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WICKLOW'S CLIMATE EMERGENCY

Last week County Wicklow became the first county in Ireland to declare a climate and biodiversity emergency. Climate activists packed the public gallery at last week's council meeting which also saw the launch of the Council's landmark Climate Adaptation Strategy: however the strategy has been criticised for not containing enough actions and strategic measures.

Green Party Councillor Steven Matthews welcomed the Strategy, which will now go out on public display, but expressed disappointment with the lack of actions included in it: "I hope this isn't just more words. It needs to be followed by actions. I read this strategy document and it's 101 pages and the first 92 pages describe what climate change is and why and how it happened. That's great for background reading but there are ten pages left in the document that talk about our strategy. A lot of that isn't funded and a lot of it is aspirational, so while it gives me hope we have

now produced a document like this, I am very disappointed that we don't see actual actions included in this."

The Council's Environmental Awareness Officer, Jim Callery, explained that "most local authorities are putting together their climate strategies now and the sectoral strategies are also being developed at present. We will need to work together with partners like the OPW, the National Parks and Wildlife Service, Irish Rail, the ESB and link up our strategies and make sure that we are all working together to adapt to cli-

mate change."

The launch of the Climate Adaptation Strategy was accompanied by the passing of a notice of motion, put forward by Cllr Tom Fortune, declaring a climate emergency and biodiversity emergency for Wicklow. The notice of motion asks the council to implement the 'immediate steps' of publishing a climate action plan, and updating and publishing a biodiversity action plan. Cllr Fortune praised the efforts by young people in Wicklow in the recent Global Climate strike on March 15th. He said he recently spoke with two young cli-



Des Davitt, Niamh Stephenson, and Tom Byrne at the Wicklow RNLI farewell to their beloved lifeboat Annie Blaker, the last Tyne Class lifeboat in the RNLI's fleet. See story on page 12

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mate activists, Shona Edge and Molly Gordon Boles from Temple Carrig School in Greystones, who have been working towards raising awareness of the need for urgent action.

Cllr Fortune said "Despite not being of voting age, Molly and Shona were invited to present their concerns to the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Climate Action, with four other schools from around Ireland. Molly delivered an inspiring speech penned by herself and Shona. After attending a talk at Temple Carrig School with environmental scientist Dr Cara Augustenbourg, Shona met with Dr Augustenbourg to discuss what their school could do to combat climate change. In school, both Molly and Shona are active members of the Action on Climate Change (ACE) committee

and they have both presented on climate activism to the entire school assembly."

Shona and Molly last week attended the presentation of Wicklow County Council's Draft Climate Action Plan. Shona says "With their close relationship with the community, Local Authorities can play a key role in addressing climate change. They can react faster and more effectively to local climate events than many other government agencies - as seen in extreme weather events". Molly said "Councillors and the Local Authorities have a critical role to play in using their local knowledge of the environment and working in partnership to make lasting climate action to create a safe future for generations to come".

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VOTE No.1

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Pictured: Elizabeth Bourke, Ann Healy, and Lucy Carolan are pictured at the Inver Ladies Choir annual afternoon tea fundraiser at AGB clubhouse, Ballymoney.

What's Happening...

Breathing and meditation workshop

There will be a breathing and meditation workshop in Bray Library on Tuesday 7th May at 11am. The topic of the workshop will be 'How to feel good and stay grounded'. The workshop will be led by Eijiro Ogbevoen, a psychotherapist.

Roundwood Parish Hall events

The Bridge Club are fundraising for the Friends Of Wicklow Community And Family Services on the May Bank Holiday Monday 6th at 7.30pm. All support welcome for a great cause. There will Car Boot Sale Sunday 26th May from 11am - 4pm. Indoor and Outdoor spaces available. To book call Ben 0879627527 / Sandra 0851933688 or email roundwoodcarboot@gmail.com

Shankill Library

On Wednesday May 8th as part of Bealtaine, there will be a 'Felting Workshop' with Miriam Brady in Shankill Library, Library from 10.30am to 12.30pm at which participants will learn how to create a personalised felt picture with wool or silk - no experience need. Booking required. On Wednesday May 15th as part of Bealtaine, John Carpenter will hold a workshop 'Introduction to Drawing' from 10.10am to 12.30pm in which participants will receive an introduction to drawing faces, figures, and perspective. Booking required. To book a place on either course call 01-2827801 or email: shankilllib@dlrcoco.ie.

Greystones Film Club's May Marvels

The long-running Greystones Film Club is hosting two very special screenings in May, a freshly-minted Oscar winner debuting alongside an anniversary screening of perhaps the finest Irish film of the last 30 years.

First up, it's the surprise winner of the Best Animated Feature at this year's Academy Awards, Spider-Man: Into The Spider-Verse being a thrilling roller-coaster ride through the history of animation as various Peter Parkers from different dimensions - and cartoon genres - come together to, hey, save the world.

Taking over The Whale theatre on Sunday, May 12th at 4pm, this is a rare chance to catch this remarkable animated wonder on the big screen.

On Wednesday 15th, at 8pm, writer and co-star Mark O'Halloran will be coming to Greystones for a special 15th anniversary screening of Adam & Paul, Lenny Abrahamson's breakthrough offering regarded by many as

one of the great Irish films of all time. Also screening on the night will be Rue, the short film which won Ashford teen Sean Treacy the Young Filmmaker Of The Year gong at March's Fresh Film Festival.

Admission, as always, is €10, which includes a free kids snackbox or an adult popcorn. You can grab your tickets on whaletheatre.ie, or find out more by emailing greystonesfilmclub@gmail.com.

Dermot has had previous success with his garden designs having won an award of distinction last year in Bloom for a 'Postcard style Garden'.

The purpose of the 'Sun and Games' design, Dermot says, is to encourage family members to engage more in conversation together and be active in exercise, be better friends with your family, and spend less time using social media and online games.

"It's about how parents and teens can reduce the impact of social media on youth well-being," says Dermot.

Speaking about the Super Garden show, Dermot says "We had free reign to design any style and any concept for the home owners, this is what the home owners sign up to, and they have very little say, if any, to persuade the garden designer to include or exclude any of the pro-



Dermot Davis

posed elements.

"The concept and theme just came to me as I sat down to read my design brief, which was a detached house in an urban housing estate in Co. Longford and south facing. I searched about Co. Longford, and St. Mell's Cathedral popped up first. So I went with its exterior and interior design lines and started sketching my design from there.

"The main feature in my design is a 'Curved Street Lamppost'. It represents a seedling emerging from an egg. I initially was going to have it emerging from a concrete seed, but then whilst researching the true symbolism of the seed, I

stumbled upon that many centuries ago in western Asia the farmers used to mix the seeds with broken eggs before planting, and hence my lamppost is emerging from an egg, shaped with white concrete. I truly believe that I am the first to have this concept as I exhausted all research to see was it done before. For me this feature was key to my design as seeds and eggs are fragile and need to be taken care of, just like our families, and to nurture our children with sound guidance."

Another key element in the design is a huge circular outdoor clock.

"I put the clock in as all

administration. The government take more pride in making announcements than actually delivering for people in rural parishes nationwide. With the local elections approaching, people in rural Wicklow will adjudicate on the government's abject record that prioritises spin over substance at every opportunity," concluded John Mullen.

'West Wicklow needs this funding'

There is a total of €1.6 million in unspent rural funding for Wicklow, according to information gathered by Fianna Fail. The Party's candidate for the Baltinglass Municipal District, John Mullen, says that this is funding that West Wicklow badly needs.

Mullen commented "Over €60 million nationally is unspent to date on rural schemes from funds allocated in 2017 and 2018. These include the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure scheme; Town & Village Renewal scheme; CLÁR and the Local Improvement Scheme (LIS). In Wicklow the total unspent rural funding is over €1.6million.

"The much-vaunted Town & Village Renewal

scheme has still nearly a third of its funds from 2017 unspent (€6.8m). Despite €21.3m being allocated to the scheme for 2018, only €50,000 has issued in actual payments to projects seven months on from its launch.

"The Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure scheme is key to developing rural recreational facilities, yet half of the 2017 budget is still unspent. Taking the

last two years together, over €25m has still not been spent. West Wicklow badly needs this funding to grow its tourism industry which is only beginning an exciting journey.

"The government is failing to deliver on an array of rural schemes. The recent project expenditure figures for the LEADER programme (80% underspend) is a further example of this out of touch Dublin centric

'Sun and Games' for Greystones garden designer

Dermot Davis, a garden designer and conservation horticulturist from Greystones last week appeared on the RTE Super Garden programme with his garden design named 'Sun and Games'.

games are on the clock, which is running with my theme of 'Sun and Games'." says Dermot.

"The build was like an exam, it was pencils down after 28 days, and walk away. I felt it was a pressure build, especially in last week. But my family, my fiancée Martha and friends gave me a tremendous dig out throughout the process. I couldn't have asked for such a nicer homeowners family who gave me lots of help and support and many cups of coffee. And they are extremely pleased with the finished product.

"I'm very pleased also that a design I previously submitted for BLOOM 2020 has been accepted, I will be hoping that it's a complete show-stopper."

