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# DATA CENTRE GETS GO-AHEAD

## JUDICIAL REVIEW BY NEWTOWN DATA CENTRE?

An Bord Pleanála has given the green light to the Echelon data centre in Arklow and it's hoped that work on the facility can get underway in the coming months. Fianna Fáil TD Pat Casey has welcomed the news that planning permission has been finalised for the major data centre project at Avoca River Park in Arklow.

"I'm delighted that this project can finally get off the ground, following planning approval from An Bord Pleanála. I have been working on this project for nearly two years and this marks the beginning of an exciting new high-tech era for Arklow and South Wicklow," said Deputy Casey.

"This is the largest investment in industry in Wicklow in generations and I am delighted to have played a part in bringing

the project to this stage. The data centre alone is a game changer for the South Wicklow region and Echelon have exciting plans for this iconic site.

"The initial investment of over €500m will transform this brown-field site into a major data centre with 100 megawatts of capacity in phase 1, which will in turn attract industries in the valuable technology and software sectors.

"I want to pay tribute to everyone who has

worked on this project over the past 17 months – there was a very strong community and online campaign, and local businesses in Arklow were integral in getting this project over the line.

"As well as the 450 construction jobs which will come on stream initially, the data centre itself will create 90 high skilled jobs and it's hoped that more employment can be created in the business park. Tech companies have a record



Ellis Smyth, Aoife McNulty, Georgina Magner, and Pamela Magner are pictured at on Bray Seafront, the starting point of the Coast to Coast Cycle for Purple House Cancer Support. Pic: Joe McQuillan

of locating near data centres and its hoped that this venture will encourage more industry to the Arklow and south Wicklow region.

"I will continue to work closely with the company, the IDA and Wicklow County Council to ensure that this project proceeds into construction. Wicklow based employment is one of my main priorities and I am determined to see this project benefit jobs and commercial activity not just in Arklow, but the entire South Wicklow region", concluded Deputy Casey.

Brian McDonagh, the promoter behind a data centre in Newtownmountkenedy which already has full planning permission had objected to the Arklow application. When contacted by *Wicklow Times* he said "I am astounded that I as the objector have not been informed of the Board's decision. I don't really know how to respond as I have no confirmation except from a press release

from Pat Casey.

"I would point out that the same Pat Casey was the Chairman of the council's planning committee in 2008 when the Newtown site was granted planning for a data centre and with a stipulation that no other industry would be permitted there. In my submission to an Bord Pleanála I pointed out that there is only sufficient electricity for one such data centre in County Wicklow.

"It should also be noted that in keeping with international standards there will only be 35 full-time jobs there. Also, such is the design that the usage of electricity will attract penalties and fines for the excess use of carbon, - probably about €70 million a year. Compare this with the design of the Newtown data centre which would attract carbon credits.

"I think the politicians elected in north Wicklow in the recent local elections have been

asleep at the wheel, have not served their constituents well and should consider their positions."

Asked whether he

was considering launching a Judicial Review of the decision Mr McDonagh said "I am seriously considering this option;

I have 28 days to do so but won't decide until I get the Board's written decision and my advisers have a chance to study it."

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Cyclists are pictured at Bray Bandstand, the starting point of the Coast to Coast Cycle for Purple House Cancer Support. Pic: Joe McQuillan

### What's Happening...

#### Reggie Corrigan Golf Classic

The 15th annual Reggie Corrigan Open Door Golf Classic takes place on Friday 13th September at Bray Golf Club, Bray, Co. Wicklow. This year the game will be a shot-gun start at 2.00pm with a meal and prize-giving following the competition. Entry for a team of four is €400. Tee-box sponsorship is €100. Please contact Suzanne Cox on 01 2867123 or email [opendoor@eircom.net](mailto:opendoor@eircom.net) to enter a team, sponsor a tee-box or to donate a raffle prize. Open Door very much appreciates the support of the community to help raise funds towards activities for adults with physical and sensory disabilities. Find out more about Open Door at [www.opendoor.ie](http://www.opendoor.ie).

#### Bray guided meditation session

Learn and practice advanced guided meditation techniques to help enhance physical, mental and emotional wellbeing, reduce stress and feel calm and in control of your thoughts and emotions. The session is open to all over the age of 18. July session will take place in Ballywaltrim Community Centre, Boghall Road, Bray, 7-8 PM on the last Tuesday of the month, Tuesday 30th. No fee to attend (donation box only). For details ring/text Shideh on 0876710903 or Audra on 0879418941.

#### Delgany Thursday Club

The next outing of the Delgany Thursday Club will be to Warblebank Garden in Newtown, and Hunter's Hotel, on 1st August. The coach will leave Christ Church in Delgany at 2:15pm. The cost is €25 to include coach, garden and light refreshments. If numbers are low, car pooling will be considered. Cost will then be reduced to €17 per person. Booking and details from Peter, 086 8307644, or John, 086 3566527.

#### Greystones Art Classes

Are you interested in improving your Drawing and Painting skills? Gill Mac, local Artist and experienced Community Art Tutor, will be giving Acrylic Painting and Drawing classes for Improvers. Encouraging guidance, demonstrations and lessons in technique will help you explore your creativity! All materials are provided except canvases and boards. The classes take place from 4th September- 20th November on Wednesday mornings at 10.15am - 12.45pm at Kilian House Family Centre, Le Touche Road, beside the Holy Rosary Church. Nine classes for €170. Wheelchair access. Refreshments available at teabreak. €1.00 donation. Free parking when available, accessed via Kimberley Road. Booking is essential as places are limited. Contact Gill Mac (M) 087 25 25 216 Email: [gillmac27@gmail.com](mailto:gillmac27@gmail.com)

## Wicklow Hospice on target for October completion

**The Wicklow Hospice remains on track for a completion date of the end of October, the Wicklow Hospice Foundation has announced.**

The Foundation said that fundraising is going well and there a number of community fundraising events coming up.

These include:

27th July - Hidden Valley Fun day, duck race, face painting and Anna Bananas show for the kids, a great day for all the family, no entry, all donations greatly appreciated.

15th, 16th & 17th August - Door Collection in Pettitts Supervalu Arklow.

22nd & 23rd August - Bag Pack Supervalu Wicklow Town.

8th September - Glen to Glen is back. Full details on [www.wicklowhospice.ie](http://www.wicklowhospice.ie) or contact Sinead on 0870954137 or Fabian Doyle 0872306030. Register online at [itsplainsailing.com/club/wicklowhospice](http://itsplainsailing.com/club/wicklowhospice)

8th September - Love 2 run is hosting an event for all the family in Avondale Forest Park, with a choice of 5k, or 5, 10, 15, 20 miles, full marathon and a marathon relay. Full details on [www.wicklowhospice.ie](http://www.wicklowhospice.ie).

14th September - Fionnuala McCormack 10k and Kilomathon, back for its 3rd year. Full details on [www.wicklowhospice.ie](http://www.wicklowhospice.ie) Register online at [www.itsplainsailing.com/club/wicklowhospice](http://www.itsplainsailing.com/club/wicklowhospice).

14th & 15th September - Church Gate Collection in Greystones Holy Rosary Church.

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19th September - Ireland's Biggest Coffee Morning, if you wish to host a coffee morning in aid of the Wicklow Hospice please get in touch with Sinead 0870954137 or Evanne 0862485805 [sinead@wicklowhospice.ie](mailto:sinead@wicklowhospice.ie) or [evanne@wicklowhospice.ie](mailto:evanne@wicklowhospice.ie)

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# Wicklow whips up an incredible €5,023 for Temple Street's Great Irish Bake!

Bakers in Wicklow rose to the occasion this April, as they raised a spectacular total of €5,023 at this year's Great Irish bake for Temple Street. People from all over the county took to their kitchens for this great cause, which was proudly sponsored by Gem.

Temple Street was also delighted to welcome broadcaster and mum Karen Koster in the kitchen as Great Irish Bake Ambassador, who helped raise awareness and encourage people all over Ireland to put on their aprons and raise money for a great cause.

Bake sales were held in homes, schools and businesses across the Ireland, with a total of €226,152 raised by Temple Street's Great Irish Bakers nationwide. The money raised will help buy vital, life-saving equipment for our wards, departments, theatres and ICU, which is going to directly benefit thousands of sick children.

Chief Executive of Temple Street Foundation, Denise Fitzgerald, said, "Once again this year, we were overwhelmed by the enthusiasm of our Great Irish Bakers who baked, whipped and iced up a storm to raise vital funds for our little patients and their families. You are truly part of the extraordinary circle of care that

surrounds each sick child who comes to Temple Street in need of urgent, world-class paediatric care. Thank you so much for your kindness and your support to our little

patients."

She added, "We are also immensely grateful to our sponsors Gem, who joined in the Great Irish Bake fun for 2019, helped us raise these

incredible funds for the hospital and even held their very own Great Irish Bake to support Temple Street. Thank you so much!"



Broadcaster Karen Koster joined little Temple Street patient Sarah Ni Liathain to launch this year's Great Irish Bake for Temple Street.

## 'Our Wicklow Women' Exhibition in Greystones

**The Our Wicklow Women Exhibition will be launched in Greystones Library at 7pm on 1st August.**

Liz Goldthrope will be the special guest at the launch of this very interesting exhibition. Liz will speak on her researches into the life of Averil Deverell, a Greystones woman and a pioneering barrister. The launch and talk will be followed by a wine reception. Admission is free and all welcome. This event has been organised by the Greystones Archeological & Historical Society.

## Nature Explorers

This outdoor programme in the Wicklow Mountains National Park is for those aged 5 to 11 years helps children identify and appreciate the natural world. Most activities will take place off track (not suitable for buggies). An adult must stay with the children and be prepared to help. Themes include mammals, ponds, butterflies, flowers, birds and trees. Activities commence at 11 am every Wednesday from 3rd July to 28th August inclusive and start at the Information Office. Booking is essential (0404-45425).



As a result of a collaboration by Darren Ellis of the BirdWatch Wicklow Branch and the Roundwood Mens Shed, a fabulous new set of signs are being erected in the East Coast Nature Reserve. BirdWatch Ireland hope to organise an event there to officially unveil them in August.

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# YOUNG GIRL INJURED BY GIANT HOGWEED

An 11 year old girl from Fassaroe was badly injured by Giant Hogweed while walking from the Upper Dargle Road to the Egan Centre.

The young girl was initially told by a doctor that she had probably been bitten after redness and itching occurred on her legs but was given the correct diagnosis on a follow up visit after blistering occurred. She was given an antibiotic, antihistamines and steroid cream to treat the affected areas. However the young girl needed a third visit to the doctor after it flared up again under sunlight. Her mum is now hopeful that this will be the final round of treatment however she has been warned by doctors that it may flare up again and the scars will take some time to heal.

Bray Municipal District told *Wicklow Times* that since receiving reports of Hogweed they have started works to deal with it and urged members of the public

to report suspected cases.

They said, "The Parks Engineer has advised that where the public encounter giant hogweed they should report it to the Council who will in turn attempt to ascertain the owner of the property and notify them. The Council has engaged the services of a weed control firm to draft a plan for the eradication of giant hogweed at various locations. This will be carried out over a number of seasons

with the first targeted application of herbicide taking place this week."

John Brady TD spoke with the mother of the young girl affected and said afterwards, "Unfortunately the Giant Hogweed is spreading along the Dargle and some of its tributaries quite quickly. People need to be careful not to come into direct contact with the plant because of the dangers it poses. The problem has been report-



Blistering caused by Giant Hogweed



There were severe burns on the girl's legs

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John Brady TD outside the Wicklow Wastewater Treatment Facility where a foul smell has prompted complaints from local residents

## ‘Foul odours’ coming from Wickow Town wastewater facility

The Environmental Protection Agency confirmed that it has received complaints about foul odours emanating Wicklow Town's wastewater treatment works and pumping station at the Murrough.

The facility is scheduled for an EPA site visit in the coming weeks. Complaints about the ongoing smells were lodged by two residents as well as John Brady TD. The EPA confirmed to Deputy Brady that the complaints were referred to Irish Water to “investigate, respond and implement corrective actions to resolve the odours”.

Speaking on the matter last week, Deputy

Brady said “The issue of the serious ongoing foul odours coming from the wastewater facilities in Wicklow Town has been ongoing now for a number of years. At times it gets so bad locals have to leave their own homes. I along a number of local residents have lodged official complaints with the EPA.”

“Both the wastewater facility and the pumping station are located at the Murrough and are oper-

ated by Veolia Water Ireland on behalf of Irish Water. During the summer months the smell gets particularly bad and to date little has been done in addressing the problem by Irish Water.”

Deputy Brady concluded “The EPA has

further informed me that on foot of details that I have passed on they have requested additional information from Irish Water. This issue has been allowed drag on for far too long and I fully intend on pursuing it with the EPA until it's resolved.”

