we aim to take it a step further and make our Junior Training programme 'single-use plastic' free by providing reusable water bottles for our trainees."

Jewel in Bray retail crown for sale as going concern

One of the longest established newsagents in Bray is going on the market as a going concern.

From glossy mags, weekly part-works and otherwise hard-to-get monthly periodicals to Irish, UK and international newspaper titles, the Gem, 16 Quinsboro Road has long been the 'go-to' destination for generations of readers.

According to selling agent Gabriel Dooley of Dooley Auctioneers, the Gem's annual turnover of well in excess of €2 million per annum reflects its status as a glittering jewel in Bray's retail crown.

"The Gem enjoys a prime position right next to Bray's main post office at the heart of town's retail and commercial district. Quinsboro Road is also the main route between Main Street at one end and Bray DART Station and the regenerated Seafront at the other, so it has great visibility in a high footfall location that is ideally



The Gem newsagents on the Quinsboro Road in Bray

placed to attract passing trade."

For sale at €325,000 (freehold title), Gabriel Dooley says that the current owners have taken the decision to sell in order to focus on other aspects of their business.

Together with nearby Main Street and Castle Street, Quinsboro Road remains a hive of local retail activity, with well-

known local and national brands such as Molloy's Bakery, Tesco Express, Dunnes Stores and the founding branch of the O'Brien's Off-Licence chain all located in close proximity to the Gem. Local retail trade is set to receive a further boost with the opening of the new Florentine Shopping Centre, currently under construction off nearby

Florence Road.

A ground floor premises, the Gem disposes 1,164 square feet of space. Most of this is taken up by the main, front-of-house shop area (792 sq ft), with the balance comprising a store room, office, kitchenette and wc at back-of-house (372 sq ft).

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Powerscourt Hotel Resort & Spa sold again

The MHL Hotel Collection last week agreed to acquire the 5-star Powerscourt Hotel Resort & Spa in Powerscourt Enniskerry from Sugarloaf Investments Limited for an undisclosed sum. The transaction is subject to approval from the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission (CCPC).

Owned by a partnership comprising John Malone, John Lally and Paul Higgins the MHL Collection comprises eleven 4-star and 5-star hotels, almost 2,000 bedrooms and over 1800 staff at locations in Dublin (7), Galway (3) and Limerick (1). Acquisitions over recent years include the InterContinental and the Westin in Dublin as well as The Galmont in Galway (formerly the Radisson Blu).

Powerscourt Hotel Resort & Spa is one of Ireland's most luxurious 5-star hotels comprising over 200 bedrooms, more than 1,100sq. metres (12,000 sq. feet) of meeting and conference space, a popular restaurant, lounge and traditional Irish pub as well as an award winning spa, pool and leisure facilities.

Located alongside two championship golf courses and the renowned Powerscourt Estate Gardens, Powerscourt is a 30 minute drive from Dublin city centre. Opened in 2006 as a Ritz Carlton, the hotel was acquired in 2013.

The MHL Hotel Collection is the second largest hotel group in Dublin city with over 1,250 five and four star bedrooms and more than 1,850 bedrooms nationally. Revenues in 2018 exceeded €150 million.

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

Laragh - Glendalough Visitor Access

In accordance with Part 8, Article 81 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 to 2012, notice is hereby given that Wicklow County Council propose to:

Construct new development works in Laragh/ Glendalough to improve pedestrian accessibility, safety and traffic arrangements.

Plans and particulars of the proposed developments will be available for inspection or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the reception floor of Wicklow County Council, Station Road, Wicklow Town, Co. Wicklow and Wicklow Municipal District Office, Town Hall, Market Square, Wicklow Town, Co. Wicklow during office hours Monday to Friday, excluding Bank Holidays for a period from Thursday 4th April 2019 to Friday 3rd May 2019 inclusive. Also available to view on www.wicklow.ie

Submissions and observations with respect to the proposed developments dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the development would be situated may be made in writing to Transportation, Water and Emergency Services, Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Station Road, Wicklow Town, Co. Wicklow on or before 12 noon on Friday 17th May 2019.

Allyson Minion,
Administrative Officer,
Transportation, Water and Emergency Services,
Email: roadtran@wicklowcoco.ie
County Buildings,
Station Road,
Wicklow,
Co. Wicklow.

€1 MILLION ALL WEATHER SPORTING FACILITY FOR NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY

Councillor Shay Cullen last week welcomed the news that funding has been set aside to start work on an All Weather sporting facility for Newtownmountkennedy with further funding being sourced from Sports Capital Grants to ensure that up to €1 million will be invested into the facility.

Cllr Cullen said "This is fantastic news and a massive boost for the people of Newtownmountkennedy, which is the fastest growing village in the country with in excess of 1,000 houses being built over the next few years. I have worked with the executive in Wicklow County Council over the past while to ensure that amenities for the people of Newtown are made a priority.

"This all-weather facility will comprise of a full size Astro Turf Pitch to cater for GAA, soccer and other community groups who may wish to avail of it. With the increase in development I believe that further recreational amenities are available through the provision of parkland walkways and I will keep working with the Council to ensure that the commu-

nity of Newtownmountkennedy get the resources and that funding that this growing community needs.

"We have already secured €120,000 from the Town & Village Enhancement Scheme which is being used to improve and upgrade new and existing paths, work on a new junction at Dunnes Stores which is something that I have worked on securing will be completed this year, and the Wicklow Municipal District have ensured that there is money in the budget for public lighting and safety measures around Newtown. All this is very welcomed and I will keep working with community groups and the council to ensure that as much funding as possible will be secured for Newtownmountkennedy."

