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MAKE BRAY GREAT AGAIN!

Make Bray Great Again! That is the overwhelming demand by the people of Bray in their detailed responses to a survey of local opinions undertaken over the past three months by Independent councillor Joe Behan.

In the hundreds of survey forms completed, the vast majority of people express extreme disappointment and dismay at the poor choice of shops and the dereliction in many parts of the town centre. There is overwhelming annoyance at the number of vacant shops and the length of time many of them have been allowed to remain vacant. Many people also express concern at the lack of a regular and visible Garda presence in the town and the sale of illegal drugs often in broad daylight.

Councillor Behan says "The parking charges currently being levied on people shopping in the town is another reason why people feel unhappy shopping in Bray town centre. Many people resent the pressure to get back to their car before their parking time elapses. This means they are not able to shop in comfort. This is a huge disincentive for shoppers and is a major loss of potential revenue for the shops. There is a strong demand from people in Bray for longer periods

of free parking time. There is particular outrage at the ongoing cynical clamping of cars in privately owned car parks in the town. Many people believe that this clamping is a money making enterprise rather than a parking control measure. People want clamping banned in the town.

"It must be said" continued Behan "that a huge majority of people said they would like to shop in the town if these problems were fixed. There is a strong desire to support local retailers and businesses



Pictured at the Greystones People of the Year Awards which was held in Greystones Golf Club and sponsored by Wicklow Times, were David Martin, Greystones Municipal District Manager Michael Nicholson, Patrick Frawley, David Mungavin, Marie Kelly, Theresa Kinane, Ailbhe Skay, Minister Simon Harris, Marlena Murphy, Sallyann Dooley, John Daly, Wicklow Times Features Editor Erika Doyle and Gary McDowall. See more pages 10-11

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and those who do shop in the town praise local traders and their staff for their customer care. The arrival of the Florentine Centre is much anticipated but there is widespread unhappiness that there will not be an entrance to it from the Florence Road.

"In contrast to the negative opinions expressed about the town centre, there is widespread happiness and pride in the seafront, promenade and cliff walk. Almost every person who completed the survey mentioned the seafront area as being one of the best things about living in Bray. The fact that Bray is situated between the mountains and the sea and close to Dublin is seen as a huge positive.

The strong message I received from the survey is that people want to see the town centre match the high quality experience of the seafront.

"Long-time residents can recall a time when there were many high quality shops of every description in Bray town centre. The town was vibrant and successful then and people want it to become successful again. They want to see a return to the good old days when the town centre and the seafront were seen as two sides of the same coin - attracting visitors and residents alike.

"People are looking to Councillors who will be elected in the Local Election to work together for one aim - to Make Bray Great Again!"

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Pictured: Colm Moules, Lucy Hayes and Tony Fennell at the official opening of the Asgard Theatre in Kenny's of the Harbour, Arklow.

What's Happening...

Wicklow Dementia Support Family Carers Support Group

This group meets once a month in St. Patrick's Parish Centre, Greystones; 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. It is a group meeting for those caring for someone at home with dementia, and an opportunity to meet for sharing in a confidential and facilitated setting. Details and dates of meetings from 089 4286928. The next meeting is on 24th May.

Bray Cualann Historical Society

Do you remember Kennymore Sweets or the stuffed pony in the window of Foley's? On Thursday May 16th Brian White and Dave Murphy will recall these and others during their presentation 'The People, Traders, and Businesses of Castle Street & Dublin Road, Bray' at 8 p.m. in the Royal Hotel, Main Street, Bray. All welcome - admission €5.

Mosaic Workshop

This takes place on the third Saturday of the month in Greystones in Des Fox studio; 10:00am to 12:30pm or 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Other times by appointment. It is an opportunity for all participants to make a small mosaic in a creative environment. A studio experience might be just the tactile treatment your hands and mind need. Details from Des Fox, 087 2503482. The next workshop will be held on 18th May.

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Dancing for Dementia

There will be a night of dancing and music to raise funds for St. Joseph's Shankill, specialist dementia care providers, on 17th May from 8:30pm to 11:30pm in the Parkview Hotel.

Entry fee is €10, collected at the door. Music will be provided by Jimmy Hogan & Lar. There will be fantastic raffle prizes to be won.

The idea was initiated by Patrick and Frances O'Leary, well known fundraisers for a number of charities. The event is promoted by AIB Bray branch under the guidance of Edel Gammell, assistant manager. Also lending a hand are James Leahy, staff member of St. Joseph's Shankill and volunteer Aidan O'Toole.

Bray Choral Society Summer Concert

Following sellout performances of Howard Goodall's *Invictus: A Passion* in February, the Bray Choral Society choir return to classical works for its summer concert, the Mozart Requiem, composed in the last year of Mozart's life, and parts of which were featured in the movie *Amadeus*, along with a less well known work, a mass by Johann Hummel. So two for the price of one.

The choir will be accompanied as usual by The Degani Orchestra led by Alan Smale, former leader of the RTE National Symphony Orchestra. The choir are delighted to be joined by some exceptional young soloists for the performance: Sarah Power (soprano), Gina Oberoi (alto), Andrew Gavin (tenor) and John Molloy (bass). Frank Kelly, musical director of Bray Choral, will conduct.

The concert takes place in the Church of the Most Holy Redeemer, Main Street, Bray on Saturday 18th May at 8pm. Tickets: €20 (€15 concessions) can be purchased through Eventbrite, from a choir member or at the door on the night.

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GARDAI TO INVESTIGATE PLANNING ALLEGATIONS IN WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

The Gardai are to commence an investigation into alleged planning irregularities in Wicklow County Council according to a letter signed by Chief Superintendent John Quirke and seen by *Wicklow Times*.

He was writing last week to Councillor Brendan Thornhill (a former Garda) who had made a formal complaint to the Gardai against the Council on foot of sworn affidavits he received from four separate people.

Superintendent Quirke says in his letter, "I now wish to advise you that based on the advices I have received I propose to commence an investigation of the various matters outlined in your documentation delivered to Bray Garda Station on the 20th March 2019.

"The investigation will be conducted out of Wicklow Garda Station."

Councillor Irene Winters, Leas Cathaoirleach of the Council, who also received the affidavits said she was glad to hear of the investigation. "These allegations

have been circulating for a number of years and it's time they were put to bed, and we have to remember that at the moment they are only allegations.

"When I received these affidavits I passed them on to the Chief Executive and also sought independent legal advice through the law office of the Council. I am disappointed that this has not been forthcoming for whatever reason."

Commenting on the investigation, Deputy John Brady said "I sought a similar investigation last year from the Gardaí but it was refused so I am delighted that progress is now being made. I would urge anyone else who feels they have any knowledge of any criminality relating to planning to come forward now. If they feel intimidated or afraid then I would ask that they talk

directly to me and I will present their case."

It is believed that a similar investigation may soon get underway by the Minister after TD John Brady handed the Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government, Eoghan Murphy, a number of sworn affidavits that allege serious planning irregularities in Wicklow. He called on the Minister to immediately initiate an investigation into the allegations.

"I also gave him a letter outlining the serious concerns that go back a number of years and asked him to immediately have the allegations investigated. I have raised these concerns with him now on a number of occasions and met with him just before Easter. Unfortunately a number of previous Ministers who had the power to act on these allegations

have failed to act."

Deputy Brady continued "In December last year the Minister announced that the Office of the Planning Regulator (ORP) was to be established and that Mr Niall Cussen's was to be appointed as an independent planning regulator. This was on foot of a recommendation of the Mahon Tribunal. The regulator has the power to review the performance by planning authorities and An Bord Pleanála, of their planning functions, including assessing any risks of maladministration or corruption."

There was an emergency meeting on the matter last Friday in the Department at which Wicklow Chief Executive, Frank Curran was called to attend.



Pictured is Eimear Harper who starred as Dolly in the Avonmore Musical Society's production of '9 to 5' in St Mary's Hall, Arklow.

Lions Golf Classic

Wicklow and District Lions Club's main fundraising event is the annual Lions Golf Classic. This is vital so the club can continue to help various private individuals as well as local organisations. The golf outing of the year will take place in Blainroe Golf Course on Friday June 7th.

Club president Pat O'Brien is hoping and depending on huge support for this year's event. He is hoping the main support will come from golfers in the area as well as Lions supporters from other parts of the country.

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Chef Superintendent John Quirke, Assistant Chief Commissioner Fintan Fanning, Minister Andrew Doyle, Superintendent Declan McCarty and Superintendent Pat Ward are pictured with Sergeant John Gill at his retirement party in Wicklow Golf Club

'Increased maintenance budget needed for Bray'

Green Party Councillor Steven Matthews has stated that Bray 'urgently requires' an increased maintenance budget to enable the Municipal District to maintain and enhance the town.

Councillor Matthews said, "As the fifth largest town in Ireland our current maintenance budget for roads, footpaths, cycle lanes, parks and public open spaces is just not sufficient to fully maintain and improve our town. The council has been efficient in the big ticket items such as the Primary Health Care Centre and Florentine Centre which will open soon, the new public transport bridge which will commence work in June, the Railway Station transport hub redevelopment and in zoning sufficient land for housing, employment and public recreation but we are failing in the general upkeep and housekeeping around the town. The budget is simply insufficient to maintain our streets, parks, roadside gullies and footpaths."

Councillor Matthews cautioned that the new councillors elected in May will have to work

together to secure an increase in funding for the District Engineers office to carry out the required maintenance.

"Our town generates substantial income for Wicklow County Council through parking charges, development levies, housing rents and property tax and we need more of that income returned to our District Engineer for our town to provide a better service to our communities. I will be prioritising this if elected and I will work with all councillors to secure this necessary funding. From my experience as a serving councillor I don't expect that we will get it all in one year but over the course of the next five year term we must work together and this will require co-operation and councillors working in a collegiate manner with the executive of Wicklow County Council and all the elected representatives."

Plan for extra Greystones DARTs is 'feasible'

Cllr Derek Mitchell has said that Jacobs Engineering have demed his plan for extra Greystones DARTs to be feasible.

Speaking last week, Cllr Mitchell said "I wrote a paper in 2018 on how to increase the frequency on the single track from 30 to every 20 minutes. This was based on partially double tracking the line, without the need for an expensive tunnel through Bray Head. This was ignored by Irish Rail but the NTA asked Jacobs Engineering to study how to do this.

"I received their report and they consider the idea is feasible, as is a 20 minute service and a quicker journey time. This is subject to some further analysis and will take some years to implement. However this would be a significant improvement and I congratulate the NTA for taking the issue seriously and moving it forward. The trains are very full at peak hours. I will be campaigning to get the funds to do this.

"The Eastern & Midland Regional Authority finalised the Regional Plan on which will now come into effect at the end of June unless modified by the Minister for Environment.

"I am annoyed that Green Party Councillors wanted their own wording which said 'continuing to provide DART to Greystones'. The officials and I wanted wording which said 'continuing to improve DART to Greystones'. Unfortunately most members voted against improving the DART. I will be asking the Minister to reinstate the National Plan and DART improvements."

Introducing Chantel KANGOWA

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'IF IT'S HAPPENING TO YOU IT'S HAPPENING TO ME'

My name is Chantel Kangowa.

I am a 25-year-old native of Rathdrum. My mum is Helena Mc Donald, she along with her 7 siblings was also born and raised in Rathdrum and for many years resided in 4 Ballygannon, my Nannie's (Nan McDonalds) home.