RNLI Family 5km Fun Run

The RNLI is asking the public to come out on Sunday, 19th May and support their Lifeboat volunteers by joining in a Family Fun Run in aid of Wicklow Lifeboats. It will be a great fun event for all the family. Registration is on the day from 9am at the Murrough Car Park, Wicklow Town. Entry: €10 for adults, €5 for under 16's, €25 for a family of 4, 10am Start. For details contact: KBoyle2001@gmail.com or 086 3817955.

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GREYSTONES REJECTS BUDGET

Greystones Municipal District rejected its annual revenue budget allocation at its meeting last Tuesday.

Greystones has been allocated €4 million, while Bray Municipal District has been allocated €9m. This means that €261 is being spent per capita in Bray, but just €148 per capita in Greystones. Bray's budget allocation for 2019 is a 7% increase from its 2018 allocation, while Greystones is getting 5% less than it did last year, which has caused Cllr Derek Mitchell to complain that Bray is getting a 'deluxe service' compared to Greystones.

Cathaoirleach of Greystones Municipal District, Cllr Nicola Lawless, told *Wicklow Times* "The Budget every year we get for the Greystones District is always less per head than some of our other district in the County. Greystones District is one of the areas the pays the most in LPT (which I don't agree with), also with the new valuations from the valuation office our business on the main street are now going to be paying almost 100% more and some even 200% which is a disgrace. Greystones District also has a large amount of development going on but yet we don't seem to get our fair share of the pot. We have houses popping up

everywhere but not the facilities to match the ever-growing population.

"Every year at our Municipal District meeting we as councillors state how little we get but we still pass the budget. This year we decided not to accept it as a small stand to say we are not satisfied. In saying this it is still only a rubber-stamping exercise as the budget was already decided on a county level in November. If we want a bigger piece of the pie next year, we need forward thinking from the District councillors to act collectively on the main budget and get what Greystones District deserves."

Cllr Derek Mitchell explained after last week's meeting that "Greystones/Kilcoole needs to be funded as a proper urban area and this budget doesn't come near that. For example Bray, an urban area, gets 43% more per resident to run the area and has three times more outdoor staff than Greystones. It's getting a deluxe service compared to Greystones."

"There is a huge amount of building going on in Greystones, the population is rapidly catching up with Bray

and a proper budget is needed to cope with this. I have complained for years about this underfunding and it's now getting worse. While expenditure by all

Districts is going up 4%, Greystones is being reduced by 5%! I reject this low expenditure and all five other Councillors have also rejected it."



Pictured: Sarah Kate Deasy, Brianne Greene-Finn and Eibhlín Uí Chonchíabhair are pictured at the Inver Ladies Choir annual afternoon tea fundraiser at AGB clubhouse, Ballymoney.

Wicklow's Climate Emergency

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Speaking after last week's meeting Cllr Matthews said "this is a historic day where we had unanimous support in our declaration of a Climate and Biodiversity emergency for Wicklow and on the day we launched our Climate Adaptation Strategy. Our young generation have marched and protested and demanded action on climate change. The strategy document outlines how every council department must address climate change in all policies and also provides for a Climate Action Officer and the formation of a high-level action team consisting of councillors and senior management. The public have demanded action and it's now up to the new council to be brave enough to act."

Cllr Jennifer Whitmore said the Council will have to "get a lot more active in ensuring that our natural assets are being protected. I think we are going to have to appreciate some areas for just being there, and not put any additional pressure on them or look to put recreation or tourism or business interests ahead of the value the natural area has in its own right. That might be a challenge to us, but it is something that we are going to have to look at."

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At the ICA Wicklow Federation Arts and Crafts Night at the Woodenbridge Hotel were Mary Clarke (Hollywood), Betty Teahan (Wicklow) both Highly commended, and Winner of the Molly Moore Rose Bowl for Crochet Maura Davis (Delgany) with Federation President Hilda Roche. Competitors and supporters attended from 15 Guilds across Wicklow.

New FF policy document aims to ease burden on carers

Fianna Fáil TD Pat Casey has welcomed a new Fianna Fáil policy document aimed at improving supports for Carers.

It's estimated that by 2030 one in five people in Wicklow will be Carers, however the current support structure falls significantly short of what is needed. This document sets out a pathway to improving services and supports. Deputy Casey commented, "Carers in Wicklow have been completely undervalued by this government, despite providing essential supports to their loved ones at a substantially reduced cost to the State. I have been advocating for better conditions for Carers for years, and we introduced the Nursing Home Support Scheme Bill back in 2016. However Fine Gael rejected it claiming that it would introduce its own homecare policy - three years later and there is still no sign of one."

"The delay in supports for Carers is completely unacceptable. I have been meeting with Carers advocacy groups in Wicklow on a regular basis and Fianna Fáil have published a number of proposals to ensure that Carers are properly supported".

These proposals include: 1.) Increasing the time allowed for work study training from 15hrs at present to 18.5hrs per week (including voluntary work); 2.) Increasing the income disregard from €332.50 for a single person and 665 for a married couple to €450 and €900 per week respectively. This would be done over the lifetime of the next Government; 3.) Extending free travel to include children in receipt of Domiciliary Care Allowance; 4.) Reintroducing the Transport Support Scheme announced in 2013 as a replacement for the Mobility Allowance and Motorized Transport Grant; 5.) Extending the number of weeks Carers Benefit is paid from 104 weeks to 156 weeks.

"These proposals have the potential to improve the lives of Carers across the county. This government has done nothing to support the vital work that Carers carry out on a daily basis and this cannot be tolerated any longer", concluded Deputy Casey.

First to get 'Plain English Mark' for an election leaflet

A campaign leaflet produced by local election candidate for Bray West, Melanie Corrigan, is the first of its kind to be awarded the Plain English Mark from the National Adult Literacy Agency (NALA).

Melanie, who wants to 'Improve access for everyone in the community' as one of her campaign priorities, is absolutely delighted to have been awarded the mark for her leaflet.

She said "I have first-hand experience of supporting members of our community with literacy issues to access local services. I understand the difference it can make to people when the time is taken to ensure that written documents are as clear

as they can be. My leaflet will be going through every letter box in Bray West and into the hands of the 12,000 plus registered voters. It is important to me that my message and priorities are written and presented in plain language, so everyone can understand them."

NALA research has found that almost 95% of Irish adults are in favour of plain English. About half of them (48%) find official documents,

including information from the Government difficult to understand.

Melanie, a first-time candidate, commented that the work NALA does benefits everyone, not just those with literacy issues. She urges anyone who is publishing information for the public to consider using their services and she thanked NALA for

their guidance and advice.

Melanie finished by stating that if elected, "Accessibility and inclusion is something I want to prioritise. Elected representatives are not always known for using plain English but if elected this is the sort of thing Bray West can expect from me."



Melanie Corrigan with her campaign leaflet

Guided Historic Tour

On Saturday May 11th, Brian White, Chairman of the Bray Cualann Historical Society will lead a 3pm guided tour of the Church of the Most Holy Redeemer, Bray, to raise funds for the Church and Parish Centre refurbishment.

Carysfort car boot sale

There will be bargains galore at the Carysfort National School car boot sale on Saturday 8th June, 2pm - 5pm. To make a booking please contact Tara on 0877417052 or the Facebook Page CNS Car-Boot Sale. Pricing is as follows: Car €15.00; Van €20.00; Commercial €30.00. There will also be a BBQ and refreshments available.

Older Person's AGM

The County Wicklow Older Person's Council AGM takes place on the 31st May. There will be great speakers followed by lunch and a tea dance. There is no admission fee.



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Hilton's Pharmacy has found a new home on the corner of Quinsborough Road and Main Street, Bray after being forced to move from their original premises at No. 2 Main Street, which was damaged by a fire in January.

Two months later, Hilton's Pharmacy was back, reopening just a couple of doors down, with the same team of familiar faces, under the capable direction of Lucy White, stocking the same quality lines of products, and using the same high-quality equipment.

reopen and are excited about the new venture."

Karl says he also wishes to thank Paul Burns of Fitzmaurice's Pharmacy on the Quinsboro Road for all of his help, support, and practical assistance in getting Hilton's up and running again follow-

mer full-time lecturer in Trinity College's School of Pharmacy, and President of the Irish Pharmacists Union from 2004 to 2006, opened Hilton's Pharmacy on the Main Street in Bray in 1991.

Karl says the community pharmacy has always been

tion in the town, gaining many loyal customers over the years who have continued to come to the new store, a modern bright premises conveniently located at the corner of the Main Street and Quinsboro Road, still in the heart of the community of Bray.

"I'm proud that we have served the community of Bray for nearly 30 years," says Karl, and hopefully we will be here for another 30 years."

Hilton's offer a wide range of services, from filling prescriptions, giving valuable and expert over-the-counter advice, offering medicines to treat minor ailments and minor illnesses, as well as a range of toiletries, vitamins, and alternative remedies. The wide range of nutritional supplements on offer comes with the knowledgeable advice of the Hilton's staff members who will help you choose the right one for you.

Hilton's also provide an annual flu vaccination service,

and are stockists of high-end Armani and Chanel fragrances, and and La Roche-Posay and Clarins skincare and cosmetics.

As we approach summer, Hilton's have you covered when it comes staying safe and healthy in the sun, with many skincare products and sunscreen lotions to choose from. Also be sure to check out the many special offers available in Hilton's Pharmacy.