Changes to SHS supported employment service

CEO of Sunbeam House Services (SHS) Hugh Kane has moved to allay concerns from parents over changes being made to SHS's supported employment 'Connect' Service, and says the changes will result in an improved service.

Supported employment allows SHS clients with varying abilities to work in the open labour market. A trained member of staff from Connect (Job-coach) remains in the background to provide any support that may be required to the employee once they are fully trained. As part of the service there is also a drop-in centre where the employees can meet, talk and socialise.

The parent of one SHS client who is part

of the connect service told *Wicklow Times* that is invaluable for giving them a sense of independence. They were concerned that a redeployment of job coaches would result in reduced support for employees in the service, and were also concerned about losing the drop-in centre and its social benefits.

Mr Kane told *Wicklow Times* "Following a review of all our day services, how the Connect ser-

vice currently operates will be changed. Currently Connect operates as a single team. In the new structure Connect staff (job coaches) will now be reassigned to our existing day services. From these localised hubs, employment supports will be offered as part of the offering to both existing people who are supported by job coaches as will other people who need such support.

"The centralised Connect locations in

Bray and Arklow will no longer be the contact point but instead the more localised day services throughout the county, which also included locations in Bray and Arklow.

"This change will deliver an improved offering to those we support, which will be consistent with national policy for day services 'new directions'.

"No person will lose their jobs as a result of this service improvement. We have communicated with all our families and engaged with our staff and their union on this service improvement."



Pictured: Caroline Murphy, Marie Kennedy and Patricia Kenna at the Wicklow Wide Coffee Morning in aid of Cancer Support which was held in the Brockagh Centre, Laragh.

Boil water notice issued for Avoca Ballinaclash public water supply

Following consultation with the Health Service Executive (HSE), Irish Water and Wicklow County Council have issued a Boil Water Notice for the area supplied by the Avoca Ballinaclash Public Water Supply to protect approximately 1,343 people.

The Boil Water Notice was put in place last Monday as a precautionary measure following a failure in the treatment process on the Avoca Ballinaclash Public Water Supply.

Irish Water drinking water compliance and operational experts are working with colleagues in Wicklow County Council to resolve this situation as soon as possible.

In the meantime, all customers of this supply are advised to boil water before use until further notice. The areas affected include Ballinaclash, Avoca and Ballymoneen.

Water must be boiled for: Drinking; Drinks made with water; Preparation of salads and similar foods, which are

not cooked prior to eating; Brushing of teeth; Making of ice - discard ice cubes in fridges and freezers and filtered water in fridges. Make ice from cooled boiled water.

Use water prepared for drinking when preparing foods that will not be cooked (e.g. washing salads)

Water can be used for personal hygiene, bathing and flushing of toilets but not for brushing teeth or gargling

Boil water by bringing to a vigorous, rolling boil (e.g. with an automatic kettle) and allow to cool. Cover and store in a refrigerator or cold place.

Water from the hot tap is not safe to drink. Domestic water filters will not render water safe to drink

Caution should be taken when bathing children to ensure that they do not swallow the bathing water

Prepare infant feeds with water that has been brought to the boil once and cooled. Do not use water that has been re-boiled several times. If bottled water is used for the preparation of infant feeds it should be boiled once and cooled. If you are using bottled water for preparing baby food, be aware that some natural mineral water may have high sodium content. The legal limit for sodium in drinking water is 200mg per litre. Check the label on the bottled water to make sure the sodium or

'Na' is not greater than 200mg per litre. If it is, then it is advisable to use a different type of bottled water. If no other water is available, then use this water for as short a time as possible. It is important to keep babies hydrated.

Great care should be taken with boiled water to avoid burns and scalds as accidents can easily happen, especially with children.

Additional information and advice is available at Boil Water Notices or by calling Irish Water's 24-hour customer care line at 1850 278 278. Updates are available at Water Supply Updates

Update on Dunlavin water supply

Irish Water has informed Cllr Edward Timmins that it is continuing to progress investigative works in the Dunlavin area.

Cllr Timmins requested an update on the works and was informed by Irish Water that "Initial Hydrogeological investigations of the location have been undertaken and we are now progressing investigating historical trial wells with a view to carrying out yield tests to secure a safer and more secure water supply.

"Should this be unsuccessful, we have also chosen locations to undertake new trial well drilling. All investigative works are planned for Q1 - Q2 2019 and on the basis of this being successful we will progress negotiations with landowners and any required statutory processes to install produc-



Cllr Edward Timmins

tions wells in Q2 and Q3 2019.

"Irish Water is also currently in the process of assessing the Reservoir condition. Initial assessments have taken place and options for cleaning and minor repairs and remedial works are currently being scoped. It is planned that works on-site would take place in Q2 - Q3 2019."

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Emma Kitson, Dalubuhle Ncube, Sukhi Kaur and Keira Kaur at the Wicklow Welcomes Coffee Morning in aid of the Wicklow Cancer Support Group.

Wicklow towns set to benefit from major new Fáilte Ireland scheme

Fáilte Ireland will invest €15.5million through the local authorities to boost the attractiveness and tourism appeal of up to 62 towns across the country.