My Dad was born in Zambia but moved to the UK for his education, this is where mum and he met. Unfortunately, in 1996 when I was 2 years old, I lost my Dad to a massive brain tumour.

So, mum packed up after Dad's sudden passing and we moved permanently back to Rathdrum.

I was educated in Our Lady's National School, Rathdrum, and in Dominican Convent Dun Laoghaire, where I finished my primary education. For secondary school, I started in Avondale Community College then moved to St Laurence College Loughlinstown where I finished my secondary education.

In 2012 I returned home from a summer volunteering holiday in South Africa, to receive my Leaving Cert results to go to college. I got exactly what I needed to go to UCD to study nursing. However, two weeks after my results and acceptance to college, I went for a walk and got stuck in one position;- I knew there



was something badly wrong.

I went to hospital as an emergency and was diagnosed with a degenerative hip condition called Hip Dysplasia and just like that I waved goodbye to college and a nursing career.

But I was more determined than ever to not waste any time so I did every medical course I could think of, so as to get a job of some sort within the Healthcare sector, and I did.

It was through my work that I noticed the many things that we need to improve on, but it was also through my work in the public and private care sector that my company was born.

All in all, there is so much that I want to accomplish, but also I want to ensure that the people of my electoral area, The Arklow Municipal District, (including Rathdrum) get everything that they deserve.

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Donagh, Senan, and Doireann O'Brien from Blessington are pictured at the AES Family Day during the Punchestown Racing Festival. Pic: Andres Poveda

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Delgany and District Horticultural Society Rose Show

The Delgany and District Horticultural Society Rose Show takes place on 29th June in St. Patrick's National School, Greystones; 3pm to 5pm.

All exhibits must be staged before 11.30 am on the day of the show. Entries must be advised to the Show Secretary in advance. Please email ddhs.showentries@gmail.com. Details at www.DelganyDHS.com and on Facebook.

Campaign to stop Meridian mast

A campaign to halt the development of a large phone mast structure in Greystones is gaining momentum. In March, Wicklow County Council authorised the installation of a large phone mast structure at the rear roof level of Meridian Point Centre in Greystones.

It will consist of six 2.5m high antennae, four transmission dishes on supporting poles including multiple remote radio units (RRU's). The telecommunications installation will form part of a 3 Ireland (Hutchison) Limited broadband communications network.

Campaigners against the development say that it will "Expose residents in the houses and apartments within 50-100 meters of the tower to microwave frequencies known to be biologically active 24/7; Expose workers/shoppers/school and afterschool kids to biologically active microwave frequencies; Significantly devalue all the surrounding property, potentially making the housing units in close proximity unsaleable. Who wants to live near high tension power lines or Microwave Phone Masts?"

They have organised an information meeting to take place at St. Patrick's Church on

Wednesday 15th May at 8pm.

The campaign group say "In 1996 the Irish planning guidelines require that masts be at least 1 km away from houses and schools. In 2002 our Government saw fit to relax these guidelines to exclude the 1Km requirement. The Wicklow County Development plan 2016-2022 states that 'New support structures (masts) shall not be permitted within or in the immediate surrounds of a residential area or beside schools'.

"In 2016 the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (Electromagnetic Fields) Regulations became law. Workers now have to be protected against non-ionising EMF's but not the general public. If you are an ordinary citizen living near the mast or just shopping in the shopping centre, you're on your own. People in many other parts of the country have halted the placement of similar masts. We in

Greystones can do the same."

The planning application was submitted by Signal Infrastructure Ltd., a newly formed telecommunications infrastructure Provider.

In their application they explain that "The Greystones area and its immediate environs requires additional telecommunications infrastructure to provide for current and future 3G and 4G wireless coverage to the town. The subject application for a low impact rooftop telecommunications installation has been designed to address this situation but also to meet future services delivery as customer requirements of the network increase. The proposed development has been designed to meet the aims and objectives of national, regional and local planning policy as detailed in the accompanying report."

They state that in designing the proposed development and compiling this application, the

Regional Planning Guidelines for The Greater Dublin Area 2010-2022; the Greystones-Delgany and Kilcoole Local Area Plan 2013-2019, and the Wicklow County Development Plan 2017-2023 were taken into consideration.

They say "This initiative will contribute in a practical way to the immediate improvement of rural & urban network coverage and can also assist in the future delivery of the objectives of the National Broadband Programme, either directly or in a supporting capacity. This planning application represents a specific investment by Signal in infrastructure which can be used to enhance the mobile phone and wireless broadband services in the area to address an identified requirement to improve the coverage and capacity of mobile phone services and wireless broadband services available to the local community."

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FINE GAEL



Carol Byrne, Alison Kearns, Billy Byrne, and Michael Blanch are pictured at the Woodenbridge Hotel for the meeting about the nearby famine graveyard. The site of what's believed to be a mass grave dating back to the famine near the Woodenbridge Hotel on Coillte land has come to the attention of the Committee for Commemoration of Irish Famine Victims (CCIFV), which is stepping up a campaign to investigate and protect the site.

HOMELESS SHELTER TO REMAIN OPEN

Twelve beds for homeless people in Bray are to remain open, it was learned last week.

The beds, which were opened as part of the Council's Cold Weather initiative, were originally

due to close at the end of March but a one-month extension was granted. It has now been agreed to keep it open longer and they will be under review from Wicklow County Council.

Welcoming the news Bray East Sinn Féin representative Grace McManus said "It is good news that the 12 beds that were opened in December for the homeless in Wicklow will now remain open. This is a result of an intervention by Sinn Féin."

"The beds were due to close at the end of March, this would have resulted in most of the users being evicted back onto the streets as they had no other form of accommodation. My colleague John Brady TD raised it directly with the Minister for Housing Eoghan Murphy and asked for common sense to prevail. A one-month time extension was granted; again we went back to the Minister and stated that it needs to remain open beyond the end of April. This has now finally been granted and it will now remain open and the council are to keep it under review."

Sinn Féin Councillor for Bray West Dermot 'Daisy' O'Brien said

"Between December and February there was a 25% increase in Wicklow of people in Emergency accommodation. 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 stats as homeless. Unfortunately due to the government's failure to put in place policies to tackle the crisis there is a huge demand for emergency homeless accommodation in Wicklow and to close 12 beds down at any point is totally unacceptable."

"As long as the housing and homeless crises remain unresolved there needs to be emergency homeless accommodation. Unfortunately with the absence of any appetite from the government to tackle the real issues, the need will remain until there is a change of government and a radical change of policy. We will keep the pressure on both Wicklow County Council and the Minister to ensure that funding remains in place to keep this badly needed facility open into the future."

Meeting and workshop on 'Climate Change and Community'

On Thursday May 23rd at 7pm, an information meeting and workshop will take place in the Brockagh Resource Centre, Laragh to explore the challenges of climate change, and introduce the newly formed Laragh & Glendalough Sustainable Energy Action group.

This participatory meeting will gather collective ideas and thoughts on climate change, so that the community can start moving towards a more sustainable future.

The group recently submitted an Energy Masters Plan (an application for funding) into the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland, with the overall aim of improving energy efficiency in our community and reducing dependency on fossil-fuel based energy. All are welcome to attend.

Conary Church annual sale

Conary Parish Church will hold a sale on Saturday 5th May from 2.30pm-4pm in Conary Church Hall. There will be an array of homemade cakes, jams, vegetables for sale. Tickets may be purchased on the day. There will also be teas and other stalls. All money raised will be going towards Conary Church funds.

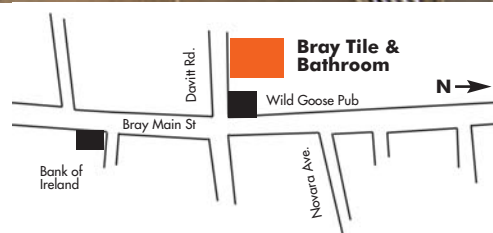
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CIVIC AWARD WINNER - PATRICK "PAPPY" FRAWLEY

The joint winner of this year's Civic Award is Patrick Pappy Frawley. Pappy is regarded as an unsung hero in his home town of Kilcoole for his years of charity work, carried out quietly and without fuss.

In 1996 Pappy set up the Gemma Appeal to help little Gemma Lewis, who urgently needed surgery to save her hearing. The fund sent Gemma to Florida to Disneyworld and Gemma successfully recovered from her surgery and regained her hearing. Since then the Gemma Appeal has carried on helping sick children. Over the years they have helped 18 local children, some of which went on to make recoveries while others sadly passed on and are remembered with love.

They have helped the families of sick children with heating costs, bills, trips away and funeral costs, running all sorts of fundraisers to find the money. Recently the Gemma Appeal donated two defibrillators to the village.

Pappy is also known for his involvement in local sports and is a member of Kilcoole GAA and a local golf society. He is one of the driving forces behind the Kool House Draw.

A measure of Pappy's success is evident in Gemma Lewis, who is now in her twenties and is married and living happily in Australia. Congratulations to Pappy Frawley, this year's joint Greystones Civic Person of the Year.



Councillor Grainne McLoughlin presents the Joint Civic Award to Marlena Murphy

CIVIC AWARD WINNER - MARLENA MURPHY

Marlena Murphy is the joint winner of the Greystones Civic Person of the Year. Marlena has been involved with a huge amount of charity work over the last few years in and around Greystones.

Her main project is the Wicklow Calendar which she started in 2015. It is currently in its fourth year and to date has raised almost €30,000 for Wicklow Cancer Support and Wicklow Hospice.

Marlena also volunteers with the East Coast FM Wicklow Wide Coffee Morning which last year raised €90,000. Marlena has also helped organise the Christmas lights in Greystones and was involved with the launch of the greystones.ie website. Marlena does all this work while dealing with an autoimmune disease and raising her daughter. Congratulations to Marlena Murphy, joint winner of the Greystones Civic Person of the Year award.

COMMERCIAL AWARD WINNER - DAVID MARTIN HAIR DESIGN

David Martin Hair Design is the winner of the Greystones Commercial People of the Year award.

The salon is a hidden gem in Killincarrig. David Martin opened the business 17 years ago with around three staff and has grown it to now employ seven members of staff. After years working in city centre salons and management he wanted to bring something a little different to his home town of Greystones. Their reputation has blossomed over the years and they now command a loyal clientele from near and far. Customers speak of the family-like atmosphere and the fact that nothing is ever too much trouble for David and his team.

David is a certified colour master expert and says he does not just 'do hair'. Every customer has a bespoke consultation where skin and eye colour, lifestyle and face shape are considered before a colour plan is made. David has studied the science of hair and trichology and offers clients a truly holistic approach. He adores his clients who he views as friends and family, and is thrilled that they continue to support him. Congratulations to David Martin Hair Salon, winner of the Greystones People of the Year Commercial award.



Councillor Nicola Lawless presents the Commercial Award to David Martin and Andrew McKenna of David Martin Hair Design at the Wicklow Times, Greystones People of the Year Awards



Councillor Tom Fortune (right) presents the Joint Civic Award to Patrick 'Pappy' Frawley at the Greystones People of the Year Awards which was held in Greystones Golf Club.

SPECIAL PERSON WINNER - MARIE KELLY

Marie Kelly is this year's winner of Greystones Special Person of the Year. Marie's friends say she has given her entire life to helping others. A resident of Monteith Park, Marie is always managing flower beds and keeping her estate in manicured perfection.