Hilton's Pharmacy is open seven days a week, and for their customers' convenience are open late until 8pm from Monday to Friday. They are also open on Sundays from 10am to 4:30pm.



"We wish to thank all of our customers for their loyalty and we look forward to serving them in our new store"

Owner Karl Hilton says "we wish to thank all of our customers for their loyalty and we look forward to serving them in our new store. All of the staff have worked very hard since the fire to

ing the fire.

"I knew I'd have the support of my colleagues, and I was delighted to have such support from another community pharmacist as well," says Karl.

Karl Hilton, a for-

close to his heart because of the daily interaction with customers and patients.

Since opening, Hilton's Pharmacy has been looking after the local community and has become an institu-

"I'm proud that we have served the community of Bray for nearly 30 years"



The Hilton's Pharmacy team; Rebecca McGrath, Lucy White Karl Hilton, Olga Paz, and Lorraine Watters. Not pictured are Sandra Fitzgerald and James Kelly



Pictured are Rose Grace and Kate Fitzpatrick at the Cosmetics section at the new Hilton's Pharmacy

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Arklow Cathaoirelath Miriam Murphy makes a presentation to Gillian Byrne and Anne Healy of the Inver Ladies Choir at the Wicklow County Council community awards night in Arklow Municipal Buildings.

Diversity needed in Wicklow County Council says candidate

Anne Waithira Burke is hoping to provide a much needed multicultural aspect to Wicklow County Council.

Anne, who was raised in Kenya but is now an Irish citizen living in Greystones for the past 12 years, says she wants to lend a voice to those who do not feel represented by the current Council, or indeed government. Anne told *Wicklow Times* that building a great future for Ireland starts at a local level, and she hopes to be part of that.

An activist of many years, Anne currently works as the young migrant women leader



Anne Waithira Burke for AkiDwa (National Network of Migrant

Women) and is especially active in fighting for the rights of marginalised people and disadvantaged groups. She says many people feel removed from politics, even at a local level, and she is encouraging everybody to get out and vote and make their voices heard, in the hope for a more representative council.

"My priorities for Greystones are to have decent local transport, social and affordable

housing, integration and inclusion strategies, and the provision of community facilities. I want to ensure that developers keep their promises to provide open spaces and creche facilities that are so often included in plans only to be forgotten about at a later stage."

Anne is running for the Labour Party in the Greystones electoral area.

'BRAY TOWN IS CLOSING DOWN'

Bray East Independent local election candidate and barrister Malachai Duddy has identified the role of retail in Bray town centre's vitality and vibrancy.

"Retail plays a huge role in Bray town centre's vibrancy and vitality" according to Malachai Duddy, with just over a quarter of all commercial units in Bray being in the retail and wholesale sectors.

He says, "We need to support the growth and competitiveness of local business in the town, and encourage new investment and employment opportunities by retailers."

Duddy says that the number of vacant commercial premises is an effective indicator of how a town centre economy is performing. He adds, "Figures from the final quarter of 2018 from the Irish Geodirectory record that the national commercial vacancy rate is 13.2%, with Bray just below the national average at 12.9%."

But he adds that Bray's vacancy rate has recently been exacerbated by the sudden closure of a number of high profile businesses on the Main Street and adjacent areas including a fish shop, bookshop, hairdressers, a number of shoe shops and the popular Bombay Pantry Indian takeaway. Important public realm enhancement works were conducted on Bray Main Street in 2013, with new paving and lighting, wider footpaths and dedicated cycle lanes, to create a safer and more accessible and attractive town centre for all. However the recession

badly impacted the town with significant deterioration clearly evident by the presence of empty shops, abandoned buildings and vacant lands. While many businesses were forced to close, other local retailers demonstrated great resilience under significant pressures and often at a great personal cost, with many traders having to let go dedicated employees.

Duddy says: "We need to support the revitalisation of the local retail and commercial sector, offering existing retailers and commercial operators within the town support to grow, creating new employment opportunities. Bray town centre is the focus of social, community and civic life for Bray."

"We now need targeted actions to support the revitalisation of Bray town centre and its local neighbourhood shops in order to improve the living and working environment, and increase potential economic activity into

the future. These include undertaking a Bray Town Centre Health Check and the creation of a dedicated Bray Town Local Action Plan, a non-statutory plan developed by local people along with community and enterprise groups, the purposes of which is to identify specific local projects that will enhance the quality of the town centre environment, strengthen the viability of local businesses and help to create a prosperous town in which to live, work, socialise and visit."

Duddy adds that such projects could be suitable for funding under various initiatives such as LEADER and the Town and Village Renewal scheme. He says "We need to support a 'Living over the shop' type scheme, converting and refurbishing vacant spaces within the Main Street area to encourage people to live in the town centre again, which would also assist in the alleviating the local housing crisis. We also

need to support local artists, craft makers, artisans and entrepreneurs and provide them with an economical opportunity to display and promote their works and products locally in short-term pop-up style shops."

Duddy also believes that the shop fronts and signage along the Main Street could benefit from an upgrade: "Shop fronts are often the first impression of our Main Street for locals and visitors alike. We need to make sure that that image is positive and welcoming. We need to incentivise premises painting and shopfront upgrades."

"At present, external metal security shutters are visually obtrusive and seriously detract from the appearance, ambience and perception of safety on our Main Street. Financial support from Wicklow County Council could reverse this trend," concluded Duddy.



Malachai Duddy outside a shoe shop in Bray which recently closed down. Duddy says that "We now need targeted actions to support the revitalisation of Bray town centre and its local neighbourhood shops in order to improve the living and working environment."

'Go Ahead bus service letting people of Bray and Enniskerry down'

Bray West Labour Party local election candidate Ian McGahon has contacted the National Transport Authority and Minister Shane Ross to express serious concern about the worsening service for Bray and Enniskerry on the 185 Bus route.

Speaking on the issue McGahon said "Since the 185 bus between Bray and Shop River via Palermo and Enniskerry changed operators from Dublin Bus to Go Ahead there have been numerous problems with the service such as buses showing up late, buses not showing up, buses being unfamiliar with the routes, buses crashing in Palermo."

"In recent weeks the service has clearly got worse with numerous bus users experiencing delays of hours every day. It seems that Go Ahead has lost a number of bus drivers in recent weeks and they are taking many drivers off the Enniskerry route constantly. The people of Enniskerry in particular are being shown complete disrespect and I have written to Minister Ross and the National Transport Authority to look at reviewing Go Aheads contract," concluded McGahon

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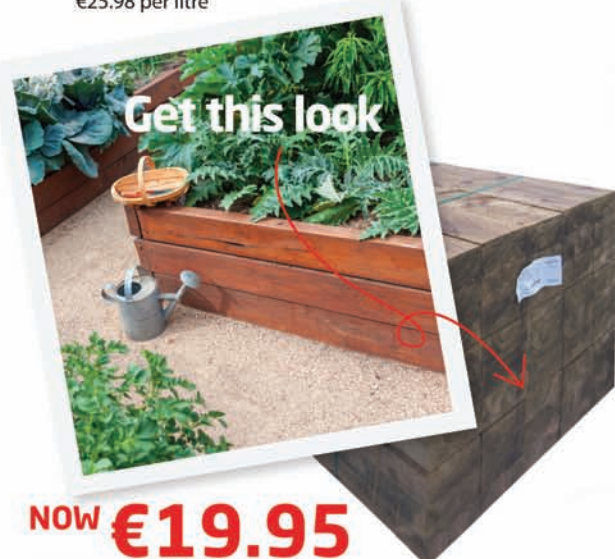


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John Clear and John Sillery at the Wicklow RNLI farewell to their beloved lifeboat Annie Blaker, the last Tyne Class lifeboat in the RNLI's fleet. See story on page 12

Safety notice to all groups and parties involved in the Local and European Elections

ESB Networks is reminding all groups and parties involved in the local and European elections that the erection of posters on ESB electricity poles poses a serious safety risk to ESB Networks staff, contractors and members of the public and is strictly prohibited.

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PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENTS ACTS 2000 (AS AMENDED) & PLANNING & DEVELOPMENTS REGULATIONS 2001 (AS AMENDED) NOTICE OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT LARAGH - GLENDALOUGH VISITOR ACCESS

In accordance with Part 8, Article 81 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 to 2018, notice is hereby given that Wicklow County Council propose to:

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

In accordance with S.I. 476, 2011, Section 250, Planning and Development (Amendment) (No.3) Regulations 2011 and SI 296 of the 2018 European Union (Planning and Development) (Environmental Impact Assessment) regulations, the Council has carried out a Screening Assessment and has determined that an Environmental Impact Assessment is not required as there is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment. The Habitats Directive Assessment - Screening Report has concluded that the Project will not have a significant effect on any Natura 2000 sites.

Plans and particulars of the proposed developments will be available for inspection or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy at the reception floor of Wicklow County Council, Station Road, Wicklow Town, Co. Wicklow and Wicklow Municipal District Office, Town Hall, Market Square, Wicklow Town, Co. Wicklow during office hours Monday to Friday, excluding Bank Holidays for a period from Wednesday 8th May 2019 to Thursday 6th June 2019 inclusive. Also available to view on www.wicklow.ie

Submissions and observations with respect to the proposed developments dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the development would be situated may be made in writing to Transportation, Water and Emergency Services, Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Station Road, Wicklow Town, Co. Wicklow on or before 12 noon on Thursday 20th June 2019.