The Fáilte Ireland scheme is part of the National Tourism Development Authority's work to drive a better regional spread of overseas and domestic visitors and spend. Through the scheme, every local authority in the country, including Wicklow County Council, will be able to bid for funding of between €250,000 and €500,000 to develop up to two towns in their area

which have the potential to become a 'destination town' for tourists. With Fáilte Ireland research consistently showing that attractive towns and cities are key motivators for overseas holidaymakers coming to Ireland, the new scheme will provide funding to Councils to enhance public spaces such as squares, streetscapes and markets in a way that will engage tourists and enhance their

experience in key towns.

To be successful in their funding submissions, Councils will be expected to identify towns that have: 1) At least one visitor attraction of scale that can drive tourism demand; 2) A range of things to see and do for two days - A town that hopes to attract overnight visitors needs to offer a variety of attractions, activities and entertainment options

which can keep tourists engaged for more than 11 hours a day, including three hours in the evening; 3) A selection of accommodation - Towns will need accommodation stock of at least 300 beds to become a seasonal destination town (and 1,000 beds to operate as a year-round destination) or be a town that has the potential to grow its bedstock in the future; 4) A range of food offerings to meet the visitor needs including a range of options for light snacks, tea/coffee, lunch and dinner.

In order to support communities and Local Authorities with their applications, Fáilte Ireland has established Development Guidelines for Tourism Destination Towns to provide a framework for applications and set out the key drivers of what makes a town appealing to the international tourist. These guidelines are intended as a practical aid to Local Authorities, Chambers of Commerce, LEADER Programme Local Action Groups and other business and com-

munity groups who consider their town to either be a tourism destination town or have the potential to develop as one. They can also be used by smaller towns and villages with the potential to further develop as day trip destinations. Fáilte Ireland's CEO Paul Kelly said:

"Our new investment scheme will provide Wicklow County Council with a springboard to develop towns with untapped potential from transit zones to destinations where visitors want to stay longer and experience local culture."

The scheme officially opens this month for applications from Local Authorities and will close in September. Fáilte Ireland's regional teams will work with each Local Authority to identify towns in every county which have the potential to grow their tourism economy. They will then assess the development need using the Destination Town Framework unveiled today, as well as the town's potential to drive a greater regional and seasonal spread of tourism.

Glendalough Car Boot Sales

The next car boot day will be on Sun, 7th of April, open from 10am to 4pm.

Bargains on practically anything from household items to garden additions, and even vintage or antique treasures. Vans must be booked in. Please pre-book indoor spaces early. Contact the Brockagh Centre on 0404-45600 or email laraghit@eircom.net if you wish to book an indoor space or if you prefer to sell outside just show up at 8am on the morning.

AVERAGE HOUSE PRICE IN WICKLOW FELL IN 2019

The price of the average three-bed semi in County Wicklow fell by -0.7% in the first three months of this year, according to a national survey carried out by Real Estate Alliance.

Wicklow prices rose by 5.3% to €289,000 in the past year, the REA Average House Price Survey found.

The survey concentrates on the actual sale price of Ireland's typical stock home, the three-bed semi, giving an up-to-date picture of the second-hand property market in towns and cities countrywide to the close of last week.

"As we approach Brexit, we are starting to see an effect in the market, with buyers becoming nervous about an exposure to reduction in price values," said Matt Forkin of REA Forkin, North Wicklow, where the average three-bed semi is currently selling for €315,000 - down from €320,000 in December.

REA Forkin have also reported the market stabilising in Wicklow town with average time to sell rising from six weeks to eight, and a fall of 1.41% in the Bray market with sales times rising from five weeks to eight, with the selling price of an average three bed semi at €320,000 and €350,000 respectively.

"We have seen an increase in the cash percentage of purchases, which reflects an increase in investors coming to the market," said Simon Murphy of REA Murphy, Baltinglass and Blessington, where a three-bed semi is currently averaging at a price of €170,000 - unchanged over the past 12 months.

The average semi-detached house nationally now costs €235,898, the Q1 REA Average House Price Survey has found - a fall of -0.16% on the Q4 2018 figure of €236,287.

Hammer attack in Bray

Gardaí in Bray are investigating an assault that occurred on Adelaide Road, Bray, on Thursday the 28th of March at approximately 8pm.

A male in his sixties was beaten with a hammer and received head wounds. He was taken to St Vincent's Hospital for treatment after paramedics treated him at the scene.

It's been reported that the victim is a well known photographer and that the attacker is known to him. At the time of going to press Gardaí had not made an arrests but were following a definite line of enquiry.



Adelaide Road, Bray



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HOUSING (TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION) ACT, 1998

Notice of proposed adoption and publication of a Draft Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024

In accordance with Section 9 of the Housing (Traveller Accommodation) Act, 1998, Wicklow County Council proposes to adopt a Traveller Accommodation Programme for five years (2019-2024). This plan will cover the functional area of Wicklow County Council.

The draft Traveller Accommodation Programme is available for public inspection at Wicklow County Council offices and all Municipal District Offices during normal working hours, from Monday 1st April 2019.

A copy of the Draft Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024 is also available on Wicklow County Council's website www.wicklow.ie.

Any person or organisation who wishes to make a submission in respect of the Draft Traveller Accommodation Programme is invited to do so. Submissions should be made in writing and returned in a sealed envelope marked 'Traveller Accommodation Programme 2019-2024' and addressed to the Senior Executive Officer, Housing & Corporate Estate, Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow, Co. Wicklow or emailed to housing2@wicklowcoco.ie with subject line - Draft Traveller Accommodation Programme.

The latest date for submissions is 16:00hrs on Friday 31st May 2019.