Marie is a regular visitor to nursing homes, bringing magazines as well as her company to alleviate boredom.

She is very active in her parish, St Anthony's Church in Kilcoole where she launders and manages vestments and serves as a sacristan, setting up the church for various services then staying on to make sure that everything is in order.

Marie is also a wonderful knitter and knits special cardigans for little babies. Where she really comes into her own is in her work for Greystones Cancer Support. Marie is a major supporter of the mini marathon and the cancer Support Super Draw often filling multiple sponsorship cards and selling huge amounts of tickets.

Marie carries out all this voluntary work while caring for her husband Thomas and being a mum and grandmother to her children and grandchildren. She is described by her friends as the very essence of charity, and a perfect role model for all. Congratulations to Marie Kelly, winner of the Greystones Special Person of the Year award.



Councillor Gerry Walsh presents the Special Award to Marie Kelly at the Greystones People of the Year Awards

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CULTURAL AWARD WINNER - AILBHE SKAY

The winner of the Greystones Cultural Person of the Year is Ailbhe Skay. Since coming to Greystones over 20 years ago Ailbhe has engaged with the community on many levels.

From her early years involvement in St David's School Parent's Association and organising their craft fair to bringing the best of Irish musical performers to the town, the Greystones community has benefited from her expertise. Over the past decade she has contributed to making Greystones a cultural destination point, initially with her Hot Spot Café on Church Road and then through her music venue at Greystones Harbour, the Hot Spot Music Club, where she has produced and hosted countless concerts and gigs for the community.

Ailbhe also served as the first Chairperson of the Greystones Players Committee. A driving force for the arts in Greystones, she has contributed to and enriched the social and cultural life for those in the area. Fostering local talents and bringing artists of renown to her welcoming space, she has provided the town with a dynamic cultural venue.

Congratulations to Ailbhe Skay, Greystones Cultural Person of the Year.



Greystones Municipal District Manager Michael Nicholson presents the Cultural Award to Ailbhe Skay



Minister Simon Harris presents Theresa Kinnane with the Sports Person of the Year Award



Councillor Derek Mitchell presents the Special Recognition Award to David Mungavin, John Daly and Gary McDowall of Greystones Churches Together at the Greystones People of the Year Awards

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD WINNER - GREYSTONES CHURCHES TOGETHER

The winner of this year's Special Recognition Award is Greystones Churches Together, a group consisting of St Patrick's Church, the Holy Rosary and the Presbyterian Church.

These three churches regularly come together to operate as a single entity for the betterment of their community. The weekly soup and sandwiches event is an example of a joint venture that brings people together while raising money for worthy charities. People are free to pop along and have delicious soup and a sandwich for just €5 while enjoying some good company and helping their community at the same time. The three churches also come together during St Patrick's celebrations to collaborate in celebrating their joint Christian heritage, providing a parade float that embraces all Christian traditions in the town. The coming together of the three churches is a timely example that we are stronger when working together.

Congratulations to Greystones Churches Together, winners of this year's Greystones People of the Year Special Recognition award.

SPORTS PERSON OF THE YEAR - THERESA KINNANNE

The winner of the Sports Person of the Year is Theresa Kinnane. Theresa is founder ad current secretary and coach of Greystones Athletics Club. Following her passion for athletics Theresa established the club 27 years ago. From its humble beginnings in the fields behind St Laurence's School it has gone from strength to strength and now has 270 members of all ages.

Over the past 27 years Theresa has personally coached hundreds of young Greystones athletes. She not only leads the coaching team but as secretary and chief organiser, has driven the club to be one of the top performing clubs in Leinster. Theresa's energy, commitment and multitasking skills are boundless and she is on the track coaching long hours at least three nights a week come rain, hail or shine.

Theresa represents Greystones and Wicklow at national level in the athletic world travelling around the country to Cross Country and track and field athletic competitions to officiate as track judge and referee.

All of Theresa's work with the club is completely voluntary and she manages to generously give her time while also working full time and minding her grandchildren.

Congratulations to Theresa Kinnane, Greystones Sports Person of the Year.



Shay Fitzmaurice of Wicklow Times presents the 'Young Entrepreneur Award' to Sallyann Dooley, who collected the award on behalf of her daughter Johanna

YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR - JOHANNA DOOLEY

The winner of the Greystones Young Entrepreneur of the Year is Johanna Dooley. Now living in Melbourne, former Retail and Services Management student Johanna set up popular contemporary fashion rental service 'Borrower Boutique' while back home in Wicklow.

The idea came from years of lending pieces to family and friends and seeing how clothes could be shared around giving enjoyment to a number of wearers instead of just one.

The service offers designer pieces for rent for as little as €40 per night and has turned a passion for fashion into a thriving business. Johanna says that renting clothes is all about increasing the lifespan of garments while being a sustainable alternative to disposable fashion and over consumption. The company provides clients with the latest styles, but in a cost effective way. The business is based in Dublin and Wicklow and even includes a handy 'try on' service for users.

This award recognises Johanna's entrepreneurial spirit and marks her out as one to watch for the future. Congratulations to Johanna Dooley, Young Entrepreneur of the Year.

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***151 Mercedes-Benz CLS 220D AMG Line Premium**, 2.1 diesel, grey, auto, 49k, immaculate, lthr, FMBSH, widescreen sat. nav, s/r, heated elec. seats, touchscreen media with Mercedes bluetooth ph prep and music streaming, Xenons, 19" AMG alloys, privacy glass, Park dist, **€29,950**



***141 Landover Discovery 5 Seat Business Utility**, 3.0 diesel, 120km, bronze met., cream lthr, vehicle can be taxed €333 for business users, Park dist., ph prep, a/con, MFSW, f/fogs, privacy glass, Isofix, DOE 07/19, tax 06/19, €33,950 incl. VAT, **€27,602**



***142 Chrysler Grand Voyager**, 2.8, diesel, auto, immaculate, low miles only 12k, Limited Stow 'n' Gof 7 seater, alloy upgrades, 3rd row seating, twim elec. sliding doors, elec. tailgate, dual climate, privacy glass, DVD/Video entert. consoles, NCT 07/20, **€24,950**



***171 BMW 320 GT M-Sport Grand Turismo**, 2.0, diesel, 63km, auto, grey, black lthr, sat. nav, cruise, Xenons, climate, sports transmission, privacy glass, sat. nav, e/m, ambient lighting, much more, 2 keys, **€27,950**



***171 BMW 320 SE**, 2.0, red, 57k miles, diesel, immaculate, stunning, cream Dakota lthr, sat. nav, cruise, Park dist., bluetooth hone prep with music streaming, climate, a/con, MFSW, tax only €190p.a., 2 keys, NCT 03/21, **€20,950**



***171 Opel Astra 1.6 SC**, 110bhp, Diesel, stunning, silver, a/con, bluetooth ph, Park Dist., auto lights/wipers, cruise and much more, only €180 road tax, 2 keys, 109bhp, 5-door, NCT 03/21, **€13,950**



***152 Landover Discovery Sport**, 2.0 diesel, grey, 33k miles, pristine, 4WD, 7 seats, 1 onr, black lthr, full glass panoramic moonroof, touchscreen media, bluetooth ph prep, music streaming, Park dist, 2 keys, a/con, NCT 11/19, **€28,950**



***161 Skoda Superb Estate 'Style'**, 1.6 Diesel Estate, blue, 34k, stunning, Nappa lthr, 17" alloy upgrade, 'Smart link' conn, sat. nav, adaptive cruise, lane assist, climate, a/con, Xenons, reverse camera, elec memory heat seats, cruise, ph prep, Park dist., 2 keys, **€19,950**



***162 Opel Zafira**, 2.0, diesel auto, grey, stunning, 7 seats, unique, black lthr, 18" alloy upgrades, glass panor. roof, elec. roof blind, sat. nav, sports heated seats, climate, bluetooth/phone prep, music streaming, Park dist., cruise, privacy glass, NCT 11/20, **€18,950**



***151 BMW 520 SE**, 2.0 Diesel, auto, alpine white, 35k miles, stunning, lthr, FBMSH, sat. nav, heated elec. seats, BMW bluetooth ph prep/music streaming, climate, cruise, Xenons, Park dist., 186bhp, tax 01/20, NCT 01/21, **€21,950**



***131 Jaguar XF Luxury**, 2.2 diesel, 35k miles, silver, FJSH, meticulously maintained, lthr, sat. nav, touchscreen media, bluetooth ph prep, USB interface, dual climate, MFSW, Park dist., Bi-Xenon headlights, tax 01/20, €280p.a., NCT 03/21, **€16,950**



***151 BMW X3 2.0D XDrive M Sport**, 4WD, 2.0 diesel, 44k, auto, immac. lthr sports uphol., sat. nav, dual climate, cruise, elec. tailgate, Park dist., auto lights/wipers, LED daytime lights, ph prep/music streaming, paddle shift, stunning, **€29,950**



***142 Hyundai i40 1.7 Diesel**, White, 84k miles, stunning, black upholstery, phone prep, MFSW, a/con, cruise, f/fogs, new clutch & flywheel just fitted, tax 06/19, NCT 09/20, 2 keys, **€10,950**



***141 Volvo XC90 4WD**, 2.4 Diesel, grey, automatic, 102k miles, immaculate, FSH, black lthr, a/con, climate, cruise, elec. memory drivers seat, MFSW, alloy wheel upgrade, chrome roof rails, 163bhp, NCT 04/20, **€22,950**



***11 Volvo XC90**, 2.4 Diesel, Estate, completely immaculate, 4WD, lthr heated seats, Xenons, a/con, cruise, elec. memory drivers seat, bluetooth ph prep, alloy upgrades and more, tax 08/19, NCT 02/21, **€14,950**



***12 Audi A6**, 2.0 Diesel, auto, black, 76k miles, pristine, lthr, sat. nav, heated elec seats, Park dist, auto headlights/wipers, MFSW, BOSE Sound system, new t-belt & water pump, 174bhp, 2 owners, 4-door, NCT 04/20, **€13,950**



***141 Hyundai ix35 1.7 Diesel Premium**, grey, 35k miles, black lthr, panoramic glass s/r, heated seats, rev. camera, dual climate, bluetooth and media player, LED daytime running lights, Park Dist., Isofix, 114bhp, NCT 04/20, **€15,950**



***11 BMW 520D SE**, 2.0 Diesel, manual, silver, 123k miles, stunning, black lthr, exterior chrome detailing, heated seats, bluetooth ph prep, Park dist., f/fogs, cruise, MFSW, climate, 2 keys, NCT 10/19, service history, **€9,950**



***12 Audi A6 3.0 TDI SE 204bhp**, diesel, grey, 67k miles, stunning, tan lthr, FSH, 2 keys, leather heated seats, climate, cruise, bluetooth phone prep, lthr MFSW, Park dist., Chrome exterior detailing, fogs, NCT 02/20, **€15,950**



***161 Mini Cooper 1.5**, diesel, silver, 33k miles, stunning, half lthr sports seats, carbon black alloy wheel upgrade, sat. nav, iDrive system, climate, phone prep, 2 keys, much more, **€15,450**



***141 Landover Range Rover Sport HSE Dynamic**, 3.0 Diesel Est, auto, gold, 57k miles, immaculate, Mocha lthr, Nara bronze met., ED headlights, f/fogs, phone prep with music streaming, elec heated seats, front and rear, climate, rev. camera, Park Dist, cruise, much more, 2 keys, NCT 04/20, **€49,950**



***171 BMW 520 M Sport**, 2.0 Diesel, auto, grey, 186bhp, 39k miles, stunning, black lthr, Park dist., paddle shift, ph prep/music streaming, MFSW, cruise, Bi-Xenons, 2 keys, climate, FBMSH, completely as new, pro. widescreen sat. nav, **€36,450**



***151 BMW i8**, Full Option, auto, pristine, grey met., black lthr, 43km, 20" turbine wheel upgrade, stunning, 4WD, surround panoramic cameras, Harman Kardon sound upgrade, heated elec seats, prof widescreen sat. nav, bluetooth/audio music streaming, music storage with DVD player, Park dist, tax only €170, **€66,950**



***171 BMW 520SE**, 2.0 diesel, automatic, black, cream leather, 25k miles, stunning, 18" alloys, exterior chrome detail, prof widescreen sat. nav, BMW connected drive, cruise, park dist, dual exhausts, bluetooth ph prep, music stream, a/con, **€34,450**



***161 Volkswagen Touareg 265BHP Business Utility**, white 3.0 Diesel Commercial Auto, stunning, black lthr, 20" R Design alloys upgrades, Xenons, sat. nav, heat seats, rev. camera, Park dist., elec memory seats, cruise, MFSW, f/fogs, 2 keys, **€30,853 + VAT**



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BRAY EAST

CLLR STEVEN MATTHEWS - GREEN PARTY



Steven Matthews is an experienced serving councillor on Wicklow County Council. He is a DIT graduate of Planning and Environmental Management and works in railway signalling engineering.