**Allyson Minion, Administrative Officer,
Transportation, Water and Emergency Services,
County Buildings, Station Road, Wicklow,
Co. Wicklow.**

Email: roadtran@wicklowcoco.ie

'Underspend on LEADER funding is a great opportunity for Wicklow Community Groups'

Elaine Willis, Fianna Fáil local election candidate for the Greystones Municipal District has said the LEADER funding is available for Wicklow Community groups and clubs.

€220 million of this funding has been allocated to the Local Action Groups (LAGs) throughout the country who deliver the LEADER programme. This core funding is allocated to the LAGs for the full period of the programme. The remaining €30 million is available for thematic schemes to be delivered at a national level and is

allocated as projects are approved.

Willis commented, "There is a €250m national allocation for the 2014-2020 LEADER programme, in Wicklow alone the total allocation is €6,336,549. Wicklow has so far approved 36 projects, while there are others that are currently a work in progress.

Willis said, "County Wicklow Partnership &

the LCDC have recently run very informative workshops on funding opportunities and I would encourage community groups to apply for funding. The staff, Deirdre Whitfield and Richella Wood are very helpful and welcoming. There are lots of different categories to apply for funding. Community facilities, Outdoor recreation Infrastructure Scheme,

Sports Capital Grant, Creative Wicklow Grant Scheme, Estate Development, Town & Village Renewal Scheme, Community Playgrounds, Healthy Ireland Funding and many other categories. Monies will be unspent and returned if community groups do not apply. It is too good an opportunity to miss", concluded Willis.

'Rat run' through the Old Bray Golf Club lands

Bray Sinn Féin local election candidate Grace McManus has described the new road on the Old Bray Golf Clubs lands that serves the new Ravenswell and Coláiste Ráithín schools as a 'rat run' and an accident waiting to happen.

After being contacted by a number of concerned parents who have children attending the schools McManus said "Since Coláiste Ráithín and Ravenswell schools finally opened late last year the new road that serves the schools has also been open to the public. Unfortunately some motorists are using the new road as a rat run to avoid heavy traffic on the Old Dublin road during morning and evening rush hour.

"Cars are speeding along the new road to avoid tailbacks on Castle St and the Old Dublin Road. Hundreds of children go to Ravenswell and Coláiste Ráithín schools and the current situation is an accident waiting to happen. My colleague Deputy John Brady and I have been in contact with the Council, Gardaí and the developers in an attempt to try get traffic calming in place. Unbelievably we have been informed that the road hasn't been taken in charge by the council and that it is still a private road, so little or nothing can be done at this stage.

"This means that no speed limit applies and that neither the council nor the Gardaí have any authority to address the serious issue of speeding cars along

the new road. This is a bonkers situation and is an accident waiting to happen."

McManus concluded "Wicklow County Council must immediately start the process of taking this road in charge so that a speed limit and traffic calming can be introduced and policed. The use of this road as a rat run puts at risk the safety of hundreds of school children and it must stop and I would appeal to motorists to slow down."



Eugene Finnegan, Chairperson of Bray Tourism, Helen O'Sullivan of the Caroline Foundation, and Cllr Pat Vance, Cathaoirleach of Wicklow County Council launch the Bray Celtic Camino, a route of 30.5k from Bray to St. James Church. You can get your passport stamped at different locations and by finishing the coastal route you will receive a Celtic Camino Compostela for your achievement, from St. James Church office.

'Garda resources are vital to reducing crime rates in Bray'

Edward Whelan, Fine Gael Local Election Candidate for Bray met with local TD and Minister Simon Harris last week to discuss issues of crime prevention and reduction in the area.

Speaking on the issue, Edward Whelan said: "We had a really tough time here in Bray in the last 12-18 months with a number of very high-profile and distressing crimes. Our Gardaí worked extremely hard throughout this time to restore public confidence and I think they must be commended for their community leadership. I am really pleased that the Gardaí were able to re-establish the Drugs Unit this year in response to the growth in drug related crime, however we need to see this initiative continued. Increasing the number of Gardaí on the beat and specialised training has been proven to

dramatically reduce crime and that is why I will be campaigning for an increase in Garda numbers in our area if I am elected."

Edward Whelan has dedicated his life's work to serving and protecting the community through his role in the prison service. He worked throughout the prison system and was appointed Governor of Mountjoy Prison in 2012. Mr Whelan continued: "As a former prison officer and Governor of Mountjoy, I know too well the importance of early intervention to prevent young people falling into a path of criminality. I also know the value of



Edward Whelan

resources on the ground to deter violence. The Gardaí need to be supported in their work and that is why I am calling for better resources including ICT technology, force numbers and specialised training." Commenting on the

issue, Minister Simon Harris said: "I was really pleased to bring Minister for Justice Charlie Flanagan TD to Bray Garda Station last year to meet the team and hear about the challenges faced in the community. The Gardaí were clear that they are very well supported by the Bray community but they need better resources. It is really important that we provide our gardaí and community with the proper supports and I will continue to seek increased investment in this area."



Detective Sergeant Fergus O'Brien with Wicklow State Solicitor Rory Benville at Fergus's retirement party in the Parkview Hotel, Newtownmountkennedy last week.

Fishermen rescued from burning trawler

Arklow and Wicklow RNLI were involved in the rescue of three fishermen last Thursday evening after their 14m trawler caught fire and subsequently sank off the Wicklow coast.

Volunteer lifeboat crew at Arklow and Wicklow RNLI were requested to launch their all-weather lifeboats at 3:46pm following a Mayday relay broadcast. The crew of the boat had used an emergency position-indicating radio beacon (EPIRB) to raise the alarm.

Both lifeboats launched immediately while the Irish Coast Guard helicopter Rescue 117 from Waterford was also tasked and multiple vessels in the area responded. Weather conditions at the time were good with a Force 2-3 westerly wind.

Once on scene 30 miles east of Arklow, the crew onboard Arklow RNLI's all-weather lifeboat observed that the three casualties had

evacuated on to their life raft and had transferred to a nearby vessel. Having assessed the situation, the lifeboat crew proceeded to transfer two of the casualties to the lifeboat and administer casualty care while a third casualty was airlifted by Rescue 117 and later brought to hospital for further observation.

Wicklow and Arklow RNLI then stood by as a tug boat with firefighting capabilities made efforts to put the fire out but the vessel later sank.

Arklow RNLI transferred the two casualties back to the station where they were made comfortable.

Speaking following the rescue, Arklow RNLI Coxswain Ned Dillon said:

"Thankfully, all three fishermen were rescued this evening and we would like to wish them all a speedy recovery following what must have been a frightening experience for them. We would like to commend the skipper and his crew for doing the right thing and activating the Epirb when they knew they were in difficulty, that was the right thing to do. We would also like to thank and commend the crew of the vessels that were in the area and responded along with ourselves and our colleagues at Wicklow RNLI and in the Irish Coast Guard. It is always sad to see a fishing vessel sink but we are happy that all three fishermen are safe and recovering from their ordeal this evening."

BirdWatch Ireland events

Branch talks are held in the Glenview Hotel on the 2nd Tuesday of every month. Admission to indoor meetings is free and open to everyone, however, BirdWatch Ireland would be very grateful for contributions towards covering the cost of the meeting room. Outdoor events are free of charge and are open to everyone.

Sunday 12th May: Immerse yourself in one of nature's most evocative soundscapes on National Dawn Chorus Day. Meet at the front entrance to the ECNR, Sea Road, Newcastle at 5.00am. (Please bring warm and waterproof clothing and footwear).

Tuesday 14th May: "Can we save the European Turtle Dove?" - a talk by Darren Ellis from BirdWatch Ireland on creating suitable habitats for the threatened species, Glenview Hotel, 14th May at 8pm.

Saturday 22nd June: The annual trip to Kilcoole to see how our colony of breeding Little Terns are doing. Meet at railway car park, Kilcoole, at 10am.

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Cllr Dermot 'Daisy' O'Brien, Cllr Christopher Fox, Minister Andrew Doyle, Pat Casey TD and John Brady TD are pictured at the wreath laying ceremony in the 1916 garden in Kilmacanogue.

1916 commemorated in Kilmacanogue

During the Easter period the Kilmacanogue 1916 Commemoration Committee held a wreath laying ceremony in the 1916 Garden.

Proceedings were chaired by committee chairman Jason Doyle. Anne-Marie Lawlor read the 1916 proclamation and Councillor Chris Fox laid a wreath on behalf the committee. Tommy O'Rourke read his poem the Cill Mocheanóg 1916-2016 which he wrote on the 100th anniversary of the 1916 rising. Wicklow Scór na nÓg champion Conor Power sang a powerful rendition of Meet Me at the Pillar to close proceedings. The committee said it was grateful for the attendance of Deputies Andrew Doyle, John Brady, Pat Casey alongside Cllr Dermot Daisy O'Brien. "The committee would like to thank Robert Moore of Garden Architecture for all his work and give a special mention to Anthony O'Grady who ensures the grass is cut regularly throughout the summer. It is hoped that commemorative events can be built upon in the coming year to will help ensure that the Garden is maintained to its present high standard."