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Nuns Cross NS has Biodiversity Day of Action

On Friday 22nd March, Nun's Cross National School held a Day of Action as they are working towards their 5th Green Flag, on Biodiversity. Participants said it was a great day that involved the whole school. Within the Green Flag programme, there are nine flags that schools can work towards. Currently in Co. Wicklow, there are twenty schools working towards their Biodiversity Flag.

School Principal, Ms Ward said: "The Green School Committee is made of representatives from 3rd-6th Class and their co-ordinator is Ms Heaphy. They are a fantastic group who are eager for lots of new ideas to continue their journey towards a sustainable environment. The committee are continuously working on litter and recycling as well as water and energy conservation within the school."

Every class had their role to play: Junior and Senior Infants planted wildflowers and bulbs in a new flower bed at the edge of the school 'forest'; 1st and 2nd Class painted bird houses and bat boxes that were donated by parents and Ashford Tidy

Towns; The children in 3rd and 4th class each brought in something for the existing bug hotel and repainted it also; and 5th and 6th class made sure that the pond was sufficiently clear of weeds for the frogspawn to continue their cycle as well as painting the fences, flower pots, PE shed and buddy bench that are in the school garden.

Ms. Ward continued: "Overall, there were 140 children and many parent helpers involved. The school is transformed into a bright, colourful place for biodiversity to continue to flourish. The money for the painting materials was raised by a bake sale from 5th and 6th and donations from parents ensured the success of the

day."

The school has organised a guest speaker to come and talk to the students about birds and how they will use their new homes that have been created.

There will also be a visit from some local bee keepers this month who will teach the children about the importance of bees in the environment.

"It is great to see such strong community spirit around the school in the weeks leading up to today. Everyone has been getting stuck in to help us get our biodiversity flag. Our school is looking wonderful. We hope the work we have done today will attract more visitors to our school," Ms. Ward concluded.

In Wicklow, there are 110 Green Schools, with different flags. The Green-Schools is Ireland's leading environmental management and award programme, working with primary and secondary schools across the country Promoting long-term, whole-school action for the environment Green-Schools is a student-led programme with involvement from the wider community.



Ryan Gannon, Ms Ward, Zach Johnston, Ms Heaphy, and Louisa Smith at Nuns Cross National School's biodiversity day of action



Larry Smyth and Harry Smith at the biodiversity Day of Action at Nuns Cross National School



Lily Webster, Ethan Grant, and Sebastian Bruno planting seeds at Nuns Cross National School's biodiversity day of action

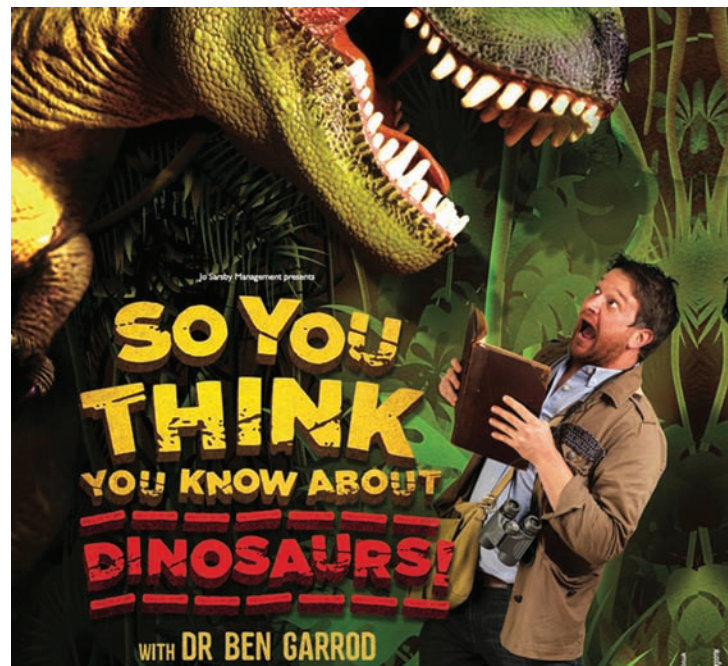
Bray to get Jigsaw Youth Mental Health Service

Minister Simon Harris last week announced that Wicklow will have a Jigsaw Youth Mental Health Service from this year.

Speaking as he made the announcement, Minister Harris said: "I have been working to deliver a Jigsaw to Wicklow since before I was Minister for Health. I have had the pleasure of working with an incredibly dedicated team in the Bray Area Partnership and other community organisations locally through this process and I was delighted to be able to inform them last week that the decision has now been made and plans are underway to open the service this year."

Minister Harris has arranged for the local preparation groups to come to the Department of Health next week to meet with Jigsaw and the HSE to progress plans. Speaking about this meeting, he said: "The group who worked on preparing an application for Jigsaw have been incredible throughout this process and I have met with them in Leinster House and in the constituency regularly. I am meeting with them again this week but this time we will be focusing on plans to deliver the service. I am really excited to finally be in a position to get this fantastic resource open in Bray to serve young people throughout Wicklow. I have visited Jigsaw projects in other locations and I each time I have been blown away by their success and the level of youth buy in. From working with the network on Jigsaw activists in our area, I know the Wicklow Jigsaw will be no different. It will be a fantastic asset for our community."

"I really look forward to sharing more details with constituents when the location and opening arrangements are confirmed. This is such positive news, I want to thank the Bray Area Partnership and all out local mental health groups for working with me to ensure we got this across the line."



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Planning a Funeral

The death of a loved one is a deeply upsetting time. However, this is one time when decisions cannot be put off so it is often good to agree as many details as possible in advance when it comes to saying goodbye in the way your loved one would have wanted.