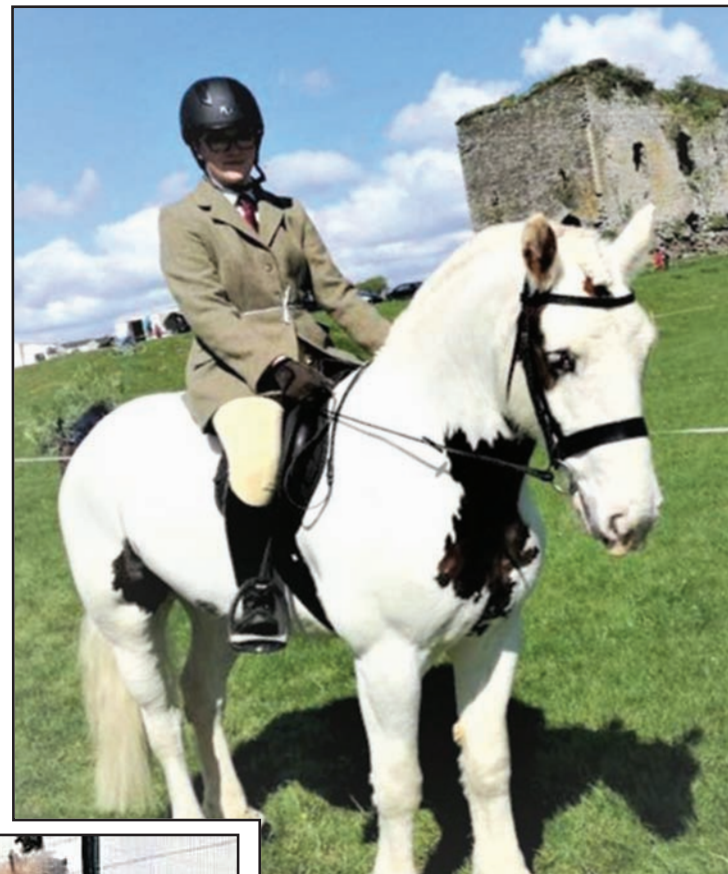
# From Zero to Hero

In early December 2013 *Wicklow Times* along with many national papers reported on a horrific incident in Wicklow Town when a mare who would not come out of her horse box was kicked to death in front of her foal. Many news media across the country carried the poignant photograph of the foal standing over his dead mother who was covered by a red tarpaulin. The horrific incident was witnessed by children and local adults.

The horse was one of eight being unloaded into a field when it refused to co-operate. After repeatedly trying to coax the mare out of the box, a group of men got extremely violent with it, according to a spokeswoman for the Irish Horse and Welfare Trust.

She said: “When it refused to get out, the car drove off which sent the horse shooting out the back and it collapsed on the road. They then beat it in an attempt to get up and it was beaten quite badly because it was so distressed it wasn't able to get up. Gardai were called and the vet came up who determined its injuries were so severe the animal had to be put to sleep.”

“People living in the estate witnessed what happened. The situation was quite fraught so we weren't able to speak to



the people who we believe owned the horse. It was an extremely barbaric case and the cruelty was unimaginable.”

The mare's foal stood over its body until residents covered the mare's body with a sheet and called for it to be taken away.”

The good news is that the foal, later named Hero, after a spell with the Irish Horse and Welfare Trust was placed in a caring home and last week was seen in all his glory as a mature cob at the Thomastown Horse Show.

## Arklow pig race called off

There was no annual Pig Derby at the Arklow Seabreeze Festival over the weekend. The event, which was due to take place on Sunday 21st July, was not cancelled for animal welfare reasons, however, but because of the threat of African Swine Fever.

The Arklow Seabreeze Festival Committee stated that “On the advice of Minister Andrew Doyle, Minister of State for Food, Forestry and Horticulture, with the recent threat posed by African Swine Fever (ASF) to the Irish Pig Industry, Arklow Seabreeze Festival have made the decision to postpone this year's Pig Derby from their programme of events. The Festival committee regret having to postpone but people attending can be assured of another great event being planned to take its place.”

The controversial event has continued to take place over the years despite protests and petitions to have it cancelled for animal welfare reasons. An online petition by Ciara Fitzgerald to have this year's pig derby cancelled, gained almost 12,000 signatures.

The pig race has been a part of the Arklow Seabreeze festival for 25 years. It involves about five pigs being raced down Arklow Main Street five times, as people place bets of €2. The event routinely draws large crowds but has been divisive.

Organisers have adamantly denied that there is any animal cruelty and have said that the pigs receive the best of care, while protesters have branded the event as barbaric and cruel.



## Community Archaeology Excavation

Glendalough Heritage Forum has confirmed that the 2019 community archaeological excavation at Glendalough will take place from Tuesday August 6th to Friday August 16th.

The excavation would not be possible without the support of Wicklow County Council, the Heritage Council, UCD, NPWS and OPW. For more information and to apply for a place, email [glendalough-heritageforum@gmail.com](mailto:glendalough-heritageforum@gmail.com). Booking a place is essential.

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Pictured is the 2019 Arklow Seabreeze Festival Princess Jamie McClean with Stphanie Staines at the crowning of the Arklow Seabreeze Princess in The Midway Bar, Arklow

## Bray Municipal Council to rotate meetings to Enniskerry and Kilmac

Bray Municipal Council has passed a motion to move meetings to Enniskerry and Kilmacanogue once a year. The motion was put down by Independent Councillor Rory O'Connor to 'build awareness, transparency and political participation across the County'.

The proposal is now being explored by Wicklow County Council to find suitable venues and to understand the requirements and technicalities of such a move. Once the Council has completed its review, the Municipal Council will meet once a year in both Enniskerry and Kilmacanogue. Councillor Rory O'Connor explained: "There's a real disconnect in Kilmacanogue and Enniskerry with Bray's municipal council, I heard it on the doors all the time, people didn't understand why they were part of the same ward. I recognised this was an issue and that we needed to

bridge the gap between council business and voters.

"My inspiration for this was the Citizens Assembly which was revolutionary in looking at new ways to democratise processes which seem far removed from everyday life. I'd like to thank all my colleagues for their support".

# New bus shelters for West Wicklow

In keeping with County Wicklow's Age Friendly Strategy, four communities in West Wicklow have been awarded funding for the provision of bus shelters.

These are: Baltinglass Town Renewal Group, Manor Kilbride Community Group, Hollywood Community Forum, and Blessington and District Forum.

The County Wicklow Age Friendly Strategy 2017-2022 was created by older people for older

people and sets out a series of actions which they would like to see progressed for the county.

"One of those actions was to develop bus shelters and seating as required and we believe that this funding provided by the Department of Rural and Community

Affairs will progress this action," explained Richella Wood, Wicklow County Council's Age-Friendly Liaison Officer.

She added: "A large percentage of older people rely on public transport which supports them to keep their independence."

Details of the exact

locations of the bus shelters will be agreed on, taking account of technical and engineering considerations, discussion with the relevant service providers and input from the local community groups.

## Eastern and Midland Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy launched

On Friday July 12th, the newly elected Cathaoirleach of the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly, Cllr Eamon Dooley, officially launched the Eastern and Midland Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy (RSES).



The Members of the Eastern and Midland Regional Assembly present the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy

"This strategy is the first one of its kind to be adopted in Ireland and demonstrates what we can achieve when we pull all our regional strength together," declared the Cathaoirleach at the Regional Assembly's meeting.

"Our vision is that of a

sustainable and competitive Region that supports the health and wellbeing of our people and places, from urban to rural, with access to quality housing, travel and employment opportunities for all in our Region to 2031 and beyond."

To achieve this goal, the RSES provides a strategic vision based on three key principles: Healthy place-making by promoting people's quality of life; Climate action by enhancing the climate resilience and accelerating the transition of the Region to a low-carbon society;

Economic opportunity by creating the right conditions for sustainable economic growth and quality jobs.

The strategy includes a spatial strategy and an economic strategy for the Region, a Dublin Metropolitan Plan, an investment framework and a climate action strategy.

The RSES is informed by the Government's Project Ireland 2040 and is the result of a broad consultation and engagement process with a wide range of stakeholders, including local authori-

ties, government Departments and public bodies, and Assembly members who have had the opportunity to shape the final output.

The Assembly will now focus on the implementation of the strategy which "will ensure that we focus on maximising the assets of our region as well as identifying new opportunities and planning for challenges that await us, both in Ireland and internationally" concluded the Eastern and Midland Cathaoirleach.

## €1m funding scheme for community and voluntary groups supporting older people

A new funding scheme aimed at community and voluntary groups supporting older people in their community is now open for applications, Minister Simon Harris has confirmed.

A €1m grant scheme is being made available to community and voluntary groups to continue to support older people to stay well and remain connected with their local community, through services such as meals on wheels, day care and social care. The grant scheme will be administered by the HSE.

Approximately €250,000 of this funding will be dedicated to dementia related initiatives.

Minister Harris said "I would encourage community and voluntary groups in Wicklow to submit 'Older Persons' Friendly' projects that are in line with the National Positive Ageing Strategy, the Irish National Dementia Strategy, the Carers' Strategy and the Task Force on Loneliness. The development of this Scheme was a key priority for me in last year's estimates and service planning processes. The role of the community and voluntary sector in supporting our older citizens cannot be understated."

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### Greystones Triathlon

Entries are now closed for this year's King & Queen of Greystones Triathlon which takes place on Sunday 28th July. The Charity Triathlon Challenge is in aid of the Gavin Glynn Foundation. This event is now in its 18th year, and is entirely volunteer run.

### Shankill Bowling Club

Shankill Bowling Club are holding their Captain's Day for Ladies and Men on Sunday 28th July, and will also be celebrating the club's 25th anniversary on the day. The festivities commence at 2pm. For more information contact Paddy Hughes, PRO, on (01) 2822740.

### A Good Life Explored

A conference exploring the life and faith of people with intellectual disabilities and their families will take place on 12th October at YWCA Coolnagreina, Trafalgar Road, Greystones; 9.30 am to 4.30 pm. 12 inspiring sessions; 6 passionate presenters. Full details and booking from [www.youevent.ie](http://www.youevent.ie).



# Health services to be restructured

Minister for Health Simon Harris TD last week announced a major step towards restructuring of our health services leading to the establishment of six new regional health areas.

The restructuring will see a dividing line in Co. Wicklow. North, East, and South Wicklow will be part of Area C, which also includes South-East Dublin, Carlow, Wexford, Kilkenny, Waterford and South Tipperary. West Wicklow will be part of Area B, which includes South-West Dublin, Kildare, Laois, Offaly, Westmeath, and Longford.

The new regional health areas are in line with recommendations made in the Oireachtas Committee on the Future of Healthcare Sláintecare Report (2017), that regional bodies should be responsible for the planning and delivery of integrated health and social care services.

The proposed six regional health areas are based on population data including how people currently access health services, as well as a public consultation.

Minister Harris said: "This is a key day for the delivery of Sláintecare and for the reform of our health service. Today's announcement identifies the six regions which will be used in developing

structures for the delivery of integrated care. This will result in clear financial and performance accountability, empower frontline staff and devolve authority from the HSE to the local regions. These proposals will help shape the future of healthcare in this country and will give the staff, and more importantly, communities a greater role in the delivery of health."

Ms. Laura Magahy, Sláintecare Executive Director said: "I look forward to co-designing integrated health and social care services with the citizens and staff of the six regions. This population-based approach will allow us to hear from the people in each region and ensure that a big emphasis is placed on preventing sickness, keeping people healthy in or near their own homes for as long as possible and ensuring that excellent hospital care is available in a timely way, where necessary."

Professor Tom Keane, Chair of the Sláintecare Implementation Advisory Council said: "I look forward to the regional health

bodies assuming responsibility for patient safety in due course, through the implementation of mandatory clinical governance structures and processes, such that there is clear accountability for the clinical care of every patient."

Paul Reid, HSE CEO, speaking at the announcement said: "The agreement of the six new health regions is an important step in improving our health service, for everyone living in Ireland. We want people to be able to get the health services they need, as close to people's homes as possible, with the majority of care delivered in the community and not in acute hospitals."

"Since I joined the HSE, I have met staff right across the country who work tirelessly to deliver the best care possible, and who have great energy and ambition for constantly improving what we do, and how we do it. However, our current structures do not always support them in doing this. These new integrated health regions provide us with the opportunity to put in place a system that ultimately supports and enables our staff to deliver the best care possible."

The next step is to begin the co-design process. Stakeholders in each of the regional health areas will be invited to contribute to the design of the services for their new regions. Work will also now be undertaken to detail the national and regional organisational design which will be brought back to Government for approval within 12 months. Once established, these six regional bodies will be enabled to plan, fund, manage and deliver integrated care for people in their region.

Minister Harris concluded, "This is only one of a number of decisions that need to be taken in relation to the future development of our health service structure. It is important that there is now clarity on the future regional areas and detailed work can start on designing the new regional bodies."

"I look forward to engaging with key stakeholders, including the public, patients and staff as part of this process."



Michelle Talbot, Lisa O'Toole, Jackie Tobin, Hannah Tobin, and Sandy the dog are pictured on Bray Seafront for the start of the Coast to Coast Cycle for Purple House Cancer Support. Pic: Joe McQuillan

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# Ballywaltrim Post Office to re-open

**Independent councillor Joe Behan says he is delighted to report that An Post has confirmed that Ballywaltrim Post office will re-open in the coming weeks. The Post Office will be located in the same shop at Kilbride Lane where it has operated so successfully from the start.**

"This excellent news will be welcomed warmly by many local people and businesses, who were loyal customers of the post office services here for so many years," said Cllr Behan.

"At this time it is also important to remember the important work of the late Anne Mc Carthy R.I.P. who began and developed the local post office service in the Ballywaltrim area (along with her many excellent staff members) from the start until her untimely death earlier this year.

"I am very grateful to the An Post Management at the GPO in Dublin for constantly keeping me updated on the process of appointing a new Postmaster and for their support for the continuation of the post office service in the Ballywaltrim area.

"It is vital now that local people and businesses support the new post office in every way possible so that we will continue to enjoy the services of one of the few remaining public financial service providers left in this country."

Also welcoming the news, John Brady TD said "This is fantastic news that the Ballywaltrim Post Office is to reopen within a fortnight. Sinn Féin has been

campaigning since that point to have it reopened. The fear was that An Post would use the opportunity to permanently close the post office as they have done in many villages and towns across the State.