Anam Cara Wicklow Parents Evening

Anam Cara Wicklow, the organisation that supports bereaved parents in your area, is holding its monthly parent evening on Monday 20th May at 7:20pm in the Parkview Hotel in Newtownmountkennedy.

This event offers parents a safe and comfortable forum where they can connect with other bereaved parents who understand the depth of grief and loss that follows after the death of their son or daughter. With Summer approaching, often as a bereaved parent we are reminded of the passing of time and all the events that sadly our son or daughter are not here for, such as summer holidays and family gatherings. It is important bereaved parents know there is support and resources available.

Anam Cara director Valerie O Riordan stressed that this parent evening is open to all bereaved parents "regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death or whether the death was recent or not. Anam Cara gives bereaved mothers and fathers a chance to meet and connect with other bereaved parents in a safe and comfortable setting. Here we can find a level of support and understanding that - even with the best will in the world - it can be difficult for family and friends to offer."

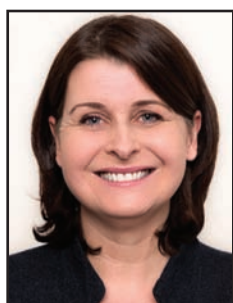
A mother who attends the Wicklow Group commented "It was the first thing that gave us a sort of hope".

All Anam Cara services are offered free of charge for as long as necessary.

'Autism class needed in new Greystones Secondary School'

Social Democrats Spokesperson for Children, Cllr Jennifer Whitmore has called for the inclusion of a post-primary Autism class in the new secondly school planned for Charlesland.

Speaking on the issue Whitmore said "While some children with autism can be catered in mainstream classes there are many who will need extra supports to carry out their post-primary education. Unfortunately, it still stands that secondary school places for children with Autism are at desperately low levels in the county with currently only 10 in existence.



Cllr. Jennifer Whitmore

"The nearest special classes are in Colaiste Chraobh Abhann in Kilcoole and North Wicklow Educate Together in Bray and yet both are at max capacity

and do not cater to children who want to learn closer to home.

"There is a definite need for such provision in Greystones. Just the other day I was speaking

to a constituent who has autism and who is hoping the new secondary school at Charlesland will include a Special Class for Autism so that he can attend school nearby.

"With many more families moving to Greystones following new housing developments demand will continue to rise. We need to ensure that the right educational supports are put in place for children with learning disabilities so that they can learn within their own communities.

"As Social Democrats Spokesperson for Children I believe it's vitally important that any gaps in education provision are addressed with adequate funding and staffing to ensure that no

child is disadvantaged due to their level of abilities. I am delighted to see the development of the new secondary school in Greystones coming along

and hope it will cater to children and their educational needs regardless of ability once the school opens in 2021," concluded Cllr Whitmore.

Over 60 bags collected during litter pick of the Sally Gap

The Wicklow Uplands Council's annual litter pick event in April saw over 60 bags collected by the team of volunteers who tackled a 5km stretch of the scenic Sally Gap Road.

Splitting up into smaller groups along the route, they found everything from exhausts, speakers, carpets and an array of domestic rubbish scattered along the roadside, drains and adjacent lands.

Organised annually in conjunction with Pure Project, An Taisce National Spring Clean and the National Parks & Wildlife Service, the group cleaned the section

that runs past the Coronation Plantation till reaching the well-known Sally Gap crossroads.

Speaking after the event, Brain Dunne, Coordinator of Wicklow Uplands Council said "Roadside litter is unfortunately a major challenge in the uplands. The stunning mountainscape views that surround the Sally Gap Road makes it a very popular destination

for visitors and recreational users and our message is that it should be enjoyed responsibly."

"We are grateful to the volunteers who generously gave their time to restore this section of the uplands to the pristine condition it should be found in."

Forming part of the hugely successful Pure Mile Competition, the Wicklow Uplands

Council adopt a different section of the uplands each year as part of the 'Clean up The Uplands' initiative.

According to Ian Davis, Project Manager of Pure Project, "The majority of the material collected at this event was recyclable and derived from passing visitors rather than organised dumping activities. Items such as food and beverage containers and

cigarette butts were found throughout the route and could easily have been recycled or disposed of correctly.

"The uplands are an important natural resource and a key tourism attraction, so I commend Wicklow Uplands Council and the team of volunteers for their efforts to restore the Sally Gap to a litter free setting."

'Removal of litter bins in Arklow is counterproductive'

Arklow Sinn Féin representative and local election candidate John Kelly has said that the removal of a large number of litter bins from around Arklow is concerning and will lead to littering. He has called on the council to ensure that all the bins that have been removed to be replaced.

Kelly said "Over the last few weeks a large number of litter bins have been removed from across Arklow. My colleague John Brady and I have been onto the council to ensure that the bins will be reinstated in all locations as their removal is having a negative impact and this could lead to littering.

"In a concerning response we got back from the council they have said that they are in the process of replacing litter bins in Arklow. However they also say that the number of bins in Arklow and their locations will be reduced as part of that process. They state that this is due to many being used for the disposal of domestic waste."

Kelly went on to say "Any reduction in the number of litter bins is short sighted and will cause more littering in the town. The council outdoor staff and the Tidy Towns do a great job keeping the town clean.

Kelly concluded "If the council has concerns about what people are disposing in the bins, there are different types of bins that could be used. Some bins have a small opening to restrict what can be put in and these should be utilised. We will continue to work with the council to ensure that all the bins that have been removed will be replaced."



Volunteers at the recent Uplands Council litter pick in the Sally Gap.

Tommy Cullen not running in local elections

There was widespread surprise when Councillor Tommy Cullen announced that he would not be contesting the forthcoming local elections. A consistent poll topper, he was expected to easily gain re-election.

Tommy is an independent.

Independent County Councillor for the constituency of West and South Wicklow having started out as a Labour Party member where he was very active being at one time the election agent for the former minister Liam Kavanagh.

He gave a commitment to his constituents in the 2009 local elections that he would vote against the introduction of a Property Tax on their homes and he kept his word. He is the only councillor to vote against the introduction of the Property Tax in Wicklow County Council budget meet-

ings. On Wicklow County Council, Cllr Cullen led the opposition to the proposed building of a network of Pylons and Windfarms throughout South and West Wicklow.

Cllr Cullen's resolution opposing pylons in Wicklow was successfully approved by Wicklow County Council. He also brought about a review of the council's Wind Farm zoning policy.

He has served as Chairman of Wicklow County Council and Chaired the important Health Board Care Committee bringing substantial community



Cllr Tommy Cullen

care services to West and South Wicklow. He secured the ambulance base in Baltinglass. He served as a member of a the Hospital Boards responsible for the building of the new Tallaght and Naas hospitals.

He also served for many years as Chairman of the Council's Housing Committee and has served as a director of the National Housing Finance Agency.

He was the Chairman of the 'Keep the Glen Open' campaign that prevented the Dept of Defence closing walking routes in the Glen of Imaal to the mountains.

He was vocal and committed when questioning decisions of the Council Executive and

if he felt that there was a 'wrong' that needed to be righted he was unafraid to take the matter to the courts. He and two other councillors were thrown off the council by the then County Manager Eddie Sheehy, but he appealed the matter to the courts, winning a Supreme Court decision.

More recently he was involved in a defamation action against Eddie Sheehy. Cullen and former councillor Barry Nevin sued Mr Sheehy in the Circuit Court arising from an April 2013 press statement, made by Mr Sheehy and which they held defamed them.

They lost their case but won a High Court appeal and were awarded €20,000 each. Ms Justice Maria Baker awarded costs against the council and Mr Sheehy, which it is believed the council will pay in full. Sources estimated the costs to be about €500,000 for each side - money that, along with the libel awards, the taxpayer funded.



Conor Simpson (IDA Mid East Regional Manager), Shane Nolan (IDA), Johann Rosenberg (Oriflame Senior VP), Cllr Pat Vance, and Naoise McCluskey (IDA) are pictured at the 10 year anniversary celebration of Oriderm Research & Development Centre in Bray Business Park. :

Pedestrians have to walk on hard shoulder

Cllr Christopher Fox has requested that the Kilmacanogue Road Safety Scheme also include pedestrian safety measures in the form of footpaths.

The scheme involves constructing a parallel southbound service road to separate the traffic before the southbound junction, preventing traffic exiting the petrol station to go directly into fast moving traffic.

However, currently pedestrian safety is not included in the scheme - the contract for which was signed last week - and pedestrians are being forced to walk on the hard shoulder of the N11 to get into Kilmacanogue from the roundabout at the top of the Southern Cross.

Speaking at last week's meeting of Wicklow County Council, Cllr Fox said "I know it wasn't within the remit of the scheme but pedestrian safety and footpaths in particular, that are not included in the scheme will have to be looked at. Currently there are a number of residents in Kilmac who terminate at the bus stop at the Woodies roundabout on the Southern Cross and have to walk along the hard shoulder of the N11 to get back to Kilmacanogue. I note the safety scheme doesn't include a footpath along this stretch of the road.

"We will have to find alternative funding and to me, it's simply a must that this pedestrian footpath is provided, because since the 145 bus route stopped travelling to Kilmacanogue, the amount of people who walk along the hard shoulder of the N11 is a disaster waiting to happen."