Planning a funeral can actually give the mourner a sense of control and preparation over the one thing they can't control. Organisation is the key to planning a funeral in the midst of grief and sadness at the death of a loved one.

Wicklow Times has outlined a practical

guide to funerals should the responsibility fall to you to organise the final arrangements for a loved one. Not all of the points here will apply to your particular situation, but many will.

If the death of loved one occurs outside of a hospital or nursing home you may need to

notify authorities of the death. Call your local emergency number to report the death. The authorities will call the coroner. Although it may not actually be necessary to call the coroner, it is a good idea to do so, especially if the deceased had insurance policies.

The police are



required to notify next of kin but there will likely be other relatives who should be included, especially if they need to travel some distance to

attend the funeral. Don't forget to include close friends. You or the authorities may call the funeral home that will be taking care of the arrangements for the funeral and calling hours. Notify any relatives who will be having a part in planning the calling hours and details of the funeral and set up a time to meet with the funeral director to finalise the plans.

Discuss who will be responsible for funeral expenses for billing purposes. If there is an executor for the estate of the deceased, this person usually handles this responsibility, but it is entirely up to the family to determine who should handle this responsibility. Often families will divide this responsibility between several family members. Gather the information you will need for the completion of the death certificate at the funeral home. Parent's names including middle initials, date of birth of the deceased, their place of work (Name and address) and occupation of the deceased.

If the deceased left specific instructions regarding preferences for funeral and burial arrangements, with a list of people to be notified, your job is that much easier. If not, you'll need to consult other family mem-

bers and look for address or phone books that can help you with your task. Most people in Ireland contact a funeral director for help with funeral arrangements. The Irish Association of Funeral Directors is the undertaker industry's trade association. Individual funeral arrangements vary widely and depend on, among other things, where the funeral is

taking place, the type of coffin (casket) you get and whether or not you hire funeral cars.

If you plan to have a funeral service, you need to consider when and where the service will be conducted, i.e. before burial or crema-



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Planning a Funeral

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The funeral director will guide you through much of the planning process. Use the following checklist to when meeting with your funeral director.

Clothing & jewellery: If this will be a traditional burial you need to consider clothing & jewellery for your loved one. You may want to bring clothing with you when you meet with the funeral director to make the plans, but this is not essential. Remember any special pins or jewellery. Special pins would include but are not limited to Union and association membership pins. Also watches, earrings, necklaces, tie tacks, cuff links, or anything that the deceased particularly

liked or directed to be included.

Consider the type of burial: Cemetery plot- If one has been previously purchased, bring the deed to the plot with you, if you have it, to the funeral home when you make your plans.

If you know you have a plot but don't have the deed in your possession, the funeral director can contact the cemetery overseer to arrange confirmation. Otherwise a plot will need to be purchased. The funeral director will assist you with this. Vault - Choose a vault. Your funeral director will describe the various types available. Mausoleum - Select the casket or container (wood, metal, cardboard (cremation), urn). Open or closed casket - Decide whether it will be opened or closed cas-

ket.

Decide on the type of flower arrangements to be provided by the family. Relatives and other mourners may also need to be advised as to your desired floral selections.

Consider setting up pictures or a photo album to remind mourners and family of good times or special events in the life of the deceased.

Arrange for pallbearers. Usually four to six men are needed. The pallbearers are usually next of kin or close friends. Ask the funeral home to arrange for this service.

Consider who will provide transportation for the family to the gravesite. Transportation of the deceased is usually provided by the funeral home.

A temporary marker may be selected if a permanent marker has

not been purchased or engraved.

Decide if there will be a wake or other gathering to celebrate the life of the deceased. Consider where and when to hold this gathering.

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The family can now have the service of their loved one in their local area without having to worry about traffic and long distance travel.

Niall said that the new All Denominational chapel "caters for all members of society and their beliefs. This new facility gives people the option to have a service to suit their requirements and make the service for their loved one a special day in their lives."

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History was made recently when the members of Arklow Municipal District held their monthly meeting Scoil San Eoin National School in Redcross. Welcoming everyone to Redcross, the Cathaoirleach of Arklow Municipal District, Cllr Miriam Murphy, said: "Having the meeting in Redcross today creates a little bit of history as this is the first ever Council meeting to be held in the village." Pictured are Arklow councillors planting a tree in Scoil San Eoin National School, Redcross, to mark the occasion.

Arklow port 'ideal' for wind park service base

Representatives from SSE Airtricity addressed Arklow councillors at their recent meeting about the possibility Arklow Harbour being the location for the service base for the Arklow Bank Wind Park.

Welcoming the project and the interest in constructing the base in Arklow, Cathaoirleach Murphy said she would be "very much hoping that Arklow would get this. Particularly thinking about community groups, there are a lot of

groups that would benefit from this". The community fund aspect comes from the promise of the company to support local communities through sponsorships and funding.

Cllr Pat Fitzgerald welcomed the project

By Cathy Lee
but highlighted his concern about the need for the SSE team to develop a relationship with those already in use of the harbour, thinking particularly of those in the fishing industry. "I

think Arklow would be the ideal port. There's very good water there at the moment and most of the time there is complete 24-hour access to the port. I really think it's no contest", said Cllr Fitzgerald adding that if space was needed

for this project, it would be fully accommodated. He added "I sincerely hope that it comes to Arklow because we need it". Wicklow Port is another location SSE are considering.