"I have spoken to senior management in An Post on a regular basis since March and have kept the reopening of the post office high on the agenda. I believe that the strong arguments that we presented were listened to and ultimately what led them to reopen the Post Office."

Cllr Dermot 'Daisy' O'Brien said "This is

good news for the community of Ballywaltrim. The closure of the post office in March had a big negative impact on the entire area. All payments were transferred to the post office on the Quinsboro Road and this was a major inconvenience for all. A big thanks to everyone that helped lobby An Post and that got behind our campaign, getting the post office reopened has been a community effort. I look forward to it reopening in the next couple of weeks."

Deputy Brady concluded: "The whole process used by An Post over the last few months has been a complete mess and it has let the people of Ballywaltrim down. I am delighted however that the pressure has ultimately paid off and the post office should be fully operational again in a few weeks time."



*Pictured is Jenny O'Reilly, from Wicklow Dementia Support at the Befriending Network Ireland (BNI) seminar in Dublin's Guinness Enterprise Centre, which discussed the development of a sustainable community sector. Community groups from across Ireland attended. Speakers at the event discussed topics such as loneliness, meeting the needs of Ireland's ageing demographic, providing support to service users, funding and sustainability, and the future of the age sector. Picture: Arthur Carron*

## M11 Gorey to Enniscorthy Motorway Scheme officially opened

**The new M11 Gorey to Enniscorthy motorway bypass in County Wexford was officially opened to traffic last Wednesday.**

Three new sections of road combine to create the M11 Gorey to Enniscorthy Public Private Partnership Scheme, the M11/N11 mainline, the N30 dual carriageway and the N30 mainline. The scheme will result in reductions in travel times on the Dublin to Wexford route of approximately 15 minutes during off-peak times and 30 minutes during peak times.

Costing 400 million euro, the combined 39km of the M11 motorway and associated roads have been under construction since January 2016 and have been completed on schedule with 1,850,000 person-hours completed on-site during the construction period.

One hundred and twenty-nine previously unknown archaeological sites were uncovered and excavated by archaeologists from TVAS (Ireland) Ltd. The record of these finds has now been filed for public viewing at the National Museum of Ireland.

The opening of the M11 Gorey to Enniscorthy PPP Scheme was officiated by An Taoiseach Leo Varadkar TD in the presence of Mr Cormac O'Rourke Chairman TII and Cllr. Michael Sheehan Cathaoirleach of Wexford County Council.

The bypass will relieve chronic traffic congestion through Enniscorthy town, with an estimated reduction of 6,000 vehicles a day. The bypass was fully open to traffic from 4pm on Thursday, July 18th. This major road construction scheme brought together Irish, Dutch and Spanish expertise.

## 'Highest number of Electric Car sales but no infrastructure'

**County Wicklow leads the way in new electric car purchases according to latest figures from the Central Statistics Office Ireland (CSO) that show the county having the largest proportional increase in new private electric cars licensed in the first half of 2019, at 4.7%.**

This was followed by Kildare (3.6%) and Leitrim (3.5%). While licensing of new petrol and diesel private cars across the State fell in the first six months of 2019, the number of electric and hybrid new private cars licensed increased by almost seventy percent (68.5%) to 9,150.

Social Democrats councillor Jennifer Whitmore, Chair of WCC's Climate Change and Biodiversity SPC, said "It's great to see Wicklow top the poll when it comes to the purchase of new electric vehicles. There is a real appetite out there for change when it comes to reducing our carbon footprint and being more environmentally friendly. This must be encouraged as much as possible through the provision of infrastructure and charging points. The latest figures from the CSO would indicate that drivers in County Wicklow are primed and ready for improvements in electric vehicle charging infrastructure and would embrace those improvements readily.

Whitmore continued "However, at the moment, we have a situation where there are no public charging points in the whole of the Greystones District and, unfortunately, the Minister has indicated to me that there are no plans to install any as part of his recently announced 20 million euro fund to upgrade EV infrastructure nationwide. This is despite my sending him a petition of close to 1,000 names calling for the installation of charge points in the area. In light of the latest data, I would ask that the Minister revisit this decision and prioritise the installation of charging points to build on the demand for electric vehicles that has been clearly demonstrated in the county."

John Brady TD said "The government hasn't provided the basic infrastructure for the charging of electric vehicles. There isn't one EV charging point in West Wicklow. In fact, anyone travelling along the N81 won't find an EV charging point between the Square, Tallaght and Tullow, Co. Carlow. The same is the case in Greystones, there isn't any charging points in the entire Greystones Municipal District.

Brady continued "In April the government announced a 20 million euro fund to upgrade EV charging points and install 50 new points across the State. In this plan Wicklow is completely overlooked. There are no plans to address the lack of them either in West Wicklow or in Greystones. In West Wicklow residents don't have the option of public transport and the lack of EV charging points is a message to them to stick to their petrol and diesel vehicles."

Brady concluded "The figures show that the people of Wicklow want to play their part in tackling climate change and are leading by example in terms of purchasing electric vehicles. The government however is failing to play their part by putting the necessary infrastructure in place. I have raised the issue directly with the Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment, Richard Bruton and called on him to ensure that the neglect of these areas in Wicklow ends and that EV charging points are installed as a priority."

## Language services secured for St Kevin's NS

**Greystones Minister Simon Harris has worked with St Kevin's NS to secure continuity of service after the Senior Language Therapist resigned.**

There were concerns about the future of the service and the school contacted Minister Harris for assistance after a recent visit.

Speaking on the issue, Minister Harris said: "I have seen the fantastic work the Language Department in St Kevin's do and I know it is valued throughout Co Wicklow. The school and community were very concerned when the current Senior Language Therapist stepped down.

"I am pleased to now confirm the HSE have classified this as a priority post and will have contingency arrangements in place to ensure there is continuity of service. I am really pleased that there will be no disruption in service for the children who attend".

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# AN BORD PLEANALA REFUSE NURSING HOME IN RATHNEW

An Bord Pleanála has upheld a third party appeal and refused planning permission for a major nursing home mixed development in Rathnew. Cannockway Ltd. sought planning permission for a mixed development on a 12-acre greenfield site in Ballybeg, south of Rathnew, that would comprise a nursing home building, creche, neighbourhood building, and four office buildings. The nursing home was to provide full-time employment for between 100 and 110 people. Conditional permission for the development was granted by Wicklow County Council in January, allowing the nursing home, crèche and one office block, but refusing permission for the three other office blocks. However, a third party appeal was lodged with An Bord Pleanála from Eileen and Roy Byrne, owners of the land situated to the immediate north of the site.

In its decision, ABP stated "The site of the proposed development is zoned E2 'Enterprise and Employment' in the Wicklow Town - Rathnew Development Plan, 2013 - 2019, where the objective is 'to provide for enterprise and employment development in the form of light industry, warehousing and logistics development'. Policy Objective EMP2 of the Development Plan states 'to promote and support the development of employment land and to protect employment zoned land from inappropriate development'. The proposed development includes a mix of office, creche and nursing home uses. The proposed development mix would prejudice the development of the appeal site for light industry, warehousing and logistics development and therefore would contravene the Zoning Objective 'E2' and Policy Objective EMP2 of the Wicklow Town - Rathnew Development Plan, 2013 - 2019, and would be contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area."

The Planning Authority did not agree to the provision of a nursing home, noting that the scale and location required further justification, and the Area Planner's Report also stated that the neighbourhood centre as proposed was unnecessary and would detract from Rathnew. A number of concerns were

recorded in the Planner's Report, such as 'the overall development is disjointed', and 'the design has the potential to create a monotonous block' ('an excessive use of red brick and lack of design features'), and 'the amenity space around the nursing home would appear insufficient'.

The applicant had argued that the proposed nursing home would support the employment zoning and not undermine it; that employment growth is required in Rathnew/Wicklow town to facilitate future residential growth.

The third party appeal argued that the development was not in accordance with several objectives in the Development Plan. Among other things it suggested that the proposed development would be contrary to the ongoing development of the two existing/planned major employment nodes in Rathnew, i.e. Rathnew Business Park and the planned R&D hub at Clermont Campus. Other issues raised in the third-party appeal included: 'The proposed development in the absence of a joint development with land to the north of the site is premature', 'The scale of the creche raises questions whether there is demand for such size', 'The proposed retail units would create traffic generation and the proposed retail use would detract from the town centre of Rathnew'.



Pictured is part of the delegation from County Wicklow that travelled to Wuerzburg in Germany for the St Kilian's Festival, meeting President Michael D Higgins who was visiting at the same time. Amongst the delegation were the Chief Executive of Wicklow County Council, Mr Frank Curran, and the Leas Cathaoirleach, Cllr Pat Kennedy, who were invited by the Mayor of Wuerzburg to have lunch with President Higgins. Pic: Maxwells Photography

## Democratic aspect of Greystones Harbour Company questioned

**Independent councillors Mags Crean and Joe Behan have questioned the democratic aspect of the Greystones Harbour Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) Company after learning that the members can stay on it as long as they wish, and are not changed as on the Council's committees.**

The company consists of two directors (councillors Derek Mitchell and Gerry Walsh), and three council officials (Director of Services Sean Quirke, Chief Executive Frank Curran, and the Finance Officer). The matter was discussed at this month's meeting of Wicklow County Council. Cllr Crean asked that information about the company be supplied for the September meeting, including details on whether minutes of the company's meetings are available.

Cllr Joe Behan backed Councillor Crean, stating "I complement Cllr Crean for raising something very fundamental - that two members which were put on that SPV Company by a previous council seem to be there as a personal

right, because they can stay on it as long as they want until they decide they don't want to be on it anymore. An important issue has been raised as to whether these members are nominated by this current council and they are not. In my opinion they should be."

Cathaoirleach of the Council, Cllr Irene Winters, noted that the situation was similar to Wicklow Enterprise Park: "A similar situation had previously arisen in the Wicklow Enterprise Park where people nominated by Wicklow Town Council remained on it. It took a change in the memorandum and articles of the company to get that changed, which happened after nine years. I suggest the board members actually talk about it and come

back and discuss it at the next meeting, but it's something that the board should be looking at themselves from a governance point of view."

The members of the Greystones Harbour SPV company were nominated by the councillors of the previous council. Mr Quirke said a situation of changing directors every year or every five years was not ideal but that "if there are people who are interested in being directors of the company and some of the members want to step down, that is matter for the current council. There is no remuneration for being a director of the company, there are no financial transactions, it's merely a conveyancing tool, but if the members want to step down and members want to nominate someone else it's a matter for them."

Mr Quirke explained that the harbour company "is not a committee, it's a company, but it doesn't have any financial transactions at all. The land

that the houses and the apartments are being built on were transferred by the County Council to the designated activity company and the designated activity company transferred it to the financial owner. It doesn't trade as a financial company, it's there for the convenience of conveyancing, because other than that each transaction would have had to come back to council for a Section 183 disposal notice and it just wouldn't work, it would be clogged up with disposal notices here." He went on to say that the idea for company grew out of the bid process, as the bidders "needed certainty there wasn't going to be any 'political' process that was going to frustrate their sales. They didn't want a situation where sales would be held up in August when there is no meeting of the council. They wanted a mechanism that would allow them to complete the sales and this is the mechanism."

Cllr Mitchell explained

that "The directors have a very good involvement with the running of this company and there should be an annual report which maybe could be public, to summarise what has been done in the year and if that hasn't happened, I think it would be a good idea. Really the only pieces of land that were transferred to this company were the ones directly being sold to the final customers of the houses and apartments, so as I understand it the public land, etc, was not transferred to this company. If we want to get someone to spend €70 million on the sea walls there has to be some guarantee they could sell the properties to that, while at the same time we didn't want to give the long-term freehold to a private company, so the land was segregated and given to this company, with the idea that it wouldn't be giving the freehold of the area to the company which built the sea walls and the harbour facilities."

## Bray housing development six weeks behind schedule

The housing development currently under construction at Kilbride Lane in Bray is six weeks behind schedule due to a lack of availability of skilled workers, it's been revealed.

The details were given to councillors in Wicklow County Council's Monthly Manager's Report at this month's Council meeting. There are 42 social housing units being built on the site.

Speaking on the matter, Mr Frank Curran, Chief Executive of Wicklow County Council, said "the Kilbride Lane development is behind. There is a lot of activity on site and it's well on

track, but there is nationally a lack of skilled workers now. The rapid build addresses that to a certain extent but there is definitely a need for more apprentices and more skilled workers and it's affecting us in Wicklow as well."

It's understood that efforts are being made to recruit more workers and accelerate some later elements of the €15m project, and it is hoped that this will mitigate the delay. Currently there is no change expected to the completion date of November 2019.

The sod was turned on the site in

April 2018. Four of eleven blocks have so far reached first floor level and scaffolding is being erected to progress to work on the second floors. Work on the site stopped temporarily in September 2018 when developers MDY Construction entered financial difficulties. The green light to resume work was given two months later when MDY exited the examinership process.

The completed development will consist of a mixture of two-storey houses, apartments, accessible units for people with disabilities, and a three-storey house.



Megan and Linda Fortune at the Arklow Seabreeze Swinging Pubs competition in the Bridge, Arklow.





Members of the Crois Dearg Drama Group present a donation of €1,000 to Ann Carthy and Pauline Leonard from Wicklow Cancer Support at Gleanealy Hall

## International sailing championship comes to Greystones

**Greystones Sailing Club will host the Wayfarer International Championships next week (Monday 22nd to Friday 26th July) with boats coming from 13 countries around the world including the USA, Canada and across Europe and Scandinavia. The three largest team entries are from the UK, Ireland and Denmark, with a total of 65 boats planning on racing all next week.**

The Wayfarers' (a 16-foot-long, open sailing dinghy) and their sailors arrived on Saturday and Sunday (20th /21st July) to register and have their boats weighed and examined, in this exacting of one design classes.