Frank Curran, Chief Executive of Wicklow County Council, said he would raise the matter with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) and the roads section of the Council.

Tidy Towns Laragh and Glendalough

A clean up around the area will be on May 7th. Helpers should meet opposite Lynhams at 7pm.

The group are encouraging biodiversity in the area. Native trees were planted by the students of Tiny Feet in front of the Brockagh Resource Centre last week. For more information on how you can make a difference by choosing plants, flowers and trees that aid species, animals and habitats native to the valley go to www.pollintors.ie.



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The Wicklow RNLI crew say goodbye to their beloved lifeboat Annie Blaker, the last Tyne Class lifeboat in the RNLI's fleet.

END OF AN ERA AS WICKLOW RNLI BID FAREWELL TO ANNIE BLAKER

Wicklow RNLI has said farewell to their beloved lifeboat Annie Blaker, the last operational Tyne Class lifeboat in the RNLI's fleet.

The historic vessel

was launched for the final time at Wicklow lifeboat station on Sunday 28 April at 1:30pm and was joined by a flotilla of vessels including lifeboats from the flanking RNLI stations at Dun Laoghaire and Arklow.

The Tyne class lifeboat has been retired by the RNLI as it has been replaced by faster classes of lifeboats capable of up to 25 knots; the Tyne class could reach 18 knots at full speed.

The Tyne all-weather lifeboat was the first fast slipway-launched lifeboat in the

Institution.

The Tyne class lifeboat was officially retired from the RNLI at the Wicklow lifeboat station on Friday 5th April after 30 years of service there.

During that period, the lifeboat was launched over 348 times on callouts and rescued 408 people. The Tyne was introduced into the RNLI fleet in 1982 with the final one built in 1990.

While the last Tyne is at Wicklow, there have been Tyne class lifeboats on service in Ireland at Arranmore, Lough Swilly, Kilmore Quay and Baltimore.

Wicklow RNLI Lifeboat Operations Manager Des Davitt commented "It was a very emotional time for some of the crew who have served for almost thirty years on this historic lifeboat. She has been as much a part of the crew as any volunteer that passed through our doors and she has earned her retirement."

The Annie Blaker lifeboat was replaced by the relief Shannon class lifeboat Jock and Annie Slater, which went on station on Friday 5th April.

Arklow slimmers go for gold

So confident they'll never need their larger sizes again, slimmers across Arklow have raised €930 by donating the clothes they've successfully slimmed out of to the Irish Cancer Society.

The Bridgewater Tuesday evening Slimming World group collected a phenomenal 31 bags of clothes, shoes, homeware and accessories as part of the Big Golden Slimming World Clothes Throw.

The bags will be donated to local Irish Cancer Society shops as part of the national fundraising campaign, which this year goes 'gold' as Slimming World celebrates its 50th birthday year.

As part of the Big Golden Slimming World Clothes Throw, anyone who finds a special golden bag is in with a chance to win a VIP shopping and makeover experience.

The Big Golden Slimming World Clothes Throw aims to raise awareness of how keeping a healthy weight can reduce the risk of developing some types of cancer. Each of the filled bags is worth around €30 to the charity, and this year's campaign is aiming to beat the total raised in 2018.

Sarah, who runs the Arklow Tuesday evening Slimming World group at Bridgewater Shopping Centre, is delighted to have raised so much money for charity. She

says: "I can't quite believe how many bags we managed to collect, as a relatively small group! I knew my members were amazing but I didn't expect such an incredible level of effort - wow!"

"Seeing members donate their too-big clothes is just the cherry on top for me as a Consultant. What I find so special is seeing members transform before my eyes as they lose weight. Many go from shy, apprehensive individuals who join with their confidence at rock bottom. They don't believe they could ever lose the weight they dream of losing. When I look them in the eye and tell them they absolutely can be the size they want to be - whatever that is - and that I truly believe in them, things start to change. At group members learn to remove feelings of guilt around food, and instead feel empowered by all the Free Food they can enjoy on Slimming World's healthy eating plan Food Optimising. Through Food Optimising, they learn to change the way they think about food by making changes to the way they shop, cook and eat, and they lose weight without ever feeling like

they have to restrict a thing or go hungry.

"Members also make friends in group, they celebrate success together and they are there for one another through the more challenging times too. As the weight drops off and the energy levels soar, many of them become more active too - walking, swimming, playing with the kids... there really is no stopping them! They shed the shackles of their former selves - including the clothes they'll never fit in again too.

"So many people don't know how much of a difference losing weight can make to health - including reducing the risk of developing a range of problems including some types of cancer. Hopefully this campaign and our efforts for charity will help inspire more people in Arklow to improve their health and change their lives by losing weight too. I'm so proud of my members and their efforts. They really do put their heart into everything they do. Whether it's their weight loss, supporting each other each week or raising money for charity... they continually blow me away!"

Anyone who would like

to find out more about Slimming World is invited to get in touch with

Sarah, who runs the Arklow group every Tuesday at 5:30 and 7:30 pm at Bridgewater Shopping Centre, Level 2. Or call Sarah on 083 1503623.

Community Day held for Darkness Into Light

The Wicklow branch of Darkness into Light held a Community Day on Saturday 27th April in Track One Music Store in the town. The mood was high as the hard working committee received a "Certificate of Excellence" at the Nell Healy People of the Year Awards 2019 in Phil Healy's Pub for their ongoing commitment to the Darkness into Light Piata House project for the past three years.

This Community day is to help people with registrations in case they have difficulties registering online. The committee was also on hand to answer any questions in connection with the actual event

which takes place on Saturday morning May 11th at 4:15am when, with the help of all those taking part, darkness will be lifted and brightness will prevail for so many people needing help

thanks to the work of Piata House. Registrations are still available online at Piata House.

In Wicklow, 6,758 people walked in solidarity in Darkness into Light last

year. The event organisers, Piata, are calling on as many people as possible to join them to raise much need funding and awareness for the prevention of suicide and self-harm and the promotion

of positive mental health. Over 200,000 people are expected to come together in the pre-dawn hours in 19 countries across five continents to take part in the global movement.



Jimmy Myler, Anne Chambers, Oisín Molloy, Majella Myler, Brabara Morris, Brian McEvoy, Marguerite Mulhall, Cathal Fitzsimons, Katrina Mulhall, Geraldine Mooney, and Vinny Byrne are pictured at the launch of Darkness Into Light Wicklow which takes place on May 11th.

Free dementia talk in Greystones

Bluebird Care will host a free Dementia talk this Thursday May 9th at 7pm at the Kilian House Family Centre, La Touche Road, Greystones.

The theme of the talk is 'Understand, Respect and Respond with Care in your Community' and it is being held in support of the HSE's Dementia: Understand Together campaign.

To book or for more information go to bluebirdcare.ie or call 0404 31177.

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There are a huge amount of clubs of all types and sizes around Co. Wicklow that can accommodate a myriad of interests. Joining a club is a great way to meet new people while building your confidence, learning a new skill or taking part in a sport.



There is an obvious social aspect to most clubs as well, with many members meeting up in their own time. Joining a club is a great way to expand your knowledge and experience in a particular sport or hobby you are passionate about.

Joining a club also looks good on your CV, showing you to be a sociable and active person, and is a great chance to make friends who share your specialist interests.

From children to senior citizens, there should be something in the area to fit the bill. Many clubs in the garden county are formed around various sports but there are clubs for everything from public speaking, reading, chess, gardening, to more business oriented groups that meet for professional reasons. Sometimes membership can be free, or paid monthly or weekly in a payment plan.

For those into sports, there are a wide variety of options available, and Wicklow boasts a multitude of active and thriving sports clubs. From



outdoor sports such as tennis and football, to indoor sports such as badminton and table tennis, there is sure to be a local sports club nearby where you can participate in your preferred pastime.

For those who might be less passionate about sports but who still want to keep fit, joining a fitness club might be an alternative option to take. If your passion is dance, joining a dance class is the way to go.

There is a large variety of clubs in Co Wicklow to choose from for people of all ages, interests and

abilities. Every kind of club from sports to social are right under your nose so why not turn off the television and sign up today. Take a look at the adverts below to see if any of these clubs fit the bill for you.

Spring, a season of rebirth, is a great time to think of taking up a new hobby or joining a club, especially outdoor pursuits with the warmer weather and longer evenings providing opportunities to get outside. You won't be alone either as many other people will have had the same idea.

Why not see if a friend or co-worker wants to come along with you, some clubs offer discounted membership for people joining together.

Family memberships are available in many clubs, particularly sporting clubs. Participation in a club is a great, inexpensive way to get out and socialise. Besides the many benefits of getting fit, there is also the added benefit of just 'turning off' for a few hours every week. There is only so much bad news we can take.

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Fine Gael MEP Candidate Andrew Doyle meets with Australian and New Zealand Ambassadors to Ireland at Greystones Cricket Club along with the President of the Club. Minister Doyle said "It was great to meet the Australian Ambassador to Ireland, Richard Andrews, and the New Zealand Ambassador to Ireland, Brad Burgess, again and to catch up with the President of Greystones Cricket Club, Martin Potts, at the Anzac Day Celebration in Druids Glen. Greystones Cricket Club is very well established, and it is great to see the club benefitting in a surge of numbers as a result of the recent successes of the Irish Cricket Team."