His objectives are to ensure proper planning for Bray to enable delivery of good quality homes, jobs, public transport and public amenity open spaces. Improved maintenance of roads, footpaths, cycling facilities and cleanliness of the town.

He has worked on many planning and environmental issues in Bray and lobbied for council policy to address climate change and flooding for 15 years. He understands the importance of working in a collegial way, the limits of a councillor's authority and responsibility and the legislation governing local authorities.

An active member of Bray Tidy Towns, he lives in Bray with his wife and young children.

BRAY EAST

SHARON BRIGGS - P.B.P.



Sharon Briggs says she will bring a renewed energy to Wicklow County Council from a Socialist perspective. Describing herself as "a hard working Bray native", Briggs says "many people are being forgotten by political parties and politicians and this social ignorance has to change. If elected I will take a seat that belongs to the people. Our council has been dominated by Fine Gael and Fianna Fail for far too long."

Briggs says she will work with the people on the ground and with community groups on issues such as mental health, housing and homelessness. She is against the property tax and says she will work to secure a council scheme where the homeless can be registered with an address so they don't fall out of the welfare system.

BRAY EAST

MALACHAI DUDDY - INDEPENDENT



Local political activist and barrister Malachai Duddy is standing as an Independent candidate in Bray East Local Electoral Area. Malachai is actively involved with numerous local organisations including serving as a voluntary director of Bray Credit Union, the executive of Bray Chamber of Commerce, the Bray 1916 Centenary

Committee and is a member of his local Parish Pastoral Council. As a lawyer he has worked on human rights and social justice issues, with the Vincentian Partnership of Social Justice and the National Organisation of the Unemployed. At a national level he serves on the board of the Boxing Union of Ireland and has represented Bray on the National Council of the Credit Union Development Association (CUDA).

With a young family, Malachai says he is keenly aware of the issues facing families in Bray: a lack of decent, affordable housing, the need to improve traffic and transport infrastructure while preserving the town's important heritage, and improving family friendly local amenities.

BRAY EAST

GRACE MCMANUS - SINN FEIN



As a young woman who has grown up in Bray, Grace says she is committed to bringing the voice of her generation to the political arena that rarely hears what they have to say. Grace has worked with young people for many years, particularly through 'Be Well Bray' mental health project in the town. She previously worked with Wicklow's Comhairle Na nÓg, and a development education NGO based in Bray. She campaigned heavily for the repeal of the 8th amendment and is a founder of Bray Refugee Solidarity. Grace McManus is currently working for Sinn Féin in Leinster House. She advises on topics ranging from mental health legislation, to dealing with constituents who are at risk of homelessness. Grace says that this work has given her knowledge and skills which she is driven to use for positive change in Bray.

BRAY EAST

EDWARD WHELAN - FINE GAEL



Ned Whelan is running for Fine Gael in the Bray East ward. He has said that if he is elected he will emphasise action to develop the main street of the town in order to benefit the greater Bray area.

"As a Councillor for Bray I would work to secure Government funding to incentivise businesses to move into vacant units on

the main street; Examine the possible benefits of temporarily lowering the commercial rates for businesses in the town; Seek funding for a competition that would reward well presented shop-fronts on the main streets; Support our fantastic Tidy Towns Committee; Develop a traffic plan that deals with congestion in the town centre to make coming into the town itself more attractive; I am passionate about developing Bray as a town that people love to visit and I see the restoration of our main streets as key to this."

BRAY EAST

CHRIS WALSH - FIANNA FÁIL



Born and raised in Bray, Chris Walsh was educated in St. Fergal's N.S and St. Brendan's CBC. He is married to Grace, also from Bray, and they have one son, James. Chris is involved in a number of community projects, including WH Five Loaves and Bray Cardiac First Responders. He is actively involved in securing a New Sports Campus for North Wicklow.

Chris says, "Having experienced first hand some of the major issues affecting our town, I decided to run for Council. My priorities include affordable & social housing, transport and infrastructure, promoting Bray as a tourism destination, growing our local businesses, education and youth facilities and the environment."

"Bray needs a young progressive voice to deliver change to Bray and transform how our council works for you."

"I am committed to working across the political divide to achieve this change."

BRAY EAST

CLLR BRENDAN THORNHILL - AONTU



Brendan Thornhill hails from Skibbereen, West Cork. In November 1981 at 28 years he joined the Garda Síochána and worked as a community Garda in Bray where he took great interest in the Bray community. He retired in 2011 and was elected as a member of WCC. He has spoken and contributed on a lot of subjects in WCC. He is

fluent Irish speaker and has served on various committees such as the board of management Scoil Ui Cheadaigh, the Drug Task Force, Wicklow elderly alliance, Wicklow Tourism, and Wicklow Joint Policing Committee. He describes himself as a 'person of the people' and says he joined AONTU because he could see from his experience the council the 'group think' amongst the large parties. "They rule the roost when deciding on key matters ie. The Barracuda in Bray, St Pauls (demolition), The ruling on Bray Golf club and SWAP (flood plain issue). Enough is Enough." Cllr Brendan Thornhill and his party colleague Cllr Oliver O'Brien say they want to see fairness and transparency in the council and Bray MDC under the umbrella of AONTU.

BRAY EAST

BARRY MURPHY - INDEPENDENT



Barry Murphy is an Independent candidate in Bray East. Born and raised in Bray, where he lives with his wife and three children. He had a business in the town for many years (Twizzlers sweet shop) and currently works on the main street for the National Council for the Blind charity shop.

"I have been a life long activist tackling local issues and have raised much needed funds through my charity work over the years."

"If elected I commit to: making myself available and accessible to all; Bring more transparency and accountability to Wicklow county council; Work closely with other councillors to tackle the ongoing housing and homelessness issues; Work side by side with sports and community groups to address their needs and support; Address the anti social behaviour issue to make Bray a safer place for all; Address the traffic and parking issues and help rejuvenate the town as a shopping and Tourism area. Your concerns are my concerns."

BRAY EAST

AOIFE FLYNN KENNEDY - FINE GAEL



Aoife Flynn Kennedy is a Fine Gael candidate in the Bray East Ward. She works in the disability sector, is the current chairperson of East Coast Regional Drug & Alcohol Task Force, and an active scout leader with the 5th Wicklow Sea Scouts. Having gone to school in Bray and living in

Bray now, she has strong involvement in the community and believes in the power of community action.

Aoife says that with the support of voters she can create real change in the community. "I feel I have the skills and the drive to create real change," she says.

Aoife is one of the founding members of Bray's 'Autism Friendly Town' team that was recently successful in its application for Bray to become an autism friendly town.

BRAY EAST

ANNE FERRIS - LABOUR



Former Labour TD Anne Ferris is running as a Labour candidate in the Bray East Ward. Since losing her Dail seat in 2016, Anne enrolled in a three-year degree course in UCD studying History and English. However, she says, "during this time I was acutely aware of issues in the town that did not seem to be addressed adequately by our local Council."

Anne was a Bray district councillor from 1995 - 2009 and a Wicklow County Councillor from 2003 - 2009. In 2011 she was elected to Dail Eireann before losing her seat. Anne says that since 2016 the Labour Party has "had no voice with which to represent the people of Bray". She believes that the Labour Party has learned from its mistakes during the coalition government. "I would now dearly love to be given the opportunity to be re-elected to Wicklow County Council and to once again represent the people of Bray."

BRAY WEST

SÁRÁN FOGARTY - FIANNA FÁIL



Sárán Fogarty is the Fianna Fáil candidate for Bray West. He is a Bray native and has lived in the area his whole life, having attended both St. Cronan's BNS and graduating from Presentation College Bray in 2018. He is studying Politics and Philosophy in UCD and at 19 is the youngest candidate in Ireland. He says "This is important as I

believe young people need a voice on our council and if elected I can bring new energy, new ideas and a real shift towards progressive politics to Wicklow County Council."

"I am asking for your vote so I can bring radical changes to the Council. To help work on issues like housing, youth disengagement and employment, we need to elect councillors with a powerful vision who will be a voice for our community, and a leader in building the future of our county, and I believe I have what it takes to be that voice. My campaigning experience with both Together for Yes and Wicklow for Michael D. Higgins have given me a deep understanding of how to be an activist and a change-maker, and I want to continue to strive for change in Local Government."

BRAY WEST

RORY O'CONNOR - INDEPENDENT



Rory O'Connor is a first-time candidate running as an independent in Bray West. Originally from Bray he has spent the last number of years living in Enniskerry and is involved with a number of community and voluntary groups in sport, social justice and the environment. He is currently a student in UCD studying Politics and Computer Science.

Rory says "I became involved in politics because I was dismayed at the Council's response to real issues in our community, like housing and the environment. I want to emulate the same spirit of my great-grandfather, Sean Lemass, who inspired me to take leadership in the community." Rory says he wants to create a greenbelt in North Wicklow, harness the potential of North Wicklow as a key destination for tourism, provide free Wifi access in all public spaces, deliver solutions to tackle the challenges of homelessness, access to health services, quality family supports and opportunities for young people.

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BRAY WEST

CLLR OLIVER O'BRIEN - AONTU



Oliver hails from Bansha/Ballypooreen Co. Tipperary. He is a national school teacher and has been teaching for the past 36 years, the last 30 in St.Fergal's National School Ballywaltrim. Oliver has been involved actively in the Ballywaltrim community particularly in youth activities since moving to

Bray. He founded Fergal Ogs in 1992 and has been a promoter of Gaelic games since that time. He is very proud of the achievements of Katie Taylor, she also thrived from his great affirmation, "Mol an oige agus tiocfaidh siad" (praise the young and they will blossom). At WCC he has been outspoken about fairness and transparency. He holds a strong belief in equality and decision making at council level. He has been called a person of the people and is passionate about the future of AONTU.