Daphne Hoolahan, Commodore of Greystones Sailing Club said that "the Wayfarer Worlds / International Championships has been running for over 60 years and this year we in Greystones Sailing Club are delighted to welcome so many international sailors and their families for the Championships next week. We are hosting over 200 people daily, between competitors, their families and the many volunteers from Greystones and surrounding sailing clubs, who will be helping to run this event. We are honoured to welcome so many people, from so many countries to the town and are delighted to be able to put

Greystones firmly on the international sailing map."

Daphne added that "Greystones Sailing Club is punching well above its weight and size in recent national and international events with many notable wins for Greystones sailors and next week's world class event will showcase the club and town again, as a landmark sailing centre on the East Coast of Ireland. The club already hosted the RS Eastern Championships in April this year and we will also host the annual Taste of Greystones Regatta in August, which brings in over 500 sailors in over 100 boats bringing more welcome tourism revenue to the town."

"Greystones Sailing Club has an active training and sailing program, providing sailing instruction to both children and adults and is open for membership. Everyone is encouraged to try sailing on our many adult or child courses, and we welcome new members to contact us, to be part of this growing, vibrant club," she added.

The Club has over 300 members sailing a variety of dinghy classes and offers exciting and enjoyable dinghy racing for all ages and abilities. It has a well-earned reputation as one of the top sailing clubs in Ireland with its sailors competing successfully in many open events, both nationally and internationally. The Club also boasts an active and growing keelboat fleet with over 30 keelboats giving competitive racing on a twice weekly basis.

# Ashford woman recognised with Librarianship Excellence Award

**An Ashford woman has received a prestigious award from Ulster University in Northern Ireland as part of the Library and Information Management Postgraduate Diploma that enhances the skills of information professionals**

Geraldine Colgan who hails from Ballyduff, Ashford, is one of two recipients to be awarded the honour. It is presented annually to the student who achieves the highest marks on the popular course, which is delivered online to help professionals to fit studies around their working lives. Geraldine currently works within the Public Library Service in Wicklow County Council.

This award is supported by International law firm Allen & Overy in collaboration with Ulster University and the Chartered Institute for Library and Information Professionals (CILIP) who accredit the course.

Sarah Fahy, Global Head of A&O Research and Library, said "This course offers a diverse range of studies and skills development that are both key to help the modern librarian progress further in a varied and challenging career. Allen & Overy is proud to support this initiative and we continue to encourage talented people to join our profession. Exceptional library and information managers just like Claire and Geraldine are of great importance to organisations such as A&O and we congratulate them on this accolade."

The online based programme develops strong library, research and

information skills techniques that are all designed to increase career prospects in this important sector.

Geraldine said: "Ulster University provided the right balance of blended learning to enhance my skills and knowledge in the field of

Librarianship. It has been hugely beneficial and has really given me a deeper understanding of my work in the public library sector. The librarian's skillset must constantly evolve to keep up with the demands of this dynamic environment. Finally, I am grateful to

Wicklow County Council and the County Librarian for giving me the opportunity to pursue this professional qualification. I am also grateful to my colleagues and friends in Wicklow Library Service for all their help and support over the past two years.



Geraldine Colgan from Ashford was awarded the prestigious Allen and Overy Librarianship Excellence award after achieving the highest marks on the Library and Information Management Postgraduate Diploma course.

## 'Mercosur deal leaves farming community with uncertain future'

**Fianna Fáil TD Pat Casey has said the government should immediately request an updated impact assessment and environmental analysis of the Mercosur deal on the beef sector.**

Deputy Casey said if Fine Gael's Phil Hogan is to be reappointed as Commissioner he should ensure an updated assessment is carried out before any ratification of the Mercosur deal.

Deputy Casey explained, "Wicklow is home to some of the biggest suckler farmers in the country which makes it susceptible to the fall out of a hard Brexit. Any Mercosur trade deal would destroy farming as a viable livelihood in the area.

"In 2016, the European Commission's Joint Research Centre produced a damning report on the cumulative economic impact of future trade agreements on EU agriculture. It reported that additional imports dominated by Mercosur countries from a trade deal would cost the EU beef sector €5bn annually, with prices collapsing by up to 16%.

"The Irish Government failed to put up any fight with like-minded countries in the run up to Autumn 2017 and acquiesced to the EU's initial beef offer of 70,000 tonnes to the Mercosur bloc. They also showed no urgency in building a coalition against the increased offer of 99,000 tonnes. As it stands we already have 114,000 tonnes coming into the country, we cannot afford to add to this number.

"I find it baffling that the Government have failed to request any new impact assessment since 2016. In the intervening three years, the situation facing beef farmers has gone from bad to worse. They have been failed badly by Government.

"A new impact assessment needs to be carried out to include all Brexit scenarios. I hope it's top of Commissioner Hogan's list of priorities", concluded Deputy Casey.

## Wicklow courthouse works 'kicked down the road again'

**Sinn Féin TD John Brady has said he is deeply disappointed at the "constant kicking down the road" of the commencement of the refurbishment works at closed Wicklow Courthouse.**

Deputy Brady said "In early 2018 the Minister for Justice said Wicklow Courthouse would be included in the ten-year capital plan. He also stated that some demolition works to facilitate a planned extension would take place in early 2018. In a subsequent response I got from the Minister he stated the demolition works would take place in early 2019, now I'm informed that it is hoped the work will start later in 2019.

"The courthouse in Wicklow Town stopped holding District Court sittings in 2010 having previously ended Circuit Court sittings back in 2008. Due to huge pressures on the court service in Bray a decision was taken to reopen the closed courthouse in Wicklow Town. The plan is to extend and refurbish

the courthouse in Wicklow town to provide a significantly larger 4 courtroom venue together with a range of facilities for staff, the judiciary, persons in custody, jurors, legal professionals, other state agencies and members of the public.

"Unfortunately not only has a clear timeframe for the reopening of the courthouse not been outlined, the works to facilitate it have been kicked down the road again. This is bitterly disappointing and shows clearly the interest the government has in Wicklow Town.

"I will keep raising the issue with the government and ensure their neglect of the county town doesn't go unchallenged and that the work to reopen the courthouse is given priority."





If you have visited Wicklow Town during the past year then you will have noticed the Shoe Box! Its candystripe awning and colourful inviting front window certainly makes the store stand out and the bright well laid out interior ensures that shopping there is a pleasure for adults and children alike.

Since opening in April 2018 The Shoe Box has become well known locally not just for their superb selection of chil-

dren's and ladies shoes and clothing, but above all, their excellent customer service. Owner Stephen Delaney believes

that respect and attentiveness towards the customer is key to a successful business and this is an attitude shared by trained and certified staff members Louise O'Flaherty and Frieda Whoriskey.

The concept behind The Shoe Box is to give a small store service while providing big store brands and value. We often hear of people wanting to shop locally but complaining of lack of choice. Well The Shoe Box offers over an incredible 250 styles of shoes and runners that begins with first steps shoes for toddlers, includes a very extensive back to school range and goes right the way up to adult ladies footwear. With prices starting at €19.95 for adult's footwear and €29.95 for children's designer brands, Stephen says their selection offers 'quality and value, not disposability and cheapness'.

Among the children's shoe brands offered are Lelli Kelly, Superfit, Startrite, Primigi and Sketchers. For back to school wear The Shoe Box stocks sizes for both primary and secondary school pupils. They have a large range including

Startrite, Dubarry, Angry Angel, Rhino, Lelli Kelly, Miss LK, DV8, Superga and more. Their adult range includes Skechers, Refresh, Shoes by Emma, Joe & Joe with the new addition of Hotter arriving in store this Autumn. The clothing range goes from age 3 months right up to 14 years for both boys and girls.

With customer service at the fore, The Shoe Box offers initiatives to make shopping there even easier. They offer a fantastic loyalty scheme whereby each purchase gains a loyalty stamp. Upon receiving your sixth stamp you are entitled to 20% off your next purchase.

There is also an in-store all year round savings scheme, where customers can put money aside if and when they can, usually cashing it in during back to school or Christmas time.

Stephen says he is



The Shoebox, Wicklow Town.

delighted by the support shown to him and his team since taking the plunge to open his own business last year. He told *Wicklow Times* that the

key to keeping towns alive is to provide a great range of local stores so that people can shop local and support local businesses.

Why not pop by and see for yourself the great range of stock and friendly service at The Shoe Box in Wicklow Town, Main Street. They are

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## Roundwood Festival 2019

This year's Roundwood Summer Village Festival takes place from Wednesday 31st July to Sunday 4th August. The massive five-day event will culminate with the Street Festival and Field Day on Sunday.

It promises to be an epic event, with plenty of fun and games, a fun team challenge, Ceili, a return of the popular teddy bears picnic, boat race, the veterans soccer challenge match, tug-o-war, sheaf pitching, live music and much more. As arrangements fall into place watch for updates on the website [www.roundwood.ie](http://www.roundwood.ie) and the festival's Facebook page.

Raffle tickets are available for sale in village and at all festival events. Excellent prizes are all generously sponsored by local businesses. Check

out festival events on [www.roundwood.ie](http://www.roundwood.ie) and [FacebookRoundwood.ie](https://www.facebook.com/Roundwood.ie). Any profits from the festival will be used to support local community development.



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### Wednesday 31st July

**7.00pm** Guided tour of Glendalough Estate. Discover the history of the Glendalough Estate and its significance within the Roundwood Area. Cost €10. Pre-booking essential as spaces limited. Phone Sean on or after 26th July at 0858832709 to book your place

### Thursday 1st August

**6.30pm** Fun Team Challenge. Free fun team-based obstacle challenge at GAA Centre. Team of 4 to include max 2 adults over 16 years and up to three children. Children must be 8 years or older.

**8.30pm** Set Dancing in Kavanagh's Vartry House. Entry €5. Live music. Lesson at 8.30pm and dancing starts at 9.00pm. The excellent Sheila will call the sets. No previous experience required - come along and try it out.

### Friday 2nd August

**7.30pm** Family Céili/set dancing at Parish Hall. Join Sheila Kavanagh and McGrath Flood School for a fun time and try out some waltzes, céili and set dancing. Suitable for all ages and ability level. Entry €5, kids go free. Jim McCabe of Classic Hits 4FM will MC at various events over the weekend.

### Saturday 3rd August

**9.00am** Hill Walk. Meet at Vartry House. Pre-booking essential for bus transport to and from walk. Stunning route taking in Sally Gap & Luggala. €5 charge for hill walk. Email [info@roundwood.ie](mailto:info@roundwood.ie) to book your place.

**11.00am** Free Teddy Bear's Picnic at GAA Centre. Games and entertainment for kids provided. Bring your own picnic.

**4.00pm** Experience Fun Canoeing on Upper Vartry Reservoir Bray Road. - Followed by Novelty Canoe Races Canoe and water safety equipment supplied. Entry fee €5. Open to all swimmers aged 13 years and older. Parking available at Roundwood AFC on Bray road.

**6:00pm** Free fun Veteran Challenge football match at Roundwood AFC. Come see the mature football whizzes in the village slog it out to win the match.

**8:00pm** Shorts & Shades Party at Aras an Tochar, Live DJ & Spot Prizes for best dressed, €10 Entry, a night of fun promised.

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# ROUNDWOOD FESTIVAL

**Sunday 4th August - parking opp. school & Áras an Tóchar**

**10am -1pm** Clay pigeon shoot run by Carrick Glen Gun Club. Location: Carrignamuck Upper Ashford (signposted from Ballyduff crossroads)

**2pm** Vintage Vehicle Parade, with IUNVA colour party & 17th Wicklow Scout Group.

Field attractions:- Bungee trampoline, Vintage car & tractor display, Dog Show, Scarecrow competition, Pet's Corner, Bungee Run & Kid's Corner, Bottle fishing, Face painting, 1st Responders, Mountain Rescue, Guess the weight of the lamb, Duck herding, Horseshoe throwing, Hang tough challenge, sheaf pitching & nappy hanging competitions, and much more. Young, local talent in the entertainment tent & a Tea tent with refreshments

**4.30pm** Registration for Tug o' War: youth & inter pub competitions.

Street entertainment:- BBQ at Tóchar House - the proceeds from this BBQ fund the running costs of the festival.

**3.00pm** Inter club fun race

**4.00pm** Inter pub Barman's race

**6:30pm** Raffle at Vartry House & the "Load of Balls Downhill Ball Race"

**2.00pm - 6.00pm** Parish Hall Traditional Craft Show:- Pottery, wood turning, quilters, wood carving, butter-making and kimono wearing, 'earthquake elephants' fundraising and much more. Roundwood Home Produce Market will be selling fabulous wares.

**8.30pm** - At Byrne & Woods/Vartry House -Street Party with Captain & the Smoking Guns, Citizen J & guests till late.



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The Blades will perform at the Bray Air Display

## Countdown to Bray Air Display 2019!

The countdown to this year's Bray Air Display is well and truly underway with just days to go to Ireland's biggest and best family-friendly aerobatics weekend. Including international acts from as far afield as the Kingdom of Jordan as well as the crème de la crème of Irish aviators it promises to be an unforgettable weekend - and all completely free to enjoy.

Visiting display teams not to be missed include aerobatic superstars The Blades (a team comprised of former Red Arrow pilots); the spectacular Royal Jordanian Falcons who are back by popular demand and the UK's fearless Richard Goodwin with his gravity-defying performance.