Wicklow Town Team launch Féile Chill Mhantáin

Wicklow Town Team has launched Féile Chill Mhantáin, a festival which celebrates the Irish language through Irish literature, music, song and dance. Féile Chill Mhantáin will take place in venues across Wicklow Town from 17th - 19th May. It is a family festival with events suitable for all ages and will cater to all levels of Irish.

Wicklow Town Team successfully applied for funding under the Rural Development Programme (LEADER) for this event. Wicklow Town Team is working with a number of groups to help deliver the inaugural Féile Chill Mhantáin including Cainteoirí Chill Mhantáin, Comhaltas Ceoltóirí and Wicklow County Council.

Rosemary Kavanagh, Vice-Chairperson of the Wicklow Town Team said "Wicklow Town Team is

delighted to bring a new festival to Wicklow Town this year.

Féile Chill Mhantáin is a family fun event, suitable for individuals that are fluent in the Irish language and also those who only have a cúpla focal. We look forward to the people of Wicklow Town taking part in the festival and extending a warm welcome to those who will visit the town to experience Féile Chill Mhantáin.

"We would like to extend our gratitude to the organisations and owners that are allowing us to use their venues to deliver the festival events."

The majority of events are free over the weekend. The family fun activities include: creative writing, Irish dancing, sean nos dancing and set dancing, Yoga circus skills and juggling show, treasure hunt, céilí's, popup Gaeltacht, Traditional music, music workshops and much more.

Community based CCTV System for Blessington Town

Baltinglass Municipal District is preparing to submit an application to the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform for funding towards the installation of a Community based CCTV System for Blessington Town.

The funding scheme from the Department of Justice and Equality is designed to support local communities who wish to install and maintain CCTV security systems in their area with the aim of increasing public safety and to deter illegal or anti-social behaviours.

In consultation with the local Gardai, a survey of

the town has been carried out and, subject to funding; it is proposed to install CCTV at up to 12 locations on new poles at locations around Blessington; at the junction of the N81 and Maxol service station; outside Charles Camping; outside SuperValu; outside St. Mary's Church; at Blessington Garda Station; at the junction of the N81 and R-410 Naas Road; on Kilbride Road outside SuperValu car park; at the bottle bank at Dunnes Stores; at Dunnes Stores roundabout; at the Skate park; at the R-41 Naas Road Blessington Demense; and at Burgage Roundabout.

Laragh to Trooperstown footpath opened

A new 1.6km footpath from Laragh to Trooperstown which was opened on Tuesday April 30th will provide a much-needed link between the Avonmore Way and Glendalough, St Kevin's Way and the Wicklow Way.

It is also an opportunity for visitors in Glendalough to link with Rathdrum, the train station or Avondale and its upcoming extensive development. These trails can connect the towns and villages along the way allowing tourists to experience their rich heritage and hospitality.

The project is one of the major Local Footpath Renewal Schemes undertaken by the Wicklow Municipal District and Wicklow County Council.

Cllr Daire Nolan, Cathaoirleach, Wicklow Municipal District, described the county's outdoor and recreational attractions as important assets which form the basis of Wicklow's infrastructure and environment.

"These are fundamental to the enjoyment of the county by both residents and visitors alike," he said adding: "Wicklow should be described as an all year-round tourist destination as it looks beautiful in whichever season it is viewed in".

Speaking at the opening District Manager, Mr Brian Gleeson, said: "All of our plans - including Wicklow County Local Economic and Community Plan, Wicklow County Development Plan, County Wicklow Outdoor Recreation Strategy and Wicklow Tourism Strategy and Marketing Plan - have a vision to promote, develop and protect and enhance Wicklow's unique and rich natural and cultural heritage."

Wicklow County Council and Wicklow Municipal District are committed to this so that Wicklow will have a vibrant, sustainable outdoor recreation culture, based on partnership, trust and mutual respect.

He stated: "It should be noted that the 2016 Census on health and wellbeing showed that the general health of people in County Wicklow is better than the State average and this could possibly be attributed to Wicklow's natural outdoor and recreational assets".

Mr George Randle, General Services Supervisor, Wicklow Municipal District, and his men were also commended on their workmanship in constructing the footpath, as its creation now provides an important and safe link from Laragh to other trail networks in the area. The successful progression of these trails would not happen without the consensus of local landowners (both public and private) and local communities.

Oldcourt houses in 'urgent need' of energy efficiency works

Some houses in the Oldcourt Estate in Bray are in urgent need of energy efficiency works, Cllr Joe Behan has said.

Raising the matter at last week's meeting of Wicklow County Council, Cllr Behan said "There are a number of houses in the Oldcourt estate which originally were local authority houses but they have been bought over the years, either by tenants who were original tenants or people who bought them as third party purchasers, and they

are in immediate and urgent need of the same energy efficiency works that the council has just about completed in their own houses in Oldcourt.

"I am asking here, on their behalf, that the Chief Executive do a full examination of this case. He may not be fully up to date on all of the ramifications of the Oldcourt estate and the various

refurbishments and I am asking that consideration be given to a special scheme of energy efficiency works for the remaining houses in the estate.

"I don't expect an answer today, but I am asking him to take it on board with the housing directorate and the Department."

Chief Executive Frank Curran responded "it's a problem which has been around for a long time; when people buy their

houses they see schemes coming along - windows and doors and retrofitting in council housing schemes - but our funding and our scheme is really only to cover our own houses, but we will have a look in relation to the specific issues in Oldcourt. Sometimes there is funding for energy retrofitting where there is fuel poverty involved, but as a general rule schemes just cover our own houses, but I will have a look at it."

Wicklow non-profit organisations received €62m from Government in 2018

Non-profit organisations in Co. Wicklow, including charities, received €62 million for the Government in 2018 according to the third annual analysis of the Third Sector in Ireland released by Benefacts, a non-profit company, funded by the Department of Public Expenditure & Reform, the Ireland Funds and revenues from services to data users in the Public, Private and Third Sectors.

There are 764 non-profit organisations in County Wicklow. Of these, 220 reported receiving €62m in Government funding. These 220 organisations employ 2238 people. Overall reported income for County Wicklow was €118m in 2017.

The report was launched on April 17th by Sean Canney, Minister of State for Natural Resources,

Community Affairs and Digital Development and it draws on all of the data available from the public filings of nearly 30,000 nonprofits, as at the end of Q1 2019.

The Benefacts Database of Irish Nonprofits is the only comprehensive source of up-to-date information on all of Ireland's registered nonprofits including Charities. Speaking at the launch, Mr Sean Canney TD said "I would like to acknowledge the very important work undertaken by Benefacts, as reflected in this third annual analysis of Ireland's not for profit sector. The inclusion of data from the Public Participation Networks is particularly welcome, given the on-going growth in PPN membership supported by my Department and the local authorities."



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Local Enterprise Office announces Wicklow's Best Young Entrepreneurs

Wicklow TD Minister Simon Harris joined his colleague Cllr Irene Winters to announce Wicklow's "Best Young Entrepreneurs" for 2019 and an €50,000 investment.

Fund winners were announced at an awards ceremony hosted by Local Enterprise Office Wicklow on Tuesday 30th in the beautiful surrounds of Tinakilly House Hotel in Rathnew.

As part of a nationwide search launched by Minister Heather Humphreys and Minister Pat Breen to find Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneurs (IBYE) for 2019, the six winners and runners-up were chosen from 16 local finalists and will now share a €50,000 investment fund.

IBYE, now in its fifth

year, is a nationwide youth enterprise initiative to help 18-to-35-year olds with an innovative business idea, new start-up or established business. The enterprise initiative is run by the 31 Local Enterprise Offices (LEOs) around the country and funded by the Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation and Enterprise Ireland. A €2million investment fund is available through IBYE which supports young entrepreneurs through training, mentoring and direct

financial investments.

Minister Harris spoke on the evening and congratulated the participants: "It was an honour to present the awards along with my colleague Cllr Irene Winters and Wicklow County Council Chief Executive Frank Curran. Supporting entrepreneurship is a key focus of this Government. The substantial investment available under IBYE is a very important part of the programme and will help more young entrepreneurs to grow their businesses and create more jobs.



The Ireland Best Young Entrepreneur (IBYE) Wicklow regional awards were held last week at Tinakilly House, Rathnew. Pictured at the awards were the finalists of the Best Idea category; Barry O'Neill of Aeroforms, Katie Brandon Byrne of Lil & Izzy Boutique, Sean Kirwin of Pitch and Rachel Prunty of BeatBox

"These young entrepreneurs are the bedrock of future economic development in the county and we are delighted with this government initiative to target and encourage young people to use their imagination and energy and create winning business.

"Wicklow Local Enterprise Office have done tremendous work with these entrepreneurs and I want to thank them

for the role they play in the growth of our county."

Awardees: The 'Best New Idea' category, with a €7,000 investment fund, was won by Billy O'Neill, founder of Aeroforms (Bray).

The runner-up award and €3,000 investment fund went to Katie Brandon Byrne, of Lil and Izzy Boutique (Bray). Winner of the 'Best Start-Up Business' category and the

€15,000 investment fund was Ross Lawless, founder of Calt Dynamics (Arklow). The runner-up in this category, collecting a €5,000 investment fund, was Craign Mulcahy, of Construcion BOS (Delgany). Title of 'Best Established Business', with an investment fund of €15,000, went to David Benko, (Kilcoole) for his business Acoustic Acoustic Materials.