BRAY WEST

MELANIE CORRIGAN - FINE GAEL



Melanie is an Enniskerry native, whose family have lived in the area for over 300 years. She is married to Liam, and the mother to four fabulous children. She is a local businesswoman and is actively involved in her community, working with many volunteer groups and with the schools and sports clubs.

Melanie says, "I am the ideal candidate to represent you at local council as I know the opportunities and challenges facing the Bray West community and am committed to representing your needs. I will work to protect Bray West, and make it a better place to work in, live in, and visit, both now and into the future."

To achieve this Melanie will be championing her 3 main campaign themes which are to:

- Address the real needs of the local area at a grass roots level
- Boost business innovation and knowledge sharing supports
- Cultivate clean and caring communities

BRAY WEST

JUNE MAHER - P.B.P.



June Maher says "As People Before Profit candidates our vision is to make the Wicklow council more open, democratic and inclusive for all, which also includes having strong female representation."

June says she will fight for better investment and funding in our local services, and that if elected she will work hard on all issues to ensure a better equality of outcomes; I will work with the people on the ground and with community groups. I will be the voice ensuring that when change is happening, the people's voices and views are given more consideration over ambitious developers.

"I will vote to decrease the property tax yearly on all Principle Private Residence with a view to seeing it abolished. I will ensure that the vulnerable and the elderly in the community have a voice which is taken seriously."

June says she will work towards securing a council scheme where homeless people can be registered with an address so they don't fall out of the welfare system.

BRAY WEST

CLLR JOE BEHAN - INDEPENDENT



Joe Behan has been a public representative since 1985, serving on Bray Town Council, Wicklow County Council and in DáilÉireann. He was first elected in 1985 as a Fianna Fáil Councillor and, in 2007, as a Fianna Fáil T.D. He resigned from Fianna Fáil in 2008 because they withdrew the automatic right to a medical card

from people over 70 yrs of age and increased the size of classes for children in primary schools. Councillor Behan says, "In doing so they abandoned the youngest and the oldest people in our country. I served as an Independent TD from 2008 to 2011. I was unsuccessful in the 2011 and 2006 General Elections, but was elected as an Independent Councillor in 2014. I am standing for election as an Independent candidate in Bray West. I believe in listening to your concerns and being your voice when decisions are being made which affect you and your family."

BRAY WEST

IAN MCGAHON - LABOUR



Ian McGahon is running as a Labour candidate in the Bray West ward. He works locally in Sunbeam House Services and he campaigned for marriage equality and to repeal the 8th amendment. His election manifesto calls for the council to get back to basics, more investment in

public housing and cost rental, and for the council to be leaders on climate change. He supports the concept of participatory budgeting. On the campaign trail he has been outspoken on issues such as transport and bringing a dog park to Bray.

He launched an online petition to the National Transport Authority for more 84x buses. McGahon was also nominated to stand as a substitute candidate for Ireland South in the European Parliament by the Kilmacanogue branch of the Labour Party.

BRAY WEST

DERMOT 'DAISY' O'BRIEN - SINN FÉIN



Daisy has spent a lifetime committed to youth and community work. Youth clubs, summer projects, education and development have been at the core of his professional and voluntary endeavors for over 25 years. Change is one of the reasons why Daisy is standing in these Local Elections

because he believes that now, more than ever we must be ready for change. Daisy says "Business as usual is not an option! Families know this, young people know this, people on the margins know this. We must pursue a pathway that places people and planet at the core of all decisions because for the first time in history there is a risk that our children will be worse off than their parents. So when you are considering who should be sitting around the Council Chamber after these elections on May 24th, think of those with the courage to embrace change. Think of those with the capacity to manage change. Change in housing policy, change in youth mental health provision, change in fire services, change in the balance of who benefits from the work of the Council. If you change nothing, nothing changes."

BRAY WEST

DAVID MILLER - FINE GAEL



David lives with his wife Lara and their 5 children in Annacrevy. Lara teaches secondary school science in a DEIS school. She's part of the Slazenger family who own and run Powerscourt Estate and Golf Club.

David studied Arabic and Persian at university. He then qualified and worked as a litigation solicitor. First for a City of London law firm, and then in Dublin. He left the legal profession and co-founded his own technology software business, a volunteer recruitment & safeguarding solution.

David's been club secretary of Enniskerry Football Club for 9 years. The club is one of the largest mixed gender children's soccer clubs in the county. He's also a club child welfare officer. Today he coaches the U7 girls.

David's a director of the County Wicklow Volunteer Centre. It's an independent non-profit which promotes the development of volunteering throughout the county.

GREYSTONES

CLLR TOM FORTUNE - INDEPENDENT



Tom went into local politics based on the experience he had developed working on behalf of his community. He has worked on behalf of the community since he was 18 years old.

Tom's academic background is Business, Strategic Planning, and Psychology, he is a qualified Counsellor. He has worked with corporate and indigenous companies at board level. He is a very keen sportsman.

Tom says he gets his best satisfaction from politics, helping hundreds of people on a variety of matters. Tom is very interested in education, (working to secure much needed secondary school located in Charlesland and lobbied for much needed increase in SNA's), Tourism (was Chairman of Wicklow County Tourism for seven years); Environment (currently working on a Bee Sanctuary project and is supporting Wicklow Schools with their Climate Action Initiative), and Mental Health (currently part of a mental group), and Policing (member of the County Joint Policing Committee).

GREYSTONES

PYPER LUDLOW - P.B.P.



Pyper Ludlow is the People Before Profit local election candidate for the Greystones municipal area. Locally, she has been involved in, and has led campaigns, including the anti-water charges movement, repeal the 8th amendment. Pyper says she mobilised the march through Greystones to show the outrage at the

cervical cancer scandal and organised the original Extinction Rebellion rally in Greystones, last November. As the Co. Wicklow representative for the National Homeless and Housing Coalition, Pyper has been campaigning on housing issues locally.

Pyper grew up in Delgany and has been an activist for many years. She is a mother of four and has worked in education most of her life. She is a dedicated campaigner for climate justice and housing and is passionate about defending natural habitats.

Pyper says she is committed to being part of creating an Ireland that gives everyone an equal chance to reach their potential and to live a fulfilling and healthy life.

GREYSTONES

CLLR NICOLA LAWLESS - SINN FEIN



Nicola was first elected to Wicklow County Council in 2014 (the first Sinn Féin Councillor to be elected to Greystones). This year Nicola was honoured to get the title and position of Cathaoirleach of the Greystones Municipal District.

Nicola has lived in Greystones all her life and her family on both sides have lived in Greystones and Delgany for generations. Nicola's background is in community work, administrator and finance and is currently studying HR in IT Tallaght.

Since being elected to the Council Nicola has been outspoken on issues such as housing, planning, local issues and accountability and transparency within the Council. Nicola also played central roles in the Right2Water campaign and the successful campaign for a GP Out-of-Hours-Service for North Wicklow. She is currently campaigning to get the DART extended to Kilcoole and a second rail line to Greystones. Other projects Nicola will work on if re-elected, she says, is a motorhome parking site to help with tourism, the extension of the Park and Ride in Greystones and ensuring that the district gets proper facilities for the increasing population.

GREYSTONES

MAGS CREAN - INDEPENDENT



Mags Crean is running as an independent candidate in the Greystones Electoral Area. Mags is a young married mother of two promising "a fresh voice, a fresh pair of eyes, and a fresh way of looking at things".

Running with a slogan of "Who cares? I care", the Bray native is currently employed as a Researcher at

UCD, having completed her PhD in Social Justice there in 2016. She has a background in community development work, is a board member at Greystones Family Resource Centre and the Purple House Cancer Support Centre. She also serves as a voluntary member of Wicklow LCDC, and has experience of being a full time carer, with her late parents.

She is outspoken on the district's need for more school places, adequate childcare facilities, and supports for older people.

"I want to see our children thrive in a happy, well supported community. There's a saying that if you're not part of the solution, you're part of the problem. I want to be part of the solution."

GREYSTONES

LOURDA SCOTT - GREEN PARTY



Lourda Scott qualified as a Veterinary Surgeon before moving from general practice to complete her PhD and work in food safety regulation. Locally she volunteers with local parenting charity Cuidiu and was an active campaigner for Repeal. Lourda continues to campaign for improvements in women's healthcare issues and for the end of Direct Provision. She lives in Greystones with her husband and three young children.

Lourda says, "I stand for inclusiveness, equality and diversity. I stand for a society that values everyone, regardless of their background, and where the wellbeing of a community is not just measured through economics. I believe in restoring and protecting nature and want to put consideration of the environment at the heart of policy decisions. I want our towns and villages to grow into sustainable communities where people enjoy working and living."

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GREYSTONES

CLLR JENNIFER WHITMORE - SOC. DEMS



Cllr. Jennifer Whitmore is qualified in Ecology and Environmental Law. She spent 10yrs in Sydney working in the NSW Government in the areas of natural resource, climate change & water management. Jennifer is currently the SocDems Spokesperson for Children.

As a Councillor, Jennifer worked closely with local communities to get important projects done, the biggest one being South Beach Inclusive playground. But Jennifer has worked on many projects over her term, including getting the paths widened at St. Laurence's in Delgany, a local community bus initiative and co-founding the East Wicklow Rivers Trust. She lobbied hard over the years for much-needed schools places, was on the Board of Colaiste Chraobh Abhainn in Kilcoole and is Chair of Charlesland Community National School. Jennifer is keen to continue her work on these and other projects including addressing the traffic congestion, implementing actions to address Wicklow's climate and biodiversity crisis and improving communities facilities and housing.

GREYSTONES

CLLR GERRY WALSH - FIANNA FAIL



Cllr Gerry Walsh is actively involved in dealing with local issues relating to housing, transport, education, infrastructure and supporting local businesses whilst helping to create a sustainable environment for all.

As chairman of the Economic Development and Enterprise Support Strategic Committee for Wicklow he has worked to bring much needed employment to the area, engaging with Wicklow County Council and the IDA to develop their site in Greystones.

He has also engaged with the NTA, Dublin Bus, and Irish Rail to improve the public transport services in Greystones and surrounds.

As a director of Wicklow County Tourism Board he has promoted Wicklow and Greystones as a tourism destination, worked towards achieving significant improvements to the increasingly popular Bray/Greystones Cliff Walk and he is also a member of the committee established to develop a Coastal Greenway between Wicklow and Greystones. He is also involved with Eire Og Greystones, GAA Club, Sugarloaf Lions Club and Greystones 2020.

GREYSTONES

ELAINE WILLIS - FIANNA FAIL



Elaine Willis is the Fianna Fail candidate for Greystones for the local elections.

Elaine says, "I have loved living in Wicklow for the past 38 years, where my children were born and raised. I have been Stephen Donnelly's Constituency Manager for almost seven years and this I believe has

given me great insight to the needs of the community. Prior to this I worked for Greystones & District Chamber, Delgany National School & Newcastle IT Centre. I was a very active member of Greystones Arts Festival for 15 years.

"My main priorities are: ensuring adequate local secondary school places; increasing affordable and social housing; providing affordable, quality childcare & crèche facilities; supporting and funding community and sports clubs; establishing and supporting assisted living for older and vulnerable people. I would love to represent you on the council and continue the work I have been doing in our community."