SSE spoke about the need for workers in areas such as turbine maintenance, vessel crew, engineering and administration. Cllr Tommy Annesley asked about employment guarantees and the lifespan of the turbines that will potentially be constructed on site. He was informed members that turbines last for about 30 years and that the company hope that once this time passes that the relationship will not end there, and as technology moves forward that more can be constructed when needed.

Cllr Sylvester Bourke said that he sees the scheme as not only good for the economy in county Wicklow, but for the whole of the country. The team at SSE are now on tour visiting councillors

from each of the relevant municipal districts to collect responses to the plans. But they said that the technical capabilities of the available ports, vessel accessibility, landbank detailed and private landholdings will determine which port they can go ahead with.

They assured the members that the regular activities of the harbour can be facilitated alongside the activities of the windfarm. Once they have compared the options and have approval to start, they see this becoming a reality in the coming summer months, but the windfarm would be estimated to start in 2024. The windfarm is predicted to be visible from Wicklow Head all the way down to Courtown, and so all communities along the coast will be spoken to about this.

There are also plans to appoint a local fisheries liaison officer and a community liaison officer.

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Garda Youth Awards

Young people in the Arklow district who were honoured at the Garda Youth Awards will receive a special reception by Arklow Municipal District councillors at their April meeting.

After attending the Garda Youth Awards, Cllr Miriam Murphy described the celebration as "the most moving event I was at for a long time," as she described seeing young people of all ages doing so much work to help their community with voluntary work. She added that "as individuals and in their groups, they are a credit to Arklow."

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Boutiques, shops, cafes and restaurants, beauticians and pharmacists can also be found on side streets.

Indeed, there are plenty of reasons to shop local in Arklow and to visit Arklow. Locals will be able to find everything they need on their doorstep, while visitors to the town will be pleasantly surprised by the variety of choice and the high quality goods on offer in the main shopping areas of the town.

Arklow has transformed itself in recent years and is now a vibrant shopping district that has plenty to offer to attract consumers from all over Wicklow.

If you haven't paid Arklow a visit lately, now is the perfect time.



Arklow's flower basket scheme

Following on the success of the Flower Basket Scheme over the last two years, Arklow Town Team (ATT) will continue to enhance and improve the image of Arklow's Main Street by once again launching a Flower Basket Scheme this year.

Research has shown that this type of scheme can bring many social and environmental benefits to a town.

Arising from feedback received from businesses, the Town Team will purchase fuller and brighter baskets and have entered into an agreement with Topline Bolands Arklow to provide the baskets this year.

However, it has been necessary to increase the cost of a basket to €45.00. For this amount participants will receive the following: A fully planted 16" flower basket (with plant food and water crystals); Wall Bracket mounted on

building by AMD staff (for new participants); Connection to the irrigation system if business is located on Upper Main Street to Lower Main Street (Laffins Lane).

An irrigation system has been installed from Upper Main Street to Lower Main Street (Laffins Lane). Businesses outside of the irrigation system may also purchase baskets but, will be responsible for watering their own baskets.

Baskets will be delivered during the last week in May and collected at the end of September for reuse in 2020. Any business interested in con-

tributing to making Arklow bloom for 2019 should contact Arklow Town Team, indicating the number of baskets and brackets, if any, required.

Anyone requiring any further details on the flower basket scheme or wishing to place an order

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National Spring Clean 2019

Wicklow County Council is joining forces with An Taisce for the annual National Spring Clean campaign, working together with communities throughout the county to tackle the problem of litter.

Throughout April the National Spring Clean will encourage communities and local groups to take on the problem of litter in local areas in order to see the benefit of a litter free environment.

National Spring Clean is operated by An Taisce in partnership with Wicklow County Council and supported by the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment.



Dunlavin PURE Mile volunteers at a recent clean-up.



Pictured is Minister Richard Bruton with Katherine Hogan, Corporate Affairs Director of Mars Ireland and Wrigley, and Dr. Michael John O'Mahony, Director of An Taisce's Environmental Education Unit, at the launch of the National Spring Clean.

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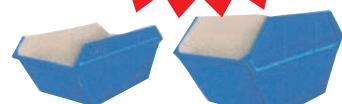
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Local Authorities help co-ordinate clean-up activities for communities within their counties. They also provide for the disposal of all rubbish and waste materials collected.

Over the past 21 years, the National Spring Clean has been focussed on the message of collective responsibility we share in tackling and preventing our national litter problem. By participating in organised cleanups, groups and individuals of all ages come together to

make a meaningful and positive contribution in their own communities.

This year, the 2019 initiative wants to raise awareness about the link between litter and climate change - the biggest challenge of our time - to highlight how combined local actions can have a global effect.

Clean-ups are one end of the story but preventing litter is also critical to reduce its impact and minimise consumption of resources. Wicklow County Council is working with schools and Tidy Towns groups to promote a switch to reusable water

bottles and keep cups for coffee.

The Council has installed water fountains in Greystones and in three secondary schools to cut down on single use containers.

The bottle filling fountains in the schools have counters so their success can be measured. One school recently reported 20,500 uses for a machine installed last January. Reusable containers can quickly reduce the amount of waste and litter generated helping us take action on Climate Change.

An Taisce estimates that 500,000 people were involved in last year's campaign as volunteers with over 2,600 tonnes of litter collected in 2018. It is hoped that 2019 will build on this progress and make this year's event the most successful ever.

In anticipation of the official launch, a number of clean-up events in the Leinster region have already been taking place in March.

On 16th March, a spring clean of the L3280 from Rathmoon to the Pike, Twyford's Lane and Carrigeenhill (Baltinglass,) has taken place. This was done with the support of the Pure Mile project and after the cleanup Pure Mile signs will be erected along the route.