The runner-up in this

category, scooping a €5,000 investment fund, was Michelle Frayne, Slaney Veterinary Centre (Baltinglass). Ross Lawless was awarded the title of 'Best Young Entrepreneur' for Co. Wicklow.

Cllr Winters who was there to present awards in her role as Leas Cathaoirleach said: "It is fantastic to see such a programme discover and develop entrepreneurship at this high a level with-

in our County and I was very proud to represent Co Wicklow on the evening as we celebrated the future of our Communities. It is vital that we continue to invest in supporting business development.

"I will continue to work with Minister Harris and Wicklow Local Enterprise Office to bring more initiatives like this to our County."



Pictured at the Best Young Entrepreneur Wicklow finals were Wicklow Head of Enterprise Vibeke Delahunt with Wicklow's best young entrepreneur for 2019 Ross Lawless of CALT Dynamics.

Greystones Active Retirement Association events

Tickets, bookings and enquiries are available at the Greystones Active Retirement booking office Tuesdays 10.30am to 11.30am, at Kilian House Family Centre beside Holy Rosary Church.

8th May 2019 - Trip to Altamont Gardens and Rathwood; 30th May 2019. Trip to Bloom in the Phoenix Park; 31st May at 10.30am. Coffee Morning at Kilian House Family Centre.

Autumn Holiday to Celtic Ross Hotel Rosscarbery, Co.Cork, on Sunday 22nd September 2019. 4 nights. 5 days. Bed, breakfast, evening meals, trips and entertainment on 2 nights. Cost: €315 per person sharing. Single supplement €15 per night (Only a few single rooms remaining!). Booking deposit €50. Booking Tuesdays 10.30 to 11.30am at G.A.R.A. booking office.



At Tinakilly House, Rathnew, were the Best Young Entrepreneur competition finalists in the best Established Business category; Michelle Frayne of Slaney Veterinary Centre, David Benko of Acoustic Materials, Aoife Mullane of Aoife Mullane Design, Oksana Lastovetsky of Magnaparte and Brian Tyrell of Bear Creation.

New Ford pickup ideal for Wicklow terrain

We all know that Wicklow is the most beautiful county in Ireland - and the world knows it since Thomas Moore wrote his melodies about the majesty of the Vale of Avoca.

Wicklow is beautiful - due in part to the immense variety of land and landscapes - from Brittas Bay to Bray Head and on up the Wicklow mountains and down through Glencree, Largah and Woodenbridge.

But all this variety means it can be difficult to own a single vehicle that meets all the demands of the Wicklow motorist. It got to be tough enough for the mountain passes yet cruise with comfort on the N11.

Of course, the USA - especially the mountainous North West - has somewhat similar terrain and there the

Pick Up is king. Montana, Wyoming and the other Rocky states are now ruled by Pick-ups, and big ones at that.

Ford Ireland and their local dealer, Fitzpatrick Motors in Bray, have been selling their smaller pick up, the Ranger, in Ireland recently and this week have introduced a toughened up and high performance version than will be able to navigate upland bog roads and snowy passes - like the Sally Gap - that can present a special Wicklow winter challenge.

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By Martin McCarthy

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ered by a Bi-turbo version of Ford's 2.0 litre EcoBlue diesel engine that delivers 213 PS and 500 Nm of torque; and Ford's new 10-speed automatic gearbox.

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"Forget everything you think you know about pick-ups," said Leo Roeks, Ford Performance Director, Europe. "Our new Ranger Raptor is a different breed - a thoroughbred desert racer and extreme lifestyle off-roader that can toil with the best of them in the harshest of working conditions."

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Lea is a singer, choir director and workshop leader who has worked with all sorts of people over the years; from aged 5 to 95, from a few people to a thousand singers at one go. He's worked with people who are homeless, those with poor mental health, opera singers, pop singers, people who've never sung before in front of others, stroke survivors - in short, anyone who might sing. He believes that we're all creative, expressive people. Whether you've been singing in a choir for 40 years or you only ever raise your voice in the bath, when we come together to sing we make something bigger than the sum of our parts.

At Lea's Big Singing Day you'll get a fun, sociable, dynamic workout for your voice - with warm up exercises designed to help you sing more freely and easily; then you'll enjoy learning some accessible and varied music with songs ranging from 13th Century Paris to 1980s New York via the Caribbean and beyond. He'll use a dash of improvisation, a pinch of movement, a variety of singing styles and a whole lot of joy. You won't need anything but your voice and your willingness to have a go. Harmony, rhythm and ensemble singing will leave you uplifted and inspired.



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Detective Seergeant Fergus O'Brien with his wife Margaret, and sons Jonathan and Justin, at his retirement party in the Parkview Hotel, Newtownmountkennedy last week.

Reception for Arklow boxer Teagan Farrell

Boxer Teagan Farrell was honoured with a Cathaoirleach's Reception held by the members of Arklow Municipal District recently.

The reception, which took place in the offices of Arklow Municipal District, was held to acknowledge Teagan's achievements in boxing which includes four Irish titles, four Leinster titles, three Michael Andrews Titles and being named Golden Girl Champion in Sweden.

Teagan, who is a member of Arklow Boxing Club, will be representing Ireland in the European Championships in Romania this month.

Cllr Miriam Murphy, Cathaoirleach, Arklow Municipal District, welcomed family members and representatives from the boxing club and stated "Arklow Boxing Club is a shining example of what can be achieved in a community and we are proud of Teagan, her achievements and her commitment to the sport is a great example to the youth of Arklow."

Teagan was presented with an engraved certificate and a token gift to commemorate the occasion.

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Wicklow RFC Captain Amy O'Neill is held aloft by her teammates after winning the BOI Paul Flood Plate Final match against Clondalkin RFC at Bective Rangers RFC at Energia Park in Dublin. Pic: Sportsfile

Success for Wicklow RFC girls' teams

The Wicklow RFC U14, U16 and U18 girls teams have all become South East Champions after having success in their respective finals, while the Senior Ladies team won the Paul Flood Plate final against Clondalkin.

All roads led to Enniscorthy for the girls south east finals, with Wicklow U14s beating Wexford 28-12, Wicklow u16s beating Enniscorthy 22-10, and Wicklow u18s beating Enniscorthy convincingly, 60 to nothing.

The Wicklow U14 Girls made history by becoming Leinster Premier League and South East Cup Champions on the back of an unbeaten season. This was truly a squad performance as many of the girls were new to rugby having been introduced through the very successful Give It A Try programme run in the club. Wicklow Captain Ciara Short in accepting the South East Cup paid tribute to Wexford Wanderers and what tough competitors they have been over their first season.

Enniscorthy hosted Wicklow U16s for the South East Cup final on what was a wonderfully calm sunny day that was perfect for fast running rugby. After going the entire season unbeaten, Enniscorthy were red hot

favourites to lift the cup. However, the last time these two teams met, Wicklow stayed in it to the end and were quietly confident that they could cause an upset. Wicklow ran out worthy winners in what was one of the most thrilling games of the day.

After fantastic results for the u14s and 16s it was then time for the u18s to shine and shine they did, in very warm conditions the Wicklow girls took the game to a brave

Enniscorthy side who hard and all as they tried could not live with the power and pace of the Ashtown road side.

The Wicklow girls were relentless in attack driving the Enniscorthy pack back and going over for three early scores two of which were converted to leave Enniscorthy 19 - 0 down after 7 minutes.

The Wexford girls never dropped their heads and kept fighting until the end but as the game went

on the Girls from Wicklow went further ahead on the score sheet with the Wicklow backs playing some fantastic rugby. Eight of the girls were playing in their last game in under age rugby and the coach's and management would like to thank the girls for the commitment to the team and wish them all the best as they move on to senior rugby next season.



Wicklow RFC taking on Clondalkin in the Paul Flood Plate Final match, which Wicklow won 17-15. Pic: Sportsfile

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Planning Permission is sought from Wicklow County Council to renovate our home including raising existing roof to provide additional accommodation, provision of a dormer window to front and rear elevation, connect to existing services and all associated site works at No.4 Meath Place Bray Co Wicklow.

Signed
Alan Doherty and Gemma Hodge

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We, Des O'Connor & Caroline Ward, intend to seek planning permission and retention permission where the development: (a) consists of the retention of the existing ground floor, pitched-roof, rear extension (42sq.m.) to the previously approved (99/721) dwelling, and (b) will also consist of the provision of 2no. additional, side-facing bedroom windows within that original (99/721) footprint at 2, Victoria Close, Greystones, County Wicklow (A63 XC04).

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I Pat Cooke seek planning permission for a development that will consist of a new straw and grain storage farm shed with a total area of ca. 430 square meters and to also include an over ground rainwater storage tank all together with associated site works at this site Tithewer, Newtownmountkennedy, Co. Wicklow.

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Alphaplan Design (Tel: 086 2461269, Email: eugene@alphaplandesign.com) Seeks planning permission for a dwelling, garage, waste water treatment system to EPA standards, new entrance, and associated works at Ballyduff North, Arklow, Co. Wicklow for P. Kelly. 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.

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We N & D Heatley seek a change of use of 197Msq 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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