GREYSTONES

CLLR DEREK MITCHELL - FINE GAEL



Cllr Derek Mitchell has served Greystones as a councillor for 20 years and has fought to improve transport in the area. He has written a plan on how to improve the DART, train and bus services, central to which is providing a DART every 20 mins from

Greystones and having more and longer trains to Kilcoole as well as a path to the station. Regarding the N11, he says he will be asking for bus priority measures so express buses can be provided.

He says that too few Greystones residents work locally in Greystones, and he wants to bring more jobs to the district. Cllr Mitchell was involved in getting the Greystones Way properly marked and he wants to see more of this in the future. He wants to provide better and safer paths to schools.

GREYSTONES

CHARLIE KEDDY - INDEPENDENT



Charlie Keddy from Kilcoole is running as an independent candidate in the Greystones Electoral area.

"When I find my tasks, I try again. 'My campaigns', 'my principles', 'my policies', call them what you like, they never change.

"Example: to end stealth charges known as home tax, to stop corruption, and most importantly, to stop abortion. Please read my Facebook page @votekeddy. ps. Thanks Tommy, you were the best!"

Charlie says that he has felt compelled to put himself forward as a candidate once again because there is nobody else who represents his opinions.

Charlie has been running in local and national elections since 1985.

GREYSTONES

ANNE WATHIRA BURKE - LABOUR



Anne Wathira Burke is the Labour Party candidate in Greystones. Born and raised in Kenya, she now calls Greystones her home and believes that building a great future starts at a local level.

Anne works as the young migrant women leader for AkiDwa (National Network of Migrant Women) and she has been active in fighting for the rights of marginalised people and groups.

Anne campaigns against discrimination and has worked in the community to increase awareness of diversity.

Her priorities are; local transport, social and affordable housing, integration and inclusion strategies, climate change and the provisions of community facilities. Anne has also been vocal about the issue of the lack of school places in Greystones Municipal District.

GREYSTONES

ALICE O'DONNELL - FINE GAEL



Alice O'Donnell is a first-time candidate with Fine Gael. She has been an active member of the community since moving to Greystones in 1998. She works as a primary school teacher and her three children attend local schools. Alice is an active member of a trade union and was a community representative on the Joint Policing

Committee and also on the Children and Young People's Services Committee. She served as chairperson of an autism support group (Triple A Alliance) for 8 years and is a board member of Greystones Youth Theatre. Alice says she would like to see more transparency in how council funds are spent and would like to give communities more influence through the introduction of participatory budgeting. She is a member of Delgany Community Council and also the East Coast Greenway Committee. She believes that strong action on climate change must be a priority for all elected representatives on Wicklow County Council. Alice was appointed a Peace Commissioner in 2017 and sees this role as another way in which she can serve the public.

ARKLOW

TOMMY BREEN - INDEPENDENT



Tommy Breen was born and reared in Arklow. He is a trained youth worker with East Wicklow youth service, and is also known for being the music instructor with Sunbeam House services all over County Wicklow, the founding member of the award winning ballad group Boru, manager of the Arklow Town senior team in the Wicklow and District

Football League, and founder member of Arklow Residents Rights of Way (Arrow). He also has a music group for over 40s to meet socially every week. "I have an excellent work ethic, I am honest, loyal and transparent and I have excellent organisational skills. I have constantly been involved and active in my community and I feel that I have a lot to give in the way of representing the people of South Wicklow by being proactive and forward thinking when it comes to employment strategies, infrastructure, funding, social inclusion and the standard of living that should be a right for all. We need to support the arts which in turn will generate tourism so we can build on the natural resources of the Garden county."

ARKLOW

CLLR TOMMY ANNESLEY - FIANNA FAIL



Tommy Annesley has been a County councillor since 2014 having previously served on Arklow Town Council. A proud Arklow man Tommy and his family have been in business in the town for generations.

Tommy believes that Arklow is beginning to grow again and he is determined that the re-development of Avoca River Park as a Data Centre will have massive knock-on effects for the entire Municipal District including Avoca and Aughrim.

Tommy plays a leading role in Arklow Tidy Towns, and is a founding member of the Seabreeze Festival and a supporter of Arklow's maritime heritage and the local RNLI.

ARKLOW

CLLR PAT KENNEDY - FIANNA FAIL



Cllr Pat Kennedy is running again for Fianna Fail in the Arklow Electoral Area. Cllr Kennedy was first elected to Wicklow County Council in 2014. Born in Glenmalur, he has lived in the area all his life and is married to Helena, a primary school teacher in Rathdrum, and has three sons; John, Peter and Ciarán.

"If elected I pledge to continue to work on the following: Community Infrastructure and ensuring that community organisations get greater assistance from the council and relevant bodies; Ensuring continued delivery of funding through schemes and programmes for our communities; Rural issues and road maintenance; The return of the community Garda; Ensure that senior citizens receive all entitlements due; Clearer planning procedures; Pre-planning and qualification meetings for planning applicants; Promote and market Wicklow as a jobs destination; Develop a clear economic marketing strategy for the county; Work with the IDA for the delivery of outreach employment; Work with Irish Water to ensure sewage upgrades throughout South Wicklow to allow future development and increased housing capacity."

ARKLOW

CLLR PAT FITZGERALD - FIANNA FAIL



Pat Fitzgerald has been a full-time councillor since 2002 and says "Throughout my political career to date I have made myself available to help all who have contacted me. It has been a great pleasure for me when I have succeeded in helping those in my community. I have gained great experience as a public representative which I

have used to help those in society who have come to me for help. I have an absolute love of assisting and advising those in my community and I have worked closely with and assisted many voluntary and sporting organizations over the years.

"The challenges ahead are great for those who are elected to the Arklow Municipal District Council and particularly in the area of social housing where so many languish on our social housing lists. It is my hope that the wastewater treatment plant in Arklow gets the go ahead while at the same time the concerns of residents who live in the area of the proposed site are fashioned into the decision. I am also aware of the issues in Aughrim and Avoca with no capacity in the Wastewater Treatment plants."

ARKLOW

CLLR MIRIAM MURPHY - INDEPENDENT



Cllr Miriam Murphy was first elected to Wicklow County Council in 2009 and was re-elected in 2014. She is the current Cathaoirleach of Arklow Municipal District.

Cllr Murphy has been vocal about transparency and accountability in Local Government, and has advocated for the rights of people with disabilities.

Cllr Murphy looks forward to seeing the completion of local Arklow projects over the next five years, such as the wastewater treatment plant, the building of houses, the primary health centre and the rejuvenation of Arklow courthouse and parade ground. She has a track record of community work.

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ARKLOW

CLLR SYLVESTER BOURKE - FINE GAEL



Sylvester Bourke was first elected to Wicklow County Council in June 1999 and has been returned to office for Fine Gael at every election since. He and his wife Elizabeth have three children. He is a farmer who grows crops such as maize and beans and keeps 200 hens, producing

eggs for local shops, hotels and restaurants.

Sylvester's priorities are to keep pressure on Irish Water to deliver the sewage treatment plant for Arklow and upgrade Aughrim and Avoca waste water facilities.

If elected he plans to make social housing more of a priority, along with more cycle lanes and a litter scheme.

Sylvester supports Arklow United Soccer Club, Arklow Rocks Camogie Club and AGB GAA Club.

ARKLOW

CLLR MARY MCDONALD - IND.

Elected to Wicklow County Council as a Sinn Féin councillor in 2014, Mary McDonald has since left the Party and is now running as an Independent. Mary was born in Arklow and attended St Michael's GNS and St Mary's College. She worked in Arklow Pottery and then in McGhans before starting her own Hackney/taxi business.

Mary worked in Arklow until 2010 when her family decided to leave for Australia to gain education and experience to bring back to Arklow. There she studied Pathology and Diploma Of Nursing and she is now qualified in both. Mary returned to Arklow in 2014 determined to remain at home.

Mary says "I want to continue to work with those in all political parties and none to find common ground, to put partisanship aside and to achieve real solutions to the challenges ahead. Good ideas should take precedence over any political ideology. I believe my actions will bring my affiliation into alignment with how I served and will continue to serve, the people of the county."



ARKLOW

JOHN KELLY - SINN FEIN



John Kelly is a local fisherman who began working on boats at the young age of 14. John lives in Marian Villas and previously operated 'John Boys' shop in Ferrybank. As a working father, John realises the many issues working families face. As John's own family are almost raised,

he now feels the time is right to stand for election.

John has played a leading role in many campaigns over the years and recently led a delegation of Irish fishermen to the European Parliament in Brussels with Sinn Féin MEP Liadh Ní Riadh to fight for better fishing rights.

John is a lifelong Republican and has worked closely with Wicklow Sinn Féin TD John Brady. Together they see the huge potential that Arklow and South Wicklow has to offer. If elected John says he will work tirelessly to unlock that potential and will be a strong voice for Arklow and South Wicklow at County Council level.

ARKLOW

CHANTEL KANOWGA - FINE GAEL



Rathdrum resident and first-time candidate Chantel Kanowga is running for Fine Gael in the Arklow Municipal District.

Chantel is the CEO and founder of a medical diagnostics company which is currently developing a product to diagnose common bacteria.

Chantel's mother is Irish and her father was from Zambia. Chantel has experience as a nurse's aid in Beacon and St. Vincent's Hospitals.

Chantel is campaigning on issues such as transport and traffic, and has been motivated to put herself forward for election out of a frustration with her daily commute to Dublin for work.

WICKLOW

CLLR SHAY CULLEN - FINE GAEL



Fine Gael councillor Shay Cullen is running for re-election in the Wicklow Municipal District. He was elected as a first-time candidate in 2014.

Shay is a resident of Newtownmountkennedy, grew up in Roundwood, and attended De La Salle secondary school in Wicklow Town.

He has been an employee at Glen Fuels for over 20 years. On the campaign trail, Cllr Cullen has been highlighting the need for investment in Wicklow Town and the importance of supporting local businesses. He has been outspoken on the need to maximise Wicklow's tourism potential and the creation of more jobs.

WICKLOW

PAUL O'BRIEN - LABOUR

Wicklow Town native Paul O'Brien is the Labour Party east Wicklow rep and says he has the interests of local people as his main priority.

As an active member of the local community he is working on the many causes that are important to him. He grew up locally and is passionate about his community. Social and affordable housing is Paul's main priority and he says he will fight for those in need.

Paul is National president of the Irish Soccer Referees Society and still continues to referee in the ISL. He is a supporter of Wicklow Swimming Club and involved with various local organisations such as the Wickow Regatta Festival.

Paul is keen to make a contribution to his community and hopes to play his part in rebuilding confidence in east Wicklow.



WICKLOW

MUIREANN DALTON - SINN FEIN



"I am passionate about social justice, trade unionism and my community. I've been active in my community since I moved to Newtownmountkennedy 16 years ago. For over 10 years I was the local scout leader and worked alongside my husband John Dalton who was a manager in Newtown juniors football club.

"I worked in Dunne's stores in Newtown for eight years and was an active member of a trade union; I was subsequently made the Mandate shop steward. I was one of the lead shop stewards in the decency for Dunne's workers campaign. I played a central role in the campaign, as a national spokesperson, and was involved in many cross party discussions in Leinster House.

"I was very active in the Wicklow Right2Water group and helped organise a major rally in Bray which was labelled as one of the largest political mobilisations in a generation. I strive for equality for all and will be a strong voice for all across Wicklow."