Ballycoog Development Project held their National Spring Clean event on March 21st.

With over 150 events in County Wicklow, something will be happening near you but if you want to organise an event for your own locality, register with www.nationalspringclean.org and become part of the campaign. An Taisce and Wicklow County Council will provide clean-up kits while the Council can organise a collection of litter picked up.

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How to get involved? Organise a date for a clean up event in your community and register it with National Spring Clean. Contact Wicklow County Council if you need materials including bags, litter pickers and gloves and also to arrange a collection of the bags afterwards.

If you prefer your local Tidy Towns group may have clean ups planned or other activities which you can help out with in your local town and you could join with them instead of organising your own event.

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Lawless Academy of Irish Dancing won Best Community prize at the Bray St. Patrick's Day parade prizegiving ceremony last week. Pictured are Alanah O'Brien, Summer Murphy, Sue Lawless, Kaylee Buckley, Lauren Curry, and Sadbh McDonald. This year The Lawless Dance Academy celebrated their 4th birthday. They are community based, and have their studio on the Dargle road. They have just reached over 100 dancers and have some Dublin Leinster and all Ireland champions in their academy. They put on a great show on St Patrick's Day and impressed the judges at the reviewing stand.

World's most livable town gets its own dedicated website

A new dedicated website promoting all the attractions of Greystones was launched last week in The Hot Spot.

The website, Greystones.ie, highlights all of the great things Greystones has to offer, and is a joint project between the Greystones 2020 Town Team, Greystones Municipal District and Wicklow County Council.

Speaking after the launch, Minister Simon

Harris said "The development of the Town Team, Greystones 2020, was a really positive step forward for our town and indeed the surrounding communities. Following the closure of the Chamber of Commerce, the town needed a central committee to drive progress. The Town Team were the perfect solution. The Town Team is a platform to support for social, cultural and economic development opportunities in Greystones.

"I was delighted to join the Town Team and Greystones Municipal District to launch the website on Monday. I had the pleasure of a sneak preview of the website and it looks fantastic. It is the perfect reflection of what our town is. It is welcoming, warm and fun. I know it will help people to see all that Greystones has to offer.

"I want to thank our fantastic Greystones Town Team and Wicklow

County Council for making community innovation central to town management and development."

The new website will highlight the many benefits of living and working in Greystones as well as promoting businesses in the town and its wonderful amenities and tourist attractions. This website will be a platform to promote everything Greystones has to offer as a destination for tourists, potential investors and residents.

Also included is an events page to provide an opportunity to showcase 'What's On' for both visitors and community alike.

"This website will be a forum to promote everything Greystones has to offer as a destination for tourists, potential investors and residents and is vitally important to promote the 'Most Liveable town in the World' on the world stage", commented Grainne McLoughlin, Chairperson of Greystones 2020.

Fianna Fáil TD Stephen

Donnelly praised the new website, saying "Greystones.ie is a one-stop-shop for everything the town has to offer. I was delighted to be invited to the site's official launch at the Hot Spot Music Club on Tuesday and wish all those involved the very best of luck.

"The idea is creative and brilliantly executed using quality production to highlight Greystones as a great place to live, work and play. Huge praise must be given to the designers and content managers who've managed to deliver a product that competes with some of the best sites around.

"One of the nicest aspects of Greystones.ie is that it strives to be inclusive. It has managed to strike a perfect balance between tourists and locals, it celebrates our rich heritage while embracing a dynamic future and most importantly shows that our town is open to everyone. In short, Greystones.ie is a superb showcase for the town."

Where are Wicklow's wintering waterbirds?

A new BirdWatch Ireland study has found that the number of waterbirds wintering in Ireland has declined by 15% over the past five years and 40% since the mid-1990s, and Co. Wicklow has been no exception.

The study from the Kilcoole-based organisation has shown that Wicklow's wetland areas - home to species such as the Wigeon, Shoveler, Mallard, Great-crested Grebe, Golden Plover, Lapwing, Curlew, and many more - have shown very rapid declines in these populations.

BirdWatch Ireland have described the survey results as "truly shocking".

The wintering wigeon population in North Wicklow's coastal marshes decreased from 1,602 in 2010/11 to 913 in 2015/16, while the number of Mallards in this time period fell from 353 to 118. The Lapwing population plummeted from 1,562 to 340. In Arklow's ponds, the black-headed gull decreased from 356 in 2010/11 to 98 in 2015/16.

Co. Wicklow, with numerous wetland sites, is an important wintering area for migratory waterbirds (ducks, geese, swans and wading birds, amongst others) that breed at Arctic latitudes and migrate southwards to spend the winter on our estuaries, coastal bays, rivers and lakes.

These waterbirds are monitored through the Irish Wetland Bird Survey (I-WeBS), which is funded by the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) (Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht) and coordinated by BirdWatch Ireland. Each winter, birdwatchers volunteer to count waterbirds in their local areas, together with staff of NPWS and BirdWatch Ireland. The data collected enable regular assessment of the numbers and trends of our wintering waterbirds.

"The rate of these declines is alarming," said Brian Burke, lead author of the study and a key member of

BirdWatch Ireland's conservation team, "and the declines we're seeing in Ireland are consistent with the global pattern of declines. According to figures published by BirdLife International in 2017, 17% of all waterbird species are considered globally threatened, which is extremely concerning. Numerous pressures can impact migratory birds on their breeding grounds, along their migration route, and at their wintering sites, and we know that climate change is playing a significant role."