Irish talent will be just as impressive with awe-inspiring performances from the Irish Air Corps and the Black Knights Parachute Display Team as they parachute jump from a helicopter 4,000 feet above the Bray shoreline while Eddie Goggins, Ireland's Flying Dentist, promises a breath-taking display. As well as the action packed air show there is plenty of on-the-ground entertainment with a family funfair, live music and a food and craft market open from 12 noon each day.

Sé Pardy, Bray Air Display Director, said, "We're looking forward to another thrilling weekend of aviation excellence as part of the 14th annual Bray Air Display. It's a unique opportunity to enjoy spectacular aerobatic performances - all completely free - and something the whole family can enjoy. Thanks to Bray.ie, the Irish Aviation Authority and Wicklow County Council whose support makes this event possible."

# Roadside hedgerows spared Heritage Act cut

**BirdWatch Ireland has warmly welcomed the decision by Minister for Culture Heritage and the Gaeltacht, Josepha Madigan, to not allow hedgerow cutting in August this year.**

The Kilcoole-based organisation say that a National Hedgerow Conservation Strategy and legal protection for hedgerows is now needed.

Minister Madigan's decision will mean that there has been no change to the rules governing hedge-cutting. It is illegal to cut hedgerows between 1st March and 31st August inclusive in order to protect nesting birds. However, as has always been the case, where there is a road safety concern, roadside hedgerows may be cut, but according to specifications in the Wildlife Acts, Roads Act and the articles of the Birds Directive.

Oonagh Duggan of BirdWatch Ireland said, "Today is a good day for nature in Ireland. We are delighted that Minister Madigan has seen the light when it comes to the Heritage Act and that she has shelved changes to the laws on hedge-cutting".

In announcing her decision last week, Minister

Madigan highlighted the need to protect and nurture nature and biodiversity, which was underpinned by national and international research showing significant declines in biodiversity.

BirdWatch Ireland's own research on late-nesting birds identified how important hedgerows are for late-nesting birds, with Yellowhammers in particular threatened by the changes to hedge-cutting laws which were passed in the Heritage Act. Our research showed that there were 23 other species nesting well into August, and the latest date on which Yellowhammers were recorded as still nesting was 24th September 2018. The Minister's decision means that indiscriminate hedge-cutting for roadside hedgerows will not be tolerated.

Oonagh Duggan also said, "The Minister spoke strongly about the need to nurture nature and biodiversity, which is very

welcome. Our hedgerows are unique features of the Irish landscape and symbolise the meeting of our natural and cultural heritage. We call on the Minister to set up a Forum to deliver a National Hedgerow Conservation Strategy to ensure their long-term conservation."

Hedgerows have no legal protection in their own right. BirdWatch Ireland is calling on Minister Madigan to convene a forum of stakeholders with the goal of developing a National

Hedgerow Conservation Strategy.

"Hedgerows are unique features of the Irish landscape and are important in their own right, both for a host of birds and other wildlife and as carbon stores," said BirdWatch Ireland. "The Minister's decision today saves hedgerows this August, but a long-term conservation strategy is urgently needed. This should include a bespoke law protecting hedgerows, as well as guidance on their appropriate management for the benefit

of wildlife."

The Minister's decision comes after the Dáil declared a biodiversity and climate emergency in May and called for the examination of biodiversity loss by the Citizens' Assembly. Hedge-cutting during the nesting period for birds is the number one concern of members of the public who contact BirdWatch Ireland.

"The public wants to see more nature, not less, as was clearly expressed by voters in the May local and European elections," BirdWatch Ireland said.



Aisling Doyle, Arklow Seabreeze Festival Princess, Jamie McClean, and Ger Vickers are pictured with Best Overall Female Contestant Bri-Elle Finn at the Arklow Seabreeze Swinging Pubs Competition

## Irish Water to carry out essential upgrades in Bray and Greystones

**Irish Water are to begin essential upgrade works this week to the sewer network on Old Connaught Avenue, Bray, and Blacklion, Greystones.**

The Bray works are part of the provision of essential wastewater infrastructure serving the area, and involve the construction of approximately 313m of uPVC sewer mains to address structural defects in the sewer. GMC Utilities Limited is working on behalf of Irish Water to deliver this project.

When complete, the project will benefit businesses and residents in the area by rectifying blockages and structural defects in the sewer network, and providing upgraded wastewater infrastructure.

The Bray works will commence the week of July 22nd, and are expected to take six weeks.

Irish Water stated that "These essential works are required to rectify structural defects in the sewer network on Old Connaught Avenue. We would like to thank the local community for their patience during these works, and apologise for any inconvenience the works will cause. This scheme, when complete, will provide essential wastewater infrastructure and improve the wastewater networks for businesses and residents in the area."

In Blacklion, there may be a disruption to their water supply on Tuesday 23rd, Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th July from 10pm-2am. The works being under-

taken are part of water network improvement works in the area.

During these essential planned works homes and businesses in the affected areas may be impacted by reduced water pressure and water outages. Following these improvement works water supply may take 2-3 hours to return as water refills the network.

Irish Water stated "Irish Water understands this type of work can be inconvenient and will ensure our work crews make every effort to minimise any disruption these works may cause. Customers can call the Irish Water customer helpline on 1850 278 278 for any questions in relation to the works. "These works are being carried out as part of Irish Water's national Leakage Reduction Programme which will see €500 million invested up to the end of 2021 to reduce the level of leakage across the country by fixing and replacing ageing water mains. This will ensure a safe, reliable water supply which is vital for our health, our environment and our growing population and economy."

To find out more about Irish Water's national programme of works to reduce leakage and improve Ireland's water supply visit our Leakage Reduction Programme Page



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### ROADS ACT 1993, SECTION 75 IRONMAN 70.3 TRIATHLON 2019

Dún Laoghaire/Rathdown County Council, Wicklow County Council and South Dublin County Council are considering the temporary closure of the following roads within County Wicklow to facilitate the Ironman 70.3 Triathlon 2019 event which will take place on **Sunday 25th August 2019**:

The Ironman 70.3 Triathlon 2019 will involve a 1.2 mile swim, 56 mile cycle and 13.1 mile run. The swim will take place early morning in Scotsman's Bay, Dún Laoghaire, followed by a cycle from Dún Laoghaire that will head to Kilternan, then south through Enniskerry to Roundwood, turning west to the Sally Gap, then north through Glencree to Cruagh Road before turning east back through Glencullen and Kilternan to Dún Laoghaire. The run will then take place in Dún Laoghaire along the seafront.

The proposed temporary road closures within the administrative area of Wicklow County Council are as follows:

**August 25th 2019, 07:15 – 10:30 hours**

- R117 Enniskerry Road (from the Dublin County Boundary to Monastery Road)

**August 25th 2019, 07:15 – 10:45 hours**

- R117 Enniskerry Road (from Monastery Road to Forge Road)
- Forge Road
- R760 (from Forge Road to Deerpark Road)

**August 25th 2019, 07:30 – 11:15 hours**

- Deerpark Road (from R760 to L1036)
- L1036
- R755 (from L1036 to Togher Pairc)

**August 25th 2019, 07:30 – 11:30 hours**

- Togher Pairc (from R755 to Ashtown Lane)
- Ashtown Lane (from Togher Pairc to the Wicklow Way)

**August 25th 2019, 07:30 – 12:00 hours**

- Wicklow Way (from Ashtown Lane to R759)
- R759 (from Wicklow Way to Sally Gap / R115 Old Military Road)

**August 25th 2019, 07:30 – 13:00 hours**

- R115 Old Military Road (from Sally Gap / R759 to Dublin County Boundary)

Local access will be maintained at all times, where possible, and diversion routes clearly sign-posted.

Any person wishing to object to the proposed road closure must lodge their objection in writing with the undersigned or by email [roadtran@wicklowcoco.ie](mailto:roadtran@wicklowcoco.ie) not later than **12:00 hours on Friday 16th August 2019**.

**Allyson Minion, Administrative Officer,  
Transportation and Roads, Wicklow County Council,  
County Buildings, Wicklow.**



# Bray Footwear

Bray Footwear opened up on Bray Main Street on 8th June and has been a perfect fit. Owned by former employees of Connolly's Footwear, Paul Cranley and Shane Surpless, shoppers can be assured of expert assistance thanks to the wealth of knowledge that Paul and Shane have accumulated over the years while working in Connolly's (almost 70 years of shoe retail experience between them!).

Following the closure of Connolly's on December 31st, 2018, Paul and Shane decided to begin the new venture, assuring that the footwear needs of the people of Bray would continue to be met. Moving into the former premises of McCabes Shoes has kept the familiarity for shoppers of there being a shoe shop here.

Paul and Shane say that they have been overwhelmed with the support they've received since they opened, from customers old and new and the community of Bray and surrounding areas as

a whole.

"It's been fantastic. We have received so much support and good wishes from our customers and the community, we wish to thank them all. Thanks to them we've gotten off to the best possible start."

Shane in particular says he is especially grateful for the good wishes and support he's received personally over the last month since his recent illness, with many customers calling in to leave cards and wish him a speedy recovery.

Former customers of



A selection of the summer sandals on offer

Connolly's are sure to feel right at home at Bray Footwear; as well as the familiar faces of Paul and Shane, Bray Footwear also stock 90 percent of the same brands as Connolly's did, and have plans to expand their range of women's footwear in the near future.

Currently in the women's section there is plenty of choice, with sporty and casual brands such as Skechers, Hi-Tec, Boulevard and Lunar, assuring both comfort and style. Those seeking



Newly opened Bray Footwear on Bray Main Street.



Paul Cranley of Bray Footwear

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In the Men's section the choice is just as good, with a choice of Grisport shoes perfect for hiking, and steel toe-cap options for work. There is a wide range of iconic Pod shoes, perfect for smart-casual and formal wear, and numerous other quality brands such as Skechers trainers, Fleet & Foster, Catesby, Roamers, quality Goor brogues, and a selection of sandals and slippers.

Starting this week, Bray Footwear are having a sale of 20% off all sandals, so now is a perfect time to drop in and pick up some perfect summer footwear for your holidays. Though they don't stock children's shoes, Bray Footwear can meet the back to school needs for secondary school boys and girls.

For more information, email [brayfootwear@gmail.com](mailto:brayfootwear@gmail.com), or call (01) 2761763 or follow them on Facebook.

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# 'Thank you for keeping Bray beautiful'

Séamus Connor, the founder and current Chairperson of Bray Coastcare Group, said he wishes to highlight the team effort and the work done by the many groups working to "keep Bray beautiful".

Séamus pointed out that he has set up a new Twitter page called #beautifulbray and he encourages twitter users to follow this link to see info, updates, pictures and videos about the wonderful town of Bray.

Bray Coastcare started in 2007 with 12 local people volunteers. "We are still going strong 12 years later and have over 350 volunteers on our emailing list," says Séamus. "One happy 'complaint' is that we only collect on average 4 bags of litter at our monthly clean ups now. That is some improvement from a skip full of 42 bags!"

"We have been holding a clean up every month, the 2nd Saturday of every month, from 12-3pm and the volunteers have been fantastic! Thank you all so so much, without you none of this would have been possible and because of your hard selfless voluntary work Bray is a much cleaner and beautiful place to live in and visit."

Séamus would like to point out that keeping Bray clean and beautiful is not a 'one man job' and that there are many groups and individuals who play their part. He highlighted An Taisce and their Clean Coasts Programme who bring out businesses such as Dell, Adobe, Air BnB, Google, Salesforce and Geocaching Ireland to volunteer for the day in Bray.



One of the many businesses out cleaning up Bray's North Beach with An Taisce and the Clean Coasts initiative

## Roundwood Mural Celebration

The Roundwood Mural Project was organised by Roundwood Tidy Towns and the local Community Council with funding through the Community Education Service of KWETB.

Local resident, Kevin Merrigan allowed his side wall to become the canvas for the mural opposite Roundwood Parish Hall. It was officially unveiled on 13th July.



Local artist and craft worker, Aoife Patterson, working with nine volunteer artists captured the ideas of the group and created the concept for the mural. The local artists got painting every Friday morning and have produced a wonderful vista which depicts some of the iconic scenes of the Roundwood area. The mural features local man-made structures from the Vartry Reservoir Water Tower and cup marked stones, to natural features of the area including trees, fields, Sugarloaf Mountain and plenty more. It really brightens up this area of the village and is a credit to all involved.

A well-earned celebration took place at Roundwood Parish Hall after the unveiling.



Members of Roundwood Tidy Towns and the local community council with artist Aoife Patterson at the launch of the Roundwood Mural



A Scouts group cleaning up Bray Harbour

"Another group that play a big role in keeping Bray clean is Bray Tidy Towns who do trojan work around the town. I am delighted that they are back up and running and they are a great bunch of people with only Bray's best interests at heart."

"I must also thank Bray Sea Life and their staff who have held clean ups of Bray Beach with young and old taking

part. Well done!

"Bray Sea Scouts have done great work out and are certainly playing their part in keeping our town ship shape, well done! Bray Sailing Club are also getting their hands dirty and cleaning up, fair play! The list goes on with many Primary and Secondary Schools from Bray getting out and tidying up our wonderful coastline, thanks a mil-

lion to all involved!

"Bob Galvin has been with Bray Coastcare Group since its inception and he is a superstar in my eyes. He goes out with members of Sunbeam House Services every Monday morning to help clean up and keep Bray's Cliff Walk tidy. He also volunteers with Bray Tidy Towns too!"

"The Bray Municipal District Staff do a fantas-

tic job of keeping our town and our coastal areas clean and beautiful. I must say in the 34 years of living in Bray I have never seen it looking so clean and beautiful. This, as I say, is a group effort. The young lads who work along the promenade during the summer months do a fantastic job of keeping on top of any stray litter. Well done!"