WICKLOW

CLLR MARY KAVANAGH - INDEPENDENT



A native of Wicklow Town, Mary Kavanagh was co-opted to Wicklow Co Council and Wicklow Municipal District Council in 2016 following the untimely death of her sister, Independent Councillor Pat Kavanagh. Mary was elected Leas Cathairleach of Wicklow MDC in December 2018.

One of her priorities is housing - she says "I would like to see all boarded-up houses acquired or leased to help solve the homeless crisis". She is passionate about the environment and is against the use of single-use plastic. She would like to see Wicklow become a "single-use plastic free" town. Her election campaign is poster-free.

Cllr Kavanagh recently submitted over 1500 signatures to An Bord Pleanála in support of the Arklow Data Centre and believes this would bring a huge jobs boost to County Wicklow.

WICKLOW

CLLR JOHN SNELL - INDEPENDENT



Former Sinn Féin Councillor John Snell from Rathnew is running as an Independent candidate having being expelled from the Party.

He was elected to Wicklow County Council in 2009 and topped the poll in Wicklow in the last election.

He has served as Chair of the Council's Housing Special Policy Committee.

He has also served on the Joint Policing Committee, and is former Chairman of East Wicklow Electoral area and WCC Burial Board.

WICKLOW

JIMMY O'SHAUGHNESSY - IND.

Jimmy O'Shaughnessy was first elected to Wicklow County Council in 1993 following the death of the late Frank Hynes, and he also served as Cathaoirleach of Wicklow County Council. He is running again as an Independent candidate in Wicklow.

In the past he has opposed property charges and water charges. He wants to help bring jobs to Wicklow to prevent young people from emigrating and to give them reasons to stay in the county.

He says that Wicklow has been neglected by successive Governments and that no jobs are being created in the county.



WICKLOW

CLLR IRENE WINTERS - FINE GAEL



Cllr Irene Winters was elected to Wicklow County Council in 2009 having served on Wicklow Town Council since 2004, and was re-elected in 2014.

In 2015 she was Cathaoirleach of Wicklow Municipal District.

Irene has served as a Director of Wicklow County Tourism. In June 2013 she became a board member of Wicklow Enterprise Park and Wicklow Gaol where she succeeded in re-establishing the right of the public to have representation on these boards in the future.

Irene has a strong track record of community work and has also served as a Director and active volunteer of Wicklow Cancer Support.

WICKLOW

CLLR GAIL DUNNE - FIANNA FAIL



Gail has been a Cllr since 2016 when he was co-opted to fill Pat Casey TD's seat.

A native of Wicklow Town, Gail is a life-long St Pat's player, supporter and coach and is also involved with Wicklow Rugby Club.

Affordable housing for all in Wicklow Municipal District is a priority for Gail along with the redevelopment of the new Library and the reopening of Wicklow Courthouse. Significant public transport and road improvements for Wicklow's commuters are also essential over the coming Council term, he believes.

Gail says he will deliver a County town that will be the pride of all in the Wicklow Municipal District.

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ANNE GREGORY - FIANNA FAIL



Anne is an entrepreneur and has run an established bridal studio for many years.

Daughter of Noel and Betty Gregory, local business owners, she has lived in Newtownmountkennedy her whole life and is a committee member of the Newtownmountkennedy Team, Newtownmountkennedy

District Forum and Network Ireland Wicklow branch of Women in Business. She has been a campaign leader for the establishment of the Newtownmountkennedy Educate Together National School.

Anne has been involved in numerous local charity fundraisers. Her Dad Noel, a prominent business man believed there was nothing greater than serving your local community and in the spirit of this, she has decided to follow in his footsteps. "The Campaign Trail has highlighted what is required of me as a representative of the community in the County Council and I will strive to deliver on my promises."

BALTINGLASS

CLLR VINCENT BLAKE - FINE GAEL

Cllr Vincent Blake (Fine Gael) from Tinahely is running for re-election in the Baltinglass Electoral Area.

Cllr Blake has been a member of Wicklow County Council for 20 years. Housing and rural broadband are issues he has been highlighting during his campaign.

Cllr Blake says he is committed to working for people in the Baltinglass District. Regarding the new HSE Primary Care Centre in Carnew, Cllr Blake said he will continue working to ensure a full range of services are rolled out in the centre for the people in the area.

Cllr Blake has also been outspoken on the issue of the water supply in Kiltegan.



BALTINGLASS

PATSY GLENNON - FIANNA FAIL



Patsy Glennon was born and reared in Hollywood, and has lived all his life in Hollywood.

He is a retired Garda, having served as Sergeant in Blessington for 13 years and as Inspector in Naas for over 12 years. He is also a qualified barrister. Patsy says he is deeply committed to the local community and he believes that west Wicklow has for too long been the neglected part of the county.

He says he is committed to the completion of the E-Greenway in Blessington and the provision of a community swimming pool for the people of west Wicklow.

As a father and grandfather Patsy believes he understands the issues of the young and the old.

BALTINGLASS

JOHN MULLEN - FIANNA FAIL



Community Activist and Parliamentary Assistant to Pat Casey, Tinahely man John Mullen is a first time candidate and is a native of Tinahely and is married to Deirdre with a three year old son named Dáithí.

John is a community activist in South West

Wicklow having served as a community rep for County Wicklow Partnership, the Wicklow Uplands Council and Wicklow PPN.

John wants to deliver tourism development for all of West Wicklow by linking the Tinahely-Shillelagh Greenway with the Blessington Greenway through all of the villages and towns.

Rural planning reform and increased housing development is also a priority along with a major upgrade of the N81 and local road networks.

BALTINGLASS

CLLR GERRY O'NEILL - INDEPENDENT



Cllr Gerry O'Neill from Blessington was elected to Wicklow County Council in 2014 as a Sinn Féin member but is no longer with the Party and is now running as an Independent.

Cllr O'Neill is a founding member of Blessington and

District Forum and is also known in the community for being Chairman of West Wicklow Planning Group, Chairman of the Crookslings Hospital Action Group, and Coach of Blessington Boxing Club.

Cllr O'Neill has been outspoken on issues such as the lack of housing in West Wicklow and the lack of infrastructure.

Cllr O'Neill was honoured to be the Grand Marshal of this year's St. Patrick's Day parade in Omaha, Nebraska.

BALTINGLASS

CLLR EDWARD TIMMINS - FINE GAEL

Fine Gael candidate Cllr Edward Timmins was born and raised in Baltinglass and now lives in Grangecon. He works in Blessington as a Chartered Accountant and is engineering graduate from Trinity college Dublin. Edward says his main issues which he works on as a

Councillor are to ensure Wicklow gets its fair share of national funding; and to ensure West and South West Wicklow get a fair share of funding within Wicklow. "Other issues which I will work on include reducing wasteful expenditure. I will continue to lobby for the upgrade of the N81 and improvement in rural roads.

I support the development of tourism in West Wicklow and in particular the development of the Hillforts around Baltinglass, the Greenway in Blessington and walking trails in all West Wicklow. I work and support businesses of any size. I support and work for people from rural areas to be permitted to build in their own areas and have made changes in the Development plan to allow this. I will continue to support all the voluntary groups in the area.



BALTINGLASS

DAVE MCGINN - SOCIAL DEMOCRATS



Dave McGinn is the Social Democrats local election candidate for the Baltinglass local electoral area. McGinn is originally from Tallaght, and works as a software developer in Dublin City Centre, but has settled in Blessington town with his fiancée Amy.

He was the main organiser for Together For Yes in West Wicklow during last year's referendum campaign, and worked alongside a local team to campaign for the repeal of the Eighth Amendment.

His priorities include public transport & the N81; the environment, litter and biodiversity; local economic development & sustainability; and local amenities for young families.

McGinn says "Running for elected office myself is not something that I would have ever considered before, but it came back to feeling a kind of obligation. My instinct was to shy away from it, but after giving it some thought I decided that I should step up."

BALTINGLASS

AVRIL CRONIN - FINE GAEL



Avril Cronin was born and raised in Dunlavin and is currently an advisor to Minister Andrew Doyle. Avril was educated in St Nicholas of Myra NS Dunlavin, St Kevin's Community College Dunlavin, University of

Limerick, with a Degree in Politics and Public Administration and Dublin Institute of Technology where she holds a master in Public Affairs and Political Communication. Since graduating from her Master in 2011, Avril has worked as a Parliamentary Assistant in Leinster house and is a former employee of Kildare County Council. She has also worked in Kildare West Wicklow Community Addiction services.

Avril's family have close connections to the GAA and while growing up her family were heavily involved with the GAA at both local and county level.

BALTINGLASS

AIDAN KINSELLA - SINN FEIN



Aidan Kinsella has been a Sinn Féin representative in the West Wicklow for a number of years.

He is a lifelong resident of the Carnew area, having attended Scoil Aodan Naofa and Colaiste Bhride before being employed in the construction

industry. Because of this, he says he is acutely aware of the challenges facing this particular sector.

In addition to jobs, a shortage of social housing has been at the forefront in his campaigning and he wants to end what he describes as 'the neglect of West Wicklow'.

These are factors that compelled him to stand in the upcoming election, in addition to providing a strong voice for his constituency. Aidan is married to Mary and they have four children.

IN NEXT WEEK'S ISSUE...

2019 European Elections

On Friday 24th May, people will go to the polls and elect Ireland's MEPs. In the Ireland South Constituency which includes Co. Wicklow, there are 23 candidates vying for 5 seats.

The May 20th edition of Wicklow Times will include a EUROPEAN ELECTION SPECIAL FEATURE, featuring profiles of the candidates who are running in the IRELAND SOUTH CONSTITUENCY.

Candidates are asked to send in a photo and short bio to wicklowed@localtimes.ie, by this Thursday (16th May)



WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL
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NOTICE OF POLL WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

A poll for the election of members for the following local electoral areas will be taken on 24th of May 2019, between the hours of 7 am and 10 pm.

- Arklow
- Baltinglass
- Bray East
- Bray West
- Greystones
- Wicklow

The particulars of the candidates, whose names will appear on the ballot papers are available to view on the Council's website www.wicklow.ie. To facilitate the visually impaired the following freephone facility has been set up - 1800 868 399.

Thomas Murphy, Returning Officer
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7th of May 2019

Wicklow's top business women crowned

Network Ireland Wicklow Branch have announced the winners of the Wicklow Businesswomen of the Year Awards.

Six individual awards were presented to outstanding female business leaders at the gala ceremony in their respective categories last Thursday in the Brooklodge Hotel.

• The Emerging New Business Owner of the Year went to Anna Dobson of Love Mo Chuisle / Tweed in the Valley, an Irish Tweed clothing and accessory brand produced in Avoca.

• Employee of the Year is Jean Evans of Highline Office Technology, the leading provider of office technology for SMEs in Ireland, operating nationwide.

• In the Arts category the award went to Joanne Costello of Xmedia, a diverse collective of Irish based talent offering a full-service production agency based in Delgany.

• The Best Small Business Owner Award

went to Rachael Davis of Remedy Pilates and Physiotherapy, Bray, using her skills in physical and mindful health to bridge a gap in clinical exercise to help improve function, performance and wellbeing.

• The Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths (STEM) Professional award went to Deborah Sudding of The Ultrasound Suite, Bray, Greystones & Dublin, providing professional, sympathetic, reassuring and affordable private ultrasound services to the community.