According to BirdWatch Ireland, recent studies have shown that climate change is causing shifts in the migratory behaviour of many of our familiar wintering waterbirds. Milder winters mean that many species no longer have to migrate as far as Ireland in order to find ice-free wetlands. But in addition, climate change is making conditions increasingly unsuitable on the breeding grounds, with the resulting poorer breeding success, meaning that in some years, very few young are raised at all.

"BirdWatch Ireland is keen to stress that problems at wetland sites here are also likely to be affecting these species, making it harder for them to find food and conserve energy in advance of their epic spring migrations. Factors such as disturbance from increased recreational use of wetlands by people and unleashed dogs, loss of habitat from changes in land use, including development and agricultural intensification, as well as pollution have all been identified as pressures upon wintering waterbirds. Strict enforcement of the laws that protect sites designated for waterbirds around the country is essential so that Ireland can play its part in the conservation of these special migratory species."



Cllr Grainne McLoughlin was presented with a bouquet by Minister Simon Harris, in recognition of her work on the new website



The Lapwing: On the decline in Wicklow. Pic: Brian Burke

Fire training day held in Avondale Forest Park

Andrew Doyle, TD, Minister of State at the Department of Food, Forestry and Horticulture recently launched Coillte's National Fire Training Day for 2019 at Avondale House.

The National Fire Service and the Air Corps were showcasing a series of practical firefighting exercises with a fire truck and a helicopter.

A series of presentations took place for local Coillte foresters and wider industry networks, covering practical advice on firefighting, climate change, health and safety, including different firefighting systems.

The event was launched by Minister of State for Food, Forestry and Horticulture Andrew Doyle TD. The fire training day helps inform and up-skill Coillte foresters and the wider industry on fire safety and prevention.

2018 was an exceptional year for forest fires in Ireland with 90 separate fire events on Coillte property alone, which affected more than 400 hectares of forestry and 500 hectares of bog.

The cost of fighting these fires as well as the loss of standing timber was significant and Coillte are still engaged in an ongoing process to evaluate the expenditure required to ensure forest and habitat regeneration.

Minister Doyle urged farmers, forest owners, forest managers and the public of the need to be alert to the risk of wildfires over the coming summer months, and called for anyone enjoying the outdoor recreation to behave responsibly and within the law.

Speaking at the launch, Minister Doyle stated; "I want to continue to urge farmers, forest owners, forest managers that there is a risk of fires during spring months on certain types of land, particularly in upland areas and that high fire risk conditions can be expected over the coming spring and summer months, when weather conditions dictate."

Recalling the major wildfires in recent years that destroyed or damaged property, including farmland and forests, he added; "Such fires directly endanger people's homes and property and destroy valuable habitats and tourism resources. Furthermore, they place enormous strain on the emergency services and put the

lives of rural dwellers and emergency service personnel at considerable risk".

Michael Power, National Estates Risk Manager for Coillte, said; "Last year, we saw over 90 separate fire events on Coillte property alone, which severely effected more than 400 hectares of forest of forestry and 500 hectares of bog. The largest and most dangerous of these incidents was in the Slieve Blooms, counties Laois and Offaly."

He also reminded land owners that under the Wildlife Act, it is illegal to burn growing vegetation on uncultivated land between 1st March and 31st August and that persons engaged in such illegal activity are liable to prosecution and could face fines, imprisonment and penalties to their farm payments.

Aidan Dempsey, Chief Fire Officer for Wicklow County Council said; "Suspicious activity should be reported to the Gardai and uncontrolled or unattended fires should be reported immediately to the Fire and Emergency Services."

Coillte and the Forest Service are also hoping to educate the public on how to be more fire aware this summer, and to understand the importance of reporting any forest fire sightings to their local fire brigade.



Jordi Butterworth with firefighters Peter Kelly, Mervyn Griffin, Noel Dowling and Colm Vickers at the Coillte Fire Training day in Avondale.



Controlled fire demonstration



Lorra Browne, Blaise Browne, Sachin Woolmington, Ash Woolmington and Aja Woolmington with firefighter JP Madden at the Coillte Fire Training day in Avondale.

2019 Greystones Municipal District People of the Year Awards



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Dancing with the Semi-Gods

Ann Marie Webb's exhibition 'Dancing with the Semi-Gods' opened in the Mermaid Arts Centre last week and will run until Saturday, 4th May.

Through paint Ann Marie describes opposing actions that play against each other to describe space that both dislocates and locates.

The landscape is used as a tool to explore a sense of belonging, she sees it not just as a geographical study but as a layered field of activity. Stratified by human presence, Ann Marie searches to find interactions that become a vital part of self-identity. What borders us, plus the boundaries we create can locate and also dislocate us.

Using paint Ann Marie explores the act of creating spaces. She

searches for form through the contrast of materials and the ways of mark making. Her work becomes sculptural by abandoning the traditional frame. Merging spaces and fusing them together, the image becomes an active area of exchange.

Ann Marie Webb

completed an MFA in Painting at NCAD, and BA in Visual Arts Practice IADT Dublin. Winner of the Peter O'Kane award-RDS, Ann Marie was also shortlisted for the Most Promising Graduate award, Talbot Gallery, 2011. Solo shows include, Pallas Studios,

Dublin, Dun Laoghaire Art Gallery 2016 and Cavanacor Gallery Lifford N. Ireland. Collections include OPW and Europe and America. Most recently her work has been featured by Saatchi Art and secured representation with Artipistol, Glasgow.

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