A Bray Sealife Centre clean up

## €5M to be shared among community groups

An additional €5 million in LEADER funding is to be distributed amongst those Local Action Groups (LAGs) that are most advanced in their delivery of the LEADER Programme.

There are 29 separate LAGs in the country, of which County Wicklow Partnership is one, whose role it is to develop strategies and to identify, select and fund projects in their respective areas. This funding is being provided as a top-up to the existing budget of €220 million already available to LAGs and will facilitate the approval of a higher number of LEADER projects in counties which receive the funding.

The funding announced by Minister Ring will be distributed between at least 10 of the top performing LAGs based on an assessment of the level of funding they have committed to projects and the level of funding actually drawn down by these projects. The decision will be based on the position of each LAG on 20th September.

Minister Ring said he was delighted to be in a position to provide additional funding to those areas where there is a growing demand for LEADER funding: "Some Local Action Groups have been performing very well and others need to perform better. I am keen to reward the best performers and I know that this extra funding which will greatly benefit communities in those areas."

"In the interest of fairness, I've decided to give LAGs until the 20 September to ensure that they are in a strong position to qualify for this funding."

The LAGs are given the flexibility to fund a wide array of different projects with economic, social or environmental objectives delivered by both community groups and private enterprise."

Minister Ring continued "I had previously indicated that additional funding would be provided to well LAGs and I am pleased that we are now able to deliver on this commitment. Furthermore, I will continue to monitor the performance of the Groups before deciding if a reallocation of funding between LAGs is necessary."

"Over 2,200 projects have been approved under the new LEADER programme; this year alone we have already approved almost 600 projects. It is clear that the programme is now working very well - so much so that there is a demand for additional funding in some areas."

A small number of LAGs will have allocated all of their available funding by the end of this year. On average, the LAGs have indicated that about 80% of their project budget will be allocated by the end of 2019, with the remainder being allocated in 2020.





# Mum I'm Bored!

With the summer and the school holidays now upon us, ways to entertain the kids and keep them active over the summer holidays are now at the forefront of every parents mind.

The long break can often leave the kids feeling rather bored and result in increased stress and tension for parents.

As the saying goes, idle hands are the devil's workshop, so if you don't want your walls redecorated by crayola or your beautifully maintained bloom decapitated, serious thought must go into how you can entertain the kids both at home and while out and about.

When the weather is good there really can't be too many excuses for keeping the kids cooped up inside. Wicklow's natural amenities are ideal for day trips out, whether scaling the trails of Glendalough or building sand castles at Brittas Bay. With wide open spaces there is ample room for playing and having fun resulting in your little treasures being exhausted by the time you come home and ensuring you get a good nights sleep.

If you want to get their creative juices flowing, would like them to learn a new skill or simply want to get them away from the Playstation, why not consider a summer camp? Well supervised and organised camps are run throughout the summer at different times catering for all ages and interests.

Always research the camp fully as there is no point in sending the kids away for a few hours each day and fretting while they are gone or realizing that it doesn't suit their needs.

Make sure that you feel comfortable that the children will be well cared for and supervised. While we have been blessed with great weather over the last few weeks, everyone is aware of the unpredictability of Irish weather. Sometimes you will have no choice but to keep the kids indoors.

Bowling alleys, swimming pools, leisure centers and arcades are always a hit with the kids and a visit to the cinema is always a good idea. The key to a fun and happy summer for both parents and kids is preparation, preparation, preparation.



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**Notice of the Confirmation by Irish Water of a Compulsory Purchase Order made under The Water Services Acts, 2007 to 2013 (and, in particular, Section 7 of the Water Services (No. 2) Act, 2013 and Parts 2 and Sections 31 & 32 and Part 7 and Section 93 of the Water Services Act, 2007, as amended), The Planning and Development Acts, 2000 to 2014 (and, in particular Part XIV and Sections 213 and 217 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000), Section 184(2) of the Local Government Act, 2001, Section 10 of the Local Government (No. 2) Act, 1960 (as substituted by Section 86 of the Housing Act, 1966 and as amended by Section 6 and the Second Schedule of the Roads Act, 1993 and by Section 222 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000), The Housing Act, 1966 (and in particular Part V, Sections 76 and 78 and the Third Schedule), The Lands Clauses Acts, The Acquisition of Land (Assessment of Compensation) Act, 1919**



**AS RESPECTS ALL OR PART OF THE LAND TO WHICH THIS COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER RELATES**

**PUBLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 78(1) OF THE HOUSING ACT, 1966, AS AMENDED BY THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTS, 2000 - 2014.**

## Compulsory Acquisition of Land

### Irish Water Compulsory Purchase (Old Connaught/Woodbrook Water Supply Scheme) Order, 2018

Irish Water (hereinafter referred to as "the Company"), a Water Services Authority for the purposes of the Water Services Act, 2007, proposes for the purposes of the Water Services Acts, 2007 to 2013 and in exercise of its powers under Sections 32 and 93 of the Water Services Act, 2007 to acquire compulsorily the lands and rights over land hereinafter described and has made an Order entitled as above which Order is dated 24 October 2018 and which Order was submitted to An Bord Pleanála (hereinafter "the Board"). Irish Water has, on the 9th July 2019 made a Confirmation Order confirming with modifications the above named Compulsory Purchase Order as respects the land described in the Schedule hereto. The said Order, as so confirmed, authorises Irish Water to acquire the said land compulsorily for the purposes of the Housing Act, 1966.

The Order, as so confirmed, will become operative from the date of publication of this Notice.

A copy of the Order as so confirmed and of the drawings referred to in it may be seen at the following location:-

- (a) Irish Water, Colvill House, 24-26, Talbot Street, Dublin 1 between 9:00-17:00hrs.
- (b) Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, County Hall, Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire, Co Dublin.
- (c) Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Whitegates, Wicklow Town.

An application for judicial review of the decision of the Company under Order 84 of the Rules of the Superior Courts (Judicial Review) 2011 (S.I. No. 691 of 2011) may be made to the High Court within eight weeks beginning on the date of the publication of this Notice in accordance with Section 50 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as substituted by Section 13 of the Planning and Development (Strategic Infrastructure) Act, 2006.

#### SCHEDULE:

#### PART 1 - LAND ACQUISITION

**Land other than land consisting of a house or houses unfit for human habitation and not capable of being rendered fit for human habitation at reasonable expense**

Plot Number <b>shaded grey</b> on the drawing deposited at: Irish Water, Colvill House, 24-26 Talbot Street, Dublin 1 And Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Whitegates, Wicklow	Drawing No.	Quantity, Situation and Description of the Land			Owners or Reputed Owners	Lessees or Reputed Lessees	Occupiers
		Area in Hectares	Location	Description of Property			
001	IW-10001467-CPO-01	0.5448	Ballyman	Agricultural Land	Joseph Cosgrave, Michael Cosgrave & Peter Cosgrave of 13 Wentworth, Dublin 2	Unknown	Unknown
002	IW-10001467-CPO-01	2.3689	Ballyman	Agricultural Land	Joseph Cosgrave, Michael Cosgrave & Peter Cosgrave of 13 Wentworth, Dublin 2	Unknown	Unknown
028	IW-10001467-CPO-01	0.0575	Ballyman	Agricultural Land	Joseph Cosgrave, Michael Cosgrave & Peter Cosgrave of 13 Wentworth, Dublin	Unknown	Unknown

#### PART 2 - PERMANENT WAYLEAVE

##### Sub-Part A - Description of Wayleave

The right for the Company, its successors in title, assigns, tenants, servants or agents, contractors or other licensees:

- (i) to construct, lay, keep, operate, maintain, renew, repair and inspect water works as defined in the Water Services Act, 2007 and all associated pipelines and all other associated physical elements used for collection, storage or treatment of water and such other works, services, facilities and other things as are necessary or expedient in relation thereto or are ancillary thereto or form part of such water works, in, on or under the land specified in Sub-Part B below, together with the right,
- (ii) to enter with all necessary vehicles, plant and machinery upon the said land at all times for any of the said purposes.

##### Sub-Part B - Description of Land

Plot Number <b>coloured yellow</b> on the drawing deposited at: Irish Water, Colvill House, 24-26 Talbot Street, Dublin 1 And Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Whitegates, Wicklow	Drawing No.	Quantity, Situation and Description of the Land			Owners or Reputed Owners	Lessees or Reputed Lessees	Occupiers
		Area in Hectares	Location	Description of Property			
003	IW-10001467-CPO-01	0.2432	Ballyman	Agricultural Land	Joseph Cosgrave, Michael Cosgrave & Peter Cosgrave of 13 Wentworth, Dublin 2	Unknown	Unknown
005	IW-10001467-CPO-01	0.3105	Ballyman	Agricultural Land	Joseph Cosgrave, Michael Cosgrave & Peter Cosgrave of 13 Wentworth, Dublin 2	Unknown	Unknown
010	IW-10001467-CPO-01	0.2725	Ballyman	Agricultural Land	Joseph Cosgrave, Michael Cosgrave & Peter Cosgrave of 13 Wentworth, Dublin 2	Unknown	Unknown
013	IW-10001467-CPO-02	0.2232	Old Connaught	Agricultural Land	Joseph Cosgrave, Michael Cosgrave & Peter Cosgrave of 13 Wentworth, Dublin 2	Unknown	Unknown



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### PART 2 – PERMANENT WAYLEAVE

#### Sub-Part B – Description of Land (Continued)

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		Area in Hectares	Location	Description of Property			
016	IW-10001467-CPO-02	0.4005	Old Connaught	Agricultural Land	Joseph Cosgrave, Michael Cosgrave & Peter Cosgrave of 13 Wentworth, Dublin 2	Unknown	Unknown
024	IW-10001467-CPO-03	0.2784	Fassaroe	Agricultural Land	Joseph Cosgrave, Michael Cosgrave & Peter Cosgrave of 13 Wentworth, Dublin 2	Unknown	Unknown

### PART 3 – PERMANENT RIGHT OF WAY

Not applicable

### PART 4 – TEMPORARY WORKING AREA

#### Sub-Part A – Description of Rights

The temporary right for the Company,, assigns, tenants, licensees, servants or agents, contractors and workmen in common with all others who have the like right to use the land specified in Sub-Part B below to enter with all necessary vehicles, plant and machinery upon the said lands and to use the land to pass and re-pass over same for the purpose of ingress and egress to and from the public road at all times, for all purposes of and by all means in connection with the use and occupation by the Company its successors in title, assigns, tenants, licensees, servants or agents, contractors and workmen in common with all others who have the like right of lands and rights over land acquired by it for the purposes of the OLD CONNAUGHT/WOODBROOK WATER SUPPLY SCHEME. Such rights include the right to do anything reasonably necessary for or ancillary or incidental to the construction of the structures and the water works as defined in the Water Services Act, 2007 to be laid, erected, or constructed on the lands described in Part 1 of this Schedule and the wayleaves described in Part 2 of this Schedule in, on, under or over the lands specified in Sub-Part B below.

#### Sub-Part B – Description of Lands

Plot Number <b>coloured green</b> on the drawing deposited at: Irish Water, Colvill House, 24-26 Talbot Street, Dublin 1 And Wicklow County Council, County Buildings, Whitegates, Wicklow	Drawing No.	Quantity, Situation and Description of the Land			Owners or Reputed Owners	Lessees or Reputed Lessees	Occupiers
		Area in Hectares	Location	Description of Property			
004	IW-10001467-CPO-01	1.0025	Ballyman	Agricultural Land	Joseph Cosgrave, Michael Cosgrave & Peter Cosgrave of 13 Wentworth, Dublin 2	Unknown	Unknown
007	IW-10001467-CPO-01	0.4426	Ballyman	Agricultural Land	Joseph Cosgrave, Michael Cosgrave & Peter Cosgrave of 13 Wentworth, Dublin 2	Unknown	Unknown
008	IW-10001467-CPO-01	0.7168	Ballyman	Agricultural Land	Joseph Cosgrave, Michael Cosgrave & Peter Cosgrave of 13 Wentworth, Dublin 2	Unknown	Unknown
009	IW-10001467-CPO-01	0.0868	Ballyman	Agricultural Land	Joseph Cosgrave, Michael Cosgrave & Peter Cosgrave of 13 Wentworth, Dublin 2	Unknown	Unknown
011	IW-10001467-CPO-01	0.1643	Ballyman	Agricultural Land	Joseph Cosgrave, Michael Cosgrave & Peter Cosgrave of 13 Wentworth, Dublin 2	Unknown	Unknown
012	IW-10001467-CPO-02	0.0677	Old Connaught	Agricultural Land	Joseph Cosgrave, Michael Cosgrave & Peter Cosgrave of 13 Wentworth, Dublin 2	Unknown	Unknown
014	IW-10001467-CPO-02	0.3119	Old Connaught	Agricultural Land	Joseph Cosgrave, Michael Cosgrave & Peter Cosgrave of 13 Wentworth, Dublin 2	Unknown	Unknown
015	IW-10001467-CPO-02	0.6538	Old Connaught	Agricultural Land	Joseph Cosgrave, Michael Cosgrave & Peter Cosgrave of 13 Wentworth, Dublin 2	Unknown	Unknown
023	IW-10001467-CPO-03	0.1397	Fassaroe	Agricultural Land	Joseph Cosgrave, Michael Cosgrave & Peter Cosgrave of 13 Wentworth, Dublin 2	Unknown	Unknown
025	IW-10001467-CPO-03	0.2792	Fassaroe	Agricultural Land	Joseph Cosgrave, Michael Cosgrave & Peter Cosgrave of 13 Wentworth, Dublin 2	Unknown	Unknown
029	IW-10001467-CPO-01	0.0044	Ballyman	Agricultural Land	Joseph Cosgrave, Michael Cosgrave & Peter Cosgrave of 13 Wentworth, Dublin 2	Unknown	Unknown

Dated this 9th day of July, 2019.