• The final award went to the Best Large SME Owner, Libby Murray of Elysian Brows & Beauty Group, with locations in Greystones and Dublin, catering to all individuals for every brow and beauty need.

The judges also gave a highly commended cer-

tificates to Chelsey Doonan, Head Chef at Food at Fishers Café, Aisling Callaghan of Wilson Security Systems, Michelle Lynch Power of The Hearing Clinic and Claire Williams of Meadows Skincare and a special recognition award to Anne Tarpey McNally of Pretty Woman Boutique and Aoife Keogh of Aoife Rose Designs.

Network Wicklow President, Nicola Donegan of Orchard Print & Promotions said "These awards are about celebrating the wealth of talent in the region and shining a light on the female role models in the business community. This was the toughest year ever with record number of entrants and the judges commented on the high standard of entrants. I didn't envy them their job! The

winners represent the cream of the crop and have our full support at the national competition where I believe we have every chance to win again."



Pictured from L-R are: Anna Dobson of Love Mo Chuisle, Joanne Costello of X Media, Deborah Sudding of The Ultrasound Suite, Rachael Davis of Remedy Pilates and Physiotherapy, Jean Evans of Highline Office Technology and Libby Murray of Elysian Brows and Beauty Group.

BIFE Open Evening & Graduate Show

Bray Institute of Further Education is delighted to present its annual Graduate Show for 2019. The exhibition displays certificate and diploma work from all art and design courses at BIFE.



This annual show offers students an opportunity to display their creative work and processes, in addition to showcasing the variety of courses that the college has to offer. The show features the work of graduate students from Art Portfolio Preparation, Art Craft Design, Fine Art, Graphic Design, Fashion Design, Furniture Design, Architectural Design and Technology, Horticultural Design and 3D Game Design.

The exhibition opens with a reception in the college from 19.00-21.00 on Tuesday 21st May. The exhibition is open to the public and will be on view from 10.00-16.00 Wednesday 22nd May, 10.00-21.00. Thursday 23rd May with Open Evening from 19.00-21.00 and from 10.00-13.00 on Friday 24th May.

BIFE offers relevant courses to art and design students and aims to develop the necessary knowledge, commitment and creative skills for students to engage in a rapidly changing global culture.

Previous Art and Design graduates from BIFE have continued onto higher education and are prevalent in all art and design fields.

For further details, contact the college on 01-2829668 or check out www.bife.ie

Wicklow students advance to national coding final

Talented students from Wicklow will take part in the national finals of the prestigious Scratch Coding competition. The popular coding competition will take place in the University of Limerick this week on Wednesday, 15th May.

Wicklow will be represented by three teams of young coders from St. Mary's & St. Gerard's National School in Enniskerry. They will be aiming for success with their projects 'Climate Change!', 'Around the World' and 'Learn Irish with me'.

In operation since 2010, the National Scratch Competition has established itself among both teachers and students as a leading platform and showcase for Ireland's aspiring digital creators. Scratch is a visual programming language that makes it easy for young people to create their own interactive stories, animations, games, music and art - and share their creations on the web.

This year the competition received over 500 entries from all age categories from junior infants up to 6th class from coderdojo groups and schools throughout the country. The 32 finalists were whittled down through two tough rounds of judging. The competition is open to students in primary and second level schools in Ireland, and to students attending after-school coding clubs such as Coderdojo. Projects can be about anything - the only limit is students' imagination.

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Focus on... NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY

The village of Newtownmountkennedy offers a huge selection of goods and services in a picturesque village setting. The village has seen huge changes in recent years and an influx of new businesses has led to rejuvenation of the area. The area offers everything locals need for day-to-day living.



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The essentials can be picked up in the local supermarket or newsagents, but for those not in the mood for cooking at home there are several restaurants and award-winning cafes as well as pubs serving food.

Gift and craft shops can provide unique present ideas, while stylish

and good quality clothes can be found at local clothes stores or dress designers.

Newtown is accessible by bus and has free parking for those visiting by car.

Shopping locally is more important now than ever and with so much available right on your doorstep, why not

make the extra effort to source locally to ensure that your community survives and thrives.

A local business owner said: "Newtownmountkennedy is a shoppers haven. Not only is it ideally situated on the N11, the town also boasts free parking throughout the village and in the cen-

tre. It is a small village with a population of 2,500.

"The picturesque village has a relaxed, friendly and accessible feel while still offering all the benefits of the larger towns in the county. You have the opportunity to avail of a range of shops and services in the village, such as a hotel, a gastro pub, grocery stores, butchers, a chemist, cafes and specialist services such as a wedding boutique, a dry cleaners and a beauty salon."

Newtown was Ireland's fastest growing village between 2011 and 2016, its population growing by over 17% over the five years.



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National Volunteer Week

13th - 19th May 2019

National Volunteering Week 2019 takes place from 13th - 19th May with events across the country celebrating volunteers and showing people how they can get involved.



2019 marks an historic year for volunteering in Ireland as the Government develops the first ever national volunteering strategy. The strategy has the potential to progress and enhance volunteering in

Ireland. One area the strategy will focus on is developing a definition of volunteering, which currently doesn't exist in an Irish context. To this end, the focus of this year's campaign is to start a nationwide discussion

on volunteering in Ireland - why do people volunteer, what does volunteering mean to people and how does volunteering impact our lives. "Volunteering is an intrinsic part of Irish life. It affects us all

whether or not we are volunteers ourselves," according to Volunteer Ireland CEO Nina Arwitz. "National Volunteering Week aims to showcase the scale of volunteering in Ireland and inspire people to volunteer but this year we want to go even deeper. We want to get to the heart of communities across Ireland and hear from volunteers and the organisations that involve them. Why do people volunteer and what can we do to ensure anyone who wants to volunteer can volunteer



Anchors aweigh on National Volunteering Week as students Oscar Egan and Saoirse Hannigan help PJ Gallagher and fellow RNLI volunteers Laura Jackson and Kieran O'Connell launch this year's National Volunteering Week (13th - 19th May). For more info see volunteer.ie.

well into the future?"

Volunteer Ireland is encouraging everyone to think about how volunteering impacts their local community this National Volunteering Week. For those ready to get involved, Volunteer Centres and Volunteering Information Services across the country will host events including open days and coffee mornings

where people can find out about volunteering locally and see what goes on in their community. People can get involved on social media using #WhyIVolunteer.

"We are also encour-

aging organisations and community groups to host their own events during the week whether it's a thank you celebration or a simple coffee and chat with their volunteers. National

Volunteering Week is the perfect chance to thank volunteers, share their stories and recognise the impact they have on organisations and communities across Ireland." Ms Arwitz concluded.



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WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

Alphaplan Design (Tel: 086 2461269, Email: eugene@alphaplansdesign.com) Seeks planning permission for change of use from retail unit to one bedroom apartment and revised front elevation at no. 14, change of use from office meeting room and basement to two bedroom apartment at no. 13 with rear utility areas to both apartments, and associated works at 13 and 14 Lower Mall, Wicklow Town, Co. Wicklow for F. Rooney. The planning application may be inspected, or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, at the offices of the planning authority during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

S K Design (0402 94680) seeks full Planning Permission on behalf of Sharon & Richard Duffy for alterations to existing dwelling namely removal of 2no chimneys, construction of porch and 2no bay windows to the front elevation, single story extension to the rear alterations to existing elevations and associated works at Arklow Road, Killacoran, Aghrim, Co. Wicklow. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

We Robert and Edel Coyne intend to apply for permission for construction of detached dwelling to rear of The Croft, New Road, Greystones, widening existing entrance onto New Road, Greystones, create new lane to site, connection to all services, new entrance and car parking area for existing dwelling, demolition of existing shed and associate works at New Road, Greystones, Co. Wicklow. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of Wicklow County Council, County Council Buildings, Wicklow Town, during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority on payment of the prescribed fee within 5 weeks from submission of application to Planning Authority.

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WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

We Mr and Mrs Patrick Shannon seek Planning Permission for alterations including a ground floor kitchen dining, utility and playroom extension, internal alterations and PV roof panels at 74 Woodstock, Kilcoole, Co Wicklow. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

We N & D Heatley seek permission for a change of use of 197 Msq of the former SV Delahunt Hardware Building to 5 No. office units together with required internal modifications, an external fire escape door and stairs, new external office signage and all associated site development works at The Abbey Centre, St Patricks Road, Wicklow Town, Co Wicklow. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Wicklow during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made to the authority in writing on payment of the prescribed fee within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application.

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WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

I Damien Gaffney intend to apply for permission for a new single storey dwelling, revisions to existing entrance to create two entrances, removal of existing septic tank and install two wastewater systems and polishing filters, one to serve existing dwelling, one to serve new dwelling, new site boundaries for existing dwelling, demolition of existing garage, new garage, new well and associate works at Oldbridge, Roundwood, Co. Wicklow. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of Wicklow County Council, County Council Buildings, Wicklow Town, during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority on payment of the prescribed fee within 5 weeks from submission of application to Planning Authority.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

I James Brady intend to apply for retention permission for dwelling as constructed and permission for removal of existing veluxs to rear of dwelling, 4 new veluxs to rear of dwelling, 3 new bedrooms, new bathroom, upgrade of existing septic tank to new wastewater treatment unit and soil polishing filter and associated site works at Ashtown, Roundwood, Co. Wicklow. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of Wicklow County Council, County Council Buildings, Wicklow Town, during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority on payment of the prescribed fee within 5 weeks from submission of application to Planning Authority.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

I Mark Edwards intend to apply for permission for THE DEMOLITION OF THE EXISTING DWELLING AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW REPLACEMENT DWELLING, NEW WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM & POLISHING FILTER, NEW WELL, UPGRADE OF EXISTING ENTRANCE AND ASSOCIATE WORKS at Kibaylet Upper, Donard, Co. Wicklow. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of Wicklow County Council, County Council Buildings, Wicklow Town, during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority on payment of the prescribed fee within 5 weeks from submission of application to Planning Authority.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

I Sam Cole intend to apply for permission for demolition of existing rear and side extension, new 39.5 sqm single storey extension to the rear of existing dwelling, new 37.4 sqm single storey extension to side of existing dwelling, new 3 sqm porch to front of existing dwelling, removal of existing septic tank and installation of new wastewater system and soil polishing filter, new well, blocking of existing entrance and opening of new entrance onto public road and associate works at Ballinamee Lower, Kildare, Co. Wicklow. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of Wicklow County Council, County Council Buildings, Wicklow Town, during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority on payment of the prescribed fee within 5 weeks from submission of application to Planning Authority.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

I John O Sullivan intend to apply for retention permission for dwelling, stick shed, site layout as built and permission for the removal of condition 2 of planning ref 95/2346, removal of condition 9 of planning ref 96/4728 and associate works at Diamond Hill, Roundwood, Co. Wicklow. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of Wicklow County Council, County Council Buildings, Wicklow Town, during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority on payment of the prescribed fee within 5 weeks from submission of application to Planning Authority.

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I John Mc Hugh intend to apply for retention permission for dwelling, garage, site layout as built and permission for the removal of condition 1 of planning ref 90/5559 and associate works at Trooperstown, Roundwood, Co. Wicklow. The planning application may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the offices of Wicklow County Council, County Council Buildings, Wicklow Town, during its public opening hours and a submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority on payment of the prescribed fee within 5 weeks from submission of application to Planning Authority.

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