Liam O'Riordan, Company Secretary, Irish Water, Colvill House, 24-26 Talbot Street, Dublin 1.





Pictured above are graduates Siobhán O'Sullivan from Blessington (left) and Eve Hogan Doyle from Ashford (right), at the opening of Aurea, an exhibition of work by the 2019 graduates of the Jewellery & Goldsmithing Course at the Design & Crafts Council of Ireland's Centre of Excellence in Jewellery & Goldsmithing, in the National Design & Craft Gallery, Kilkenny. Aurea, the Latin term meaning 'golden', represents the culmination of two years of intensive training in all aspects of jewellery skills and design and runs until Monday, 5th August 2019.

# Wicklow jewellers awarded at Aurea

Emerging jewellers Eve Doyle and Siobhán O'Sullivan, both from Wicklow, were announced as winners of graduate awards at the official opening of AUREA at the National Design & Craft Gallery in Kilkenny on Friday, 12th July.

Aurea introduces the beautifully intricate and highly skilled work of the 12 graduates of the Design & Crafts Council of Ireland's renowned Jewellery & Goldsmithing Course. The exhibition, which runs until Monday, 5th August, showcases the high level of craftsmanship and expertise developed by the students during the intensive two-year programme at DCCoI's Centre of Excellence in Jewellery & Goldsmithing. Eve was awarded Student of the Course and Siobhán was presented with the Course Manager's Award.

Aurea, from the Latin term meaning 'golden', was officially opened by Lynn Scarff, Director of the National Museum of Ireland.

The Student of the Course Award was presented to Eve Doyle who originally comes from Ashford. Prior to commencing the two-year course in Kilkenny, Eve graduated with BDes (Hons) in Craft Design specialising in Metalwork & Jewellery from the National College of Art and Design (NCAD) in 2009. After graduating,

Eve worked in both a contemporary jewellers studio and gallery and a traditional jewellers. As one of the finalists in the Bench to Business module in conjunction with the Kilkenny Group, Eve will have her jewellery range stocked in the Kilkenny Shop on Nassau Street, Dublin in September 2019. Eve has secured a full-time position with Stonechat Jewellers in Dublin where she will develop her goldsmithing skills.

Siobhán O'Sullivan was announced by Eimear Conyard, DCCoI Jewellery & Goldsmithing Course Manager, as one of two winners of the Course Manager's Award. Siobhán, from Blessington Lakes, completed the Core Year at NCAD before leaving to focus on becoming a goldsmith under the tutelage of Lee Harding for two years with the goal of attending the Design & Crafts Council of Ireland's Jewellery & Goldsmithing Course. She plans to advance her stone-setting and fine jewellery skills and will gain experience working within the jewellery

industry.

Commenting on the work of the 12 graduates, Karen Hennessy said: "Through the Design & Crafts Council of Ireland's Centres of Excellence strategy we nurture and support emerging talent to enrich our design and craft sector and to celebrate Ireland's rich heritage in creativity and craftsmanship. The silver and goldsmithing work of the 12 talented emerging jewellers featured in Aurea is testament to the unique skills and techniques they have developed these past two years. These graduates of our Jewellery & Goldsmithing Course should feel incredibly proud. I congratulate each of them on their achievement and wish them every success in their future careers."

During the past two years, the students have worked solely in precious metals with gemstones. They have been encouraged to push boundaries in techniques and to create innovative designs which will be evident in the almost 100 pieces on display in Aurea. The

exhibition also showcases the technical ability and design aesthetics of each of the graduates, including 12 intricate rings set with a single coloured gemstone. Each of these rings is housed in its own bespoke presentation box, inspired by a decade from the past 120 years and illustrating each graduate's individual approach to a common brief.

Visitors to the gallery have an opportunity to purchase some of this beautiful work with jewellery collections ranging in price from approximately €50 to €300 and bespoke one-off pieces on offer from €1,000. The public also have the chance to attend talks by the graduates and try their hand at jewellery making during the exhibition's run: a free Meet the Makers evening will feature the graduates talking about the work, techniques and skills they developed during the course, and there will be a silver jewellery workshop for teens, a Craft Club for 5- to 13-year-olds and adult ring making workshops.

## The Colours of Wonder and Innocence

The Colours of Wonder and Innocence is the title of a new exhibition by Marja van Kampen, which will run in the Signal Arts Centre in Bray from Monday 19th August to Sunday 1st September.

In this colourful exhibition van Kampen explores themes of childhood. She commenced work on this theme, depicting children, after one of her many trips to India, where her imagination was stimulated by the beauty and spontaneity of the children.

Another large influence is the colour slides and black and white photographs her father took of her sisters and herself in the 50s and 60's.

Incorporated in the work are elements of landscape, both local and foreign and the use of decorative and fabric motifs, suggested by other cultures. Her purpose is to enlarge elements, distort proportions and disregard perspective to produce a spirited and naïve quality to the work.

Marja van Kampen was born The Netherlands. She is a full-time painter and printmaker. Having practised her art for a number of years she travelled through Europe and settled for a while in the South of France before moving to Ireland in 1982. She now lives in Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford.

Her work was shown internationally in Worpswede, Germany, Municipal Gallery, Lorient, L'Embarcadere, Lyon, France, Ludwig Haack Museum, Germany, Affordable Art Fair, London, 6x6 for Ireland Showcase, Beijing, Hangzhou, Shanghai, China. Recently she has shown her work during the Wexford Fringe Festival and the Greenacres Gallery, Wexford.

She is the recipient of many awards, the most recent a Travel Award from the Arts Council of Ireland to study American expressionist painters in New York.

Her work is in many public art collections, including the Arts Council of Ireland, Wexford County Council, AIB, Office of Public Works and 4 of her paintings are in Áras na Uachtaráin, the residence of president Michael D. Higgins.



## Silent Stories: Figurative Ceramics

Silent Stories: Figurative Ceramics is the title of an exhibition by Greystones ceramic artist Yvonne Leon. It will run in the Signal Arts Centre in Bray from Monday 30th September - Sunday 13th October.

Yvonne Leon is a Ceramic Artist, based in Greystones. Her figurative works draw people into a world of narrative that touches on the human experience. She explores themes based on emotion, intimacy, relationships and captured moments. The figures Yvonne creates are all "in the Moment." They are reflective in their mood and calm in thought, almost in a dream state of contemplation.

Yvonne explores different themes of comfort, nurturing, love, grief and how they might affect us. The protection of oneself, others and empathy are subjects that's she turns to time and time again. Each unique figure is crafted in Stoneware and fired several times with multiple glazes. Sometimes porcelain props, decals and gold lustre are used to add symbolism, complexity and a provocative richness to the deceptively simple human forms-they communicate solely with their eye brows, the tilt of their heads or the light placing of a hand. The subtlety in their body language speaks volumes in a silent, gentle way.

Yvonne graduated with a BA in Ceramic Design in NCAD in 1992, is represented by the Open Window Gallery in Rathmines, South Shore Arts in Dalkey and has exhibited in Milan, Madrid, The Ceramic awards at Millcove Gallery (Kenmare) and in Ceramics Ireland at Dublin Castle. Her work was purchased as part of the Art collection of the National Concert Hall and is owned by private collectors both internationally and in Ireland. Yvonne's work can be viewed on her website, Instagram and Facebook.





# 'Gates of Hell' Virtual Reality Experience launches at Wicklow Historic Gaol

A ground-breaking new Virtual Reality Experience has been launched at Wicklow Historic Gaol by Minister of State for Food, Forestry and Horticulture Andrew Doyle T.D. following a €200,000 investment by Fáilte Ireland. The 'GATES OF HELL' Visitor Experience, which opens to the public on the August will transport visitors back in time on a 3-D journey through 200 years of life in Wicklow Historic Gaol. They will get a taste of the 1798 Rebellion, the famine era and the War of Independence through the eyes of Gaol inmates...and meet many an imposing character along the way.

The paranormal realm and its ghostly inhabitants will also open its Virtual Reality doors along the journey, giving a glimpse into the strange activities that have earned the Gaol the title of "Ireland's Most Haunted Building".

World-class technology puts the new visitor experience at the forefront of best-in-class Virtual Reality Visitor Attractions on an international level. The 'Gates of Hell' will be also be made available in French and Spanish which will increase Wicklow's attractiveness to key overseas markets.

This is one of 19 new technology-driven visitor experiences to open over the coming year across Ireland's Ancient East as part of Fáilte Ireland's €2.3million Storytelling Interpretation Grants Scheme. This scheme is designed to transform the quality of interpretation, animation and storytelling at existing heritage and visitor attractions throughout Ireland's Ancient East.

Minister of State for Food, Forestry and Horticulture, and local TD, Andrew Doyle says Fáilte Ireland are trendsetters in supporting and encouraging the use of modern 3-D technology to enhance fully-immersive visitor experiences.

Tourism now generates €7.6bn in revenue for the Irish economy and sup-

ports 260,000 jobs nationwide - making it one of the most important sectors for Ireland. Its importance is even more pronounced when it comes to the creation of jobs in rural communities across Ireland, especially in places where tourism is one of the only industries.

Investment in the development of tourism is vital for sustaining Ireland's reputation as a world-class tourist destination. I'm delighted to welcome this brilliant new visitor experience to Wicklow, which will build on what is already a great attraction at Wicklow Gaol. Fáilte Ireland's work on the ground is helping to step-change visitor experiences across the country which is making Ireland a hugely attractive destination for overseas tourists.

Jenny De Saulles, Head of Ireland's Ancient East at Fáilte Ireland, said the new Virtual Reality experience is fundamental in meeting the ever-increasing expectations of domestic and international tourists:

"Ireland's Ancient East has the most extensive range of built heritage in Europe including tombs older than the pyramids, historic castles, ruined abbeys, great fortresses and amazing sites like Wicklow Historic Gaol. When overseas visitors

come to Ireland, they not only want to visit these great attractions - they want to hear first-hand the stories about Ireland at that time and the people who lived and worked in the area. What is most valuable to visitors from our core overseas markets is the chance to participate, and not simply be bystanders. At Fáilte Ireland, we are always looking for opportunities to stimulate the development of brilliant visitor experiences, and the Gates of Hell experience is testament to what can be achieved through investment and innovation. This is just one of 19 projects set to open following funding from our Ireland's Ancient East Storytelling Interpretation grants scheme - each project brings to life local heritage and culture and will transform the tourism appeal of each area."

The new 'Gates of Hell' visitor experience will cost a total of €250,000 including investment from Wicklow County Council. We're delighted to partner with Fáilte Ireland and contribute to the funding of the project. The Ireland's Ancient East brand has been vital in positioning Wicklow as a must-visit destination and Wicklow Historic Gaol is really reaping the benefits of being part of this region."

Wicklow Enterprise Park (WEP), which operates Wicklow Historic Gaol, expects the world-class new experience to drive even more visitors and revenue into County Wicklow. Emagine are the Virtual Reality Specialists who developed the new experience.

"It's like being an active witness", explains Brian Hickey, the Creative Director at Emagine. Imagine if you could leap into a cinema scene. It's an experience. We're going to put users in a very different Wicklow Gaol, as it might have looked in the 1700's.

"This is one of the most exciting projects we have worked on and we have an entire team of animators and 3-D artists dedicated to bringing the amazing historic world of Wicklow Gaol to life by taking storytelling to a ground-breaking new immersive level. Wicklow Historic Gaol is the jewel in the crown of the Ireland's Ancient East and soon visitors from across the world will have the wonderful opportunity to leap into some of its fascinating stories."

The Ireland's Ancient East Storytelling Interpretation Grants scheme is one of a number of Fáilte Ireland investment programmes to benefit visitor attractions across Ireland.



Partners in crime: Jeff Doolin and Ivan Susanj at the launch of the 'Gates of Hell' virtual reality experience in Wicklow Gaol.



Hundreds attended the launch of the 'Gates of Hell' virtual reality experience in Wicklow Gaol.



Minister Andrew Doyle jangles the jailer's keys at Jordan, and Jenny De Saulles from Fáilte Ireland at the launch of the 'Gates of Hell' virtual reality experience in Wicklow Gaol.

## Local hoteliers call for urgent action on rising insurance costs

Hoteliers in Wicklow are calling on the Government to take urgent action to address the spiralling cost of insurance, which is posing a serious challenge for the local hospitality industry.

Brian McNamara, Chair of the Wicklow Branch of the Irish Hotels Federation (IHF) stated that hotels have experienced enormous increases in insurance premiums in recent years and that costs are continuing to soar as a result of excessive levels of awards for personal injury claims.

Commenting on the Judicial Council Bill, which is expected to come into law shortly, Mr McNamara says: "While we welcome this legislation, it is imperative that it results in a meaningful review of levels of damages without delay. The time for inaction is over. Awards for soft tissue injuries must be brought down significantly in line with international norms."

According to research by the IHF, 62% of hotels have seen hikes in insurance costs over the last 12 months. Of these, the average increase in premiums was 28% year on year. This is in addition to substantial increases in recent years. Some 90% of hotels say they are concerned about the impact of insurance costs on their business. Mr McNamara says: "Current increases are unsustainable. Exorbitant insurance

costs are curtailing the ability of hotels to re-invest in their businesses with knock-on effects for the tourism industry.

"Decisive action is now required to tackle insurance costs, particularly in relation to the handling of personal injury cases and the excessive levels of awards being made which are four to five times higher than in the UK. Slow progress by the Government to date is contributing to a 'claims culture' which is getting out of control. This is creating a huge challenge not only for businesses, but for civic organisations, sports groups and charities. As a society it affects us all and needs to be addressed.

"Another key area that must be addressed is the levels of fraudulent and exaggerated claims. A zero tolerance approach needs to be adopted in order to create an effective deterrent. This requires the funding of a dedicated central Garda resource specifically created and tasked with investigating fraudulent cases for potential prosecution. It is an area where insurers, the legal system, Garda Síochána and the Government all have a vital role to play."





## More development at Avoca River Park

Harmony Timber Solutions has announced a deal with Echelon Data Centres, the owner of Avoca River Park, Arklow, which will provide the company with a permanent home. Harmony currently employs 60 people, and has been on a short-term lease at another location on the site since 2015.

The terms of the agreement, which remain confidential between both parties, sees Harmony Timber Solutions buying part of the site where it will locate its new factory, thereby ensuring the long-term continuation of its operations.

Garrett Dempsey, Group Managing Director of Harmony Timber Solutions, said that they were pleased with the move and happy to be able to continue operations at the Avoca River Park site: "We've been at Avoca River Park for around four years now, and it's well-placed for our operation, in terms of transport links and employee travel times. The site also has the space we need to manage our current operations and develop the growing 'off-site construction' side of our business - building complete units in-factory for delivery direct to site."

"We're pleased to have been able to conclude a deal with Echelon Data Centres that means we can continue to operate on the site for the long-term. It provides a welcome level of certainty to

the 60 people who work here and the further twenty employees that we plan to hire by the end of the year. Our intention is to start work on the new factory sometime in mid-August.

"Echelon have exciting and far-reaching plans for the site which could see it transform into an international business hub, which is something we'd support and would want to be a part of."

Graeme McWilliams, COO, Echelon Data Centres, commented:

"We are fully committed to Arklow and to our plans for the Avoca River Park, which will see the construction of a data centre with 100MW of capacity - and the potential to be one of the largest and greenest in Europe - creating 450 jobs in construction and a further 90 permanent operational roles."

"We're happy to have been able to provide Harmony Timber Solutions with the opportunity of a permanent home on the site and we hope that they, and Holfeld Plastics, who are nearby, will be joined by other businesses in the future as the site develops and grows."

## Where's Alfie hiding?

**Alfie is a 5 inch tall ceramic elf, who is hiding in a shop window, somewhere in Wicklow town and he is waiting for you to find him.**

Alfie's outfits change throughout the year, so please check to see which one you are looking for. When you find Alfie, write your name and a contact telephone number and where you found Alfie on a piece of paper and drop it into Crazy Glazing (through the archway in Fitzwilliam Court - opposite The Coffee Shop) and each Friday there will be a draw. The person whose name is drawn will get a voucher to paint something FREE at Crazy Glazing Paint Your Own Pottery Studio and the shop who has hosted Alfie for the week, will have a small voucher for the grown up who has helped you to find Alfie.

Alfie will change location each Friday during the seasons shown

under the photographs below. (So, there's going to be about 33 "Alfie Hunts" throughout the year).

Siobhan from Crazy Glazing explains "Where's Alfie? is a fun, and very economical way to help promote all our businesses in our small town. And it's a free event for anyone looking for him. The objective of Where's Alfie is for shops to show off their wares in their windows and promote people to shop local and not to travel to nearby towns for products readily available in Wicklow town."

"Clues to find Alfie will be posted on my Facebook page each week and on the Wicklow Town/Chamber of Commerce Facebook page and each business can promote it on their page. We should really be jam packing our windows with product for the public to see when they are trying to find Alfie."

"So as Bobby Kerr said in his health check of Wicklow Town - we need to step it up a gear with our windows and I think this is a terrific way to do it. What is being created is a different game of Hide & Seek each week. It's safe as the kids will be walking on by and looking in ALL the windows. Go on and get looking for Alfie!"



Alfie the elf in his array of outfits; Winter Spring, Summer and Autumn. Alfie is currently wearing his blue summer-time outfit

## Acorn Accupuncture

Kate Curtis LIC.AC. DIP.AC. RGN. RM. MACI.

Kate began working as an Acupuncturist in Greystones in 1994, and has been involved in women's health for several years, in her general practice, both as a nurse, midwife and acupuncturist. She works, in particular, to assist in supporting people on their fertility journeys and during their pregnancies. Acupuncture greatly enhances the success of pregnancy for many women.

Kate also offers support to people who are undergoing chemotherapy for cancer treatment as Acupuncture and Chinese/natural herbalism is used to enhance the immune system and help the side effects of the drugs.

Kate Curtis graduated as a General Nurse in 1984, and as a midwife in 1987. She became interested in alternative forms of pain relief in Labour whilst working as a midwife, and later qualified in Traditional Chinese Medicine (1994) and Western & Chinese herbalism. She has studied in Ireland, China, UK, and USA in post graduate programmes.

Realising how stress has a very strong trigger effect for many illnesses, especially in autoimmune disorders, Kate tries to assist in showing how the different

methods of deep relaxation can make a difference to general health and wellbeing.

She teaches meditation, and Taoist methods of Mindfulness, and has taught Tai Chi for over 20 years. She has also regularly lectures to other acupuncturists.

She has studied Transpersonal Psychology, and uses a particular form of breathwork called Holotropic Breathwork to assist people in learning how to release deep-rooted stress, trauma and fears and reconfiguring old patterns which cause unhappiness and stress. She holds regular workshops in Breathwork in Ireland and facilitates on longer retreats in Scotland, Spain and Romania. See [www.goldenspearshealing.com](http://www.goldenspearshealing.com)

Kate has created two Holistic Healing centres Fairgreen Holistic Clinic, Naas, Co. Kildare (1999) and Goldenspears Healing Centre, Kilmacanogue, Co. Wicklow, (2009) She has done so with a deep commitment to offer to people a wide variety of healing modalities, to help individuals to take full charge of their own healing journeys.

She introduced acupuncture to Sims IVF Clinic in Clonskeagh, Dublin in 2015, with the aim of enhancing the fertility treatments which Sims IVF Clinic offers. It is the only IVF clinic in Ireland which offers onsite Acupuncture.

[www.acorn-acupuncture.com](http://www.acorn-acupuncture.com).

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# Wicklow businesses are urged to apply for Regional Enterprise Development Fund

A third round of funding has now opened under the Regional Enterprise Development Fund (REDF), an initiative under Project Ireland 2040 aimed at achieving sustainable regional development and balance across Ireland.

Businesses across Wicklow are being encouraged to look at this possible funding stream.

"Additional funding of €45m is open for applications until September 29th, with a decision to be made by the end of the year," said Minister Andrew Doyle.

"This fund is all about supporting regional enterprise projects that have a true impact on entire regions.

"This fund plays an important part in helping us achieve that and I would encourage eligible applicants to apply for this latest round. Under a competitive

process, applications are now sought for funding under three streams with varying investment levels."

These are: Strategic Change Projects - to support major collaborative initiatives with high impact on regional development with funding up to €5m per project; Regional Strengthening Projects - designed to stimulate new local community based or regional initiatives to address identified gaps in the enterprise ecosystem with funding up to €500k per project.

Enterprise Clustering Projects - the scheme is

designed to stimulate enterprise clustering and support the further growth of established industry clusters regionally; by sector and nationally with funding up to €350k per project.

Minister Doyle went on to say: "To support the development of these projects, a Feasibility Fund is available of up to €15k per eligible project. This is intended to support projects to develop and submit high calibre applications for Strategic Change and Regional Strengthening Projects. "My colleague Minister Heather Humphreys has

clarified that this Fund is about creating sustainable jobs in the regions and it's different to other initiatives because it supports projects with regional impact, rather than having a county level focus.

"Collaboration is central to the Fund. It encourages regional stakeholders, both public and private sector, to work together and bring forward initiatives that build on each region's strengths, whether that's food, pharma, the bioeconomy or anything else", concluded Minister Doyle.



Pictured are Cathy and Katalin Kirwin at the Arklow Seabreeze Swinging Pubs competition in the Bridge Hotel

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

I Noel Heatley seek planning permission for the construction of a mixed-use building containing a Crèche and Offices at The Broomhall Business & Enterprise Park, Merrymeeting, Co Wicklow. The application consists of a ground floor Crèche Unit (576 Msq), 8 No. first floor Offices with communal meeting room and toilets (665Msq). The new building will be accessed via the existing park entrance road and together with all required new internal roads, car parking, outdoor crèche play area, connections to foul/surface water services, attenuation system and site developments works, at The Broomhall Business & Enterprise Park, Merrymeeting, 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

Alphaplan Design (Tel: 086 2461269, Email: eugene@alphaplansdesign.com) Seeks planning permission for a two storey dwelling with connection to services, entrance and associated works at 25 O'Neill Park, Newtownmountkenedy, Co. Wicklow for E. Ellis. 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

We, Graham & Gail Wheeler intend to apply for Permission for development at 1 Meath Place Bray Co Wicklow A98 PP64. The development will consist of the construction of a two storey extension to the rear of the existing property; alterations to the existing single storey extension to the side; alterations to the front boundary walls including repositioning and widening of the existing entrances; together with associated site works. 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.

## East Glendalough car boot sale

A car boot sale in aid of the Wicklow Parish restoration fund will be held on Saturday 3rd August from 9am to 2pm at East Glendalough school, Station road, Wicklow Town. Tea and coffee and toilet facilities available. Cars €10. Vans €15. Admission otherwise free. Proceeds to Wicklow parish church restoration fund. Enquiries to Peter (087)2706616 or Lesley (087)6091945.

## The Royal Hibernia Academy

There will be a lecture by John Turpn on the History of the Royal Hibernian Academy, in Greystones Library on 22nd August at 7pm as part of Heritage Week.

## Holyhead Twinning Trip

The Greystones twinning contingent will travel to Holyhead for the Holyhead Annual Festival 2019. Details from Kathleen Kelleher, 087 2845465.

## New Greystones map includes defibs

The 5th Edition of the free Greystones Town Map is now available and finding its way to various points in the town. One of the enhancements to the printed version of the Town Map is the development of [www.localdefib.ie](http://www.localdefib.ie) - Greystones' very own online AED Map. The printed version of Greystones Town Map, printed by local company Ross Print Services, for the first time shows locations of AED Defibrillators that are accessible 24/7. The online AED DEFIB map has all the Defibs in the Greystones and Delgany region. A Defib Registration facility is targeted at owners, sponsors and emergency professionals to be able to notify / register new Defibs via [localdefib.ie](http://localdefib.ie). The vision is to broaden the online Defib Map from Greystones and District to A Full Wicklow County Map as soon as is practical to achieve. The main access point to pick up a copy is the display stand in the dart station.

## Application for Right of Way

Folio: WW37441F

Unregistered land in the Townland of GLENCORMAC SOUTH, know as KILORGAN, GLENCORMAC NORTH, KILMACANOGUE, in the barony of RATHDOWN.

County: Wicklow

In the matter of the Registration of Title Acts 1964 to 2006

In the Matter of an Application of Damien Duff and Elaine Harris for the Registration of a Right of Way acquired by Prescription.

Application No.: D2014LR040693Y

Take notice that Beauchamps, Solicitors, Dublin, has lodged an application on behalf of Damien Duff and Elaine Harris the registered owners of Folio WW37441F under Section 49A of the above Act for registration of: A right of Way at all times to pass and repass on foot or with vehicles along avenue as is part of the lands of Glencormac, Bray; the subject matter of this application more particularly delineated on the map coloured yellow below. The original map showing the right of way may be inspected at the Property Registration Authority, Chancery Street, Dublin 7.

All persons objecting to such registration are hereby required to file their objections in writing duly verified within one calendar month from the date of the publication of this notice.

In the absence of objection or in the event of any objection not being sustained the application will proceed without further notice.

Dated 22nd July, 2019.

Eamon Morris, Regional Manager, Property Registration Authority, Chancery Street, D 7.



## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

I, Tom O'Neill, seek full planning permission for a classic car storage garage and a studio to the rear of my existing dwelling at "Andana", Tomriland, Roundwood, County Wicklow, A98 TN80. All the above together with ancillary works. 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

Helen Grace, Linda Grace & Suzanna Grace of 8 Carrig Villas (8 Carrig Villas), Killinacraig, Greystones intend to apply for planning permission for partial change of use of the current kitchen area to a classroom. We are seeking permission for an additional 11 children in our 10am - 1.30pm session. We will cease our current afternoon session which can cater for 20 children. This will involve minor internal alterations to the interior of the kitchen area. There are no external works. 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. The planning application may be viewed online at [www.wicklow.ie](http://www.wicklow.ie) under planning online queries. A submission or observation in relation to the application may be made in writing to the planning authority on payment of the prescribed fee, €20 within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application, and such submissions or observations will be considered by the planning authority in making a decision on the application. The planning authority may grant permission subject to or without conditions, or may refuse to grant permission.

## WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL

I, Maurice Gallagher, seek permission for change of use from office back to retail at 3 and 4, The Boulevard, Quinnsboro Road, Bray, 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

I David O'Hara intend to apply for permission for retention for a 8.7 sqm rear extension to existing dwelling, new sliding door to rear of existing dwelling and associate works at 3 Sidmont Avenue, Bray, 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

John Phelan Architects MRIAI, Tralee & Wicklow on behalf of Joe Phelan, intend to apply to Wicklow County Council for Permission to construct 7 New Cottages on K2Alpaca Stud Farm, Callow Hill Upper, Co. Wicklow A63 DX08, complete with all associated works, services, site works and wastewater treatment system all as outlined in the documents submitted to Wicklow County Council. 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, Co. 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 of €20 within the period of 5 weeks beginning on the date of receipt by the authority of the application.

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